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43rd Div. Machine Gun Crew



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I entered the U.S. Army at Peoria, Illinois on January 27, 1943. I was sent to Camp Roberts, California for basic training and heavy weapons training. We shipped overseas in July 1943 with the 43rd Infantry Division, 172 Infantry Regiment, Co. K.

My unit fought in the Northern Solomon Islands Campaign, the New Guinea Campaign and the Luzon, Philippines Campaign. I was wounded in the battle of Luzon on April 5, 1945. Several medals were awarded to me including the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, a Combat Infantry Badge and a Good Conduct Medal. I received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign with three Bronze Stars, the Arrow Head Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star was also awarded to me. I also have the American Theatre Ribbon and WW II Victory Medal.

I was honorably discharged as a private first class from Percy Jones Hospital Center at Fort Custer, Michigan on July 3, 1946.

Harold has been a member of the World War II Illinois Veterans Memorial Association for several years.

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