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ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW OF JOHN WEEKS

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2 (The interview commenced 9:00
3 a.m.)

4 MR. RUSSERT: All right. This is
5 an interview of John Weeks who served in the U.S.
6 Army Airforce, European Theater, during World War
7 II. We're doing an interview at the Cambridge
8 Public Library, Cambridge, New York. It is
9 Wednesday, May 22nd, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

10 The interviewer is Michael
11 Russert.

12 BY MR. RUSSERT:

13 Q. Could you give us your full name,
14 please?

15 **A. John Gavin Weeks.**

16 Q. Okay. And when and where were
17 you born?

18 **A. I was born in March 7th, 1922 in
19 Lyons, New York.**

20 Q. Okay. What was your prewar
21 education?

22 **A. I -- I had -- I went into the
23 army my junior year from Grove City College, in
24 Pennsylvania.**

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2 Q. Okay. Did you work at all prior
3 to the war?

4 A. Well, my father was a farmer so I
5 worked there. Also, I earned most of my way
6 through college working at the local high school,
7 painting and things like that in the summer time.

8 Q. Okay. How old were you when
9 Pearl Harbor occurred?

10 A. I was nineteen.

11 Q. Okay. How did you hear about
12 Pearl Harbor?

13 A. I was playing bridge at College
14 with some fraternity brothers of mine and we
15 were -- we had the radio on and we couldn't believe
16 it.

17 Q. What was your reaction to that?

18 A. Well, it was interesting. I
19 don't think we had any idea of the significance of
20 what was happening. But as I say, it was just a
21 kind of an unbelievable thing. We -- we even
22 wondered if it was a fake or not.

23 Q. When did you decide to enter
24 service?

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2 A. Well, right away. Very soon
3 after that. I would say that day, probably, I made
4 my decision.

5 Q. So you enlisted?

6 A. Oh, yes.

7 Q. And you selected the Army Corp?

8 A. Well, I -- actually I first
9 applied to the Marine Air Force and they turned me
10 down because of -- my back teeth don't quite line
11 up right.

12 So, then I went to the Navy Air
13 Force and the same thing, they turned me down. And
14 by that time the army had relaxed their problems
15 with teeth so I -- I was accepted there. However,
16 it's interesting that within ninety days I went
17 into the Air Force I received notice from both the
18 Marines and the Navy to report for duty.

19 Q. Where was your basic training?

20 A. My basic training was in Miami
21 Beach, Florida.

22 Q. Could you tell us about some of
23 your experiences there?

24 A. Well, we -- yes. We -- we stayed

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2 in one of the luxury hotels along the beach and it
3 was interesting, it was our first introduction to
4 the war because in the morning when we would get up
5 there would be smoke on the horizon over the ocean.
6 And we were told that that was from tankers that
7 had been torpedoed the night before by the -- by
8 the Germans. Said, the reason they were able to do
9 that is because they didn't have a black out in
10 Miami Beach so they -- that highlighted the targets
11 that they were after. And I made it easy for them.
12 Later, that was corrected and there was a black
13 out.

14 Q. Okay. What kind of planes did
15 you train in?

16 A. Well, at first -- my first
17 experience was at Ryan -- Ryan Field in Tucson,
18 Arizona and I was in a PT-22, which was one hundred
19 twenty horsepower open cockpit plane designed in
20 about 1932 I think. And that was fun.

21 Then we went to basic training
22 which was in Miriana Field, in -- outside of Tucson
23 Arizona. There we had PT-13's which was eventually
24 known as the Vultee Vibrator because it shook so

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2 when we were doing acrobatics, particularly in the
3 spin.

4 Then we went on to advance, which
5 was in Williams Field in -- Phoenix, Arizona,
6 There we flew the AT-6, which is a wonderful --
7 plane was a lot of fun to fly because it was good
8 in acrobatics.

9 And from that we stayed at
10 Williams Field in -- in Tucson -- in Phoenix and we
11 trained in AT-9's, C-45's, B-25's, all twin engine
12 planes to get us used to handling twin engines, so
13 then -- then we went into the RP-322 which was the
14 bridge version of the P-38. The difference between
15 their version and our version was that their
16 version was not supercharged. Which meant it
17 couldn't go to the altitude as much.

18 Now, the -- that was a single
19 place airplane. So, the -- what were the -- the
20 way it was done was you -- you had to just get in
21 it and go. And it was a tremendous change because
22 we went from about six hundred horsepower in the
23 AT-6 to thirty-five hundred horsepower in this
24 RP-322.

