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Commanding General, Canadian Pacific Command, 1942-45; Canadian Minister of Defense, 1957-60.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Background information. Service in World War I. Comments on various duties in interwar period, and type of training provided the soldiers. Service as commanding General, Canadian Pacific Command: cooperation with the American armed forces; use of volunteers in the Canadian militia; training the soldiers; operations against Kiska. Service as Canadian Minister of Defense: establishment of NORAD; use of Canadian troops in NATO; cooperation with officials of the Eisenhower Administration.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Maclyn P. Burg, 1974]