

## **Charles Blaine Fisher Interview**

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00:00:00 Speaker 1

Holmes, a veteran of World War 2 and want to interview him.

00:00:05 Speaker 1

We had a very illustrious we're here working on the Veterans History project and I'm with Charles Fisher, a veteran of World War 2 and.

00:00:17 Speaker 1

A veteran combat's got some questions here would like to ask him.

00:00:24 Speaker 1

See how things went with him while he was in the service.

00:00:29 Speaker 2

Were you drafted or did you enlist? Well, I was drafted. Where were you living at the time I was live in Philippine West Virginia.

00:00:43 Speaker 1

Did you have a chance to pick the branch of the service?

00:00:45 Speaker 2

You went in. I did have a choice of the army or Navy.

00:00:50 Speaker 1

OK. And you chose the army, right? OK.

00:00:51 Speaker 2

I did.

00:00:53 Speaker 1

Do you?

00:00:55 Speaker 1

Call your first days in the service.

00:00:58 Speaker 2

They begin with the train ride from Clarksburg to Kent Polk, Louisiana. Ohh boy, I was. I was in the service down there. I know what you're talking about. I.

00:01:10 Speaker 1

Know what that place is?

00:01:11 Speaker 1

Like, do you recall your first days in the service?

00:01:15 Speaker 2

Well, the first few days was getting.

00:01:19 Speaker 2

Supplied with clothing and then regular exercise.

00:01:28 Speaker 2

Space recurring.

00:01:32 Speaker 2

Where we had so a period of time there where we.

00:01:38 Speaker 2

We're going through obstacle 4 years and so forth.

00:01:40

OK.

00:01:41 Speaker 1

What did it feel like?

00:01:44 Speaker 2

Well, it was unusual feeling.

00:01:47 Speaker 1

Tell me about your boot camp training experiences.

00:01:53 Speaker 2

Well, we did a lot of marching and lot of obstacle courses with that to go through.

00:02:01 Speaker 2

And.

00:02:04 Speaker 2

That was about all of our.

00:02:06 Speaker 2

Who can't train me?

00:02:08 Speaker 1

Do you remember your instructors?

00:02:10 Speaker 2

Yes, I do.

00:02:13 Speaker 2

My company commander was.

00:02:19 Speaker 2

Captain.

00:02:21 Speaker 2

Sackers.

00:02:23 Speaker 2

My.

00:02:26 Speaker 2

First Sergeant was.

00:02:29 Speaker 2

Sergeant Jones.

00:02:32 Speaker 2

And then I had other.

00:02:34 Speaker 2

Them.

00:02:36 Speaker 1

How did you get through it?

00:02:38 Speaker 2

I did well.

00:02:40 Speaker 1

Which war did you serve in World War 2?

00:02:43 Speaker 1

Where exactly did you go?

00:02:46 Speaker 2

We started out in France and wound up being.

00:02:51 Speaker 2

In Czechoslovakia.

00:02:54 Speaker 1

Do you remember arriving and what it was like?

00:02:59 Speaker 2

Well, we were right in Scotland.

00:03:04 Speaker 2

And then we went.

00:03:06 Speaker 2

By train.

00:03:08 Speaker 2

Down to the 60 miles from the coast of the in the channel.

00:03:13 Speaker 2

Where we was given six weeks of infantry training.

00:03:20 Speaker 2

We're training April 20, which I had not had any.

00:03:26 Speaker 1

What was your job or your assignment when you got there in that?

00:03:32 Speaker 2

Would I enter combat or yeah, what was your job and your assignment? My when I was assigned to a second two, my job was head scout at that time. Did you see combat? Yes. Tell me about.

00:03:46 Speaker 1

OK.

00:03:52 Speaker 1

About a couple of most memorable experiences you had.

00:03:57 Speaker 2

When one of them was, when we had crossed the Sara River.

00:04:03 Speaker 2

We crossed in rubber boats about four or five in each boat and the enemy.

00:04:10 Speaker 2

Was on the other side. We had at that time some Americans over there had already landed and we crossed it. It was muddy and high and.

