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Hometown: Decatur, IL

Robert enlisted in the Army Air Corps (there was no Air Force until after WWII) in 1943. He was deployed as a paratrooper in Italy. After injuring his knee, he served in the Motorcycle Corps in Italy. He was later deployed as a Military Police officer in North Africa. Part of his duties as a Military Police officer was to guard the graveyard from grave robbers. Local North Africans would try to dig up the bodies of dead soldiers for their brass buttons, rings, and any other valuables. Robert said once that locals would even pull the teeth out of the skulls, if they could, for the gold fillings.

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