



# Oral History of Wells Monson

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Kathy Bradford: I'm talking to Wells Monson of Brigham city. He's going to tell about his experiences at Bushnell Hospital with the German POWs. When did you start working at Bushnell?

Wells Monson: 1943. The fall of '43.

Kathy: And that was just a year after they opened the hospital, wasn't it?

Wells: Right around there. I'm not quite sure, but I think it was about a year afterwards.

Kathy: And what were your duties there?

Wells: I started out with the Post Engineers delivering the maintenance men to all different jobs and picking up and delivering tools to them whenever they needed.

Kathy: Was it like a taxi or shuttle?

Wells: Yes, a shuttle-type taxi deal for the engineers.

Kathy: What kind of vehicle did you have?

Wells: We had a pick-up truck, and they could put their plumbing tools and whatever they needed in the back of it. And they had benches for them to sit on in back.

Kathy: OK, so they sat in the back of the truck, too, and you drove them around?

Wells: Yes.

Kathy: Did you have contact with any of the POWs then?

Wells: Not as much as later on. I transferred to the mess pool, and then I had more contact with them. I drove the commissary truck to deliver supplies to all the mess halls where they had potatoes and all the meat and everything like that. I had a German POW who would help me with delivering the material, and then we'd get POWs in the mess hall there to come help unload it. They were what you'd call real good workers. They'd tell me to take it easy and they'd take care of loading and unloading when they could.

Kathy: Suspicion against the Germans was high in those days. Were you nervous, having to work with them?

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