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An Interview with Ralph L. Langenhiem

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Ralph L. Langenheim, *Veterans Remember*, VR2-V-D-2007-056

Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ralph L. Langenheim was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 26, 1922. In 1939 he was studying at the University of Tulsa. He joined the United States Navy V7 Program and entered midshipmen's school. Langenheim was shipped to Sub Chaser School in Miami, Florida. Next, he received amphibious training at Choptank River of the Chesapeake Bay in Solomon, Maryland. His ship was commissioned in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

He traveled around Gibraltar in southwest Europe; the Archipelago of Azores; Cornwall, England; Dartmouth, England; and Normandy, South France. His convoy was involved in D-Day in June 1944. Later his crew moved into Salerno, Italy and eventually invaded South France. His Landing Craft, Infantry (LCI) returned to Charlestown, South Carolina for refitting. He later returned and trained in San Diego, California and the Channel Islands. He was then shipped to Seattle, Washington and then to Kodiak Island, Alaska in preparation for an invasion in Asia. Langenheim then reported to Okinawa, Japan

Shortly before being discharged, Langenheim served in Panama Canal and then arrived in Galveston, Texas, where his LCI was decommissioned. He eventually discharged in New Orleans, Louisiana and he returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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