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Mr. Morris: This is Cork Morris today is September 21, 2003 and I am interviewing Mr. Bryce Brown. This interview is taking place at the Fredericksburg High School in Fredericksburg Texas. This interview is in support of the Center of Pacific War Studies authorized by the National Museum of the Pacific War. Thank you Mr. Brown for participating with us. I usually like to start with just some of your background, where you were born.

Mr. Brown: I was born in Harlingen its six miles from the border.

Mr. Morris: OK, what did your folks do?

Mr. Brown: (Unclear)

Mr. Morris: When were you born?

Mr. Brown: (Unclear) 1920.

Mr. Morris: Did you stay in Harlingen before you entered the service?

Mr. Brown: No, I went to the University of Texas. I started school when I knew I was going to be drafted. (Unclear)

Mr. Morris: What did you get a degree in?

Mr. Brown: Just a bachelors at that time. (Unclear)

Mr. Morris: Oh really. I assumed since you said you were going to be drafted that the war already started when you joined up.

Mr. Brown: Oh yes it did.

Mr. Morris: Where were you when Pearl Harbor occurred?

Mr. Brown: Oh dear, (unclear) do you remember?

Mr. Morris: (Unclear)

Mr. Brown: (Unclear)

Mr. Morris: What branch of service did you join in?

Mr. Brown: Well I found that I could join with the Medical Corps and be a medical clerk. As a matter of fact, it was the last two or three years, (unclear) and become a physician, (unclear) but I did managed to become a biologist basically (unclear) so that is why I chose that branch, and I was sent to Florida to train. When I got there, and man by the named of Bill Mulhardy heard about me, heard I was interested (unclear) to Dr. Edward Taylor, (unclear) and I think it was through him that I was (unclear) to malaria control. That's what I (unclear)

Mr. Morris: You lived with some (unclear)

Mr. Brown: (Unclear) Later on air transport corps (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Did you know that you were going to go China India Theater?

Mr. Brown: No. I was told to go and that is were I went.

Mr. Morris: OK, did you go directly there from Florida?

Mr. Brown: Yes, I would say we went down to (unclear) across the (unclear) canal across Africa (unclear) and I spent the next three years (unclear) at several air force bases make your home; it did not happen (unclear) control towers sit up in the trees (unclear) and I was thrown in there (unclear).

Mr. Morris: This is in India?

Mr. Brown: Yes, Upper (unclear) air force base.

Mr. Morris: OK. How old are you at this point?

Mr. Brown: 83.

Mr. Morris: No, how old were you then?

Mr. Brown: Must have been twenty or something, I don't remember (unclear)

Mr. Morris: OK. So they picked you up at the airport and.

Mr. Brown: And the next day I was out supervising (unclear) natives (unclear) and from then on, for a couple of months we did that, (unclear). And along the line set up laboratories, trying to find out more about the vectors (unclear) at the time.

Mr. Morris: This study?

Mr. Brown: The cause of malaria.

Mr. Morris: Oh, OK.

Mr. Brown: And finally (unclear) by blood, and we found that most of these bites were from young men who were outside the perimeter and I got to be (unclear) with a Captain from Salzburg with Gurkas, (unclear). The people said, Oh you wont get more than five percent, well we never got above fifty percent (unclear) and that is because we had strict malaria discipline. Basically at the end of my tour over there the chief nurse for the inspector for the CBI, who was working under Col. (unclear) what do you call it, not the base, but the (unclear) air force transport, flight surgeon, and I was working under him, (unclear) ninety nine percent of the people didn't even bother using the net, particularly the female patients.

Mr. Morris: You talked a little about supervising yourselves through these ditches?

Mr. Brown: (unclear) he did speak English very well (unclear)

Mr. Morris: So what is the purpose of these ditches?

Mr. Brown: To drain the water out (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Was this done, I assume from the way you talk, that this was standard practice at all bases in this area. In other words, a standard procedure (unclear)

Mr. Brown: Well I don't know if it was standard or not (unclear) I was responsible (unclear) the day I took it back (unclear) of course the base hospital commander was an officer and when he wanted to do something, he did it. (unclear).

