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Willard O. Sheppard joined the United States Army at the age of 19 and served 3 years. He was assigned to the Ohio 37 th Division, 129th Regiment and achieved the rank of T5. He remembers his service in World War II.

"I entered the U. S. Army in February, 1943 and went to Georgia for basic training. Then we were getting ready to be shipped out overseas. We first went to the Solomon Islands, then to Guadalcanal and on to Bouganville. After that, we were sent to the liberation of the Philippine Islands and spent about one year there. I got home December 24, 1945 and my parents were glad to see me."

Willard O. Sheppard received the Purple Heart Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, 3 Bronze Stars and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon.

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