

Lee Roy Hatcher Interview #3

Battery A, 313th Field Artillery Battalion

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00:00:01 Speaker 1

OK. Then from the Moselle you moving through France into Farmersville, do you remember Farmersville?

00:00:07 Speaker 1

OK, tell me about Farmersville. What? What was the situation here? Was it occupied by the Germans at that time?

00:00:19 Speaker 2

Yeah, I think so.

00:00:20 Speaker 1

OK.

00:00:23 Speaker 1

And when you go into Farmersville, do you have to take the Germans out or?

00:00:27 Speaker 1

Have they already?

00:00:28 Speaker 2

No, we had to take them out.

00:00:29 Speaker 1

OK.

00:00:31 Speaker 1

And.

00:00:33 Speaker 1

At this time, did you lose anyone? Any friends in Farmersville? And says did he lose a friend in Farmersville?

00:00:39 Speaker 3

He lost couple in Saint above just before he got to Barboursville or load Ben Makino.

00:00:45 Speaker 1

OK, so you lost some. You had lost some friends previous to that?

00:00:50 Speaker 2

Yes.

00:00:51 Speaker 3

In this area, the 80th law, I've forgotten the number of people, but the 80th lost a huge amount of men.

00:00:58 Speaker 3

In this particular vicinity, they're all buried in the Saint of Old cemetery. Looks like Lorraine Cemetery and Saint of old.

00:01:08 Speaker 1

So working up into this area, then the Germans aren't running very fast, right? I mean, they're they're staying and fighting, OK.

00:01:15 Speaker 2

Right.

00:01:18 Speaker 1

And this is on the German.

00:01:19 Speaker 1

Border.

00:01:20 Speaker 1

OK, so talk about Barboursville then. Do you remember the the fighting in Barboursville get there? Was this fighting in the streets and and house to house or was it out in the fields or what? What was it like here in Farmersville?

00:01:44 Speaker 2

OK, this this, this.

00:01:47 Speaker 1

That's all right.

00:01:50 Speaker 2

Describe it. Very good.

00:01:53 Speaker 2

Except it was to have a lot of.

00:01:56 Speaker 2

Fighting.

00:02:00 Speaker 3

One of his buddies.

00:02:03 Speaker 3

Said that only the fishes in Barboursville were moving after the fight.

00:02:12 Speaker 1

And was it? Were you leaving behind devastation? I mean, as you were moving through was there very much left that the that the French could?

00:02:22 Speaker 1

Recover with.

00:02:26 Speaker 1

Was it war-torn behind you, was it not?

00:02:27 Speaker 2

Not too bad.

00:02:31 Speaker 1

And how are you being received by the French people?

00:02:35 Speaker 1

Did they welcome the Americans, Sir?

00:02:37 Speaker 2

Yes, very much.

00:02:39 Speaker 1

Uh-huh.

00:02:43 Speaker 1

Right now in Farmersville I want to go ahead and and jump up to the point of did you say, as the mayor of Farmersville?

00:02:49 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:02:51 Speaker 1

You want can you? Can you say anything about that? About how the mayor had painted the pic, the, the the painting and and the cemetery and all that.

00:03:01 Speaker 3

He painted. He painted a picture of the railroad with the railroad tracks where the Big battle took place.

00:03:14 Speaker 3

Can you remember on the picture?

00:03:17 Speaker 3

What? The painting, honey, where the railroad tracks in Barboursville, where the Big battle was.

00:03:20 Speaker 2

Yes.

00:03:25 Speaker 3

Can you tell him about that? So it'll be on tape.

00:03:33 Speaker 2

I can't get it down.

00:03:37 Speaker 2

I know that, honey.

00:03:43 Speaker 1

And the mayor is a pretty talented, talented man, right?

00:03:46 Speaker 2

Yeah, but he wasn't born at that time.

00:03:48 Speaker 1

Right, right. But still the that's where the where the painting is from and and did you talk to the mayor, did you?

00:03:57 Speaker 2

Not.

00:03:59 Speaker 1

Have you been in contact with him?

00:04:01 Speaker 2

Oh yeah, since then.

00:04:04 Speaker 2

So he hadn't been born.

00:04:07 Speaker 2

But it's.

00:04:08 Speaker 3

Yeah.

00:04:10 Speaker 3

His mother, his mother.

00:04:16 Speaker 3

But he, the mayor, has visited, visited you twice and you have visited in his home. Well, you need to tell. Tell the camera.

