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An Interview with Ralph Elwood Rinehart

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ralph Elwood Rinehart was born in Argenta, Illinois on January 26, 1920. Rinehart was drafted in April 1942 and inducted in Peoria, Illinois. He received basic training in Scott Field, Belleville, Illinois and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Rinehart was shipped to Melbourne, Australia via the Matsonia Luxury Liner. Finally assigned to Sydney, Rinehart helped transport ships and troops.

Rinehart next traveled also to Port Moresby and Lae, New Guinea. In Port Moresby, Rinehart was involved in an air raid against the Japanese. Also in New Guinea, Rinehart helped construct Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM). Rinehart then operated tugboats at the Manila Harbor in the Philippines. The tugboats were responsible for hauling barges, complete with supplies, to and from ships out in the ocean. Rinehart headed home on the U.S.S. Uruguay and arrived in San Pedro, California.

In November 1945, Rinehart was officially discharged at Fort Logan, Colorado. After a train to Saint Louis, Missouri, Rinehart arrived home and married a past girlfriend.

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