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An Interview with Robert Marion

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Robert Marion was born on September 12, 1924 in Holly Springs, Mississippi, and grew up on a small farm in a rural area of Holly Springs, where he went to school and worked in various farming jobs. He was drafted into the Army and inducted in April, 1943, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He did basic training at Camp Butler, North Carolina. He was transferred to Camp Gordon, Augusta, Georgia, and thereafter to Boston, Massachusetts, from where he was transported to England. He was assigned to the black Quartermaster Corp and served in the 3201st Quartermaster Company, assigned to the Third Army. He participated in battles at Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was stationed briefly in Munich at the end of World War II and later at Passau, Germany. He shipped back to the United States and was honorably discharged on December 25, 1945, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He married his wife, Hattie, in January, 1946, and moved to Champaign, Illinois, in 1948, where he has since lived and worked, along with his wife and five children.

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