

Summary of Interview with **Beauford Hayes Sutton**

Interview date 04/22/2003

Interviewer: Nancy P. Coward

Interview Location: unknown, most likely Jackson County

Childhood and where he was in life when he received draft notice

Army training after induction

Assignment to Engineers Combat Battalion

Personal story of marriage

Types of bridges built and necessities involved

Pride in the bridge over the Rhine River

Outrunning supply lines in Verdun, and situation

Describing the Red Ball Express

"Half a stalk of bananas and milk"

Ingenuity of his battalion in adversity

Seeing General Patton

Hearing the War in Europe was over

Army point system determining discharge

When he found out he was headed for home instead of Japan

Remembering local men in his battalion (from hometown)

Remembering Robert Sutton (from hometown)

Little-known concentration camp his battalion found and helped free

Leaving the army in difficult job market

How World War II shaped his life

Describing and showing photos (from book) about the bridges and various other things he saw