Mr. Morris: You said your first assignment was in India. Did you stay in India, or did they move you around?

Mr. Brown: (unclear) my home base was always in (unclear) but as I said at the end (unclear) maybe a year, year and a half, I don't remember how long (unclear) I was very (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Was that in China and Burma also?

Mr. Brown: I was in China (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Did they have a malaria problem there? I am not really familiar with all these geographies.

Mr. Brown: There's (unclear) mosquitoes over there in that area. (unclear)

Mr. Morris: What was the treatment for malaria at that point?

Mr. Brown: (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Was this preventative or after the fact?

Mr. Brown: It was preventative, yes. Usually (unclear) the guys would prefer to take their (unclear)

Mr. Morris: What was the treatment after the fact or once you had it?

Mr. Brown: I think they used at that time a substitute for quinine. They had sort of a (unclear). They had Black Water fever; I don't know it's pretty serious (unclear).

Mr. Morris: What is that fever, black?

Mr. Brown: Black Water fever because there was very serves malaria.

Mr. Morris: Oh, because it is malaria related?

Mr. Brown: It is malaria, a type of malaria (unclear) anopheles (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Well, I am learning something here that I didn't know. What rank were you?

Mr. Brown: A staff sergeant.

Mr. Morris: Staff sergeant, did you have a crew under you?

Mr. Brown: I had some other men I worked with. I had basically (unclear) civilian (unclear)

but you really didn't think of them as a crew or any thing like that you were just devoted to your work.

Mr. Morris: Right, OK.

Mr. Brown: And the (unclear) among corporals among privates and so on. And then I'd be on the (unclear) with the captain, (unclear).

Mr. Morris: Basically this is a training officer?

Mr. Brown: Well I got my training in Miami really. So I left (unclear) now most of it I knew anyway. (unclear) malaria you know.

Mr. Morris: (unclear) at this point. I know I thought about malaria being down in the valley, but I guess (unclear).

Mr. Brown: (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Right.

Mr. Brown: (unclear) major job is (unclear)

Mr. Morris: It never occurred to me that there was something like (unclear) going on, but again it makes perfect sense.

Mr. Brown: We had groups out doing typhus, we had groups out doing microfilaria, you know the elephantiasis. I went on one of their expeditions. We could do practically any thing we wanted to, as a matter of fact at the end there I could go anywhere in the CBI I wanted to. I had orders, filled out orders (unclear) but I couldn't go home, that's what I wanted to do.

Mr. Morris: Right. If they were setting up a forward base, (unclear) did you go in fairly quickly after they set up a base?

Mr. Brown: Yes. A point that they were ready to move the men in, it's at that point (unclear) set up a malaria program and so on. But later on, really after we found that the draining (unclear) as important (unclear) you know that we were stressing malaria discipline (unclear) long sleeve shirts and all these kind of things and using the bed nets at night and things like that. That really was important step and at the end (unclear).

Mr. Morris: Was this big bases, little bases, all bases?

Mr. Brown: All air transport (unclear). It started out in the Army Air Corps then they changed the name I think to the Air Transport Command (unclear). You were told to do something and you did it.

Mr. Morris: So this is sort of you learn as you go, type of experience?

Mr. Brown: Well, I certainly learned a lot, that's true. I couldn't say particularly (unclear). As I said I probably was the first (unclear) probably the first experimenting on DDT and one of the (unclear) I was sent down to Calcutta to get (unclear) was an L-5, you know those light airplane, and we flew back (unclear) coming back up the East coast, we followed (unclear) and we over this big area that had all these rhinoceros you know (unclear)

Mr. Morris: So, did you have superior officers?

Mr. Brown: Dr. Hardy was my immediate superior and Colonel (unclear) I want to say top superior.

Mr. Morris: Did they, how did they supervise what you did?

Mr. Brown: Well they said "Ed you need to go so in so, they have a mosquito (unclear) infection rate in malaria is increasing, go see what's wrong". (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Oh, as soon as there is a big problem over there.

