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An Interview with Robert John Wahlfeldt

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Robert John Wahlfeldt was born on June 7, 1925 in Danville, Illinois. Wahlfeldt enlisted into the United States Navy and was inducted in 1943 in Chicago, Illinois. He received basic training in Portland, Idaho; Farragut Naval Station, Idaho; and Norfolk, Virginia. In June 1944, he was assigned to the U.S.S. Waldron and sent to Carney, New Jersey. He also received electrical training from Purdue University, Indiana.

His naval crew traveled to Bermuda, but returned quickly for repairs. Wahlfeldt then returned to sea for the Panama Canal. On the U.S.S. Waldron, Wahlfeldt was assigned to engineering duties. In late 1944, his crew practiced naval maneuvers in the Panama Canal, San Diego, and Hawaii. He experienced combat in Taiwan, South China, and Okinawa, Japan. Wahlfeldt also occupied Yokosuka in Kanagawa, Japan.

Wahlfeldt returned to San Diego, California and anchored in Baltimore, Maryland. In May 1946, he was discharged in Chicago and returned to Danville, Illinois.

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