

## ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

**MAIN ENTRY:** Peters, Beldon

**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** June 20, 2006

**LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:** Canyon Lake, Texas

**INTERVIEWER:** David Marshall

**FORMAT:** CD

**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** CD# 4173 2132 9917

**LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:** 2:25

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Beldon Peters talks about his life, and focuses on the period when he served in the army during WWII disarming mines. He also talks about the early years of his life and the postwar when he was a student at Texas Tech University.

### ABSTRACT:

#### CD ONE

#### TIME STAMP

##### Tape 1

Personal information	00:00
His father's work	
Finding Native American artifacts	
Going to school	
Joining the Boy Scouts	00:10
Camping	
Talking about Ernest Thompson Seton	00:19
The effects of WWI	
Playing football in high school	
Going to Texas Tech	00:33
Remembering WWII	
Drafting people for the war	

Changes of scenery	00:42
Step three of army training	
Disarming mines	
Receiving news and information about the war during that period	00:53
Being shipped to the war.	
Cultural differences with Europe	01:04
Getting to the front lines	
The first encounter with the Germans.	
American tanks vs. German tanks	01:10
The aerial arsenal	
Anecdote about the war (removing land mines)	01:21
The possibility of dying	
How he got his Bronze Star	
Type of mines	01:32
The way mines were set up	
The decline of their job toward the end of the war	
Supplies	01:40
Heath problems due to the war	
Lack of proper equipment	
Feeling homesick	
Cracking under pressure	
Soldiers receiving Purple Hearts	01:52
His injury during the war	
Post traumatic stress disorder	
The end of the war in Europe	02:02
Responsibilities after the war	
Arriving at home	
Going back to school on the G.I. Bill	
Postwar TTU	02:09
The faculty	
Social life at Tech	02:19
Job opportunities	
Moving to Houston	
Family	

**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:** December 11, 1923

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:** Male

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:** White