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An Interview with Wesley David Matthews

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Wesley David Matthews was born in Mechanicsburg, Illinois on December 16, 1923. He was drafted in 1944 and inducted in Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He received basic training at Fort Wolters, Texas. He was shipped to Fort Mead, Maryland and then Camp Miles Standish, Massachusetts. Matthews eventually disembarked from Boston and in January 1945 and arrived in the European Theater. He was in L Company, 3rd Battalion, 395th Infantry Regiment, of the 99th Infantry Division.

He traveled through the Ardennes Mountains and Le Havre, France. Matthews entered the conclusion of the Battle of the Bulge. He also traveled through the Siegfried Line; Herzberg, Germany; Wanen, Belgium; and Stolberg, Belgium. Once his leg was hit with German shrapnel, Matthews was sent to a hospital in England. He ultimately took a train to Scotland and entered Halloran Hospital in New York in June 1945. He was next transferred to Bruns General Hospital in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Matthews was last transferred to Mayo Clinic in Galesburg, Illinois. He received a certificate of disability discharge in July 1946 and hiked to Springfield, Illinois.

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