

Janis Kozlowski: Now, you were trained as a radio operator in the war, so did that help you when you got out of the military to get a job, or were those skills ever used again?

Charles Donovan: Well, the skills were never used again. But I did apply, when I first got back to. I had gotten married during the war – I got married June of 1945. And when I'd gotten back, I moved to my wife's home in Waltham, Massachusetts. And I applied for the State police, as a position in the communications office and eventually was accepted, but, it took so long to be accepted, that my wife ... we had become pregnant, and we had born a son. So, I couldn't afford to take the job. I was accepted, as a communications officer with the State police, but I couldn't accept it because they were only offering \$3,200 a year.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh-h, [Chuckle] that's not much money.

Charles Donovan: So, that's the only time that I had any further communication endeavors after the service.

Janis Kozlowski: So, what did you end up doing as a profession?

Charles Donovan: I ended up [Chuckle] eventually with department stores. I ended up as a, in a small department store in Massachusetts – the Enterprise Department Store, as Manager Trainee.

Janis Kozlowski: And did you spend your career in that position?

Charles Donovan: I spent my career, not with that store, but as a salesperson, as a salesman. I was a salesman in pots and pans with the Enterprise. Then I was a salesman with a big department store in Massachusetts – Jordan Marsh, and sold furniture with them. And then I moved to Texas and sold furniture with Joske's and Foley's and I finally retired in 1989.