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An Interview with Edwin George Myers

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Edwin George Myers was born in Hoopeston, Illinois on December 23, 1920. While attending the University of Illinois, Myers enlisted in the Navy V7 program. After college, Myers received midshipman training at Notre Dame. He was then commissioned as an Ensign at Camp Bradfordton near Norfolk, Virginia. Myers was assigned for amphibious warfare on an LST (Landing Ship Tank). In August 1944, Myers became a plank owner of a LST launched from the Illinois River in Seneca, Illinois.

Aboard the LST, Myers traveled down the river to New Orleans, practiced an invasion in Florida, and continued through the Panama Canal, advancing in the South Pacific. Myers' LST next traveled to New Guinea, where the naval crew loaded equipment for the Lingayen invasion in the Philippines. On the LST, Myers was responsible for decoding messages and navigating astrologically. From the Philippines, the LST headed for Japan. However, before Myers could make an invasion, the dropping of the atomic bombs in Japan had ended the war.

Myers' LST was eventually decommissioned in China. Before Myers was discharged, he was able to travel around the Asian mainland before flying home on a bomber aircraft. After a month in the reserves in California, Myers returned to his farm in Hoopeston. Currently, Myers is president of the Illinois LST Association.

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