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Timecode Notes

0:36	Born in Pittsburgh, PA. Best memory – raised in blue color neighborhood but was fortunate to move to exclusive neighborhood. Good to know both places.
1:49	Parents? They were always working. Sometimes drives on Sunday afternoon. Social life: people visiting home.
2:45	Had 8 brothers and sisters.
3:27	Schooling? Went to public schools. Father was immigrant who believe in public schools, not parochial.
4:02	Favorite teacher? Followed her advice to work in real estate.
4:31	What did you think of war before US joined it? Belonged to current affairs club.
5:13	Heard about attack on Pearl Harbor on his 18 th birthday. He only thought of joining later.
6:21	In college, classes emptying. Decided with friends to enlist.
7:01	Army life compared to civilian life? Had to get up early.
7:37	On training.
8:41	Training prepared you for what you were to face? Absolutely.
9:12	Describes crew.
10:00	Feelings during the 1 st mission in November 1943.
11:00	What was it like to be attacked? Anxiety but just did your job. We had been trained for that.
12:03	How did you feel about Germans? Before going to Europe, no hatred but in combat developed hatred.
12:45	Did not like bombing because women and children. In confessional, priest told him he was doing the right thing.
13:50	Did you go closer to God? Absolutely.
14:07	First mission?
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15:55	Last mission? Lead crew shot down.
17:22	Your thoughts? Thought about his mother, prayed and asked God for forgiveness for his sins. He did not think he would make it. German fighter pilot came down and smiled at him...showed his fist, dropped quickly for 400 feet.
19:23	Landing...Germans came across field with pitchforks. Military side car and stopped civilians. Became a prisoner of war.
20:45	Then transferred to civilian hospital.
21:15	Fellow prisoners? We did what we could to better them.
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23:42	Day in the life in a POW? Exercise in yard, play cards = we did not have to work. Tried to harass Germans; e.g. start tunnels, touch warning lines, confuse them in their counting of prisoners. They did everything they could so they would have to empty more troops to take care of them.
26:50	How were you treated? Some camps were fair. The ones controlled by the SS weren't.
27:33	How did you deal with shocking ways they dealt with you? You never thought you would get out of there.
28:11	Example of treatment? Transport was biggest problem – moved in unsanitary box cars – locked up for days. Other examples.
30:23	Liberation a surprise? Towards end of war you could.