

Lee Roy Hatcher Interview #2

Battery A, 313th Field Artillery Battalion

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00:00:01 Speaker 2

OK, so you cross the Atlantic and you land in Scotland, the Firth of Clyde, is that right? All right. Now, do you remember about how long it took to get across?

00:00:05 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:00:07 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:00:12 Speaker 2

Was on the Queen Mary. It probably wasn't too long, was it?

00:00:16 Speaker 1

It's too long for us.

00:00:17 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:00:21 Speaker 1

I'm taking you real close to.

00:00:25 Speaker 1

Six weeks, I mean.

00:00:27 Speaker 2

Looks like about 7 or 8 days on it.

00:00:29 Speaker 1

So 5 no.

00:00:32 Speaker 1

I'll I'll guess it back to seven.

00:00:36 Speaker 2

Were you on a convoy at that time, or was the Queen Mary off?

00:00:40 Speaker 2

On or do you remember?

00:00:41 Speaker 1

It was. It was on its on itself because they keep the other.

00:00:48 Speaker 1

Plant boats and things.

00:00:50 Speaker 1

Couldn't keep up with Miss.

00:00:53 Speaker 2

So how are you keeping away from the submarines? Were you just out running them or zigzagging?

00:00:57 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:00:59 Speaker 1

Not, I don't think. I don't think the executive is like gay.

00:01:03 Speaker 2

Probably this too darn fast, all right.

00:01:04 Speaker 1

Yeah, they couldn't.

00:01:06 Speaker 2

Outrun them. OK, so you landed both of Clyde Scotland and then do you actually get off there for the client or do?

00:01:14 Speaker 2

You do, you know.

00:01:15 Speaker 1

Now that we got out, then the.

00:01:19 Speaker 2

All right. And then.

00:01:20 Speaker 2

Where? Where do you go from there automatically? Do you set up camp or do?

00:01:24 Speaker 2

You take off again.

00:01:25 Speaker 1

Now we add.

00:01:29 Speaker 1

We know who's.

00:01:33 Speaker 1

I guess it was about.

00:01:39 Speaker 1

A month one this one.

00:01:42 Speaker 1

There's this. Run this all over the place.

00:01:45 Speaker 2

Never get. So you're sleeping in tents then?

00:01:48 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:01:48 Speaker 2

Is that pretty much it?

00:01:51 Speaker 2

And you didn't know where you were going to finally end up, did you?

00:01:54 Speaker 1

Ohh gosh no. Yeah, I don't. I don't even know.

00:01:55 Speaker 2

He just tell you to go somewhere you got.

00:02:01 Speaker 2

Alright.

00:02:04 Speaker 2

Excuse me so that you said they run you around for a month. And do you ever get a permanent base or a place where you?

00:02:10 Speaker 2

Can stay for.

00:02:11 Speaker 2

A while now at this time, are they preparing something?

00:02:11 Speaker 1

No.

00:02:15 Speaker 2

Big do you, do you?

00:02:16 Speaker 2

See that more and more troops are ending up over there.

00:02:20 Speaker 2

In an area you don't really notice that.

00:02:20 Speaker 1

We couldn't tell.

00:02:23 Speaker 2

OK.

00:02:25 Speaker 2

But during that time, are you training a lot? Are you? Are you going on maneuvers or doing anything like that?

00:02:28 Speaker 1

Now there's.

00:02:32 Speaker 1

They made us clean up everything all the time, all the time.

00:02:35

Mm-hmm.

00:02:38 Speaker 2

How about? Let's see.

00:02:42 Speaker 2

Do you ever get to? Are you ever in contact with any civilians or go into any towns or anything like that? You have any free time or do they? They basically keep you under wraps.

00:02:52 Speaker 2

You're always with the army, always with the army.

00:02:54 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:02:57 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:02:58 Speaker 2

OK, you don't get to travel on your own or anything.

00:03:02 Speaker 1

No.

00:03:02 Speaker 2

Get any leave.

00:03:04 Speaker 1

No.

00:03:04 Speaker 2

OK, right. You said they move you around for like.

