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An Interview with Merle Edward Roughton

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Merle Edward Roughton was born in Mayview, Illinois on May 1, 1922. He enlisted into the 106th Cavalry Regiment of the 33rd Division of the Illinois National Guard in November 1940. After training in Camp Livingston, Louisiana, his outfit separated. Roughton was placed in the mechanized infantry and was sent to the Panama Canal.

From January 1942 to August 1943, he patrolled Panama. He was then deloused in San Francisco and Pittsburg, California. Roughton then became part of the 32nd Squadron of the 14th Cavalry Regiment and entered the European Theater in August 1944. He arrived in Glasgow, Scotland and traveled from Bournemouth, England; Omaha Beach, France; Luxembourg; and eventually joined the Patton's 3rd Army in the Battle of Bulge.

Roughton was then discharged in August 1945 from active duty. He eventually joined the National Guard once more as a staff sergeant.

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