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An Interview with Albert Charles Helregel

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Albert Charles Helregel was born in West Liberty, Illinois on September 28, 1919. Helregel attended various camps for training including Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Camp Grant, Illinois; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Camp Forrest, Tennessee. He also received arterially training and practiced military maneuvers in Arkansas and Louisiana. He was shipped to Australia, New Caledonia, and then Guadalcanal.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division entered Guadalcanal initially, followed by the Americal Division which mainly consisted of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Division. In Guadalcanal, Helregel experienced a hernia. He was sent next to New Hebrides and was then shipped to New Zealand, where he contracted malaria. He served in Bougainville Island briefly, before he returned to the United States because of his malaria, hepatitis, and his hernia.

After his recovery, he was sent to San Antonio, Texas and Camp Gruber and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. When his malaria returned, Helregel was shipped to Monticello, Arkansas responsible for guarding a prison camp. He was finally discharged in June 1945.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** West Liberty, Illinois; Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Camp Grant, Illinois; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Camp Forrest, Tennessee; Monticello, Arkansas; Louisiana.; Australia, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal; 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division; Americal Division; 33<sup>rd</sup> Division; New Hebrides; New Zealand; Bougainville Island; San Antonio, Texas; Camp Gruber, Oklahoma; Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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