

my leg--ankle and then I had to drop out. When that happened to me I dropped out of school all together.

(For good?)

Yeah. Since then I never have gone to school.

(How old were you then?)

I imagine I was about 23-22--something like that.

(What grade were you in?)

Eighth grade.

(You didn't finish?)

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No, but if I only finished even high school I would have been all right today. Depending on what I do, you know, if I had high school education I could really use it today to be a little more than what I am, that is, in my work, the work that I do, which is aircraft. I have been doing this 1940 when I went to school to learn sheet metal fabrication and installation and afterwards during wartime in 1942 I started working in an aircraft factory until in 1943 when I joined the army that is I volunteered to go to war and in 1944 I went over. And over in Germany, that is I landed Marseilles France and entered into Germany, that is in combat and I was in combat 5 months at which time the war ended and I was glad. I didn't realize that I would really want to get out of the army from which I joined myself to, but it was too late so I stuck with it and seen action, fighting Germans. After that I was ready to go to Japan, but before they sent me over from Europe direct to there why the war ended over there also. I knew that I was going to get to come home, so somewhere in August in the fall I was shipped back from France to United States and in 1945 in November I was discharged and back in civies, civilian life I, you know, where I been. We been together all this--since then.

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