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H/M/S	Topic
Recording 1	
00:00:33	Growing up in big family in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania; working through the loss of his father at a young age
00:02:31	Service of Daniel Cronin and five siblings in World War II; joining the United States Navy and attending boot camp
00:04:27	Family life after the loss of his father; working to help the family; family attending high school and college
00:07:28	Attending grade school at Saint Joseph's School; observing and describing a family scrapbook of various photos
00:13:54	Describing his graduating grade school class through the class photograph
00:15:40	Attending high school during the attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii; service of brother George Cronin
00:17:27	Loss of sister, Marie, at a young age; describing the children Marie left behind
00:19:58	Attending high school during World War II; preparing to enter the service
00:21:34	Being drafted into the United States Navy in 1943
00:22:18	Attending radio school in Bedford, Pennsylvania; being selected for amphibious training
00:24:56	Receiving amphibious training at Camp Pendleton in California
00:26:08	Traveling to Hollandia, New Guinea on the <i>USS Harvey Lee</i>
00:28:07	Attack by Japanese torpedo planes in the Pacific Ocean; aid in a burial at sea of a Navy officer

- 00:30:19 Attack on the Philippine Islands by the Japanese during World War II
- 00:31:53 Returning to the United States in 1946; coping with being the last of the siblings to return home after World War II
- 00:33:32 Deciding where to attend college; attending Duquesne University under the Serviceman's Readjustment Act of 1944; switching majors to the school of education and quitting football due to class struggles
- 00:35:14 Living in Old Main for a year at Duquesne University
- 00:35:43 Describing priests who taught at Duquesne University in the late 1940s; beginning to teach in the Pittsburgh region, first at East Pittsburgh High School, and then at Oakmont High School
- 00:37:43 Career after the military; work at Mine Safety Appliances
- 00:43:28 Describing life today in comparison to how he was raised; distractions of technology in today's world; describing the presence of ethnic and religious divides in schools and communities
- 00:53:36 Respect to fellow servicemen and women
- 00:56:14 Class sizes at Duquesne University in 1946; describing the building of Duquesne University in 1946
- 01:00:35 Struggling to readjust to school after time in the military; different studying habits between different people
- 01:06:15 Switching majors from pharmacy to education; influence of different Holy Ghost Father professors at Duquesne University
- 01:07:43 Adjusting to different aspects throughout life; receiving support while readjusting to new aspects of life
- 01:10:18 Meeting his wife at Duquesne University; dating and marrying his wife
- 01:12:05 Adapting to different career moves and choices
- 01:13:47 Moving to different cities and areas due to work with Mine Safety Appliances
- 01:17:23 Describing his residence, both prior and current
- 01:22:57 Describing the health conditions of sister, Helen

- 01:24:55 Being stationed in the Philippines at the same time as sister, Helen; health of Helen
- 01:31:02 Work as a radioman; using Morse Code and carrier waves during service
- 01:34:04 Duties on various Navy boats and ships during World War II
- 01:35:13 Assignment on the USS *Hilo*; assignments after leaving the USS *Hilo* on various boats, ships, and on the islands of the Philippines; remaining in the safety of navy perimeters while in the Philippines
- 01:40:33 Physical activity while on the islands of the Philippines
- 01:43:12 Preventing malaria and enduring dysentery while in the Philippines
- 01:45:21 Battle of Leyte Gulf during World War II
- 01:46:58 Participating in the activity in Tacloban, Philippines
- 01:48:20 Handling the chaos of being under attack; death of a communications officer on his ship
- 01:50:40 Drawing on the past in a positive light; importance of helping others over personal financial success
- 01:56:59 Arriving home after World War II; issues of taking advantage of rank in the navy; leaving the navy
- 01:59:36 Advice to get a good Catholic education after his time in the service; impact of the death of his friend
- 02:02:54 Attending Duquesne as an aid to adjusting to life after serving
- 02:04:42 Attending Catholic Mass as at church in Ormac, Philippines
- 02:08:54 Visiting Bedford Springs today; the presence of Japanese prisoners of War at the Keystone Radio School in Bedford Springs during World War II
- 02:10:32 Number of siblings serving in the United States Armed Forces; differences in discipline and education between the navy and in high school
- 02:13:23 Training at Camp Pendleton in California during World War II
- 02:14:57 Adjusting to overseas assignments; getting along with other people
- 02:18:08 Importance of adjusting to life; benefiting from the past; helping others