

**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

- 23:26 Childers, TX: going to town on Saturday nights, parking car downtown
- 24:35 Wooden sidewalks
- 25:35 Buses like school buses from OK to TX
- 25:45 Movie theatre
- 25:55 Childers, TX: size of town, grocery stores
- 26:15 U.S.O. in VA, serving food, record player for dancing
- 27:05 Wrap-up
- 27:30 Big Band music