00:04:22 Speaker 2

I let those four or five fellows off and I was to take the boat back and get four or five more pretty swift river, so that was pretty fair, Sir. Yes, it was.

00:04:32 Speaker 1

Really. Wearing pretty. Yeah. Were you a prisoner of war?

00:04:41 Speaker 1

Were you awarded any medals or citations?

00:04:44 Speaker 2

I was awarded the Purple Heart.

00:04:49 Speaker 2

And just recently I was awarded the the problem from the.

00:04:56 Speaker 2

Your friends for help in liberate your country.

00:04:57 Speaker 1

OK.

00:05:00 Speaker 1

OK.

00:05:03 Speaker 1

Tell me about your.

00:05:07 Speaker 1

Major reasons you. I mean, did they once you was injured, did they take you out of the line or for how?

00:05:16 Speaker 1

Long was y'all.

00:05:18 Speaker 2

You know, attack the.

00:05:20 Speaker 1

Well, you were bringing up wounded prisoner out when you got hurt when you.

00:05:25 Speaker 2

But on a makeshift litter, bringing with them read out when the mortar shells start coming in, and as we all.

00:05:36 Speaker 2

Start to lay him down and hit the ground ourselves.

00:05:40 Speaker 2

A motor shrapnel hit me.

00:05:44 Speaker 2

In the hip where I was curing a German notebook I recently got and it penetrated that notebook and on into my hip. So the wound was wasn't a major wound. Would you were you able to hold on to that? I never got to hold on.

00:05:56 Speaker 3

OK.

00:06:02 Speaker 1

You have a nice year ahead. Yeah, right.

00:06:04 Speaker 2

Well, it would have been.

00:06:10 Speaker 1

How did you stay in touch with your family?

00:06:13 Speaker 2

By mail.

00:06:15 Speaker 1

What was the food like?

00:06:18 Speaker 2

It wasn't tasty, but it was. It was not the sitting. Unless it's Kay rations.

00:06:26 Speaker 1

Did you have plenty of supplies?

00:06:31 Speaker 2

I would say we did considering situations.

00:06:36 Speaker 1

You did you feel any pressure or stress out, which I think is a kind of a?

00:06:41 Speaker 1

Broad question there.

00:06:42 Speaker 2

Certainly certain amount of stress and breaker, yes.

00:06:44 Speaker 1

Right.

00:06:47 Speaker 1

Was there something you've done for special for good luck?

00:06:50 Speaker 2

Well, not particular for good luck with my sister had sent me a picture of Jesus and I carried that and that give me faith.

00:06:59 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:07:03 Speaker 1

Understand that.

00:07:05 Speaker 1

How did folks entertain themselves?

00:07:10 Speaker 2

Well, the during the war time, they just weren't no entertainment. We were just on the front line all the time except to get back for a few days to get refitted with clothing. OK.

00:07:24 Speaker 1

Were there any entertainers over in that area where you there?

00:07:29 Speaker 2

Not during the combat phase.

00:07:32 Speaker 2

No.

00:07:33 Speaker 1

OK.

00:07:36 Speaker 1

Where did you go when you was on leave?

00:07:39 Speaker 2

I never got any leave during the combat period.

00:07:47 Speaker 1

Where did you travel while in the service?

00:07:52 Speaker 2

I travel from Camp Pope to.

00:07:55 Speaker 2

Kent Miles standish.

00:07:57 Speaker 2

Massachusetts and sailed from there to Scotland to Scotland on down the sideline, mid channel and then we in combat in France and travelled to.

00:08:09 Speaker 2

France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg.

00:08:13 Speaker 2

And then to Czechoslovakia.

00:08:18 Speaker 1

Do you recall any particular humorous or unusual event?

00:08:33 Speaker 3

Well, not in particular.

00:08:36 Speaker 2

Just battle at the battle and the sum was burst in others.

00:08:41 Speaker 1

What was some of the pranks that you or others would pull?

00:08:44 Speaker 2



Why we we never engaged in pull that affects doing compact.

00:08:48 Speaker 2

Space and then that.