00:04:22 Speaker 2

Yes.

00:04:25 Speaker 1

Mm-hmm.

00:04:26 Speaker 3

Tell. Tell him about it.

00:04:31 Speaker 1

Tell me about the relationship you have with the mayor of Barboursville.

00:04:34 Speaker 1

And what he has done in honor.

00:04:37 Speaker 1

Of of while the battle there.

00:04:48 Speaker 2

I can't put it down.

00:04:51 Speaker 1

Did he give you the painting?

00:04:55 Speaker 1

And where did he get the he wasn't born yet, right? So how did he? How did he find out about the battle there? And how did he get the pictures that he put down in a painting?

00:04:58 Speaker 2

No.

00:05:07 Speaker 2

I think comes from his mother.

00:05:13 Speaker 2

And she she was.

00:05:23 Speaker 2

Free Frenchman.

00:05:26 Speaker 2

And I tried to.

00:05:30 Speaker 2

The people trying to help us.

00:05:35 Speaker 2

And that we didn't we didn't know about it, but they're doing that.

00:05:38 Speaker 1

Right.

00:05:41 Speaker 1

So that the Americans lost a lot of of men. Yeah, right. And were they buried?

00:05:44 Speaker 2

Oh.

00:05:47 Speaker 1

In the area.

00:05:49 Speaker 2

A whole bunch of them was in the in the next little town.

00:05:54 Speaker 3

Sign.

00:05:55 Speaker 2

Sign of old.

00:05:58 Speaker 3

In the American Lorraine American cemetery.

00:06:03 Speaker 2

It's it's about 10,000 there now.

00:06:03

What?

00:06:07 Speaker 1

All right, so.

00:06:09 Speaker 1

Is this a a national an American cemetery?

00:06:13 Speaker 1

Now I mean.

00:06:14 Speaker 2

Yeah, they, they, the French.

00:06:19 Speaker 2

Gave us a.

00:06:22 Speaker 2

The metal, how many of them?

00:06:25 Speaker 3

Ground.

00:06:29 Speaker 2

What was it?

00:06:31 Speaker 2

The ground, another thing and gave it to us.

00:06:36 Speaker 2

Perpetuity. Perpetuity. Yeah.

00:06:38 Speaker 1

Perpetuity.

00:06:41 Speaker 2

And we main, we maintain it now with now right now.

00:06:44 Speaker 1

OK.

00:06:45 Speaker 1

Now, can he describe what the can you describe, what what's going on now with the?

00:06:51 Speaker 3

Can you tell them about the project, honey?

00:06:54 Speaker 3

That you're trying to get money to.

00:06:58 Speaker 3

I can't do it. You need to do it. It. It's better if it.

00:07:01 Speaker 2

Comes. I know that I never. I can't get down if I'm sitting at the house. I could do it.

00:07:08 Speaker 3

You're trying to get funds to buy a Korean veil for the cemetery in Saint about the Saint.

00:07:17 Speaker 2

That's it.

00:07:21 Speaker 2

We're trying to.

00:07:24 Speaker 2

Yes.

00:07:27 Speaker 2

Carillion barrel.

00:07:32 Speaker 2

To honor all the Americans that was born in our.

00:07:39 Speaker 2

Killed and insane of old.

00:07:42 Speaker 1

Of which you have some friends, right? Many friends.

00:07:44 Speaker 2

Yes.

00:07:46 Speaker 1

And that's a wonderful tribute, so.

00:07:50 Speaker 1

Well, that that's on tape and that will be going to the Library of Congress as well as to your family. OK? So after after Farmersville then.

00:08:01 Speaker 1

Comes the battle of the Bulge.

00:08:04 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:08:04 Speaker 1

The bulge with the breakthrough. Do you remember at that time the breakthrough when the Germans came back?

00:08:13 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:08:14 Speaker 1

Were you starting to get worried you weren't going to win then?

00:08:17 Speaker 2

No, never.

00:08:18 Speaker 1

Really.

00:08:20 Speaker 1

OK. And how does that affect? How does it affect your unit that are you? How does that affect your unit at the breakthrough?

00:08:30 Speaker 2

Ah.

00:08:37 Speaker 2

I can't put it in words.

00:08:38 Speaker 1

OK.

00:08:40 Speaker 1

That.

00:08:41 Speaker 1

Do you have to retreat at all? Do you have to back that back down?

