

**Video Recording Log**  
**Veteran Malcolm Davis**

Name of Interviewer: Bill Williamson

Name of Veteran/Civilian: Malcolm Gale Davis

Birth Date: 04/21/1918

**Recording format:** Mini DVD

**Estimated length of recording (in minutes):** 23 minutes    **Date of recording:** 09/25/2007

**Location of recording:** WILL AM-FM-TV, 300 N. Goodwin Ave, Urbana, IL 61801

**Recording log:**

00:02 Introduction

00:41 Before service, growing up, family; father a grocer

01:07 Graduating from Urbana High School, 1936

01:17 University Press apprenticeship, 4 years

01:40 Drafted, train to Chicago, IL

01:54 Camp Blanding, Starke, FL: training

02:03 Infantry training, walking in sand to prepare to walk in snow

02:20 30<sup>th</sup> Division, 119<sup>th</sup> Infantry Company D, machine gun company

02:36 Front lines, Christmas Eve 1944, dug first fox hole

02:53 Travel from FL to Europe, boarded ship in NY, landed in England, Liverpool

03:14 All lights out in England

03:26 No training in France

03:35 Landing in Le Havre, France, marching with duffel bags

04:00 30<sup>th</sup> Division, pushing back German advance after Battle of the Bulge

04:43 Moving forward, forty and eight trains, little boxcars

05:10 Trains could not get close to front lines

05:18 Four by four trucks, Jeeps

- 05:29 Truck accident due to drunk driver, riding on trailer behind truck, jumped off, others injured
- 06:13 Moving, chasing Germans across field; under fire, pocket bible hit by shrapnel and metal cover dented
- 07:18 Crossing Roer and Rhine rivers, walking, walking through snow in Black Forest
- 08:05 Steel bridges across Rhine
- 08:45 Germany
- 08:55 Meeting Russians: friendly, fighting Germans
- 09:33 Hermann Goering's house, going through, taking souvenirs, money
- 10:10 Traveling fast through German towns
- 10:13 Interacting with German townspeople, German civilians cheering for Allies
- 10:45 Camp Lucky Strike
- 13:04 30<sup>th</sup> Division, 119<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Company D
- 13:42 Back to Civilian life, back to work at University Press, journeyman, 35 years, retired
- 14:20 Working at Shrimp's grocery store part-time, 22 years, social security
- 14:53 Other memories: Black Forest, difficult walking in snow, German prisoners
- 16:20 Basic training, carbine instead of rifle
- 17:29 Hurricane during basic training
- 18:04 Only man in unit to survive the war
- 18:24 Trench foot
- 18:37 Saw Patton once
- 18:50 Brother-in-law was Major, coordinating ground and air forces: sent for him, stayed at headquarters one night, slept on a pile of sugar beets
- 19:56 Sleeping outdoors
- 20:10 Private First Class
- 20:15 Ice Cream
- 20:27 Wife had 3 brothers in service, all survived

21:09 Registering in Chicago, registering officer was from Urbana

21:58 Wrap-up