Mr. Brown: (unclear) malaria there is a big problem, particularly if you didn't do something, as I said the biggest (unclear) because we had stopped (unclear) so they took it that under five percent being excellent and we got it under, because we took a (unclear) and it was below a two percent rate (unclear) females in the vicinity.

Mr. Morris: That will happen in a war. Did you work a lot with the British when you were there?

Mr. Brown: I just got to know them very well, we were sort of kindred souls (unclear). The British were the protectors of the base (unclear) I don't remember names

(unclear) I guess that why they asked (unclear)

Mr. Morris: What was, other than having malaria all around you, what was the living condition in general like?

Mr. Brown: Well we lived in (unclear) bamboo exterior and bamboo (unclear) and cleared out a tea plantation (unclear) that's about it. (unclear) TB the worst problem. I have seen five hundred men go through a line that what we (unclear) quarantine patch, (unclear) but if it hadn't been for, I have always said if it hadn't been for this fruit cocktail that they severed that I wouldn't (unclear) wasn't responsible.

Mr. Morris: What was the climate like?

Mr. Brown: Well we had the monsoons and we had the (unclear) too. And then the monsoons we, you would write a letter to your girl friend saying you had to wrap a towel around your (unclear) trying to keep the paper dry (unclear). It was pretty good times (unclear) I think we probably seen some (unclear).

Mr. Morris: Well it (unclear) around here, not that I know of.

Mr. Brown: (unclear)

Mr. Morris: I some how equate (unclear) mosquitoes come out of no where, I don't know why.

Mr. Brown: They do. (unclear) I don't know (unclear).

Mr. Morris: Yeah.

Mr. Brown: One other thing I might say, that you probably wouldn't think to ask about. One day, I remember (unclear) by the name Louis Verdictim, and he and I were both reptilologist (unclear) so we started collecting snakes (unclear) with

the base commander (unclear) and pretty soon they asked us to demonstrate (unclear) and so we (unclear) some of these guys were coming down (unclear) some of the pilots and so on and I have been told, but I don't know if this is true, but I've been told that we were the first ones to start this jungle training school, just for pilots.

Mr. Morris: Good.

Mr. Brown: Yeah.

Mr. Morris: (unclear)

Mr. Brown: Yeah, and all that sort of thing, and (unclear) in fact I know at one place we had as many as six (unclear) in one bag. And by the way they were man (unclear) what I say a volunteer, I guess you'd say a, what am I trying to think of here. Ah, (unclear) words sometime, an evangelist or what ever he was any way, a missionary (unclear) they had all these natives (unclear).

Mr. Morris: Life in the jungle (unclear).

Mr. Brown: Yeah. Really he was credited with saving a lot of pilots.

Mr. Morris: Oh really.

Mr. Brown: And that was (unclear) really trained to do something about it.

Mr. Morris: (unclear) give um some (unclear).

Mr. Brown: Really the jungle had a lots of stuff in it (unclear) eat some of that (unclear) like the fronds from the thick.

Mr. Morris: (unclear)

Mr. Brown: (unclear) yeah thank you (unclear) they would even pass these out (unclear) something like that (unclear) would make them sick, so we tried to teach

them (unclear) they would eat the leaves and all, of course it was simple like that.

Mr. Morris: (unclear)

Mr. Brown: Yeah.

Mr. Morris: So, once you were over there, did you ever get like any leave or R & R experience or they just (unclear)?

Mr. Brown: Well, no I didn't go any where. If I wanted to go somewhere, I'd ask to go there, if we (unclear) transport (unclear) later on (unclear) maybe a year and a half (unclear).

Mr. Morris: Maybe I asked this before, when did you actually arrive? This is like (unclear)

Mr. Brown: (unclear)

Mr. Morris: (unclear) really?

Mr. Brown: As I said when I arrived at (unclear) that time the control tower was up in a tree...

Mr. Morris: Right.

