

OH # 2563b

Narrator: Joseph Lazarsky

No. of Tapes:

No of Sides:

Interviewer: Gail Gutierrez

Date: September 29, 2001

Location: Atlanta, Georgia during the OSS Detachment 101 Association Reunion

Topic: An oral history of Joseph Lazarsky, a member of the OSS Detachment 101. The purpose of this interview is to gather information regarding his experiences in OSS Detachment 101 during World War II. This interview is part of Heidi Vion's Master's Thesis Project. Specifically, this interview deals with Joseph Lazarsky's OSS training at the "secret" camp in the Washington D.C. area; his travel companion, Nicol Smith, on his trip to Burma to join the OSS Detachment 101; Lazarsky's arrival in Burma and the various responsibilities he was given during his time in Burma; his return to civilian life and his entrance into the CIA and some of his experiences in the CIA; and finally, his courtship and marriage to his wife, Barbara.

OH # 2561

Narrator: Dr. Roger Hilsman

No of Tapes:

No of Sides:

Interviewer: Heidi Ann Vion

Date: September 27, 1997

Location: New Orleans, Louisiana during the biannual OSS Detachment 101 Association Reunion.

Topic: An oral history of Dr. Roger Hilsman, member of the OSS Detachment 101. The purpose of this interview is to gather information regarding Dr. Hilsman's experiences in OSS Detachment 101. This interview is part of Heidi Vion's Masters Thesis project on OSS Detachment 101. Specifically, this interview deals with Dr. Hilsman's childhood and his family; his attendance of West Point; his recruitment and activities in Merrill's Marauders; his jobs and responsibilities after he joined OSS Detachment 101; his experiences as the commanding officer of a Kachin Ranger troop; his rescue of his father from a Prisoner of War camp in China at the end of World War II; and finally, his perspectives and experiences after World War II and on different members of the Kennedy family.

OH # 2471

Narrator: Dennis Cavanaugh (Denny)

No. of Tapes: 3

No. of Sides: 6

Interviewer: Heidi Vion

Date: November 2, 1995

Location: Dennis Cavanaugh's home in Aliso Viejo, California

Topic: An oral history of Dennis Cavanaugh, member of the OSS Detachment 101. The purpose of this interview is to gather information regarding Dennis' experiences in OSS Detachment 101 during World War II. This interview is part of Heidi Vion's Masters Thesis project. Specifically, this interview deals with Dennis' childhood and educational past; his jobs and locations when he was first drafted into the Army; his experiences as Air Drop officer in OSS Detachment 101; his various careers after World War II including real estate; radio station management; advertisement; and bail bondsman; and finally, his knowledge of the OSS Detachment 101 members and their achievements after World War II.

OH # 2395

Narrator: Thomas Moon

No. of Tapes: 2

No. of Sides: 4

Interviewer: Heidi Vion

Date: April 13, 1995

Location: Thomas Moon's Office in Garden Grove, California.

Topic: An oral history of Thomas Moon, a member of OSS Detachment 101. The purpose of this interview is to gather information regarding his experiences during World War II in the OSS Detachment 101. This interview is part of Heidi Vion's Masters Thesis Project. Specifically, this interview deals with Moon's childhood; American and European's different way of doing things; Moon's job as a cryptographer with the OSS Detachment 101; the history of the OSS Detachment 101; Moon's opinions about Ho Chi Minh and other Asian leaders; the OSS agents in Europe and the differences in the missions of the OSS in Asia and Europe; various diseases that the men had while they stayed in Burma; the training of the OSS agents; and finally, about the CIA and the Special Forces.

OH # 2980

Narrator: Colonel Carl Eifler

No. of Tapes: 3

No. of Sides: 5

Interviewer: Heidi Vion

Dates: August 20, 1995; December 24, 2001; December 26, 2001

Location: Colonel Eifler's home in Salinas, California.

