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Military associate of General Eisenhower; worked with the Philippine Air Force, 1935-37.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Reflections on Air Corps flying school, Brooks Field, San Antonio. Service in the Philippines, 1934-37: bomber versus attack planes; working with William L. (Jerry) Lee in training Filipino pilots; observations on the obstacles involved with the training of Filipino pilots. Observations on DDE in the Philippines: DDE's desire to learn to fly an airplane; DDE's popularity and respect; his opinion of DDE as an officer.

Interview #2. DDE's qualities as an army officer. Comments on his study of tactical attack doctrine and close ground support practices in the late 1930s. Service in Argentina, 1939-41, and observations on Juan Peron.

Note: Mrs. Hugh Parker (Janet) also took part in interview #1.

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