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An Interview with Joseph Hamburg

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Joseph Hamburg was born in Champaign, Illinois on May 25, 1914. He was drafted into the Army on May 1943 and was inducted at Camp Grant, Illinois. Hamburg began basic training in Camp Walters, Texas as a radio operator and rifleman. Due to pneumonia, Hamburg was assigned to Cadry School, where he taught radio code to trainees, instead of continuing instantly with infantry training. After being promoted from Private First Class to Corporal, Hamburg finally continued training in England, before arriving in France.

In July 1944, he landed on Utah Beach and was stationed as a free replacement in Issigny, France. In August, Hamburg was ultimately assigned as a radio operator to 3rd Battalion, the 2nd Regiment, of the 9th Infantry Division. On his first night, Hamburg listened to radio signals during combat, witnessing dangerous German flares. From Normandy, Hamburg was transported with the 29th Infantry Division to Brest, France to capture a city held by Germans. Hamburg was digging a foxhole, when German soldiers blasted a nearby hedgerow. Hamburg's left arm was struck with shrapnel. After being shipped to a hospital in England, Hamburg was stationed in a Replacement Depot in Verviers, Belgium.

After a stint in Reims and Marseille, France, Hamburg was discharged at Camp Grant, Illinois. He returned home to wife and son in Champaign, Illinois.

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