# Biographical Data Form

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To ensure inclusion in the Veterans History Project, this form must accompany each submission. Please use reverse or additional sheet if service was in more than one war or conflict.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY			
Veteran 🗷 Civilian 🗆 <u>Stanley</u>		Plesent	
Address 24 Maple Avenue first	middle	last	maiden name
City Larchmont	StateNY	_ ZIP <u>1053</u>	
Telephone (914) - 834-8260	Email	, ,	
Place of Birth New York, NY	Birth Date	11/4/19	a5 month/day/year
Race/Ethnicity (optional)			Male 🕱 Female 🖵
Branch of Service or Wartime Activity <u>U.S.</u> Commissioned <u>Enlisted</u> Drafted Highest Rank First lieutenant	Army Service dates 12/	/3/1943 to	8/1946
Unit, Division, Battalion, Group, Ship, etc. (Do no Infantry Regiment, Company	/ G	Infantry	Division, 143rd
War, operation, or conflict served in World Locations of service France, German	y y		
Battles/campaigns (please name) Alsoce	Battle of; Occ	cupation of G	Permany
Medals or special service awards. If so, please I Star, Purple Heart, Good	list (be as specific as p Conduct Meda	oossible): Silv 1, Occupat	er Star, Bronze ion Medal
Special duties/highlights/achievements			
Was the veteran a prisoner of war? Yes ☐ No	M M		
Did the veteran sustain combat or service-related injuries? Yes $oxtimes$ No $oxtimes$			
Interviewer (if applicable) Jesse Klin	9		
(Please use reverse for any additional biographi	ical information.)		

# Audio and Video Recording Log

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1. Name and address of collector or interviewer.
Name of Donor/Interviewer <u>Jesse Kling</u>
Address 7 Concord Avenue
city Larchmont State NY ZIP 10538 - 3105
Telephone (914) - 833-2355 Email jootkling @verizon.net
Telephone (914) - 833-2355 Email jdotkling @verizon.net  Organization affiliation (if any) Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund Gria Mamaroneck H.S.]
2. Name and birth date of the veteran or civilian being interviewed as it appears on the
Biographical Data Form.
Name of Veteran/Civilian Shanley Plesent Birth Date 11/4/1925 month/day/year
3. Recording format (please check)
VIDEO type: Digital Video □ Betacam □ 8mm □ DVD-Video □ MPEG-2 □ VHS □ Other □(identify)
AUDIO type: Cassette CD-Audio WAV Digital Audio Tape (DAT) CONTRACTOR (Identify)
Do not add labels to DVDs or CDs.
4. Estimated length of recording (in minutes) 159 Date of Recording 6/1/2013
5. Location of recording Home of Stanley Plesent, Larchmont, NY
6. Please log the topics discussed in the interview in sequence.
For example:
1:45 enlisted with best friend 22:30 on board troop ship to Europe 2:50 chose Signal Corps and reasons why 26:30 part of 2nd wave at Omaha Beach on D-Day
2.50 part of 2nd wave at Official Beach of D-Day
Minute Mark Topics presented in order of discussion on recording
_O:OO _Opening
0:22 Biographical information
20:52 December 7, 1941
22:04 Early attempts to join the Marine Corps
30:42 Signing up for the draft and entering the Army
(Continue on back or on additional sheets as needed.)

Minute Mark	Topics presented in order of discussion on recording
31:34	Decision not to join the A.S.T.P. Program
32:43	Tank destroyers
33:38	Becoming an officer and joining the infantry
34:21	Reasons for wanting to be in the infantry
35:27	Expenence training
38:09	Meeting different kinds of people in training
45:18	OCS preparation for deployment to Europe
48:44	Getting to France
49:33	Assignment to the 36th Infantry Division
50:33	Early experiences as an officer on the front lines
57: 59	Reflections on the courage inherent in the infantry
66:46	The 36th Infantry Division when Plesent joined it
70:20	Involvement in the occupation of Germany
76:13	Georgetown University ROTC
80:58	Thoughts on having fought in the same place where previous wars took place
84:50	Keasons for receiving medals/citations
<u>87:21</u>	Getting wounded
90:05	The nature of fighting
<u>95:36</u>	Occupying Germany
<u>98:52</u>	Keturning to Germany in the early 1960s
101:40	The end of the war
103:33	<u>Denazification</u>
11D:06	Ihoughts on commanders
116:08	Correspondence with family
119:04	Getting home Coming home
123:56	Readjusting to civilian life
124:59	Meeting his wife
127:21	Use of the G.I. Bill
130:23	Thoughts on "the Greatest Generation"
131:22	Careers since the war
139:12	Involvement in veterans' organizations
144:11	How the war affected his life
147:34	Six weeks in a French military hospital

Minute Mark	Topics presented in order of discussion on recording
149:39	Languages spoken
154:52	Nazi-Sympathizer activity on the Upper East Side in the 1930s  End of recording.
158:44	End of recording.
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