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Biographical Note

Robert Eldred Taylor was born to Ralph E. Taylor and Mary H. Lawton on August 6, 1920, in Larned, Kansas. During World War II, in 1942, Taylor was disqualified from Aviation Cadet Training due to color blindness, and entered the enlisted reserve corps. Upon finishing his flight training in February 1943, he was assigned inactive status to Pan American World Airways in Miami, Florida, to fly in the Latin American Division. In 1945, Taylor had to go in front of the selective service board again for possible duty.

Between 1940 and 1950, Taylor married Oueda Bordewich (1922-1982), and according to the 1950 census, he worked at a Ford Motor Agency in Larned. According to his findagrave entry, he married Mary Price in 1982 after the death of his first wife. Taylor died on July 20, 1994.

External sources:

U. S. Federal Census, 1940-1950.

"Robert Eldred Taylor," Findagrave.com, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/74648540/robert-eldred-taylor>, accessed on Nov. 13, 2024.

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Description of Subordinate Components

Selective Service Registration Certificate

Unit Date 1942-02-16

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Aviation Cadet Training Rejection

Unit Date 1942-05-07-1942-05-08

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Pawnee County Telegram

Unit Date 1942-07-24

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Enlisted Reserve Corps Identification Card

Unit Date 1942-07-25

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Proof of Enlistment for the U.S. Army

Unit Date 1942-07-25

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Gulf Sea Frontier Transport Pilot Recognition Course Certificate

Unit Date 1943-10-16, 1943-11-22

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Honorable Discharge Certificate

Unit Date 1945-07-30

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Letter from Taylor to Pawnee County Selective Service Board

Unit Date 1945-08-04

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Selective Service System Eligibility Letter

Unit Date 1945-09-04

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Selective Service System Order to Report Preinduction Physical Examination

Unit Date 1945-10-26, 1945-11-24

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Selective Service System Transfer Preinduction Physical Examination Application

Unit Date 1945-11-01

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Selective Service Certificate of Fitness and Notice of Acceptability

Unit Date 1945-12-05

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Notices of Classification

Unit Date [1946-07-02, 1947-06-03]

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AF Flight Chart of Central America

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