Mr. Brown: And I just remembered, when I left there, which was the day they dropped the atom bomb, by the way, that's why I can remember when I left (unclear) but anyway, ah they put (unclear) of course there were miles and miles of paved roads (unclear) they use to bring (unclear) after about three years.

Mr. Morris: When you were in China and Burma (unclear) I guess there wasn't really a front, that you could call a combat front, but did you follow the combat missions that were driving the Japanese?

Mr. Brown: Not exactly because we (unclear) but we did see things like we see dog fights

up in the air, airplanes (unclear) Japanese planes (unclear). Some time I'd see (unclear) all of a sudden (unclear).

Mr. Morris: Right.

Mr. Brown: I did go over to (unclear) which we have been talking about a lot. Right after I took a week or two (unclear) second time (unclear) what ever you want to call it (unclear) what he did there, but I don't know (unclear) maybe he did alright, but I don't know. I went out to (unclear) malaria control (unclear) dead bodies (unclear) I never did in my life, but I was just sitting there just (unclear) they're suppose to be a non combatant, but they still put every body in the line (unclear) when the Chinese pulled out (unclear).

Mr. Morris: Well that (unclear) as a heavily debated deal to this day. Is there anything, is any particular, I assumed you (unclear)

Mr. Brown: For three years.

Mr. Morris: Is there any particular typhoid that is more difficult than another, or is this the (unclear)

Mr. Brown: Well, mostly (unclear) but I heard somebody today that was (unclear) water and food (unclear) a certain treatment (unclear) that meant that (unclear)

Mr. Morris: It was that close?

Mr. Brown: But then they would come of course (unclear) But I think the worst job I ever had to do was go down and pick up some pilots, dead pilots which crashed in the flying coffins (unclear).

Mr. Morris: Which particular airplane was a flying coffin?

Mr. Brown: The B-20 (unclear) I don't know, the tanker. I think it was a B-28, it was a

bomber, a modified bomber, I am sure, I remember.

Mr. Morris: Ok so, like I said, I am not all that familiar with the geography in this area, but I am assuming any thing out of (unclear) and over the hump,

Mr. Brown: Yeah, we would go further down (unclear).

Mr. Morris: So assuming that (unclear) a pretty good base.

Mr. Brown: (unclear) like today is a good base. I tried to go back; I was (unclear) to India there were about (unclear). We tried to get up to (unclear) and they wouldn't let us because,

Mr. Morris: Oh, really.

Mr. Brown: (unclear) so (unclear) base.

Mr. Morris: So (unclear) to Pakistan, no doubt.

Mr. Brown: And the (unclear) close by the way. I didn't even get to (unclear) which was closer to (unclear) but we use to (unclear)

Mr. Morris: (unclear) the corned beef hash. Did you spend most of your time on the India side?

Mr. Brown: Yes. I did as I said, I went to Chungming once to fix some things there and one my very favorite memories there was, we had not had seen a real egg for two years (unclear) and when I arrived there, the guy was in the line ahead of me said, "Oh, not eggs again today" or something like that, you know in the chow line. I said "I'll take them". The mess sergeant pulled me in and sat me down at the table (unclear) and fed me all the eggs I wanted. I really enjoyed them. I think I ate about a half of dozen of these eggs, and it was really (unclear). It was things like that make a big difference every now,

Mr. Morris: Yeah, I am sure.

Mr. Brown: And I also remember the first mutton we (unclear) and I particularly liked mutton, but not many (unclear) so I always had plenty of mutton (unclear) that way (unclear) six months (unclear) for not very long.

Mr. Morris: Were you guys pretty well aware what was going on in the big theater, just in the local area?

Mr. Brown: Well only what came out in newspapers (unclear) you were lucky to have one.

Mr. Morris: How did they get supplies in to the base there, were they flown?

Mr. Brown: They were flown in.

