I was born and raised on a farm in Wisconsin. Wanting to be more than a farmer, I joined the Navy after graduation from High School going through Boot Training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Chicago III. My first ship assignment was aboard the USS Texas doing convoy duty for our supply ships delivering supplies to Russia via the port of Murmansk.

In 1942 the Navy decided to transfer me to Philadelphia and the newly commissioned Battle Ship USS South Dakota where I spent the balance of my tour of duty as a Radar Technician. The War ended and I was discharged and I was discharged from Cambridge, Md. in Mar, 1946. While home on leave [July1944] while the ship was being repaired at the Bremerton Washington Navy Yard I married the girl I had meet in Philly where I was assigned to the SoDak.

We raised five [5] children, all married, with eleven [11] grandchildren and four [4] great grand children.

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