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Isadore Rademacher

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The person I interviewed was Isadore Rademacher, he was in WWII, and was a major impact on the war. He told me about his life and what it was like to be in the war.

Isadore Rademacher was born in Fowler Michigan, in 1924. He was in WWII from 1944 to 1946. When he was 18 he attended the Great Lakes Naval Camp for training. After this training he went to gunner school in Mississippi. He was drafted into World War II when he was just 18. He didn't know what to expect or what he would be doing. But he soon found out that he would be in the Navy. While in the Navy he learned many things and new trades. Isadore was a gunner's mate, 3rd class. While in the Navy his job, along with many other people, was to deliver weapons of all sorts to troops in combat. They made gun, bombs, ammunition, Jeeps, and many other sorts of gunnery equipment. He was never in combat in the war but almost was once, in Calcutta, India, when the Japanese were having a bomb raid.

While in the Navy he was constantly moving and always going somewhere. When he first entered the war he went to Calcutta, India when troops were in desperate need of weapons. Some other places he went to were; Madagascar, North Africa, Rio de Janeiro, Florida, Australia, and California. He has been to every continent except, Europe and Antarctica. He was supposed to go to Europe after the war to disarm a ship but missed the ships take off time. While in the Navy he had been on 6 different ships throughout the war.

Now, Isadore has not kept in touch with any of the people he knew in the war. He can hardly remember who any of them are. Like many people, everyone has different theories on Pearl Harbor. He thinks that the U.S. knew that Japanese were coming, but we did not take it seriously. But he also thinks that we could of done something about it before we were attacked. The war has affected his life today by teaching him trades that he needed in war. He learned to be an electrician, and an automobile mechanic from being in the service.

Some advice that Isadore would like to give to teenagers, and all people is to "be willing to do what's necessary to help the United States of America." Isadore thinks that the war has helped him in many ways, in life, jobs, and

knowledge for everyday things. He encourages that people join the Navy, or some part of the Armed Forces.

Finally, I was happy that Isadore could sit down and talk to me about his experience in World War II, and the Navy. It's good to know that you were able to sit down and talk to an actual veteran. He lived a very exciting and hard working life, and I'm glad to be informed about World War II.

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