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Military associate with Eisenhower in the Philippines, 1936-38, and during World War II; manager of the Eisenhower Gettysburg Farm, beginning in 1950.

DESCRIPTION: Nevins' duty when World War II started; comments about Eisenhower's career prior to the war; working with the British Joint Planning Staff; planning responsibilities with II Corps in North Africa and Clark's Fifth Army; general observations about various military leaders; comments concerning [Gen.] Bedell Smith; the Kasserine Pass affair; serving with Gen. Harold Alexander (incl. observations about Alexander and the Sicilian campaign, comments about Bernard Montgomery, an anecdote concerning Alexander and sports); the SHAEF assignment (incl. responsibilities of the plans and operations sections, billeting and daily routine, Churchill's concerns regarding the invasion plan, running the War Room, duties/responsibilities following the invasion, comments about Eisenhower and the Ardennes offensive, the Eisenhower-Montgomery controversy regarding appointment of a ground force commander, the decision regarding a drive on Berlin, occupation duties); retirement; assisting Eisenhower with the manuscript of Crusade in Europe; managing the Gettysburg Farm (incl. responsibilities, anecdotes).

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Dr. Maclyn Burg and Dr. John Wickman, August 15, 1972]