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An Interview with Perry F. Rannebarger

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Perry F. Rannebarger was born on August 21, 1919 in Saybrook, Illinois. In 1941, he was drafted into the Illinois National Guard at Camp Grant, Illinois. He received basic training at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, and practiced military maneuvers in Arkansas and Louisiana. He transferred from the 131st Regiment of the National Guard to the 132nd Regiment. He was shipped to New York City; traveled via the Panama Canal; arrived in Melbourne, Australia; and finally trained to Ballarat, Australia.

Next, Rannebarger traveled to New Caledonia. He eventually arrived in Guadalcanal. After the Guadalcanal Campaign, he had a furlough in the Fiji Islands, contracted malaria, and was then shipped San Francisco, California. He served a stint in Fort Bliss, Texas and then briefly returned to France. From France he was discharged in Camp McCoy, Wisconsin in October 1945.

Rannebarger served in the South Pacific for three years. Once discharged, he returned to Saybrook, Illinois and married.

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