00:08:48 Speaker 1

I can understand.

00:08:53 Speaker 1

What did you think of your officers and your fellow soldiers?

00:08:57 Speaker 2

I thought very highly of all of them.

00:09:00 Speaker 1

Did you keep a personal diary?

00:09:02 Speaker 2

No, I never.

00:09:06 Speaker 1

Do you recall the day your service ended?

00:09:08 Speaker 2

I do. Yes. Where were you, Georgie? Leave Maryland.

00:09:15 Speaker 1

What did you do in the days and weeks after?

00:09:18 Speaker 1

You were in the service.

00:09:21 Speaker 2

Well, I was discharged on the 4th of January 1946 and I was engaged to my present wife while I was overseas and after being discharged we made arrangements. We got married on the.

00:09:41 Speaker 2

Day of February. That was Valentine's Day.

00:09:47 Speaker 1

Did you work or go back?

00:09:48 Speaker 1

To school when you got out, Sir.

00:09:50 Speaker 2

We had an extended honeymoon and then I've taken my former job back at BH Goodness tire and Rubber Company in Akron. OH.

00:09:59 Speaker 1

OK.

00:10:02 Speaker 1

Did you do anything that was supported by the GI Bill?

00:10:06 Speaker 2

I take in that automobile mechanics.

00:10:10 Speaker 2

And I applied for and received a direct GI loan.

00:10:18 Speaker 2

Forward.

00:10:20 Speaker 2

Finance in my home I built.

00:10:21 Speaker 3

Right. OK.

00:10:25 Speaker 1

Did you make any close friendships while in the service?

00:10:29 Speaker 2

Yes, I make several close friendships.

00:10:34 Speaker 1

You can't continue any of your relationship.

00:10:37 Speaker 2

Well, one in particular friend in when I was when they formed in the states.

00:10:45 Speaker 2

I still contact him and visit.

00:10:47 Speaker 1

Him. So that's been for a long, long time.

00:10:50 Speaker 2

Long long time.

00:10:53 Speaker 1

Did you join any veterans organizations?

00:10:56 Speaker 2

I joined the Battle of the Bulletin organization.

00:10:59 Speaker 1

OK.

00:11:03 Speaker 1

What did you do?

00:11:04 Speaker 1

You go on.

00:11:05 Speaker 1

And do as a career after the war.

00:11:10 Speaker 2

I.

00:11:12 Speaker 2

Worked at the Pittsburgh Plate Glass factory in Clarksburg, WV.

00:11:18 Speaker 1

Did your military experience or or you're thinking about about the military in general, what what what?

00:11:24 Speaker 1

Did your military experience influence your thinking about war, or about the military in general?

00:11:32 Speaker 2

I can't say that it did in any unusual way.

00:11:36 Speaker 1

It's in an in a veterans organization. What kind of activities does your post or association have?

00:11:44 Speaker 2

The battle bulk, we have a reunion every year at first in different states. I tend to one of them.

00:11:50 Speaker 1

OK.

00:11:52

OK.

00:11:56 Speaker 1

How did you? How did your service and experience that affect your life?

00:12:03 Speaker 2

I.

00:12:07 Speaker 2

It never affected my life in any way except these.

00:12:10 Speaker 2

Period of time. I was away. I had missed out on.

00:12:15 Speaker 2

The pleasures that a young man would have if he wasn't.

00:12:18 Speaker 2

In the service. Yeah, I understand.

00:12:22 Speaker 1

Is there anything that you would like to add that we haven't covered in this interview?

00:12:28 Speaker 2

Oh, I like to say at the battle of the barge.

00:12:34 Speaker 2

We.

00:12:35 Speaker 2

Were surrounded by the Germans on Christmas Eve.

00:12:41 Speaker 2

My battalion commander and battalion radio Sergeant got killed by a mortar shell and.

00:12:50 Speaker 2

Captain Kelly, my.

00:12:54 Speaker 2

Company captain was the highest ranking officer he taken over the battalion.

00:13:00 Speaker 2

And led us to the.

00:13:04 Speaker 2

Enemy lines.