Topic: An oral history of Colonel Carl Eifler, the first commanding officer of OSS Detachment 101. The purpose of this interview was to gather information on his experiences and perspectives in OSS Detachment 101. This interview is part of Heidi Vion's Masters Thesis project. Specifically, this interview deals with Colonel Eifler's early career as a Customs officer and his time in the Army reserves; his invitation to lead OSS Detachment 101 and how he filled the positions in the unit; his meeting with General Stilwell in China; his pet, a bear cub and its disappearance; the risky activities he participated in and how one of those activities caused his head injury; and finally, his life after World War II including his earning of his Ph.D. in Psychology and is M.A. in Theology.

OH # 2470

Narrator: Harry "Skittles" Hengshoon

Interviewer: Heidi Ann Vion

Date: November 4, 1995

Location: Harry Hengshoon's home in Fountain Valley, California

Topic: An oral history of Harry "Skittles" Hengshoon, one of the native agents who helped the OSS Detachment 101 during World War II. The purpose of this interview was to gather information on his experiences in OSS Detachment 101. This interview is part of Heidi Vion's Masters Thesis project. Specifically, this interview deals with his birth and his childhood; his education and what he studied in school; his wife Kathleen and his family and how they were separated at the beginning of the war; his trip out of Burma because of the Japanese invasion; his experiences and jobs while he was in India; his various responsibilities and missions while he was part of OSS Detachment 101; and finally, his life after World War II including his escape from Burma to save his life.

OH #2537

Narrator: Thomas Baldwin

No. of Tapes: 2

No of Sides: 3

Interviewer: Heidi Vion

Date: February 12, 1996

Location: Thomas Baldwin's home in Huntington Beach, California.

Topic: An oral history of Thomas Baldwin, a member of the OSS Detachment 101. The purpose of this interview is to gather information regarding his experiences in OSS Detachment 101 during World War II. This interview is part of Heidi Vion's Masters Thesis project. Specifically this interview encompasses Thomas Baldwin's childhood and education; his draft into the army and early career in the Army; his recruitment into OSS Detachment 101; his training in Washington D.C.; his responsibilities and duties as a training officer in the Nazira Training Camps and then his duties as the liaison officer to the British 14th Army; his perspective and observations on the various ethnic groups he worked with; and finally, his career in the CIA and his experiences as a CIA operative.

OH # 2469

Narrator: Stuart Power

No. of Tapes: 1

No. of Sides: 2

Interviewer: Heidi Ann Vion

Date: November 5, 1995

Location: Lobby of the Mission Inn in Riverside, California

Topic: An oral history of Stuart Power, a member of the OSS Detachment 101. The purpose of this interview was to collect information on his experiences in OSS Detachment 101 during World War II. This interview is part of Heidi Vion's Masters Thesis project. Specifically, this interviews covers Stuart's childhood and family; his entrance into the Army in 1941 and his early duties there; his recruitment and arrival in OSS Detachment 101; his duties in the OSS Detachment 101; his cousin Sir Arthur Power, the Commander-in-Chief of the British Southeast Asian fleet; and finally, his life after World War II.

OH #

Narrator: Clair Weeks

No. of Tapes:

Interviewer: Heidi Vion

No. of Sides:

Date: February 22, 1996

Location: Clair Weeks' home in Rossmoor, California

Topic: An oral history of Clair Weeks, a member of the OSS Detachment 101. The purpose of this interview was to collect information regarding his experiences in OSS Detachment 101 during World War II. This interview is part of Heidi Vion's Masters Thesis Project. Specifically, this interview deals with Clair Weeks' being raised in India with his missionary parents; his education and his travels; his career with Walt Disney as an animator before World War II; his draft into the Signal Corps and his experiences in this unit; his recruitment into the OSS and his responsibilities and duties in the Morale Operations division in OSS Detachment 101; his return to Disney after World War II; and his experiences in AID in the 1950s and 1960s; and finally, Clair Weeks' opinions and perspectives on Walt Disney and the Disney Corporation of the time.