

Robert Murphy
WWII



When did you enter the military?

"January, nineteen forty-three."

How old were you when you entered?

"Nineteen. Three full years."

How long were you in the military?

"Nineteen forty-three to December of forty-five."

What boot camp did you go to?

"Benjamin Harrison, at Indianapolis, Indiana."

Did you go to a second Boot camp?

"No."

Did you join the military voluntarily?

"I was inducted from college, I was a college student."

What branch of military were you in?

"Army air-force"

What equipment did you use on a daily basis?

"Thirty caliber rifle"

What rank did you achieve?

"Sergeant"

Were you wounded while you were in the military? If you were in what way were you wounded?

"No, I was, uh, discharged with a disability. My hearing, I lost my hearing."

Were you in any famous campaigns or battles?

"Asiatic pacific campaign, two bronze stars. That was the new guinea campaign and the Philippines."

Did you receive any awards or medals for your service?

"The American campaign medal, the good conduct medal, World war two victory medal."

What did you do on a "normal or average Day" while you were in the military?

"Average day? Training and schooling."

What was your normal or most common routine while you were at war or battle?

"Well we were, uh, engaged by the enemy."

What type of firearm(s) did you use?

"Thirty caliber rifle and the, uh, carbine"

Did you use any heavy weapon Artillery?

"No."

While at war, what helped you pass the time?

"Reading and socializing with the other comrades"

After you came home from war, did your perspective on anything change? Did you carry anything from the military with you after the war?

"Not really."

"I went back to school."

I see you have some awards on your hat can you tell us about them?

"Yeah, the, uh, Asiatic pacific campaign, two bronze stars. I was in the south pacific, served in New Guinea, the southern Philippines." *(he pints to the medals)*

Is there anything you would like to add or say that I missed or is there anything that you would like to talk about?

"Well one thing, I met my brother, ten thousand miles away from home down in New Guinea."