00:08:49 Speaker 1

Because they broke straight through.

00:08:52 Speaker 2

You could see it with all the.

00:08:56 Speaker 2

Ah.

00:09:03 Speaker 2

Colors and.

00:09:10

No.

00:09:10 Speaker 2

What?

00:09:11 Speaker 3

No.

00:09:12 Speaker 2

Snow.

00:09:13 Speaker 1

Is this is mid to late December, right?

00:09:16 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:09:17 Speaker 1

So it's getting close up to Christmas.

00:09:19 Speaker 1

And it's very cold, right?

00:09:21 Speaker 2

Cold.

00:09:27 Speaker 1

But do you have enough supplies? Do you have warm clothing and enough food?

00:09:33 Speaker 1

How do you keep going?

00:09:36 Speaker 2

I don't know.

00:09:37 Speaker 1

I guess you got no choice, right? Survival. And from what I heard, Patton was out running the supplies anyway. Right. Or was that after the bulge?

00:09:39 Speaker 2

And then.

00:09:47 Speaker 2

Well.

00:09:55 Speaker 2

That was.

00:09:57 Speaker 2

And the bills too.

00:10:02 Speaker 1

All right. So during the breakthrough, then there's no concern in the Americans that maybe the Germans are on the offensive and and they might, maybe this thing's not over with.

00:10:13 Speaker 1

Is there no concern?

00:10:17 Speaker 2

So we were all then concerned.

00:10:24 Speaker 1

So how long did the bulge actually last? I mean, how long did it take you?

00:10:28 Speaker 1

Guys to fight through it.

00:10:31 Speaker 1

To fight through the.

00:10:32 Speaker 2

About two months.

00:10:33 Speaker 1

About two months.

00:10:36 Speaker 1

All right.

00:10:39 Speaker 1

And that there's no concern at this time that maybe the Germans were going to get the offensive.

00:10:46 Speaker 2

We we had concern up at at the front.

00:10:55 Speaker 1

But there toward the end, when you're fighting your way through it, you say it takes a couple of months there toward the end.

00:11:02 Speaker 1

Did you see this as as Germany's last stand?

00:11:06 Speaker 1

Did you think you pretty much had him on the run at this time?

00:11:10 Speaker 1

When you fought through that.

00:11:17 Speaker 2

No.

00:11:22 Speaker 1

So you keep fighting up through France and into Germany, right?

00:11:28 Speaker 2

Yeah, the the.

00:11:30 Speaker 2

And that Chris Christmas area and that.

00:11:35 Speaker 2

And fathers.

00:11:37 Speaker 1

Barbara's.

00:11:37 Speaker 2

No, not that one. Luxembourg, Luxembourg. Yeah.

00:11:44

OK.

00:11:48 Speaker 3

Do you remember telling me that you asked once where the Germans were? And?

00:11:52 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:11:54 Speaker 2

We will ask.

00:11:58 Speaker 2

1.

00:12:00 Speaker 2

151.

00:12:04 Speaker 2

Ohh yeah.

00:12:11 Speaker 2

We went across some.

00:12:13 Speaker 2

Americans.

00:12:15 Speaker 2

And I ask you.

00:12:17 Speaker 2

I don't know.

00:12:19 Speaker 2

Where's who? Where are we?

00:12:22 Speaker 2

And so.

00:12:24 Speaker 2

Rubber.

00:12:26 Speaker 3

Surrounded by Germans.

00:12:27 Speaker 2

And they end up.

00:12:29 Speaker 1

Was that during the bulge?

00:12:34 Speaker 1

That had to.

00:12:35 Speaker 1

Make you a little anxious, didn't it?

00:12:41 Speaker 2

You know, I don't remember. I I don't.

00:12:46 Speaker 2

We're just looking fun.

00:12:49 Speaker 2

To shoot somebody with.

00:12:52 Speaker 3

Can you tell you about?

00:12:54 Speaker 3

The sheets that you wore to camouflage from the snow.

00:13:09 Speaker 2

At first.

00:13:11 Speaker 2

In a.

00:13:13 Speaker 2

Bad the bad weather.

00:13:16 Speaker 2

Or snow and stuff. We didn't. We didn't have any.

00:13:25 Speaker 2

Uniform outfits, I mean.

00:13:30 Speaker 2

Maneuver.

00:13:32 Speaker 3

They're warm clothes.

