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### Interview with Lt. Col. Herbert H. Schaaf

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NOTE: Tape is very quiet. Some sections are unintelligible

0000 - Beginning

0055 - Going into the service in the Air Force

0205 - Deferrals during World War II

0360 - Joining the service, physical examinations

0690 - Training in aircraft, multi-engine aircraft

0860 - Advanced flying school, Martin B-26 Marauder bomber

1130 - Leave before deployment overseas

1300 - Embarkation on a ship for 11 days

1385 - Practices for U-Boat attacks

1440 - Arrival in the United Kingdom

1660 - Flying combat missions over Europe

1750 - Flying with bad engines over Germany, attacked by German fighter planes and flak, crash landing

1875 - Evading German soldiers

2150 - Encountering SS troops in the woods

2500 - Rescued by an American patrol

2745 - Debriefing by British intelligence agents

3050 - Staying in the Air Force after World War II

3275 - Returning home after the war

3140 - Hearing about the Japanese surrender

2850 - Military medals

2330 Meeting famous celebrities

2260 - Race relations, segregated Air Force units

2060 - German war souvenirs

1880 - B-17 battle damage, awards, Purple Heart, Air Medal

1650 - Flak vests and armor on planes

1500 - Surviving close calls

1230 - Church

1120 - End of tape