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Q: Could you tell me your full name?

EI: Edgar Ingraham.

Q: And what was your date of birth and place of birth?

EI: October 1, 1920 and Warrensburg.

Q: What was your educational background prior to entering the service?

EI: 8th grade.

Q: Do you remember where you were when you heard about Pearl Harbor?

EI: I was home I think.

Q: Do you remember how you felt when you heard about that?

EI: Not really.

Q: Were you drafted or did you enlist?

EI: Drafted.

Q: And you went into the Air Force?

EI: Yes.

Q: Where did you go for your training?

EI: New Jersey.

Q: What kind of training did you receive?

EI: Just basic training.

Q: Did you attend Fort Dix in New Jersey?

EI: No it was Camp Pompton.

Q: Did you go for any special training after that?

EI: No.

Q: It said you were assigned to a chemical unit. What was the name of the chemical unit?

EI: 8-90th Chemical Company.

Q: What did you do in the chemical company?

EI: Not much I guess; nothing special.

Q: Why was it called a chemical company?

EI: There was poison gas and toxic gas.

Q: Did you receive any specialized training to do that?

EI: Not really.

Q: Did you put the poison gas in shells or just leave it in canisters?

EI: It was in ton containers.

Q: Did you wear any special equipment at all?

EI: We had gas masks.

Q: Did you have to wear gloves or anything else?

EI: I can't remember.

Q: So whenever you handled the chemicals you wore gas masks?

EI: Yes.

Q: Where were you stationed?

EI: I was in the Aleutian Islands.

Q: What did you do up there?

EI: It was an outpost; I guess just to be there.

Q: How long were you there?

EI: Over a year I guess.

Q: What year was that do you remember?

EI: 1944.

Q: Were you there until the end of the war or did you come back before the war ended?

EI: I was shipped out somewhere before the war ended.

Q: Do you remember where?

EI: No.

Q: What was it like up there in the Aleutian Islands?

EI: Just barren; no trees, just tundra grass.

Q: What kind of special winter equipment did you have?

EI: Just your regular boots and winter clothes.

Q: Did you work with a chemical company up there, is that where your unit was stationed?

EI: Yes.

Q: Where did you keep the gasses and the chemicals, where were they capped?

EI: They must've had them in a special place.

Q: Like a warehouse or something?

EI: Yes.

Q: What kind of barracks did you have, did you have Quonset huts, buildings or tents?

EI: Quonset huts.

Q: So you were up there after the Japanese had left the Aleutian Islands?

EI: Yes.

Q: Were there any experiences you remember that you want to tell us about?

EI: Not really.

Q: Did you make any friends while you were in the service?

EI: I could've but I've forgotten now because it's been so long.

Q: Did you get to do any hunting or fishing while you were up there?

EI: No.

Q: Now you left the service in 1945, did you ever use the GI Bill?

EI: No.

Q: What kind of work did you do after the war?

EI: I helped my father build boats, rowboats.

Q: Was there any other kind of work that you did?

EI: I was on the State Highway.

Q: Did you join any veteran's organizations?

EI: No.

Q: Did you stay in contact with anyone that was in service with you?

EI: No.

Q: Do you think your time in the service had any effect on your life?

EI: It probably did but I don't know.