

Interview with
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Brian Maple

Q. What branch were you in?

A. I was in the 1st Cavalry Army Signal Corps.

Q. How long were you in the ~~branch~~?

A. I was in the ~~branch~~ the Signal Corps for 3 years and 10 months.

Q. Do you know the history of the HAM Radio?

A. I wouldn't know the history of the HAM Radio but I know the history of my Ham Radio. I started in 1940, on the WPA Art Program. I was forced to walk to Regansee two nights a week, to study HAM Radio and I got my Radio Operators License, W9HYZ.

Q. How did you become a Ham Radio Operator?

A. Well I took the course from that WPA radio course.

Q. Did you (pause) use code when you used the radio?

A. I always used code. A h k et ^{especially in the service in the army}
I used the International Morse code.

Q. Did you have any experiences then?

A. Yes I have a lot of experiences with the HAM Radio. In code I operated code for the 1st U.S. Army Infantry Division U.S. Cavalry U.S. (pause) First Cavalry Division and I also taught it unknowingly with a Japanese operator.

Q. Did you any fun that you had?

A. Pardon.

Q. Was there any fun that you had?

A. Fun that I had, in the Army, Nah not so much fun 90% at grief and 10% fun.

Q. Were you in combat or just a radio operator?

A. I was in combat, 90% of the time.

Q. Do you use the HAM Radio now?

A. I do use the HAM Radio now. My old HAM Radio License now, I gave up HAM Radio when I come out of the Army. My first call was W9HYZ it changed to WHYZ and at I gave it up in 1951 I believe, 3 months, 3 years after I came out of the army, no I at beg your pardon about 5 years, I came out of the army in '46 and I gave it up in '51 and at just before retirement I (pause) decided to get back into HAM Radio for a hobby, and at 3 years ago I, 3 or 4 years ago I got my new license K8BAUT which I still now hold.