

Warren Barrand video interview on experiences in World War II (transcript)

Warren "Blue" Barrand was inducted into the Army (Artillery) in 1944 and served until 1946 in the 7th Army, 79th Field Artillery Group. Interviewed by Deborah Pye on Aug 24, 2007, Barrand talked about military experiences in training and in Germany during the Second World War. Barrand was born in 1923 in Leona, Kansas. He got most of his education in Powhattan, Kansas, graduating from high school there. From 1941 until he joined the military in 1944, he worked at Beechcraft in Wichita. He was part of the ground test crew for the B-29. He was assigned to the infantry and became an airplane mechanic. He left the Army in 1946 and attended college on the G. I. Bill. He got an economics degree from Kansas University and worked as a certified public accountant in Lawrence, Kansas. The 2005 Kansas Legislature passed a bill funding the WWII Veterans Oral History grant program. This transcript is from one of the community institutions receiving grants. The transcript of the interview is presented here; the original video copy of the interview is available through the Watkins Community Museum of History (Lawrence) and through the Kansas State Historical Society.

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