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I was drafted September 8, 1943 and chose the Marine Corps. After boot camp at Parris Island, S. C., I was transferred to Camp Lejune for training for field telephone school and then to Camp Pendleton, CA. Attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Assault Signal Co., we shipped out of San Diego on an unescorted Liberty ship, the Mormacwren. We reached Guadalcanal and trained for the invasion of Guam. On July 21, 1944, we went ashore on Guam. I drove a jeep ashore in the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave where we installed spools of wire and a switchboard. We were immediately pinned down by the Japanese who were in bunkers in the hills. That night we strung wire to a group of SeaBees located on another hill. Climbing a coconut tree to plant the wire, I could see the Japanese with their machine guns in the bunkers. On the second day we were still pinned down and my buddy and I went out to check the lines. I was hit by an incoming mortar, taken down the beach and transferred to a naval hospital in the New Hebrides. After three

months in the hospital, I was sent to Guadalcanal for reassignment. I never learned what happened to my buddy.

In November 1944 I was attached to Fleet Marine Force and assigned to duty as cook for the officers. When this group was disbanded, I was sent to Manilla, Philippines Islands. In November 1945, I was sent home to the good old USA and separated from the Marine Corps.

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