Mr. Morris: Flown in and then

Mr. Brown: They had C-47s (unclear) all of the bases. That's what I said (unclear) it reminds me of one time (unclear) we were actually pulling out, and then a truck came (unclear) a big generator (unclear) it dragged the airplane and ah, then (unclear) started taking off, then about midway, the run out, the take off, the guy came back said, "You guys better get (unclear) and get that up there, its balanced and we aren't going to be able to take off." And you know he implied we were going to crash. (unclear) we put that thing up there so we were going to crash. That was on the (unclear). Of course they put everything on the (unclear) supplies, and all that stuff.

Mr. Morris: Did you say, did they send troops (unclear) also?

Mr. Brown: We had (unclear) any thing going and I had orders to go. I really don't know what they

Mr. Morris: But they didn't move combat troops?

Mr. Brown: Not particular (unclear) very little combat troops. I guess some of the air bases (unclear) and on some of the (unclear) carrying combat troops (unclear) on the train from Calcutta, by way of the (unclear) I went down to get some (unclear) personnel (unclear) escort (unclear) they called them escort (unclear) Bombay on the way back (unclear) steal quinine (unclear). I don't know what it was, a couple of ten dollars or something like that, I don't remember it now. (unclear) Well we actually found a policeman that gave us (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Well, I guess twenty dollars American over there was quite a piece of change?

Mr. Brown: I don't know. I don't remember exactly what he did (unclear)

Mr. Morris: I would assume that the airbase sort of grew from the time?

Mr. Brown: Yeah. At one point I had to do ambulance service (unclear) which was not on my, what would I say, not on my operational schedule, but they were so short of personnel to run things (unclear) that they just pushed anybody in these things (unclear). The guys who (unclear) to do ambulance service, they did it. Even though you (unclear). That's how I learned to drink coffee, by the way.

Mr. Morris: You learned to drink coffee over there?

Mr. Brown: Yeah, that, of course the (unclear) guys got the cushy times you know like midnight to two O'clock or three o'clock I think in the morning, of course we got assigned days. You went to sleep, you got courts martial, so you learned to drink coffee to stay awake. (unclear) sometimes it might be strong, some times (unclear) with salt and those kind of things, all part of the

operation.

Mr. Morris: Did you ever get any USO shows over there?

Mr. Brown: Not there. They had them at the club house over by (unclear). They did have a Red Cross group at (unclear) which was (unclear).

Mr. Morris: Was ah?

Mr. Brown: (unclear) they were there to make money (unclear).

Mr. Morris: I have never heard that.

Mr. Brown: Well, I know its true, because I live with the guy that was operating the (unclear) we called them something else (unclear) entertainers (unclear) no doubt it happened (unclear)

Mr. Morris: You were over there almost four years?

Mr. Brown: About, just exactly three years (unclear).

Mr. Morris: This other (unclear)

Mr. Brown: (unclear) kraits and we got some (unclear) these are very smart, about the smartest reptile I have ever seen.

Mr. Morris: Even smarter than

Mr. Brown: Well I mean, even (unclear) a very small hole (unclear) normally you saw a snake (unclear) it seemed like you always know the snake was there even though (unclear) he is right up there.

Mr. Morris: Did you have any warning that the war was going to come to an end?

Mr. Brown: They had what they called (unclear) on the base. (unclear).

Mr. Morris: And so you had sort of a schedule of the day?

Mr. Brown: Yes. (unclear) as a matter of fact, (unclear) the last time I saw a (unclear)

depends on when I left. That was really funny; we were sitting there, already to leave, except the pilot hasn't arrived. Then the pilot (unclear) "you know boys, you know what happened today?" No. "We dropped something called an atom bomb." And that's the first I'd heard of it. On Hiroshima.

Mr. Morris: You didn't have any idea what that was?

Mr. Brown: No, not at that time. (unclear) I didn't know anything about the atom bomb as such (unclear).

Mr. Morris: When did you find out that the Japanese surrendered?

Mr. Brown: After I got home.

Mr. Morris: You were home already?

Mr. Brown: Yeah.

Mr. Morris: What was home like? Different?

Mr. Brown: I went home, I believe it was 1942, wasn't it Brad? When I got home, "45? (unclear) thirty two years more or less. I have always been poor on dates.