00:13:07 Speaker 2

Chris Christmas night.

00:13:10 Speaker 2

And we got back with our friendly in friendly territory today after Christmas.

00:13:14 Speaker 1

Some way to spend Christmas but.

00:13:16 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:13:19 Speaker 1

Well, sorry, I want to thank you. I appreciate you coming in and giving us this interview.

00:13:25 Speaker 1

And we're going to send her back over there to.

00:13:31 Speaker 1

Peter barris. He's the guys coordinating this whole thing for us.

00:13:36 Speaker 2

So we thank you for helping us. Well, thank you. We have to have the privilege.

00:13:44 Speaker 3

Wayne County, our three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

00:13:52 Speaker 1

Were you awarded any medals or citation?

00:13:55

Yeah.

00:13:56 Speaker 3

Yes, my battalion were to go the Presidential Unit citation, but Italian was worded. Distinguished Unit citation. One of the greatest members of the military unit can receive.

00:14:15 Speaker 3

Yes.

00:14:16 Speaker 3

OK, the 27th time and the great millionth time of division. Historically famous 9th Army division. OK, I got it. My daddy and holding in my hand here. I got him a guy and just got a few months ago from Parkville, MN from my rather Peterson. Lieutenant Colonel retired.

00:14:22

OK.

00:14:37 Speaker 3

It says on it it's got the picture of my battalion in them and it says in Anthem 1943 and 1945.

00:14:47 Speaker 3

27th Armored Infantry battalion. We took the bridge on one side. That Babylon on the other side. It says our bands ask US Ryland. Central Europe. That's the campaign, OK. And the battle, the balls, the balls.

00:15:10 Speaker 3

It's in January to.

00:15:13 Speaker 3

February to January, January, January to February 1945 and then 19 March to seven, 1945. OK.

00:15:26

All right.

00:15:27 Speaker 1

OK.

00:15:30 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:15:33 Speaker 1

Is there anything else you want to say about your campaign over there?

00:15:38 Speaker 3

No, that that would be enough of that. But I love this. I've got a letter from here, though back and my Lieutenant Colonel, the team leader is a wonderful guy from Parkville, MN.

00:15:46 Speaker 1

OK.

00:15:49

All right.

00:15:52 Speaker 1

OK.

00:15:54 Speaker 3

Yeah, I'd like to read this letter I've got from him. This special letter here says Dear Clarence son, thanks for maintaining your membership in close. Please find your new card in your receipt. The dues paid through the year 2000.

00:15:54 Speaker 1

OK, fine. Go ahead.

00:15:59 Speaker 1

Go ahead.

00:16:13 Speaker 3

Thanks for the Nice letter. I will keep my eyes open for addition to your museum. It seems to me that you are doing fine and you should sound real happy. It is a pleasure to hear these things. Janet and I are doing quite well. We have our problems and are doing those things necessary to offer us contentment.

00:16:33 Speaker 3

The peace we enjoy our grandchildren as well as.

00:16:36 Speaker 3

Own kids. I have three daughters and a son and 12 grandchildren and one were expected in two months. I always remember you and the rest of our second bathroom. Very seldom do both those very past that I don't find myself thinking of what we did and their friends who have both living and dead. It is too bad that so many of us are no longer.

00:16:57 Speaker 3

The moment we're living, I think you will be granted that we will eventually fall in and report to God. God bless you and comradeship. Robert Peterson had to be your but not beautiful. Yeah, OK.

00:17:13 Speaker 3

How did you stay in touch with your family? Letters of that? How did? How did you ever got a letter out? You know, you know, you know, when I was in the war, you know?

00:17:23 Speaker 1

OK. And what was the food like over there?

00:17:27 Speaker 3

Stuff you have to.

00:17:30 Speaker 3

Doing well, you mean? Yeah.

00:17:33 Speaker 3

That I went for a week.

00:17:35 Speaker 3

During the battle for some bit liberated some bit, we've got, the President of United States.

00:17:47 Speaker 3

OK. And we I had didn't have a much better chocolate bar and drink of water once in a while till we got some sea rations. We went on to to a truck, you know, and we got some of that later on. But there was also hungry for a week whole week.

