

ROSE TREE MEDIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Springton Lake Middle School

Name _____ Date _____

VETERAN INTERVIEW - Name Bernard F. Wroath

1. To what branch of the Armed Forces did you belong?

(ENLISTED MAN) (OFFICER)
U.S. ARMY: SIGNAL CORPS U.S. AIR FORCE

2. In which war did you participate?

WWII

3. What was your main job?

ADMINISTRATION

4. What was a typical day like?

5. Did you see any action?

No

6. Which battles?

7. Have you attended any reunions or do you communicate with friends you made?

NOT ANY MORE - OFTEN THINK ABOUT SOME OF THEM.

KEPT IN TOUCH WITH SEVERAL FOR 8 OR 10 YEARS - NOW

CLOSE TO ONLY ONE, WHO I SEE A COUPLE TIMES A YEAR,
TALK ON PHONE 4 OR 5 TIMES A YEAR.

8. What was the most vivid memory/exciting event during this time?

D-DAY JUNE 6, 1944. HEARD NEWS WHILE
ON MANEUVERS IN LOUISIANA.

9. What was the worst thing that happened to you?

HAVING TO SEND GOOD FRIENDS OVERSEAS
ON ORDERS AS INDIVIDUAL REPLACEMENTS
FOR CASUALTIES SUFFERED BY UNITS TO WHICH

THEY WERE BEING SHIPPED. AS FIRSTSGT IT WAS
MY RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIGN THEM WHILE I STAYED BEHIND
AS CADRE.

10. Did you see or hear about any acts of heroism?

ONLY IN THE PRESS, ONE OF OUR MEN WAS LOST
TRYING TO HELP IN THE RESCUE OF ^{MEN DUMPED FROM} AN OVERTURNED
ASSAULT BOAT ON RAIN-SWOLLEN CUMBERLAND RIVER.,
IF HE HAD LIVED, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN A HERO,
I SUPPOSE ... TO ME, ANYWAY.