00:03:08 Speaker 2

More than a month.

00:03:10 Speaker 1

I'm gonna guess about a month.

00:03:11 Speaker 2

About a month and then where do you go after that?

00:03:27 Speaker 2

I'm gonna wait for it here real quick.

00:03:30 Speaker 3

You were all over England and then you went from England where?

00:03:35 Speaker 2

OK, this was after.

00:03:38 Speaker 2

The Normandy invasion right after D-Day.

00:03:41 Speaker 1

Yeah, because it was. It's about.

00:03:42 Speaker 2

Is that correct?

00:03:45 Speaker 1

A month before that.

00:03:49 Speaker 3

It was about two months before you went to Normandy.

00:03:53 Speaker 1

OK.

00:03:54 Speaker 3

As you landed August the 6th in Normandy.

00:03:58 Speaker 2

OK.

00:04:00 Speaker 2

All right, so you end up crossing the channel then and going to going to Normandy, all right and.

00:04:08 Speaker 2

Do you remember crossing the channel? Were you starting to get nervous then? Because the war was, you were going actually going to the war and you weren't nervous?

00:04:15 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:04:17 Speaker 1

No.

00:04:18 Speaker 2

Was anybody else? Could you tell if anybody?

00:04:20 Speaker 2

Was was starting to.

00:04:22 Speaker 2

Get antsy. Get real. Quiet or anything.

00:04:23 Speaker 1

Those those two or three guys in our in our outfit was.

00:04:29 Speaker 1

Ah.

00:04:36 Speaker 1

Ship ship back in from market from England.

00:04:41 Speaker 1

To England from.

00:04:43 Speaker 1

From the.

00:04:47 Speaker 2

From Normandy. From in there.

00:04:47 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:04:50 Speaker 2

Were they with you guys?

00:04:53 Speaker 2

Where were you? Were you talking to them? Were they telling these stories?

00:04:59 Speaker 1

You know the the two that I was, I was going to thinking about is.

00:05:07 Speaker 1

They they kept shipped them back to.

00:05:11 Speaker 1

To France, I mean to England and.

00:05:13 Speaker 2

OK.

00:05:17 Speaker 2

No. OK.

00:05:18 Speaker 1

That was all gone.

00:05:21 Speaker 2

So.

00:05:22 Speaker 2

Grossing the channel, where do you land? Do you remember where?

00:05:24 Speaker 2

You.

00:05:24 Speaker 2

Landed on which?

00:05:26 Speaker 2

Beach, you landed.

00:05:34 Speaker 2

Was it Utah?

00:05:36 Speaker 1

I think it was you too, I think.

00:05:37 Speaker 1

So OK.

00:05:40 Speaker 2

All right, so you come in to Utah Beach?

00:05:43 Speaker 2

And could you tell where the where the devastation had been or had?

00:05:48 Speaker 2

They cleaned it up yet.

00:05:49 Speaker 1

No.

00:05:50 Speaker 1

We were sitting in the middle of it.

00:05:53 Speaker 2

Well, that time there were probably still fighting in the headrest. Back back there, right? I mean, could you see, could you hear the gunfire back there? Could you hear what was going on?

00:05:57 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:06:10 Speaker 1

I'm I'm sure I did, but I don't remember.

00:06:15 Speaker 2

That's all right.

00:06:16 Speaker 2

That's all right. And you got to tell me at this time you don't start getting a little nervous after seeing all this. You're still not nervous, all right? And you guys are still together as a unit, right?

00:06:22 Speaker 1

No.

00:06:27 Speaker 2

You're not OK.

00:06:27 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:06:29 Speaker 2

All right, so where do you go? You land on Utah beach?

00:06:32 Speaker 2

And then are you sent straight back or do you?

00:06:34 Speaker 2

Have time to to.

00:06:36 Speaker 1

No.

00:06:38 Speaker 1

Straight back back into.

00:06:42 Speaker 1

In the combat.

00:06:43 Speaker 2

OK.

00:06:44 Speaker 2

So we'll take me through there then.

00:06:46 Speaker 2

Straight from the beach.

00:06:48 Speaker 2

They send you.

