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Military associate of Dwight D. Eisenhower at Ft. Lewis, Washington, 1940, and the War Plans Division of the War Department, 1941-42.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background on why he joined the army and was assigned to Ft. Lewis. Contacts with DDE at Ft. Lewis. Investigation of irregular use of funds at the Vancouver Barracks. Service with the War Plans Division (WPD): how he was selected to receive a commission and begin work at WPD; his system for the efficient administration of paperwork at WPD; periodic rotation of General Staff Officers to combat theaters. Problems of creating new divisions and conducting maneuvers at Ft. Lewis.

Interview #2. Observations re Edgar Eisenhower, and Edgar's relationship with his brother, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Assessment of DDE's ability to handle men. Short comments on Harry Butcher, Thomas Handy, and Albert Wedemeyer. Implementing his system for efficient administration of paperwork at WPD. Being assigned as DDE's personal representative in the War Department during World War II.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interviews by Maclyn Burg, 1972, 1973]