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An Interview with Harold Eugene Cox

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Harold Eugene Cox was born on May 4, 1920 in Rossville, Illinois. He married his wife in June 1942, and also became foreman for a machine shop in Chicago. For the war effort, the machine company manufactured military equipment. Since Cox's brother was already in the Army, and because he was not fond of his foreman job, he decided to enlist in the Army in the spring of 1944. Before he left, his son, Howard, was born. Cox trained at Camp Fannin in Tyler, Texas and entered the 379th Regiment, of the 95th Infantry Division, in Patton's Third Army.

His battalion was initially shipped to England, before they transferred again to Paris, France. Cox was unexpectedly hit by a German motor on December 1, 1944. He last remembers tying a belt around his leg before losing consciousness. He awoke in a Paris hospital; his leg was amputated up to his knee. Cox was transferred to a hospital in England, before being sent home on the Liberty ship in 1945. He lost between seventy and eighty pounds, while hospitalized. After having frequent troubles with his artificial leg, Cox relied on crutches. Harold passed away on June 14, 2014.

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