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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains transcripts of 81 oral history interviews conducted by Douglas E. Clanin of World War II veterans from 1987–1995 and were transcribed from 2007–2013. The original tapes are part of M 0783. The interviews were transcribed by Indiana Historical Society volunteers and staff and is part of an ongoing project which started in 2007. Transcribers include: Fred Koss, Susan Darnell, Elizabeth Flynn, Kendra Clausser, and Kenneth McCune. As more tapes are transcribed they will be added and will form an addition to this collection. The original collection also contains a number of transcripts. Consult collection guide for M 0783 for specific transcribed interviews.
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