

### Interview with AY Adams:

For my WW2 interview, I chose to talk to my grandfather AY Adams. He is the oldest living person in my family at 82. He was 6 at the start of the war and 10 at the end. He lived in Ferris, Texas, and none of his family were involved in the military at all, so that aspect of the war didn't affect him.

A couple of his friends fathers were drafted, and that definitely affected them, but they all came home safely. AY talked about the things that did affect him though, like food rations, especially meat, having it be easier to find jobs, and donating all metal, even tin foil gum wrappers to the government, where they would make planes and war materials.

AY mentioned that he didn't know everything about what was going on in the camps, and was fairly shocked when they were exposed to the public. He said they just thought bad things were happening but nobody ever really explained what. I still don't think he completely understands what happened still, for he didn't seem to think what we were talking about was that big of a deal.

He seemed kind of oblivious to the fact that they were treated so horrifically. He said his mother even got a job, for the first time, for they needed more workers. One thing that startled me which I thought would be different was that AY said the war wasn't a big deal for him and that he was never really worried about anything surrounding it. It just didn't affect him very much, which made him not really care that much. I get what he was saying about not being affected physically, but mentally, that stuff is still going on and you should be affected by it.

For me, it is horrible feeling like you can do nothing about something that hurts so many people, so I would feel such intense guilt, being comfortable and happy, while millions of people basically rotted away in the concentration camps. That kind of thing affects me, even if I live thousands of miles away, and if I was growing up in that time, it would make me feel horrible that I could do nothing about it.