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An Interview with Gerald T. Yaxley

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Gerald T. Yaxley was born on December 5, 1923 in Ridgeway, New York. He was drafted into the United States Army in February 1943 at Fort Niagara, New York. Yaxley was shipped to Yuma, Arizona and joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Cavalry Regiment. He received his basic training at Camp Young, California. Eventually, Yaxley joined the 104<sup>th</sup> Timberwolf Division in Hume, Arizona.

Yaxley received infantry training with the 104<sup>th</sup> Division in Camp Carson, Colorado. Next, from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, Yaxley was shipped to Cherbourg, France. His Division was sent to Holland; Aachen, Germany; and the Siegfried Line. His division was ambushed while moving through Germany; Yaxley was hit by shrapnel from a mortar shell.

He was and taken to a field hospital in Liege, Belgium. Yaxley was eventually shipped to Paris, France and then flown to Malmesbury, England. He returned to France, before being discharged on January 1946.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Ridgeway, New York; Fort Niagara, New York; Yuma, Arizona; 4<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Cavalry Regiment; Camp Young, California; 104<sup>th</sup> Timberwolf Division; Hume, Arizona; Camp Carson, Colorado; Camp Kilmer, New Jersey; Cherbourg, France; Holland; Aachen, Germany; Siegfried Line; Liege, Belgium; Paris, France; Malmesbury, England.

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