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2 **And we went from to one hundred**
3 **and eighty miles to an hour to four hundred miles**
4 **an hour right off the bat. It was scary. I'll**
5 **never forget it.**

6 Q. Okay. What unit were you
7 assigned to?

8 A. When I went overseas I was
9 assigned to the thirteenth photographic squadron.

10 Q. Excuse me, when did you go over
11 seas?

12 A. I went overseas just after D-Day
13 in 1944. And I landed in Glasgow, Scotland and
14 from there was assigned to the thirteenth
15 photographic squadron right outside of Oxford,
16 England in a little field called Mote Farm
17 (phonetic spelling).

18 We weren't there very long. They
19 transferred us to a British field called Shellgrove
20 which was only about three or four miles away but
21 it was bigger, better, it had better on us.

22 Q. What did you do with the
23 photographic squadron? What was your mission?

24 A. Well, our mission was to

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photograph bomb damage of the major cities in

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Germany and France at that time. Also ground

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movement of troops and so on. It was -- it was a

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varied mission. We just tried to keep track of

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what the German's were doing.

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And our bombing missions were

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based on the photographs that we took. Also, the

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British used a lot of our -- actually, we worked

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closely with the British, there at Benson Field,

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which was next to ours. And we exchanged

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photographs because they had a photographic outfit

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there.

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Q. What kind of planes did you fly

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at that time?

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A. Well, the thirteenth squadron

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flew P-38's. And however there were four squadrons

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on our field. The thirteenth, fourteenth,

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twenty-second and the twenty-seventh. The

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fourteenth squadron flew -- flew P-pistons.

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Q. There were Americans flying

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spitfires?

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A. Well, they were American pilots.

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Q. But they were the British

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2 spitfires?

3 A. With a British spitfire, yes.

4 Q. Could you tell us about some of
5 your missions?

6 A. Well --.

7 Q. How many missions did you fly?

8 A. I flew nineteen missions. They
9 were all in the lot. Early on you had what we
10 called milk runs and the first mission that I had
11 was with another experienced pilot. And we went to
12 St. Nazaire, France, which is on the Atlantic Ocean
13 just south of the Breast Peninsula that was called
14 the milk run because it was very lightly -- it was
15 just a pocket of Germans that we had not cleaned
16 out. And it was very light in Defendants, it was
17 an easy target.

18 The worst mission I think
19 probably was on Christmas Eve of 1944. During the
20 battle of the bulge if I recall correctly, started
21 about December 11th, somewhere in there. And the
22 weather was bad so we couldn't go over there within
23 any success until the skies cleared up completely
24 Christmas Eve, December 24th.

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2 During that period when there was
3 very little air activity, it gave the Germans and
4 the Americans a chance to fix up all their planes
5 and so on. And on that one mission there were
6 seven thousand airplanes in the air. And that was
7 my worst mission because I was jumped by German
8 fighters, five or six times. I think six times.

9 Q. Did you have any -- any Kills or
10 you weren't allowed to?

11 A. Oh, no. We had no -- no -- we
12 had no guns.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. No guns at all. Just -- just
15 cameras and they -- the only defense we had was our
16 speed and our ability as a pilot. The -- we had
17 very heavy losses. The -- the Germans -- if they
18 saw one P-38, they pretty well knew it was
19 photographic plane and they'd go after it.

20 Now, we had -- we had losses so
21 heavy during this period that they sent over
22 P-51's. And we would take missions with four
23 P-51's as escort, as a protection for the
24 photographic plane.

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2 **Sometime -- sometimes if it was a**
3 **black start priority which we -- was a major do or**
4 **die type mission. They would send two photographic**
5 **planes with the idea they kind of hoped that one**
6 **would get back.**

7 Q. What kind of mission would have
8 been a black star priority, what did you mean by
9 that?

10 A. Well, you know, I -- I'm not sure
11 that I can answer that other than that would be
12 perhaps an oil refinery, something that at one time
13 ball bearing factors were of a high priority. Oil
14 was very -- very important. Sometimes a bridge, it
15 would be -- it varied. And actually the pilot
16 didn't know the specific, not necessarily know the
17 specific target but was told to take the area, and
18 it would include that, whatever they were after.

19 Q. Okay. Could you tell us about
20 other missions that you had -- how long did you --
21 were you flying until what dates?

22 A. Well, I -- the last mission I
23 took I believe was April 26th of 1945. I think
24 that -- that may have been the last mission of the

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2 fighters -- I had four fighters with me and a very
3 short time I realized they were at our -- at our
4 altitude. And I could see them in my rearview
5 mirror, which was right up above my head.

