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Canadian Army officer during World War II.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Early service in the Canadian militia and artillery units; activity and organization of the Canadian militia prior to World War II; activity and organization of artillery units; military build-up in Canada during 1939; comparisons of volunteer servicemen with conscripted or drafted serviceman; the contemporary role of the militia and regular army in Canada. Experiences as an army engineer during World War II; establishment of a reception area for troops arriving back from Dunkirk; impressions of the Liverpool blitz; experience in a British staff college; engineer activities (primarily waterproofing equipment) in preparation for the Normandy invasion; development of techniques for repair and recovery for the Canadian 1st Corps in Italy; involvement in recovery of damaged tanks from the battlefields in Italy and Holland; impressions of General Bernard Montgomery.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Maclyn P. Burg, 1973]