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An Interview with Samuel Taylor Lanford

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Samuel Taylor Lanford, a Korean War veteran who recalls life on the home front during World War II, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Illinois Public Media – WILL AM-FM-TV Central Illinois World War II Stories project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Samuel Taylor Lanford was born in Blanket, Texas on January 6, 1928. He was no stranger to warfare with various brothers in the United States Navy and Coast Artillery. In 1940, he remember his brother, Don, being called into active duty and sent to Hawaii. On his farm, Landford was responsible for sheep herding and cattle ranching.

Landford was only thirteen years old during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He witnessed a rare moment of his mother crying, who was worried especially about Don, who was stationed at Schofield Barracks at the time. The family ultimately learned the Don was alive. Landford also recounts collecting scrap metal for the war effort, including his hometown church bell. He also remembers high school athletics suffering, the popular purchasing of war bonds, and rationing.

Landford enrolled in Texas Agricultural and Mechanical University a month after the surrendering of Japan. In January 1952, he was called to active duty for the Korean War. In the Strategic Air Command, Lanford worked at Lockbourne Air Force Base near Columbus, Ohio.

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