00:18:07 Speaker 3

And did enter into the.

00:18:08 Speaker 1

Did you have plenty of supplies over there?

00:18:12 Speaker 3

Yeah, we had supplies, but we didn't have one reason about we had because it's so cold and yeah, and the planes couldn't fighter planes couldn't, couldn't give us no protection at all and.

00:18:22 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:18:27 Speaker 1

Did you feel any pressure or stress?

00:18:31 Speaker 1

Did you feel any pressure or stress?

00:18:37 Speaker 3

With me.

00:18:37 Speaker 1



Well, that's what they're they're asking. What?

00:18:40 Speaker 1

Was.

00:18:41 Speaker 1

Versus did you feel any pressure while you were there or stressed and you know, that has to be, yes was there.

00:18:48 Speaker 3

Oh yeah.

00:18:52 Speaker 1

Something you did?

00:18:54 Speaker 1

So good luck.

00:18:56 Speaker 3

No, no. I depend on God. It's only thing I have the love.

00:19:01 Speaker 1

OK. How the the folks entertain themselves.

00:19:07 Speaker 3

Well, mostly. Poker, poker and shoot, dash and things like that. So we could you mean the soldiers? Yeah. Yeah. That's getting half track or something. You know, over there.

00:19:08 Speaker 1

Burger.

00:19:22 Speaker 3

But they don't. Don't buy entertaining with bullets.

00:19:28 Speaker 3

That's all the team knew with when was incompetent, you know less. Of course, coming back on the ships.

00:19:34 Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah. What did you do when you were?

00:19:38 Speaker 1

On leave over there.

00:19:41 Speaker 3

Well, I hate to tell you.

00:19:46 Speaker 3

Like the Salisbury, England.

00:19:49 Speaker 3

They want to go into the weekend pass to London.

00:19:53 Speaker 3

So we decided to go and meet a couple of other guys to go to London. So we went to London.

00:20:00 Speaker 3

But.

00:20:03 Speaker 3

So I went to London and we played over a little bit 24 hours overtime over 24 hours and.

00:20:13 Speaker 3

So.

00:20:14 Speaker 3

We got back to the China.

00:20:17 Speaker 3

I'm sure we had the we had the.

00:20:20 Speaker 3

For stream duty dump and honey buckets for that.

00:20:24 Speaker 1

Hello.

00:20:25 Speaker 3

Deal to say.

00:20:27 Speaker 3

How many buckets?

00:20:31 Speaker 1

Do you recall any particular humorous or unusual event while you was there?

00:20:37 Speaker 3

Yeah, a lot of news events during the during the during the same liberation coming in our bench, you know.

00:20:54 Speaker 3

I was coming in there and.

00:20:56 Speaker 2

So.

00:20:59 Speaker 3

Mortar shell hit close to me.

00:21:02 Speaker 3

Push enough to blow my whole body above the ground.

00:21:06 Speaker 3

4 foot up 4th the ground come back down, hit the ground. Just felt like everything dropped out of.

00:21:12 Speaker 3

But I kept going. Yeah, I just read that right after that was captured. Yeah.

00:21:20 Speaker 1

What do you think of the officer and fellow soldiers?

00:21:24 Speaker 3

All this all great. We all helped one another. We all I think I just, I think.

00:21:31 Speaker 3

I'm proud of them, but me and I felt we're awfully proud of the men I thought. Did you keep a personal diary?

00:21:38 Speaker 3

No, no, no. But I got a lot of stuff. But you know what I mean? I got a lot of.

00:21:43 Speaker 1

OK. Did you do you recall the day your service ended?

00:21:49 Speaker 3

The very day. Well, yeah.

00:21:51 Speaker 1

When you got.

00:21:54 Speaker 3

Was in the 1945 I got discharged.

00:21:57 Speaker 1

OK. What? What was that at?

00:21:59 Speaker 3

Better, Barry, Indiana.

00:22:01 Speaker 1

And from that place they you come back to home, OK.

00:22:03 Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah.

