

Biographical Data Form

To ensure inclusion in the Veterans History Project, this form must accompany each submission. Please use reverse or additional sheet if service was in more than one war or conflict.

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Veteran Civilian RICHARD N. BAIRDEN
first middle last maiden name

Place of Birth NEWBURGH, NY Birth Date 1923

Race/Ethnicity (optional) _____ Male Female

Branch of Service or Wartime Activity ARMY

Commissioned Enlisted Drafted Service dates 3/19/1943 to 11/1/1945

Highest Rank Staff Sgt

Unit, Division, Battalion, Group, Ship, etc. (Do not abbreviate.) 3rd Army Combat Engineers,
FRANCE- 293rd Combat Engineers

War, operation, or conflict served in WWII

Locations of military or civilian service Camp Gordon, GA/Tennessee/California/AZ
NORMANDY / ARDENNES / NO. FRANCE / RHEINLAND / Central
Battles/campaigns (please name) NORWAY NORMANDY BEACH / ARDENNES
Rheinland

Medals or special service awards. If so, please list (be as specific as possible): _____

FIVE (5) BATTLE STARS
+ NORMAL Ribbons etc

Special duties/highlights/achievements MINES/BOOBY TRAPS/ BAILY BRIDGE
CONSTRUCTION, Platoon leader

Was the veteran a prisoner of war? Yes No

Did the veteran or civilian sustain combat or service-related injuries? Yes No Next Page

Interviewer (if applicable) _____

(Please use reverse for any additional biographical information.)

Additional Service History Information

Branch of Service or Wartime Activity _____

Commissioned Enlisted Drafted Service dates _____ to _____

Highest Rank _____

Unit, Division, Battalion, Group, Ship, etc. (Do not abbreviate.) _____

War, operation, or conflict served in _____

Locations of military or civilian service _____

Battles/campaigns (please name) _____

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Special duties/highlights/achievements _____

Was the veteran a prisoner of war? Yes No

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Additional Biographical Information

• Among 1st UNITS of 3rd ARMY to LAND AT NORMANDY

• Prepared BIVOUAC AREAS ACROSS NO. FRANCE

• ADVANCED PARTY; FORWARD echelon of 3rd ARMY HEADQUARTERS.

• Attached to ARMORED UNIT for DASH Across Germany

• AFTER VE DAY → Sent to NORWAY for OCCUPATION (Germans in Norway!)

• SENT to BIARITZ AMERICAN UNIVERSITY for 3 MONTHS Before RETURN to USA