Mr. Morris: Since you didn't think you would make it any way, what was home like? Was it the latest changes, relations?

Mr. Brown: Oh yes. (unclear) got married about two or three years later. My wife proposed to me (unclear) the lady that became my wife proposed to me before I left, want to marry and I said no, I am probably not coming back (unclear). She loved my very faithful all during the time I was over there (unclear) a letter (unclear) every day.

Mr. Morris: Really, the mail service was that regular?

Mr. Brown: We had good mail service there. (unclear) I don't remember what the

penalty (unclear) censor's hole (unclear).

Mr. Morris: (unclear)

Mr. Brown: Yeah.

Mr. Morris: OK

Mr. Brown: I (unclear) kept a diary (unclear). They told us we couldn't, that they would take it away from you if you did. So I didn't come back with any written material (unclear).

Mr. Morris: I assume you sort of stayed in the, you said you're a biologist, or you were a biologist? You sort of stayed right in that field.

Mr. Brown: Oh yes, it's my (unclear) later on (unclear) advanced degrees. We had a lot of (unclear) one time we had a (unclear) he like it so much (unclear).

Another time I was out in (unclear) I think I was testing samples how true it is (unclear) all of a sudden there is (unclear) I was being rained with (unclear) feces, so I had (unclear) so that was kind of an unusual experience.

Mr. Morris: So this thing, so this puts us up in the mountains.

Mr. Brown: (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Did they give you a mountains, or?

Mr. Brown: (unclear) were mountains right behind them. The particular mountains as a matter of fact as I think I mentioned, did I mention that I was in on a (unclear) radar base (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Yeah.

Mr. Brown: See that was while I was in, I don't know long (unclear) maybe six hours

that we were driving on the road (unclear). All dirt road. (unclear) Rather rough road.

Mr. Morris: So you had enough time so you could spend out in the field?

Mr. Brown: That was my choice. As I said I was more or less on my own. (unclear) that I took my malaria (unclear) to take me to Rangoon with out really any specific orders (unclear). And as I said the only (unclear) was through the commander of the hospital, when they wanted to go out (unclear). Who volunteers, any body volunteers, me nor you.

Mr. Morris: Right.

Mr. Brown: (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Did you ever do anything that you considered as research out there, or just learning in general?

Mr. Brown: Yeah I think we learned a lot about the anopheles mosquito (unclear) and I know one time we were involved with a food (unclear) study (unclear) and we went out (unclear) a lot of people (unclear) and they were doing research (unclear).

Mr. Morris: (unclear) pretty much in charge of the research or?

Mr. Brown: Well, I really don't know. I mean nobody would (unclear) this particular group (unclear). As I said, you don't you got to (unclear) except to do something.

Mr. Morris: Right. Did they ever run POWs like Japanese prisoners?

Mr. Brown: Never saw a Japanese prisoner. Never saw a (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Did you ever get shot at?

Mr. Brown: Well, I wouldn't say that, I

Mr. Morris: (unclear) Japanese, (unclear)

Mr. Brown: (unclear) went over to (unclear) the Americans had (unclear) what we called the English side of the mountain (unclear) and the Japanese were on the other, still outside the (unclear) and they were setting up mortars, and were firing mortars at the low flying planes that were coming in for a landing, so we did see one mortar fire. That is as close as I got to anything.

Mr. Morris: All right, good. You were taking about (unclear)?

Mr. Brown: (unclear) was an airbase.

Mr. Morris: Right. Was that c-h?

Mr. Brown: a-d-a.

Mr. Morris: Now, c-a-d or c-u-d?

Mr. Brown: (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Ok, ok that's better.

Mr. Brown: (unclear) it was the kind of area base we had there.

Mr. Morris: (unclear) I would like to see it spelled. Do you still keep in contact with guys you met over there?

Mr. Brown: I use to but (unclear) contact now. Most of them died off. I was asking one of the gentlemen today if he knew of (unclear) that was part of this tribute (unclear) now as the CBI, I mean not CBI but Office of Strategic Services it's called.

Mr. Morris: Oh, OSS?