00:22:06 Speaker 3

You.

00:22:08 Speaker 3

Convalescent hospital. Yeah. What did you do in the?

00:22:12 Speaker 1

Days and the weeks.

00:22:14 Speaker 1

After you got out of the service.

00:22:19 Speaker 3

No, no, not much. I didn't have to work with much work was going on. No, says painter. Most of them.

00:22:19 Speaker 1

Back to work or?

00:22:27

Yeah.

00:22:33 Speaker 1

OK.

00:22:35 Speaker 1

OK.

00:22:37 Speaker 3

Like.

00:22:40 Speaker 3

That's about it.

00:22:43 Speaker 1

With anything you've done supported by the GI Bill.

00:22:49 Speaker 3

Nothing. Oh, wait. Wait a minute. Wait. What do you mean? The work, the work?

00:22:53 Speaker 1

Well, yeah, well, yeah, anything but.

00:22:56 Speaker 1

Did the GI.

00:22:57 Speaker 1

Bill, help you in any way after you get out of.

00:23:00 Speaker 1

Service.

00:23:04 Speaker 1

Did you make any close friendship while in the service?

00:23:07 Speaker 3

Close friendship. Ohh yeah, yeah.

00:23:11 Speaker 3

My my buddy and my friendship and potentially.

00:23:16 Speaker 1

Do you? Do you continue to continue these relationships or they get their writing letters all the time just like I just read your letter from the Colonel, my very good friend. They did you join any veterans organizations?

00:23:34 Speaker 1

What did you do? You want to do that as a career after the war and see was a house painter or a painter?

00:23:40 Speaker 3

Most of, yeah, most of my life was clean on buttons, so coal mines and and the home loads and stuff. And then.

00:23:48 Speaker 1

Stuff like few months. Did your military experience influence your thinking about war or about the military in general?

00:23:51 Speaker 3

Yeah.

00:23:59 Speaker 3

What? What do you mean?

00:24:00 Speaker 1

By did your military experience?

00:24:03 Speaker 1

Influence your thinking about war. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:24:09 Speaker 1

In general.

00:24:09 Speaker 3

Yeah. And those enjoying the room to all of it really fills me a lot.

00:24:17 Speaker 3

Yeah.

00:24:19 Speaker 1

If an if in a very long organization, what kind of activity does your poster associate have?

00:24:29 Speaker 1

In the in the Veterans organization VFW, which you belong.

00:24:34 Speaker 3

Yeah.

00:24:35 Speaker 1

What kind of activities does your post or association have?

00:24:40 Speaker 3

We all don't, don't tend it too much. I don't know much about it.

00:24:42 Speaker 1

OK.

00:24:46 Speaker 3

Belonging to the I'm the chaplain for the American value. We have American values here in treasure. I'm the chaplain for them. I've been with them for about 11 years.

00:24:51 Speaker 1

OK.

00:24:53 Speaker 1

OK.

00:24:56 Speaker 1

OK.

00:25:00 Speaker 1

How did your service and experiences affect your life?

00:25:04 Speaker 2

OK.

00:25:06 Speaker 3

Like to quite a bit, yeah, I've.

00:25:09 Speaker 3

I'd reckon.

00:25:12 Speaker 1

Is there anything else you would like to add that we haven't covered in this interview?

00:25:20 Speaker 3

Well, one thing I can say and I love the Lord, the Lord took care of me all this time and done great things for me and and that's all I can say. And my battalion, I say one thing.

00:25:37 Speaker 3

Not the pain.

00:25:39 Speaker 3

Understand my division and my Family Division.

00:25:44 Speaker 3

Get the Distinguished Unit Citation, which is a great metal for any unit and military unit.

00:25:50 Speaker 3

You know what, I.

00:25:50 Speaker 3

Mean and we're got money. It's all over the world, I guess somebody said hadn't paid women month and they're nice to take it. I don't know, but we got them in Kansas and overseas we got.

00:26:03 Speaker 3

The battalion.

00:26:06 Speaker 3

Italian monument there and the title lab budget and I.

00:26:09 Speaker 3

Get.

