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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Dr. Vance Byars & Nell Byars

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IDENTIFICATION: Retired General in the National Guard

INTERVIEWER: Adele Foster

SERIES: Military

INTERVIEW DATES: June 13, 1997

FOCUS DATES: 1940s

ABSTRACT:

Tape 1194

Byars birth date and place, father's occupation; family ancestry; attending LSU; joining the National Guard; crossing the English channel; General Middleton; the battle over the bridge at Remagen and the collapse of the Remagen bridge; fighting in the Herken Forest; finding bodies of American soldiers who had been shot and buried by the Germans; finding barracks that had been set on fire with bodies of soldiers in them; when he heard the war was over; coming home and landing in New York City; removing wounded from front in the Herken Forest; rebuilding roads after the end of the war; attending meetings with other World War II veterans.

TAPES: 1 (T1194)

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