00:06:48 Speaker 2

Back there and.

00:06:54 Speaker 1

I don't.

00:06:54 Speaker 3

Know you remember going to cross branch.

00:06:57 Speaker 1

Hmm.

00:06:58 Speaker 3

Can you remember going across Bryant?

00:07:05 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:07:08 Speaker 2

And what were you doing? Were you were you moving up toward the lines? Are you working with the line in the line?

00:07:13 Speaker 1

Yeah, and. And then the line.

00:07:15 Speaker 2

OK.

00:07:17 Speaker 2

And explain what you were doing for your job. Explain how your job worked.

00:07:25 Speaker 3

Is it forward observer? What did you do as a forward observer? What did you do?

00:07:27 Speaker 1

What?

00:07:32 Speaker 1

And keep trying to keep my ****.

00:07:39 Speaker 2

Dodge bullets, yeah.

00:07:42 Speaker 2

All right. If you are observing for what now?

00:07:46 Speaker 1

For the infantry, say what?

00:07:50 Speaker 1

They had a Lieutenant.

00:07:54 Speaker 1

And.

00:07:56 Speaker 1

To to a listen man. Me and my buddy and we went to.

00:08:02 Speaker 1

Run the communications for there.

00:08:08 Speaker 1

From the infantry.

00:08:11 Speaker 1

To the artillery.

00:08:13 Speaker 1

And.

00:08:16 Speaker 1

We were.

00:08:20 Speaker 1

Just to just that 31 N after, but we didn't have time to fool with them when their names or nothing, just us.

00:08:30 Speaker 3

Could you spot it where to fire your artillery?

00:08:30 Speaker 1

The.

00:08:39 Speaker 1

We we was with with the infantry and had to get to artillery shells.

00:08:46 Speaker 1

Artillery for the artillery.

00:08:50 Speaker 1

Ah.

00:08:52 Speaker 1

We would get that.

00:08:55 Speaker 1

A telephone back to the.

00:08:58 Speaker 1

To the.

00:09:01 Speaker 2

Command post back behind here.

00:09:03 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:09:05 Speaker 2

So you had to be that just in that job then you.

00:09:09 Speaker 2

Had to be at the front.

00:09:10 Speaker 2

Right.

00:09:10 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:09:11 Speaker 2

You had to be right there, close enough to see where they were so you could call back to the artillery and tell them where to where to fire.

00:09:18 Speaker 1

Yeah. So we had.

00:09:23 Speaker 1

Artillery which?

00:09:25 Speaker 1

We would direct it the artillery to where they had back to the.

00:09:32 Speaker 2

Gotcha. So just in that that means basically that you had to be on the front, you were in front of everybody, OK, waving a target around or just trying to stay hidden.

00:09:38 Speaker 1

Yes, what?

00:09:41 Speaker 1

Right.

00:09:44 Speaker 1

No.

00:09:50 Speaker 2

Did you have many close calls?

00:09:56 Speaker 2

How close did you try to get to? To to the to them?

00:10:01 Speaker 1

Well, I I could.

00:10:06 Speaker 1

Go to.

00:10:12 Speaker 1

Sometimes.

00:10:23 Speaker 1

Well, I could see.

00:10:24 Speaker 3

Or you to the enemy.

00:10:32 Speaker 1

****.

00:10:36 Speaker 1

Setting them hello pretty close.

00:10:41 Speaker 2

And you have to you got to be able to see them then and be able to do the coordinates. How? How did you, how did you call any coordinates? Was that on like a grid kind of thing or?

00:10:42 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:10:44 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:10:52 Speaker 1

Yeah, it's.

00:10:56 Speaker 1

Is a good good.

00:11:01 Speaker 1

Well, we had a.

00:11:04 Speaker 1

And and map.

00:11:09 Speaker 1

And.

00:11:10 Speaker 1

We've had a.

00:11:16 Speaker 1

Coordinates on it.

00:11:20 Speaker 1

And we can.

00:11:30 Speaker 1

We could we could pinpoint.

00:11:33 Speaker 1

Excuse me? Their place, our place on, on the map and.