00:13:34 Speaker 2

Or the warm clothes or.

00:13:44 Speaker 1

And what about the camouflage? Were you able to to blend in with the snow?

00:13:48 Speaker 2

We never get it where we were, but some of the outfits did have it.

00:13:57 Speaker 3

Thank you. I think it was the Belgians that actually to my told him, well, he has told that the Belgians took the sheets off of their beds, the white sheets and gave them to them so they could camouflage them out in the snow.

00:14:10 Speaker 1

When?

00:14:12 Speaker 3

That's.

00:14:18 Speaker 1

All right, now.

00:14:20 Speaker 1

After the bulbs though.

00:14:23 Speaker 1

Did you start moving more quickly where the Germans were treating more rapidly back toward Berlin?

00:14:35 Speaker 2

No.

00:14:38 Speaker 1

Biden was still very fierce.

00:14:39 Speaker 2

Here real.

00:14:41 Speaker 2

Real fairs.

00:14:45 Speaker 1

All right, now at what point do you remember that the fighting slowed down a little bit because you probably didn't get any breaks, did you? No leaves, no rest, no.

00:14:57 Speaker 1

And Patton was pushing pretty quickly, wasn't he?

00:15:01 Speaker 1

Maybe really quickly toward toward Berlin or toward Berlin.

00:15:08 Speaker 1

Then do you remember at any point when you just when you just stopped?

00:15:14 Speaker 1

When the.

00:15:18 Speaker 1

Was it in Czechoslovakia? Did you go into Czechoslovakia?

00:15:25 Speaker 2

You have it out now. It when it finished.

00:15:27 Speaker 1

OK.

00:15:30 Speaker 1

All right. But at some point, the, the the Americans or the Allies stopped and let the Russians move into into Berlin. Do you remember that?

00:15:42 Speaker 2

No.

00:15:43 Speaker 1

OK.

00:15:45 Speaker 1

Alright.

00:15:47 Speaker 1

Do you remember when you?

00:15:53 Speaker 1

Do you remember when you got orders to come home?

00:15:57 Speaker 1

Do you remember getting the news that that you were going to be able to?

00:16:00 Speaker 1

Get get to go home.

00:16:04 Speaker 1

Or anything about the points.

00:16:14 Speaker 2

No.

00:16:15 Speaker 3

He had enough points until he was one of the 1st that they shipped out.

00:16:19 Speaker 1

Really.

00:16:21 Speaker 3

Because he had had no time off, apparently, with the lack of forward observers, they kept them.

00:16:21

Right.

00:16:28 Speaker 1

So you were in the combat all the time.

00:16:31 Speaker 2

All the time.

00:16:31 Speaker 1

All the time and plus you were in early.

00:16:34 Speaker 3

You.

00:16:34 Speaker 1

Were in the you were in early. You probably had enough points to give points to get out twice, didn't you?

00:16:42 Speaker 2

And there.

00:16:43 Speaker 1

Uh-huh.

00:16:47 Speaker 1

That's all right. So you, so you were able to get out with the first group leaving?

00:16:53 Speaker 2

How the?

00:16:57 Speaker 3

From the 80s today.

00:16:58 Speaker 2

Division division, yeah.

00:17:02 Speaker 3

And.

00:17:03 Speaker 1

And at that time, the Jack the war in Japan was still going on or in the Pacific was still going on, right?

00:17:11 Speaker 1

It didn't make any difference to.

00:17:11 Speaker 2

No thanks, no.

00:17:12 Speaker 1

You you were going.

00:17:13 Speaker 1

Out.

00:17:14 Speaker 1

OK, so you got to go home from there then.

00:17:18 Speaker 1

You got to go home. From where? Maybe lahar. Did they send you to Lahar?

00:17:26 Speaker 2

No, I want. I want a small boat.

00:17:30 Speaker 1

Uh-huh.

00:17:34 Speaker 2

17 I think it's 17 or 18-9 days on it.

00:17:38 Speaker 1

Ohh my goodness.

00:17:42 Speaker 1

OK. And what's the weather? OK coming back or?

00:17:45 Speaker 1

Did you? Did you?

00:17:46 Speaker 2

Now it's beautiful.

00:17:47 Speaker 1

Get into some bad weather getting back.

00:17:55 Speaker 2

I don't remember what just answer them.

00:17:56 Speaker 1

That's all right.

00:17:58 Speaker 1

Do you remember getting?

