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An Interview with Ivan Eugene Houser

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ivan Eugene Houser was born November 14, 1922 in Champaign, Illinois. In 1944, Houser was drafted into the Army while he was living in Farmer City, Illinois. He was inducted at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, eventually receiving basic training in Camp Croft, South Carolina and Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia. He then boarded the U.S.S. America and disembarked in Naples, Italy.

Houser served as a night guard for the 10th Mountain Division before being assigned as a typist to the 149th Army Replacement Battalion at the Naples Headquarters. As a typist, he would keep the orders for incoming and discharging troops. If soldieries did not have enough points to be discharged, they were sent to the South Pacific. Houser also processed troops in Florence, Marina de Pisa, and Leghorn. Houser was also responsible for cutting metal plates, which included the soldier's name, religion, and blood type. The headquarters of each individual battalion would follow every soldier with their own personal records.

Houser returned home in 1946 and married his wife. Houser and other Farmer City veterans created a book, *Their Roles Remembered*, which recounted their wartime experience. The book was finished in 1995.

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