00:11:43 Speaker 2

And and that would tell them where to shoot.

00:11:45 Speaker 2

Right.

00:11:45 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:11:46 Speaker 2

How accurate? Pretty, pretty close to and then pretty accurate.

00:11:52 Speaker 1

Yeah, it was real accurate.

00:11:56 Speaker 2

How close were you calling it into yourself? That well, I guess that just depends on how close you were to them, right?

00:12:02 Speaker 1

House and you had to be close to.

00:12:05 Speaker 1

To.

00:12:07 Speaker 1

Want to see it?

00:12:10 Speaker 1

So it was.

00:12:13 Speaker 1

Pretty close.

00:12:13 Speaker 2

Did you ever get worried that you were they?

00:12:15 Speaker 2

Were going to.

00:12:16 Speaker 2

Shoot you and miss a little bit.

00:12:18 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:12:18 Speaker 2

And if they miss a little.

00:12:19 Speaker 2

Bit it probably would shoot you, wouldn't it?

00:12:21 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:12:24 Speaker 2

All right, now, you said you'd be up there with the buddy. Was it the same buddy where you were working?

00:12:29 Speaker 1

Well, the two 2G's, my buddy and then Lieutenant.

00:12:29 Speaker 2

With the same buddy.

00:12:34 Speaker 2

Uh-huh.

00:12:37 Speaker 1

Memos and Lieutenant.

00:12:43 Speaker 2

But is it the same crew that are the same guys that work together all the time then?

00:12:48 Speaker 1

Well, the lieutenants didn't have any sense.

00:12:53 Speaker 1

They wouldn't listen to sometimes.

00:12:55 Speaker 2

Uh-huh.

00:12:58 Speaker 2

That's what they're for.

00:13:02 Speaker 2

And at this time are you a Sergeant at this time? OK, right. All right, so you're working as a forward observer. And are you guys moving pretty quickly through France then or are you still stuck for a while?

00:13:05 Speaker 1

Private.

00:13:20 Speaker 2

I am moving very slowly.

00:13:24 Speaker 1

We try to.

00:13:31 Speaker 1

You know close.

00:13:32 Speaker 3

Did you move pretty fast until you got to police camp?

00:13:46 Speaker 2

Let me ask you this. Can you recall any close calls that you had getting too close to the the enemy getting fired at?

00:13:58 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:14:03 Speaker 2

Ask you another thing too. After when? When the. When. The infantry then would move forward and actually get into combat with the enemy. Were you behind the line or would you stay up there on the front?

00:14:19 Speaker 1

Stay up with the front.

00:14:20 Speaker 2

Stay up on the so you were actually up there.

00:14:23 Speaker 1

With the with the, her three guys was in the in the infantry.

00:14:28 Speaker 2

Uh-huh.

00:14:29 Speaker 2

So as soon as they engage the enemy, you are right there in the fighting. Then do you remember the first time you got into combat the first time you engaged the enemy?

00:14:33 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:14:43 Speaker 1

It was endless.

00:14:47 Speaker 1

Police. Police gap.

00:14:54 Speaker 2

Alright.

00:14:58 Speaker 2

Did you get scared at this time at this time?

00:15:01 Speaker 1

You didn't have.

00:15:02 Speaker 1

To get scared.

00:15:03 Speaker 2

What happened?

00:15:06

No.

00:15:13 Speaker 1

In a lot of scholarships.

00:15:18 Speaker 1

And we went with the.

00:15:20 Speaker 1

The three are are 10 boys, the Lieutenant and the.

00:15:25 Speaker 1

And the other Sergeant, my buddy of mine.

00:15:29 Speaker 1

Ah.

00:15:48 Speaker 2

Can you actually see the enemy when you engage them?

00:15:51 Speaker 1

Yeah, I had to.

00:15:54 Speaker 2

So, I mean, you're close enough to see them and fire at them then?

00:15:57 Speaker 1

Right.

00:15:57 Speaker 2

I mean, they're not tucked away.

00:16:00 Speaker 2

And.