00:17:58 Speaker 1

Seasick at all coming home though, OK.

00:18:00 Speaker 2

No.

00:18:03 Speaker 1

All right, but you had to feel a lot better coming home than you did going over, right?

00:18:08 Speaker 2

Quite a bit.

00:18:11 Speaker 1

All right, you said it takes about 17 or 18 days to get.

00:18:13 Speaker 2

I believe it did, yes.

00:18:14 Speaker 1

That.

00:18:15 Speaker 1

OK, now are you able to be discharged when you come home, or do you just get a break before you're discharged?

00:18:23 Speaker 1

You come straight home and get discharged.

00:18:25 Speaker 2

I want to.

00:18:32 Speaker 2

If you want to go see.

00:18:34 Speaker 3

You went to see Lowe's parents.

00:18:37 Speaker 2

My body is.

00:18:38 Speaker 3

In Illinois, the one that was killed.

00:18:42 Speaker 2

Four, even at home, say my mom.

00:18:46 Speaker 1

Had you made that promise to him, or was it just something you?

00:18:49 Speaker 1

Felt like you had to do.

00:18:53 Speaker 2

I don't remember fairly.

00:18:59 Speaker 1

But it probably did them a lot of good to to meet you and come to you, right?

00:19:02 Speaker 2

Oh yeah.

00:19:05 Speaker 1

Alright.

00:19:07 Speaker 1

So before you even get to go home, you visit his parents and then you go home right after that, right?

00:19:15 Speaker 1

Do you remember the moment when you got to see your family?

00:19:25 Speaker 2

I think I told you.

00:19:30 Speaker 2

My sister had that.

00:19:32 Speaker 2

Come get get me at.

00:19:36 Speaker 2

Now at.

00:19:37 Speaker 3

Rail station.

00:19:40 Speaker 2

Stop.

00:19:44 Speaker 1

Right now, where were your brothers at that time? Did you know where they were?

00:19:48 Speaker 2

No.

00:19:51 Speaker 1

OK, you have one in Oak Ridge, right?

00:19:54 Speaker 2

Yeah, he and.

00:19:57 Speaker 2

Hello.

00:20:01 Speaker 1

Working OK.

00:20:01 Speaker 2

So, man, hello Greg.

00:20:04 Speaker 2

Correct.

00:20:05 Speaker 1

And your mom have stars in the window.

00:20:08 Speaker 2

And four of them.

00:20:09 Speaker 1

All right, one of them home, right. You were. You were already discharged then, right?

00:20:15 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:20:16 Speaker 1

OK, you got your discharge and we're able.

00:20:17 Speaker 1

To get out.

00:20:19 Speaker 3

His brother Francis was with the.

00:20:23 Speaker 3

Was a paratrooper and he was injured in Holland.

00:20:27 Speaker 3

He was.

00:20:28 Speaker 3

Actually had shrapnel in his.

00:20:31 Speaker 3

His legs and his backside when he died.

00:20:34 Speaker 3

Really.

00:20:35

Yeah.

00:20:37 Speaker 1

What about the? What about your other brothers?

00:20:42 Speaker 3

George was in the army. Where was he? Where was George forgotten.

00:20:46 Speaker 2

He was on the.

00:20:50 Speaker 2

Army.

00:20:52 Speaker 2

Air core.

00:20:55 Speaker 2

But he was a.

00:21:00 Speaker 2

An engineer set trap.

00:21:04 Speaker 3

And Jack was in the Navy.

00:21:06 Speaker 3

Jack was in the Navy.

00:21:08 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:21:11 Speaker 1

All right, now.

00:21:15 Speaker 1

After you at your discharge, were you released to the reserves? Did you join the reserves after that?

00:21:22 Speaker 2

No.

00:21:23 Speaker 3

You didn't, but when did you go back to the National Guard?

00:21:28 Speaker 1

You waited a little while before you did it.

00:21:33 Speaker 1

Why did you get back into the National Guard?

00:21:39 Speaker 2

I don't know. It's all right.

00:21:46 Speaker 3

I think he liked military.

00:21:49 Speaker 1

Obviously.

00:21:50 Speaker 2

I believe that was.

00:21:52 Speaker 2

That was it.

00:21:53 Speaker 1

OK, you get back into the National Guard.

00:21:56 Speaker 3

And then after we were married, we went.

00:21:57 Speaker 3

In the Air Force.

