

**Guide to the G. Vince Howell Oral History Interview,
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Interviewee: G. Vince Howell
Interviewer: 1942-1945
Donald R. Lennon
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Biographical/Historical Note

G. Vince Howell was born in Waynesville, N.C., and attended North Carolina State College from 1939-1940. In 1942, Howell entered the U.S. Air Corps and was assigned to duty aboard B-24 bombers flying raids over Germany. His plane was shot down in April 1944 and the crew captured. Sent to the famous German POW camp, Stalag 17-B, Howell remained there for a year before being liberated during April 1945.

Description

In this interview Howell relates his experiences at Stalag 17-B. Descriptions of camp life include cooking facilities, bath and toilet facilities, German food rations, and general conditions. Of particular interest are contents of Red Cross parcels, trade rings between Russian and

American prisoners, activities for prisoners, and radio reception by inmates. Mentioned are attempts to escape, means of communicating with friends and family in the States, and methods of punishment.

Howell also discusses briefly the end of World War II and its effect on Stalag 17-B, the former inmates' march westward, and their existence until American troops arrived.

For related material see Collection #213.

Online Catalog Headings

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