00:16:03 Speaker 2

You say you don't have time to get scared. Are you just defending yourself just on instinct?

00:16:12 Speaker 1

I think it might have been that.

00:16:17 Speaker 2

Now, do they stand and fight, or do they run away? Are they pretty good at that time? Were they pretty good fighters?

00:16:24 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:16:27 Speaker 1

Very much.

00:16:28 Speaker 2

And were you all taking a lot of losses?

00:16:32 Speaker 1

You have a thing or two.

00:16:40 Speaker 2

OK, so So what ends up happening then? I mean, do you end up pushing them, pushing them back pretty usually when you would engage the enemy, would you be able to push them back pretty quickly or would you be stuck there for days?

00:16:53 Speaker 1

No.

00:16:56 Speaker 2

Or hours or.

00:16:59 Speaker 1

Days.

00:17:03 Speaker 1

And if if we're going to.

00:17:05 Speaker 1

If she was tight cut.

00:17:08 Speaker 1

Would come those first.

00:17:13 Speaker 1

If we got up first, we get busy attacking.

00:17:18 Speaker 1

And if we got?

00:17:22 Speaker 1

Ah.

00:17:30 Speaker 1

Then they would take.

00:17:34 Speaker 1

They trying to get next time a before we we can get get up that they would try to attack us.

00:17:44 Speaker 1

And divide it.

00:17:48 Speaker 2

So you want to get, you want to get up there first, then then have the initiative and put them on their heels, right?

00:17:54 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:17:55 Speaker 3

Let me remind you of the story that he might tell you. Do you want to tell you about how they would cut the trees down on the roads in France?

00:17:57 Speaker 1

OK.

00:18:03 Speaker 1

Oh yeah.

00:18:06 Speaker 1

They they really love.

00:18:09 Speaker 1

Take to have the big trees.

00:18:14 Speaker 1

On each side of the road.

00:18:18 Speaker 1

And.

00:18:25 Speaker 1

And.

00:18:26 Speaker 1

Lock lock.

00:18:30 Speaker 1

At least this big one.

00:18:35 Speaker 1

And get the next one.

00:18:37 Speaker 1

Opposite side in the road.

00:18:42 Speaker 1

And then start.

00:18:45 Speaker 1

We'd have to wait.

00:18:47 Speaker 1

2.

00:18:51 Speaker 1

Go around it and they may be looking looking for us on each side.

00:18:56 Speaker 2

Set a trap because they know right where you're going to.

00:18:59 Speaker 2

Come through right?

00:18:59 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:19:02 Speaker 3

One tree would fall this way, one that all these big trees lined this boulevards or the main roads they'd be traveling on the roads and they'd cut the trees to all different directions.

00:19:15 Speaker 3

From opposite sides of the road.

00:19:21 Speaker 2

Alright, what's this?

00:19:22 Speaker 2

After, after you're seeing the combat and when you're walking through and and and and going through France and as you say, it's moving pretty slowly right at the beginning, pretty slow moving is this when you start getting scared, do you really have time to get scared or?

00:19:33

Yeah.

00:19:40 Speaker 1

No.

00:19:43 Speaker 2

How do you keep from getting scared and how?

00:19:45 Speaker 2

Do you get from from?

00:19:48 Speaker 2

The stress getting to you.

00:19:51 Speaker 2

During that time.

00:19:53 Speaker 1

I never, never thought of it.

00:19:55 Speaker 2

Uh-huh.

00:19:58 Speaker 1

Right.

00:20:00 Speaker 2

OK so.

00:20:01 Speaker 2

You're moving in through France.

00:20:04 Speaker 2

And typically you are on the the front, the front edge, right the front of the line so you can spot, right?

00:20:10 Speaker 1

Well.

00:20:12 Speaker 1

For the.

00:20:15 Speaker 1

Waiver.

00:20:18 Speaker 1

With three.

00:20:20 Speaker 1

With the sergeants.

00:20:24 Speaker 1

While the company's officers for their artillery, I mean.

00:20:31 Speaker 1

For the.

00:20:32 Speaker 1

Entry officers.

00:20:35 Speaker 1

We had to stay real close to the.

