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Enlisted: 1943 January 4 – 1949 | 1946 February 7 - 1952

Interviewed: February 26, 2004

Interviewer: Jessie Lewis

Index by: Michelle Dubert-Bellrichard

Length: 00:24:04

Abstract: In his February 26, 2004 interview with Jessie Lewis, Charles Frederick Brooks reminisces of his time in service during WWII and his life after the war in Rock Hill, SC. This interview was conducted for inclusion into the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections Oral History Program.

Keywords: Navy Reserve, WWII, Korean War

Interview Session (February 26, 2004): Digital File

Time	Keywords
00:00:00	[no question] Talks about getting official orders from the Navy after active duty. Three other men went with Brooks. Recalls reactions of other men going to war. Got on a train to California. Brooks said he would turn a man in who didn't want to be sent to war.
00:05:15	[no question] Brooks talking about why so many sailors were called for war. Brooks getting a job – working in maintenance. Store keeper in charge of aviation equipment – three warehouses full of aviation parts. Shares story about PVMs.
00:10:50	<i>Question:</i> How did you stay in touch with your family when you were away? <i>Answer:</i> Letters. There wasn't any other way. Didn't use telephones.
00:11:12	<i>Question:</i> Diary? <i>Answer:</i> No. Brooks was in the reserves for nine years. Had a job offer from Lieutenant J.G. Fitzgerald to work in the Taiwan Embassy – would have had to reduce class to second class.
00:14:52	<i>Question:</i> After service? <i>Answer:</i> Went to Emory. Worked. Met wife. Came to Rock Hill. Interviewing for a job in Rock Hill.
00:24:04	<i>End of interview</i>