00:26:10 Speaker 3

Got a couple of letters from Belgium.

00:26:13 Speaker 3

Young Claude Henrick, from Belgium and beautiful letters and had him interpreted.

00:26:19 Speaker 3

To really, really, yeah, let me let me read this if I can find this. Let me do give this one letter I got from.

00:26:29 Speaker 3

Strong men.

00:26:31 Speaker 3

From him.

00:26:38 Speaker 2

Yeah, just.

00:26:41 Speaker 3

Yeah.

00:26:42 Speaker 3

That that thing.



00:26:44 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:26:45 Speaker 3

This has been interpreted now this has been interpreted. This has been translated by.

00:26:53 Speaker 3

This has been translated by.

00:26:59 Speaker 3

That's nice. Jeanine. Queen at your Robert B circle. Other seabird high school senator bird. That's been taken from this. Got this letter from Belgium or two or three years ago, maybe longer.

00:27:06 Speaker 1

OK.

00:27:17 Speaker 3

Deer. Deer veteran Clemens.

00:27:20 Speaker 3

Thank you for your friendly letter that I have found in front of Maine. At this I have been in front of me this moment and also for the warm on me during the battle of the Ardennes.

00:27:30 Speaker 3

I had to add to my letter different things for your little museum, a touristic prospectus of the of our region, the fragment of the flag which served to honor the monument of the locks with black card at the time, which is inauguration on September the 12th, 1987.

00:27:50 Speaker 3

And historical book on tanks at the time of the Battle of the Arabian, with the commentary and some in large views of famous cuts and Sanger pages, 82 meters. So you must have thought that he says if you know of other veterans who want to make their memories of the war on this battle, it is of a great interest to me.

00:28:11 Speaker 3

Among the several recognized veterans of the memorial rock hard, I made one who came to town and who lives in Virginia? Yes, and who?

00:28:20 Speaker 3

An excellent writer and more you thought in finding baby. You're saying that you were at the time closer to one another, then to today. OK, here's his address. Rather locust.

00:28:35 Speaker 3

Wise Virginia, you could also exchange your see the news in your letter. You speak of certain bad Peters, who wrote a book on your unit. You would please need to find it. Danny Parker would have also written a book on the bottle of the Arden bottle of the Bone. Finally, I learned that a long time ago, during the 50s or 60s, just at Christmas.

00:28:55 Speaker 3

Of the Philippine the Battle of our Deans and the newspaper, these are the things which are worse. Movie because I was facing collect books on my vision to make the library for future generations to forget what happened at that time. Here I'm ready to meet the expense for these books with great pleasure. From reading you soon received received your time.

00:29:15 Speaker 3

About my best wishes and sincere friendship and sincere homage and internal wickedness and veteran of battle, of the other end, the Battle of the Bold Council. General the 27th time, the 90 LB. Battalion, 9th on the division for his courage, his will to defeat the enemies of his.

00:29:32 Speaker 3

Heroism and his participation adapted to excessive, excessive, difficult situation in sector of the Belgian city of Saint Ben during the winter of 1944 and 1945. In in, in human chronic condition, the recognition of both the people in general of the people arrived in that particular.

00:29:52 Speaker 3

They made to soldier is on the level of sacrifice, death, death, wound infections. Sometimes all must mascot for liberation. Returned after to our people who we found their liberty. And they did naturally, thanks to God, into you. This liberty continues for more than 53 years for our best.

00:30:10 Speaker 3

Have to do all the be all the US and the bad timing better.

00:30:16 Speaker 3

Over harmless and honored live long in the great, generous America live long to the Belgian murders, ever offends, and for the American people on the part of their citizen who pushed across the net of blood, ice and steel at this time.

00:30:37 Speaker 1

OK, Clarence, where where you? Good, we're going to conclude this interview.

00:30:44 Speaker 1

I want to thank you. I have been interviewing Prince Jones, a veteran of World War 2, and.

00:30:53 Speaker 1

Hope you could help.

00:30:55 Speaker 1

OK.

00:30:57 Speaker 3

Thank you.