00:20:37 Speaker 1

Commander.

00:20:39 Speaker 1

Of the infantry at that particular.

00:20:45 Speaker 2

So you were, were you being attached to different units then or different?

00:20:51 Speaker 1

No. Would you?

00:20:53 Speaker 1

Is 11 Division, I mean one.

00:20:57 Speaker 1

Ah.

00:20:58 Speaker 1

Place. But we had a hell of a turnover.

00:21:03 Speaker 1

All over in in infantry and.

00:21:08 Speaker 3

You attach to 318 to the 319.

00:21:11 Speaker 1

3937.

00:21:14 Speaker 1

319 No 3 no. What's 317? Three 17th infantry.

00:21:16 Speaker 3

18.

00:21:18 Speaker 3

17, OK.

00:21:27 Speaker 2

All right, so as you're.

00:21:29 Speaker 2

Moving in through France, how often are you seeing combat? How often are you engaging the enemy? Is it every day? Is it twice a day, or will there be days in between when you don't see any combat?

00:21:43 Speaker 1

And different different times.

00:21:54

Let's see.

00:22:00 Speaker 3

Of course, in September they had all the rains.

00:22:07 Speaker 2

OK. How does that affect you when it when?

00:22:09 Speaker 2

It's.

00:22:10 Speaker 2

When all the rain start in September.

00:22:19 Speaker 2

That slowed you down pretty good.

00:22:21 Speaker 1

Yeah, but it it it it it it.

00:22:25 Speaker 1

Slowed down for the.

00:22:28 Speaker 1

One of my 2.

00:22:29 Speaker 2

Uh-huh.

00:22:30 Speaker 2

And are they in full retreat at this time in September when it's raining? Are you is, are the Americans or the allies feeling like we got them on the run now? Not yet.

00:22:40 Speaker 1

No.

00:22:43 Speaker 1

Hate.

00:22:46 Speaker 1

Each.

00:22:49 Speaker 1

Separate unit.

00:22:56 Speaker 1

They had they had.

00:23:03 Speaker 1

Outfits.

00:23:07 Speaker 1

They tried it.

00:23:09 Speaker 1

Maneuvers in an area around around the.

00:23:16 Speaker 1

Around the around the roads on each side and.

00:23:37 Speaker 2

Let me ask you this the what at what point does he end up in in this is that further on or have we OK, OK, so we're not there that, yeah.

00:23:44 Speaker 3

Barboursville it's it's in December.

00:23:49 Speaker 3

No, it's in December. It's during all the snows because he's he's the next problem is crossing the mosaic.

00:23:57 Speaker 3

OK.

00:23:59 Speaker 3

And that's where he got the Bronze star was. I think I've forgotten how many days of continuous fighting around the Moselle river and trying to cross it in with all the rains in the mud. And what?

00:24:10 Speaker 2

Have you? OK. Do you remember the most?

00:24:14 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:24:16 Speaker 2

And how was the fighting there? How was the the situation there?

00:24:21 Speaker 2

What was your situation? Were you offensively dug in, or were you attaching attacking?

00:24:32 Speaker 1

We we we win.

00:24:35 Speaker 1

We're moving in.

00:24:38 Speaker 1

And we'll give.

00:24:41 Speaker 1

Jordan some.

00:24:44 Speaker 1

And then run us half, we go back in, go in again.

00:24:50 Speaker 2

Where they die getting pretty, pretty well there, they.

00:24:53 Speaker 2

Have a good position.

00:24:54 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:24:56 Speaker 2

And you're vulnerable. Crossing the river, right?

00:24:59 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:25:02 Speaker 2

How did you? How did you get the Bronze star there? Do you remember why you were given a Bronze star?

00:25:09 Speaker 1

No.

00:25:13 Speaker 1

I know it was at the Moselle.

00:25:17 Speaker 2

And was there a lot of fight? Was it days of fighting, trying to get across there?

00:25:25 Speaker 1

Yeah, there.

00:25:29 Speaker 2

And this is during the heavy rains too.

00:25:32 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:25:34 Speaker 2

Does that make it worse on you? Do you remember?

