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I enlisted in the Army at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, was attached to the 83rd Infantry Division and received basic training at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. We had group training by marching twenty-five miles at a time and practiced radio intercept procedures on the SCR-206D, a field direction finder which was later used to zero in on enemy locations. I slept many nights with headphones affixed to my ears to learn Morse code and to increase my speed in translations. I was then transferred to the Second Signal Company, Second Infantry Division at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. We completed numerous training exercises and went on maneuvers in Tennessee where we sharpened our survival skills. All of us could literally copy Morse code in our sleep. Although it has been sixty years since those days of basic training I can still copy the code with a high degree of proficiency.

Upon completion of basic training we were notified that we were to be shipped overseas however due to security requirements few details were disclosed. We arrived in New York City to prepare for the journey and at the appointed time I was assigned to the USS ANNE ARUNDEL for transport across the Atlantic Ocean. We landed at Belfast, Northern Ireland and then it was off to Armagh, Northern Ireland for additional training. Little did we know that we were being prepared for the largest overseas invasion force ever assembled in the history of warfare.

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