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INTERVIEWEE: Albert Schwartz

INTERVIEWER: Bebe Allen and Becky Craver

PROJECT: General Terry Allen Project

DATE OF INTERVIEW: May 13, 1992 and June 11, 1992

TERMS OF USE: Unrestricted

TAPE NO: 790

TRANSCRIPT NO: _____

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BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEWEE:

El Paso native, born November 28, 1919. Son of Maurice Schwartz (Popular Dry Goods). Served in the 104th Division first as an Aide-de-Camp and later as a quartermaster officer.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

Discusses biographical data; how General Allen asked him to join the 104th Division; training of Division in Arizona; Allen's belief of why he (Allen) had trouble with military "brass;" General Allen's removal as commander of the 1st Division; "midnight requisitions;" movement and combat experiences of the 104th; Concentration Camp at Nordhausen (Dora); Terry Allen Jr's death and the effect on General Allen; General Allen during retirement; encounters with Russian soldiers; night fighting; and general reflections on General Terry Allen as a man.

Length of Interview: 1 hour and 40 minutes Length of Transcript _____

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Name of person interviewed Albert Schwartz
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Biographical data - How Gen. Allen came to ask Albert to join the 104th Division in 1943. Details about Gen. Allen's personality, motto & belief in "Night ATTACKS." Story about Gen. Allen's "capture" during war maneuvers while training in Arizona. Gen. Allen's explanation regarding his problems with military brass, i.e. not West Point graduate, a Catholic & because he had been "jumped" many ranks by Gen. Marshall, hence angering others. The story behind Gen. Allen's removal as Commander of the 1st Division. Albert discusses 104th in Europe & the makeup of a Division. Story involving Generals Allen & Bradley. Description of "midnight requisitioning" the 104th relieving the 1st in Europe. Stumbling on concentration camp. Meeting with Russians. Return to U.S. & plans to send 104th to JAPAN, & end of war.

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