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An Interview with Frank (Samuel) Lewis Weldon, Jr.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Frank Samuel Lewis Weldon, Jr. was born on October 28, 1935 in Champaign, Illinois. He was drafted December 1943 and enlisted in Chicago, Illinois. Weldon joined the 4th Marines Division. He received basic training in San Diego, California and advanced training in Camp Elliot and Camp Pendleton, California. He was the sent to Long Beach before arriving at Pearl Harbor. Next he was sent to a Marine Camp in Maui, Hawaii from June 1945 to December 1945.

He returned to Pearl Harbor and traveled from the Marshall Islands to the Mariana Islands. Weldon was then involved in the Battle of Iwo Jima. After Iwo Jima, he received a furlough in Maui. The following September, his division briefly entered Guam.

Weldon returned to the United States in Treasure Island, California and was discharged in Great Lakes, Illinois on April 21, 1946.

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