00:25:36 Speaker 1

Lord yes.

00:25:43 Speaker 1

I say every.

00:25:46 Speaker 1

What was the?

00:25:49 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:25:51 Speaker 1

He says wait.

00:25:53 Speaker 1

What it was.

00:25:55 Speaker 3

He was killed.

00:25:57 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:26:01 Speaker 3

It was the general that they lost upon to Masons.

00:26:07 Speaker 3

General Patton told him the story of Joan of Arc in Punta Mason.

00:26:13 Speaker 1

In France, yeah.

00:26:14 Speaker 2

Really.

00:26:15 Speaker 1

But I was.

00:26:19 Speaker 1

Observation point.

00:26:24 Speaker 1

And.

00:26:31 Speaker 1

I was.

00:26:35 Speaker 1

Setting up a.

00:26:39 Speaker 1

And blue Line true line.

00:26:43 Speaker 1

And so.

00:26:45 Speaker 1

This general scar.

00:26:48 Speaker 1

And I I loaded the guys that was in the.

00:26:54 Speaker 1

Ah, for reserve and for observing.

00:26:59 Speaker 1

A tank. Oh.

00:27:02 Speaker 3

Dugout.

00:27:03 Speaker 1

Again, it was in the.

00:27:09 Speaker 1

As well.

00:27:15 Speaker 1

Joanne of Arthur.

00:27:19 Speaker 1

And we had to.

00:27:22 Speaker 1

Someones drinking and up.

00:27:25 Speaker 1

And I didn't drink.

00:27:31 Speaker 1

And I hold on for the other guys down there, those in the, in the dugout.

00:27:37 Speaker 1

And.

00:27:39 Speaker 1

I told him.

00:27:43 Speaker 1

Come out of the.

00:27:46 Speaker 1

It was a.

00:27:49 Speaker 1

Kind of a basement type thing.

00:27:52 Speaker 1

And.

00:27:54 Speaker 1

My life.

00:27:58 Speaker 1

Trying to make it trash up here.

00:28:04 Speaker 1

And.

00:28:08 Speaker 1

When they when when I hurt my buddies 88 or 6.

00:28:13 Speaker 1

8:00 or 8:00.

00:28:15 Speaker 1

Eight or 6/6, right?

00:28:19 Speaker 1

Ben Rankin.

00:28:22 Speaker 1

And.

00:28:24 Speaker 1

I didn't drink.

00:28:29 Speaker 1

And they got real close. I said. You budget big, fat tail, tail down there and.

00:28:42 Speaker 1

I don't know how committed.

00:28:49 Speaker 1

Venice.

00:28:52 Speaker 1

80th no.

00:28:54 Speaker 1

No.

00:28:56 Speaker 1

Patents 3rd.

00:29:01 Speaker 1

3rd Army, yeah, and maneuvers and.

00:29:09 Speaker 1

I think.

00:29:11 Speaker 1

He asked us.

00:29:17 Speaker 1

All them guys from up north were with my buddies.

00:29:21 Speaker 1

And I grew with them.

00:29:23 Speaker 1

And.

00:29:26 Speaker 1

He mentioned the fact that.

00:29:35 Speaker 1

A little bit of his history that I was in, I said yes, you know, I was.

00:29:41 Speaker 1

Head yard.

00:29:43 Speaker 1

3rd infantry.

00:29:48 Speaker 1

Division.

00:29:51 Speaker 1

And.

00:29:53 Speaker 1

Training.

00:29:56 Speaker 1

And the end is to tell us.

00:29:59 Speaker 1

About that.

00:30:03 Speaker 3

Built a large story of Jonah.

00:30:04 Speaker 2

About Joan of Arc.

00:30:06 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:30:08 Speaker 1

At 88.

00:30:12 Speaker 1

He kept on at somewhere that.

00:30:15 Speaker 1

He raised the arrested guys from up north, didn't the damn thing, but.

00:30:21 Speaker 1

About.

00:30:22 Speaker 2

That's what they get, right?

00:30:24 Speaker 2

That's what they get. Hold on a second.