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Served with U.S. Army Military Police, European Theatre, World War II; jeep driver and bodyguard for General Mark Clark, 1944-45

DESCRIPTION: Activities prior to October 2, 1942; military service following draft; overseas assignment, 1943 (including North Africa and assignment to the 91st Division Military Police; amphibious training); transfer to Italy (including Naples; duties involving GI's, German POW's, directing military traffic; anecdote regarding enemy snipers behind the front lines; weapons carried by MP's; driving the generals); assignment to 5th Army headquarters (including transfer to Florence as a bodyguard and chauffeur to General Clark; living arrangements; driving the General's Cadillac); moving north to Salzburg (including Eisenhower's visit; Berg's comments about General Clark's character; anecdote regarding Clark's driving and Berg's "playing general"; Berg's impressions of Kay Summersby; Clark's headquarters in one of Hermann Goering's villas); description of Clark's headquarters on Lake Como in Italy; comments about a variety of photographs; further comments on Eisenhower's trip to Salzburg (including anecdote regarding Berg and Eisenhower on a fishing trip with Clark; general comments about Eisenhower and Clark; taking Eisenhower to the airport; driving Eisenhower and Clark to Innsbruck; anecdote regarding taking Clark to a nightclub in Switzerland); anecdote about Clark and his Vienna headquarters; return to civilian life (including discharge; jobs; family); anecdote about driving Eisenhower and Clark up to Berchtesgaden; comments about other drives and activities with Clark.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History, interview by Dr. James Leyerzapf, October 1, 1991]