

March 23, 2010 Patchwork of Dependency displays.





"My husband missed a year of high school because of mumps. So he turned 18 in July and they drafted him in August of '44 before his senior year....He came back in May of '46 and then finished his senior year. He got paid something like \$100 month for continuing education."

Wilma Lancaster



"The first time we crossed the German lines, I fixed bayonet on my 19th birthday. That's something that if you've ever done it, you'll always remember it all your life. *Kenny Dupree*

"The planes would come out of Wichita and fly real low in formation. Most usually they would spook the cattle because here comes not only noise, but you'd see the silhouette, the shadow of the plane. And it comes and goes so fast. They had different runs to different places. I assumed they were dropping bags of flour, perhaps - at the range south of Kinsley."

Jake Roenbaugh



"In the spring, when I was a senior, Thoran's mother and Mary Helen Cross and I went to see Thoran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin riding on a troop train. We stood a lot of the way, or sat on our luggage. It was just full of troops. There was even a car, something like a cattle car, with men standing on the train too."

Norma Gatterman

"We rode up Mt. Healiz in Eddie's rumble seat and back down. That was our honeymoon."

Kay Carney



"When I got on the train at Newton, it was loaded with soldiers and people so much I had to sit on my suitcase. In fact, the whole aisle was full of people sitting on their suitcases."

Jean Titus

"The troop trains all went through Offerie. They went with their windows wide open, and some of the soldiers would throw out their addresses so somebody would write to them. I wrote to one and he got quite interested in me until he found out I was 14." *Bea Coats*



"In December, 1943 I went to the Navy recruitment office in Dodge City. I lied about my age. I was 16. They took me because I convinced them that my folks had separated and I had my rights and authority. So I enlisted at 3 p.m., and they gave me a ticket to get on the train in Kinsley at 6 p.m. *Gordon Coats*

"I played clarinet in our school band. We played at the Pratt Air Base and at the Belpre Honky Tonk. We also had a harmonica band which played over the radio at Great Bend." *Marcile King*



"I volunteered to go overseas so many times I finally got sick of it and went to my C.O. and I said, 'Why?' And he said, 'Have you got any brothers overseas?' And I said, 'I got three.' He said 'That's why.' They just wouldn't send me." *Buford Brodbeck*

"During the Battle of the Bulge, the bullets were flying. My sergeant hollered at me 'Paul, get up and go on further.' I hollered, 'I can't, I think I'm hit.' In fact, he had shot my canteen, and I could feel the water. I thought it was blood running down my leg. So I found out I could get up, and I did."

Paul Scheuffler



"I had my orders to go to the Pacific Theater when my granddad died. I got a special furlough and hitchhiked home. When I got there, they were just lowering him into the ground. They raised him back up so I could see my granddad." *Ed Scheuffler*