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Bill Lovin

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Bill Lovin was born in Sesser, Illinois on October 29, 1924. He graduated high school in Bluford, Illinois in June 1941.

In the spring of 1943, Bill entered the United States Army at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois. He had basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was then transferred to the University of Illinois for an Army Specialized Training Program to become an engineer. In the summer of 1944, before he finished his training, he was placed in the 8th Armored Division and sent to the Tidworth Barracks in England. He was assigned to drive a canvas-topped, 6x6 supply truck for the Armed Ordnance Maintenance Battalion. He also kept track of inventory and various records.

In the fall of 1944, his division crossed the channel to France. His division was in the Battle of the Bulge. With the reorganization of the Army, his division was placed under General Patton's control. They started chasing the Nazis at full speed. His unit saw action in France and Germany.

He remembered it being very cold when they crossed the Rhine River on the Remagen Bridge as they went on to Plzen, Czechoslovakia. His unit was trying to beat the Russians to Prague when the European War ended. Bill was discharged at Camp Grant in Rockford, Illinois.

His medals and awards include:

- European Service Medal

Bill attended Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Later, he became a banker. Bill married Mary Ramsey in July 1951, and they have three children, three grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Bill is a member of a federated church and a Mason.