Mr. Brown: Yes, OSS and he was (unclear) a couple of times (unclear). Then there

was a young man (unclear) who I had known before the war, got over there (unclear) flight school, and survived, and I did see him a couple of times (unclear). Then I had an assistant who was, can't even think of his name now (unclear). At that time we would eat (unclear).

Mr. Morris: If you had a hundred words or less, tell us what you thought of the whole experience over there.

Mr. Brown: Well it was something I would not want to go through again, but I am glad that I did. (unclear). One thing I came back with was hatred for the Red Cross. If you want to know that, if you want to talk about that.

Mr. Morris: Sure.

Mr. Brown: My first encounter with the Red Cross was, "Oh Boy, the Red Cross is coming in (unclear) donuts tonight and coffee." (unclear) coffee alright, but we didn't have (unclear) the next two or three days, you know what I mean?

Mr. Morris: Uhuh.

Mr. Brown: That's the way it went. Then they finally got some (unclear) start (unclear). The other thing we use to do is get up (unclear). So I think I (unclear) poor opinion of the Red Cross.

Mr. Morris: Right. Did you have a

Mr. Brown: Oh, one other thing if I may say so, when I arrived back, I arrived back (unclear) when we got out of the plane, they handed us a bottle of milk and I think it was some sandwich or something like that and then a little ways down the line, "Now that bottle of milk is only going to cost you a dollar".

Mr. Morris: Really, and this was the Red Cross?

Mr. Brown: Yeah, and the other thing over there (unclear) I don't know how many I saved (unclear) this is compliments of so and so, you know a box of candy or something like that, and we had to pay for all of that.

Mr. Morris: Really?

Mr. Brown: All of it and all the shoes and stuff from them (unclear) I had not seen (unclear).

Mr. Morris: That is interesting, as I said before I had not heard that, but then there are a lot of people, except you were in the medical end of it, and you probably had a different view of it. Is there any thing else you would like to...?

Mr. Brown: I would like to keep my (unclear). As I said, I was pretty much my own boss, so I could do everything (unclear). (unclear) couldn't stop you (unclear). I think one thing we accomplished (unclear) successfully raise the anopheles (unclear) from the little eggs right on up to...

Mr. Morris: Lava and all that?

Mr. Brown: Yeah to adults, and we found very simply, by accident we found it out . We kept trying and trying and they would die on us, and finally, we would get these pans of water (unclear). So one night the Babo that was working for us, sort of the native assistant, I'll put it that way. He happened to

(change tape)

Mr. Morris: (unclear)

Mr. Brown: (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Go ahead.

Mr. Brown: (unclear) wanted the lava alive, so they took the two from that and boy we could raise them like anybody's business after that. (unclear). Of course (unclear) that is why we were doing all the teaching (unclear) it required (unclear) sweet water (unclear) unusual type thing you think of. One case (unclear) another case (unclear)

Unknown Voice: Inject the story of the CBI logo you told the Yankees.

Mr. Morris: Go ahead.

Mr. Brown: There is a story on the CBI emblem.

Mr. Morris: Right.

Mr. Brown: We had a bunch of boys, I think from the Bronx, up in New York up in that area somewhere and we use to tell them that was the Lone Star. We were of major importance (unclear) the Lone Star outfit for us. Boy! they use to get so mad.

Mr. Morris: I bet they did.

Mr. Brown: Yeah, as a matter of fact, some of the guys got into fights about it, that didn't please them to much.

Mr. Morris: Was that primarily an American, Chadra, was that just an American base.

Mr. Brown: Yeah, it was an American base. Technology (unclear) and the British (unclear) was in charge of them. By the way, that reminds me of something we use to do out there, you heard of midnight requisitioning haven't you?

Mr. Morris: Right.

Mr. Brown: We use to do a lot of that, so we had plush quarters back then (unclear).

They had a water system (unclear) out of wrecked airplanes. What I was getting at was the idea that, my mind went blank.

Mr. Morris: Midnight requisitioning.