6 And so, I -- so we turned so that
7 they would come at a deflection shot at us, and
8 I -- I told the fighters to ram them. Well, this
9 was not as dramatic as it sounds because our
10 closing speeds were over a thousand miles an hour
11 and to try to hit something. But what -- what I
12 did know was that the ground was listening to our
13 conversations and was advising them what we were
14 saying. And I thought that would scare them.
15 And -- and we didn't. We -- we came awfully close
16 to them. However, they only made one pass. The
17 lead man of course was after me because I was the
18 photographic thing and he -- he went under me, I
19 could see him very plainly in the cockpit. And he
20 went under me and turned and went down and that was
21 the last we saw of them there.

22 The -- that was a scary situation
23 but not incredible.

24 Another mission that was

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interesting was that one of the tactics that I would use and everybody had their own method of tactics. Was that if there was a cloud cover, I would fly just above the tops of the clouds because if I were attacked I could just jump into the clouds and get away. They couldn't track you in the clouds.

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And at one point and on this particular mission there was a single plane off to my right. And it looked -- it was far enough away I couldn't really tell whether it was a spitfire, which would mean that it was a -- it was a reconnaissance plane too, or whether it was a ME-109 which looked very much like a spitfire at a distance.

And I watched very carefully -- too carefully because the next thing I know I saw tracer bullets going past my -- my -- my canopy. And so I -- and I looked up in my rearview mirror which is about three inches above your head and I saw this plane very close to me firing away. And -- excuse me -- and all of a sudden my mirror disappeared. He had shot it off. Well, I dove

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2 **into the clouds and got away okay.**

3 **But that was the only time my**
4 **plane was hit.**

5 Q. Now, when you went on the
6 Czechoslovakia mission where was your base?

7 A. It was in Oxford, England.

8 Q. You were still in England?

9 A. That's a long mission -- long --
10 long way. We had a range -- I would say of twelve
11 to thirteen hundred miles. The reason I hesitate
12 on that was because it depends upon what you run
13 into. Usually when you got into comat -- combat
14 you -- you pour on the coal and run wide open and
15 of course you used a lot of fuel which would reduce
16 your -- your range of course. But generally
17 speaking I would say twelve or thirteen hundred
18 miles. And we might squeak out even more than that
19 as far as that's concerned.

20 It was -- gasoline was always a
21 problem coming back. However, there were emergency
22 fields in England down near the white cliffs of
23 Dover. Which we could land at and refuel.

24 And also there were -- late in

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2 the war, there were airfields in Germany and in
3 France too.

4 One of the times that I came back
5 very low on fuel I ran into a thunderstorm over
6 Holland and I -- I didn't know whether I was going
7 to make it across the channel or not, but I didn't
8 have much choice because I couldn't very well find
9 a field and land in the thunderstorm. So, I went
10 onto a field called Mansfern, which was a huge
11 square, paved field, made especially for emergency
12 landings. It was ten thousand feet square and so
13 you could land in any direction and you would get
14 lot of runway. And I landed there at the end of
15 that mission. And when I went to taxi, I put the
16 throttles forward and both engines quit.

17 Q. What was your rank in the squad?

18 A. I -- I came out a Captain. I was
19 of course a Lieutenant during most of the war.

20 Q. What -- how -- what were your
21 feelings and how did you feel when you weren't in
22 on D-Day?

23 A. Oh.

24 Q. Where were you when you --?

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2 A. Well, we were -- we were in our
3 field in Shellgrove in Oxford, England. And well,
4 I'll tell you, it was greatest relief I've ever had
5 in my life. And what we had done -- I was senior
6 over the squadron at that time. And I can remember
7 a Sergeant came to me with the idea that we knew it
8 was coming -- we just didn't know exactly when. I
9 think we knew probably a week or even more before.
10 And he came to me and wanted to know if it was all
11 right if they went out and bought some beer.

12 And I so I said -- I thought that
13 was a wonderful idea and so they went out and they
14 bought I think six barrels, now I'm talking -- I'm
15 not talking about a little ten gallon thing, I'm
16 talking about a barrel, six barrels of beer. And
17 we brought them in on a six by six truck. And
18 we -- and I had them put them in the ammunition
19 dump which was guarded twenty-four hours a day.
20 And so, the -- it would be ready when we were
21 ready. And also of course the British beer was
22 warm, or fairly warm. And that the -- the
23 ammunition dump was the coolest place because it
24 was underground. And but -- when we -- when it

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2 behind the years and I couldn't stand him -- within
3 the first hour I couldn't stand him. And I just
4 knew -- I spent one day there and one night and I
5 just knew that I would never be able to concentrate
6 on college.

