Video Recording Log
Civilian Olive Clark

Name of Interviewer:  David L. Noreen

Name of Veteran/Civilian:  Olive B. Clark
Birth Date:  07/27/1920

Recording format:  Mini DVD

Estimated length of recording (in minutes):  28 minutes  Date of recording:  09/17/2007

Location of recording:  WILL AM-FM-TV, 300 N. Goodwin Ave, Urbana, IL 61801

Recording log:

00:00  Introduction
00:39  Birth
00:55  Marriage, husband in service in Childers, TX; moving to Childers, 1942
01:37  Childers, TX, effects of Great Depression, experiences
02:03  Air Force base
02:06  Husband taught Norden bombsight, automatic pilot to lieutenants for flying
02:31  Childers, TX: bored and poor, applying for civil service jobs, working at City Manager’s office
04:00  Renting a room off of the Base
04:24  Husband was a Private
04:26  Community picnics, church lunches for soldiers
05:00  Husband’s experiences
05:12  Husband transferred to Langley Field, VA
05:34  Road trip home to NJ: car problems, car accident, concussion, hospital, Red Cross, train
08:40  Traveling from NJ to Langley Field, VA: train, ferry across Chesapeake Bay all night, dangerous
09:25  Submarine areas, netting to protect against German submarines along coast
09:50  Ferry trip, detours, took all night; soldiers had to stand the whole time
10:50  Rented room: place to sleep, no central heating, cold, landlords
11:24 Red Cross assistance
11:40 Husband found apartment
11:50 Working for U.S.O.
12:11 Langley base later became C.I.A., secrecy
12:45 Working for U.S.O.: making ham sandwiches for soldiers, serving soldiers, dances at night
13:27 Civil Service exam, working at National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, later became NASA, secretarial work, becoming pregnant
14:35 Moved home for rest of pregnancy, gave birth to daughter, husband returned after baby talking
15:20 Husband assigned to Guam, Saipan; surprise encounters with “Japs” at night while watching movies
15:56 Regular movie showings
16:15 Home front experiences: rationing, friends giving them gasoline ration cards to drive to NJ
16:50 Meat sales in community
17:08 Shoe ration; not thinking about it too much
17:27 German friends, Germans’ terrible hardships
17:41 Childers, TX: Not uncomfortable but very poor, beds outside because it never rained, watching shooting starts at night
18:16 Childers, TX: no recycling initiatives
18:30 Wartime correspondence
19:12 Husband’s work overseas: Norden bombsight, repairing airplanes
19:45 Husband’s craft in free time: wooden boxes, jewelry made of shells
20:15 Husband returning home, difficult finding job and place to live
20:25 Living with husband’s parents in two family house, then living in own home
21:10 Newport News, NJ experiences: very racist against blacks
21:50 Childers, TX: very poor, Texas mud, roads half paved and half mud
22:47 Instant coffee
23:00 Socializing with friends
Childers, TX: going to town on Saturday nights, parking car downtown

Wooden sidewalks

Buses like school buses from OK to TX

Movie theatre

Childers, TX: size of town, grocery stores

U.S.O. in VA, serving food, record player for dancing

Wrap-up

Big Band music