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An Interview with Ralph Wagner Woolard

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ralph Wagner Woolard was born in Cowden, Illinois on June 6, 1924. He graduated high school in January 1943 and was drafted the following April. Woolard received basic training at Fort Base, St. Louis and Fort McClelland, Alabama. Next, he disembarked from New Jersey to Casablanca, Morocco. In December 1943, Woolard became part of the 3rd Battalion, of the 142nd Regiment, of the 36th Infantry Division. He was then shipped around North Africa; Cassino, Italy; France; Germany; and Austria. Woolard was involved in the Battle of Monte Cassino in the Italian Campaign. He was discharged in October 1945.

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