7 So, I left there and went up to
8 Lockport and very fortunately I got a very physical
9 job with a bleach -- a cotton bleaching plant. And
10 my first job for a long time was to haul bails of
11 cotton, like a donkey from the warehouse into
12 the -- and that was the best thing that ever
13 happened to me. Because I -- I of course had lots
14 of trouble sleeping at that time and I'll tell you,
15 you haul cotton all day and -- and you sleep. And
16 I -- I had stayed there for about a year and a
17 half, and it was a wonderful transition for me.

18 After that I went to work for
19 a -- I got married and went to work for a box
20 making factory in Newark, New York. And that was
21 near my hometown and took off from there.

22 Q. Do you belong to any Veteran's
23 organizations?

24 A. Yes, I belong to American Legion

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2 **over here, yes.**

3 Q. Do you have any reunions or any
4 kind of --?

5 A. **Yes. We had a -- we had a**
6 **reunion -- a fiftieth reunion and we went back to**
7 **England and went back to Shellgrove to our old base**
8 **and we had a wonderful time. That fellow in that**
9 **picture I told you was the only survivor besides**
10 **myself on that particular mission.**

11 Q. Why don't you show us that
12 photograph?

13 A. **This -- I don't know whether you**
14 **want that.**

15 Q. Yup. Hold it right there and I'll
16 zoom right in on it.

17 A. **All right.**

18 Q. If you want to identify the
19 people in the photo.

20 A. **Well, the one on your left is**
21 **Lieutenant Shultz (phonetic spelling). The next**
22 **one is Lieutenant Belt, B-E-L-T, from California,**
23 **he was the only survivor besides myself of this**
24 **group. The next one was Chip Baxon (phonetic**

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2 **spelling).**

3 Q. You're in the center; correct?

4 A. **Yes, I'm in the center. The next**
5 **one is Captain Bass -- Basson (phonetic spelling).**
6 **And the next one was Lieutenant Davidson (phonetic**
7 **spelling). As I said, the three were -- did not**
8 **survive the war.**

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. **Okay?**

11 Q. Did you want to hold up some of
12 those photographs you have over there?

13 A. **Oh.**

14 Q. I can get those in.

15 A. **Well, -- this is the Eager Beaver**
16 **Cadet. When I first went into the army as a cadet**
17 **and my -- this was taken in Miami Beach. It was a**
18 **publicity picture. Our local hero has enlisted in**
19 **the Air Force, okay?**

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. **This was a picture of me after a**
22 **mission, and I don't know what mission. But it**
23 **must have been in the summer time because I don't**
24 **have very many fur clothes on -- or sheepskin.**

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2 Q. Okay.

3 A. All right? This was a publicity
4 picture of me when I was made adjutant of the
5 squadron and I don't remember when, but probably in
6 the fall of 1944 or early '45.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. And this is a publicity picture
9 of me when I was made Commanding officer of the
10 squadron at the age of twenty-two. And -- at
11 the -- right at the end of war. My job was to
12 deactivate the squadron.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. Now, is there anything else you
16 want to mention that we didn't cover in the
17 interview? Well, what -- how do you think your
18 experiences changed or affected your life?

19 A. Oh, tremendously. There's no
20 question about it. And I -- I think it made me a
21 much better person. One of the experiences that I
22 had, Mike, that I didn't mention there was that at
23 the -- end of -- near the end of the war, I had a
24 mission that I don't remember where it was -- where

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2 experience of my life.

3 We went in -- I can remember the
4 first thing that struck me as we went through the
5 gates and his chief, was the smell. And I -- I
6 vomited right as we went into the gate. And we
7 drove around the compound and we had to drive very
8 slowly because these people were in such terrible
9 shape they couldn't get out of the way very well.
10 And they would come up and they would touch us --
11 touch me on the shoulder and say, Danke (German),
12 thank you.

13 And we -- we left one area where
14 they had dug a trench with a bulldozer. Oh it must
15 have been eight feet wide and one hundred feet
16 long. And they were pushing bodies into this
17 common grave with -- with a bulldozer believe it or
18 not. And that was a horrible experience as far as
19 I was -- something I would never ever ever forget.
20 Very difficult.

21 MR. RUSSERT: Okay. Well, thank
22 you very much for the interview.

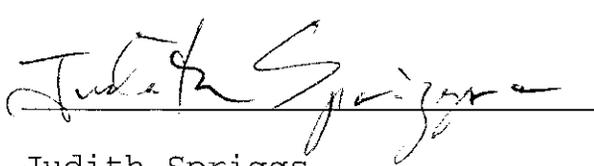
23 MR. WEEKS: Okay. Thank you.

24 (The interview concluded.)

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