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An Interview with James Edward Hull

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** James Edward Hull was born in Cardington, Ohio on October 13, 1920. Once drafted, Hull left his work in Galion, Ohio and was officially inducted on September 1942 in Cleveland, Ohio. Hull received his basic training at El Paso, Texas, where his unit officially became the Coast Guard Artillery. From Fort Bliss, Texas, Hull transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky, becoming part of 453<sup>rd</sup> Automatic Weapons Battalion, B Battery. After a stint at Camp Stewart, Georgia, Hull embarked on Tennessee maneuvers, and eventually trained in North Carolina and Fort Dix, New Jersey. .

In February 1944, Hull traveled to England. In Yeovil, England, Hull prepared and waterproofed guns for D-Day. Hull's Artillery unit was attached to the 83<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. In addition, he was a part of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Armies. Hull was also involved in the Archon Force and the Battle of the Bulge. With the 83<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Hull held the only bridge, named the Truman Bridge, at the Elbe River. Next, while in Army of Occupation, he confiscated German guns and equipment from German houses.

After returning to England, Hull courted his wife-to-be, Doris; they eventually married in Ohio on January 11, 1947. They have four children. Hull also succeeded in creating the Purple Heart Highway on the I-72 interstate, from Champaign to Quincy, Illinois.

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