Mr. Brown: Yeah, midnight requisitioning. Well anyway, we go to the supply sergeants (unclear) or where he kept his stuff, and two or three of us would start talking to him, and you know get his attention, and another one of us would go inside and take what we wanted. (unclear). As far as the other thing I was going to say, the ration that said beer and chocolate drinks, I think it was two cans of chocolate drinks and three beers. It was one beer in the beginning (unclear). I used to say I am not a drinker, and never have been, but he put (unclear) in the beer (unclear) and he got liquor, you know real hard liquor from overseas from his wife, so he would trade me for all the beer, and I'd trade him for his bottle of liquor, then I would trade that, his bottle of liquor to my people for soft drinks and I would case after case soft drinks (unclear) bottle of liquor. Which was a good trade at the time.

Mr. Morris: I have heard a lot of stories about, it really depends on what you like. If you're real clever; you can turn a bottle of booze into anything you want you know a couple of steaks, whatever.

Mr. Brown: That was a regular exchange (unclear) must have got our rations (unclear). That is the way you survived out there.

Mr. Morris: (unclear) you have to be clever. Unless you have got anything more to add, I think we can call it good.

Mr. Brown: Do you think I should tell them any of the other things (unclear)?

Unknown Voice: Well, (unclear) off the top of my head (unclear)

Mr. Brown: It's usually the unpleasant things (unclear)

Unknown Voice: The story about the prisoners (unclear) you see that hospital (unclear)

Mr. Brown: At one point, there was, about this time the Japs were trying to come over the mountain there, and one day an Indian and, just two Indians, come to think of it, were walking down the road in front of the hospital. A little bit later my friend came he said, "You seen some Indians go by here"? I said yes, there down the road a ways. The next thing I heard bang, bang. They had shot them dead. What they were was spies.

Mr. Morris: Really?

Mr. Brown: Caught a lot of the maps and things like that you know, they were picking up drawings of all the bases, so they were obviously Japanese spies. But they got their courts martial over real quick.

Mr. Morris: I guess at one point the Japanese were truly trying to (unclear) that down.

Mr. Brown: As I told you, that we, at one time had to had a what you call a (unclear) it had essentials that we had to keep in water you know and things like that. (unclear) keep available all the time. When we were told if certain (unclear) we take him (unclear) and make the Indians. That's the truth (unclear) but it never did come to that (unclear). Another thing I was just thinking of, we use to sit out in the front of our basha. Sometimes we would watch the dog fights were the Japs, and the wonderful thing that I,

happened to me after the war, that kind of (unclear) and this man was named Col. Wolf was an avid fisherman, and one day he over heard me talking to some body about the war a little bit. He said, "You know I was one those up there in those dog fights"? So I was watching him, (unclear) dog fights, I don't know which one he was, it was probably him because he said he a lot of missions up there. You could always tell the Japanese planes because urrha, urrha, urrha it was always out of sync. As opposed to American planes, their engines were in sync. You could tell the kind of plane just by the sound of it.

Mr. Morris: I had heard that.

Mr. Brown: I am sure that another thing (unclear) worth talking about or not.

Mr. Morris: No, that is all good information.

Mr. Brown: I wish I had some of the photographs with me (unclear). I think I gave you most of the things that were outstanding (unclear).

Mr. Morris: OK. Well I appreciate you taking the time to do all this.

Mr. Brown: There is one other possibility, and my son has done two tapes interviews?

Unknown Voice: I think something like that, yeah.

Mr. Brown: They are (unclear) theologian whose hobby is (unclear) the history, and he interviewed me and he probably wouldn't mind sending a copy of these tapes, if you wanted them.

Mr. Morris: Send them along, we love all this stuff.

Mr. Brown: I think you would have to request them (unclear) but I will talk to him

about them.

Mr. Morris: OK.

Mr. Brown: (unclear)

Mr. Morris: Oh, not this one, another one.

Mr. Brown: Oh, I have four sons.

Mr. Morris: Oh really?

Mr. Brown: And a daughter.

Mr. Morris: They all (unclear)

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