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INTERVIEWEE: George Concha

INTERVIEWER: Michelle L. Gomilla

PROJECT: World War II

DATE OF INTERVIEW: March 29, 1995

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BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Former gunner on battleship U.S.S. Mississippi during World War II; longtime El Paso resident; born 21 February 1924 in Pasadena, California; attended St. Ignatius Parochial School; graduate of Cathedral High School, Texas Western College; former educator, probation officer.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

Recollects bombing of Pearl Harbor; role models in Company E, the all-Hispanic unit from El Paso that was part of the 141st Regiment, 36th Texas Division, and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC); basic training in San Diego, California; active duty in Pacific Theater, including bombardment of Tarawa, central Pacific island in northern Gilbert Islands, and battle of Okinawa.

Length of Interview: 45 minutes Length of Transcript