00:21:59 Speaker 1

Oh, you did go into the Air Force. How long were you in?

00:22:01

Yeah.

00:22:02 Speaker 1

The Air Force.

00:22:03 Speaker 3

14 years he retired from the Air Force. Really.

00:22:08 Speaker 1

Wow.

00:22:10 Speaker 1

Well, that's pretty impressive. Obviously you you got rid of that free spirit then, right?

00:22:16 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:22:21 Speaker 1

OK, so you you end up retiring from the from the?

00:22:27 Speaker 1

From the Air Force after 14 years.

00:22:27 Speaker 2

Therefore.

00:22:30 Speaker 1

All right. Now, did you have any children?

00:22:32 Speaker 2

Had two boys.

00:22:34 Speaker 1

OK. And do you know?

00:22:36 Speaker 2

Their names? No.

00:22:40 Speaker 1

What?

00:22:43 Speaker 2

My older son is Joseph and the youngest 1 is.

00:22:48 Speaker 2

William.

00:22:49 Speaker 1

OK, Joseph and William. And are they in the area, are they in Knoxville, are they?

00:22:51 Speaker 2

MHM.

00:22:56 Speaker 2

Right.

00:22:59 Speaker 2

This like this, this one, and then this well.

00:23:03 Speaker 3

I mean they they live near us.

00:23:06 Speaker 1

All right. And how about grandkids? That's a tougher 1.

00:23:09 Speaker 2

No.

00:23:10 Speaker 1

No grandkids.

00:23:12 Speaker 2

I gotta.

00:23:15 Speaker 2

A boy and a girl.

00:23:18 Speaker 3

Grandson in the army.

00:23:19 Speaker 1

Oh, in the army.

00:23:22 Speaker 1

Oh really?

00:23:24 Speaker 1

I'll be darned.

00:23:27 Speaker 3

Be home for Christmas.

00:23:29 Speaker 1

There you go.

00:23:31 Speaker 1

All right. And granddaughter. And where's the granddaughter? She's in Knoxville.

00:23:31 Speaker 3

And a granddaughter.

00:23:33 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:23:37 Speaker 2

And.

00:23:40 Speaker 3

All right, we've got 2 great grandchildren. Oh, really?

00:23:41

OK.

00:23:43 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:23:45 Speaker 1

You're not old enough for great grandchildren.

00:23:47 Speaker 2

I'm 7580.

00:23:51 Speaker 2

No.

00:23:51 Speaker 1

Well, I guess you're old enough for great grandchildren.

00:23:53 Speaker 2

808083.

00:23:56 Speaker 2

82.

00:23:59 Speaker 1

All right, now.

00:24:00 Speaker 1

We've got a couple of minutes left. Is there anything you'd like him to talk about?

00:24:05 Speaker 1

Anything you'd like to say?

00:24:08 Speaker 3

So you would like some help with your project.

00:24:10 Speaker 1

It's possible. Yeah. Let's bring that back up again, because you're trying to get.

00:24:12 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:24:15 Speaker 1

For the for the American cemetery in Farmersville. OK.

00:24:20 Speaker 2

No.

00:24:23 Speaker 3

It's it's bigger, all right? Both grants.

00:24:27 Speaker 1

All right. And how can they find out more information about this?

00:24:33 Speaker 1

If anyone would be interested.

00:24:36 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:24:37 Speaker 3

The mailing address.

00:24:39 Speaker 1

Might as well give the mailing address. Just getting on the tape that we won't have it.

00:24:44 Speaker 1

That's all right.

00:24:49 Speaker 2

All right.

00:24:52 Speaker 1

Lorraine Cemetery Memorial is it Caroline Carillion charitable trust for the installation of a Carolyn Bell or Carillion Bell system in the Lorraine American Military Cemetery.

00:25:07 Speaker 1

PO Box 7306, Knoxville, TN 37921.

00:25:14 Speaker 1

All right.

00:25:15 Speaker 2

He won one thing when you tell him.

00:25:17 Speaker 2

It's.

00:25:18 Speaker 2

The biggest.

00:25:24 Speaker 3

Military.

00:25:25 Speaker 2

Cemetery in in France. Is it really?

00:25:31 Speaker 3

I think in Europe.

00:25:33 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:25:35 Speaker 1

Well, that's.

00:25:36 Speaker 1

Hopefully you can get some response ahead of it. Well, I want to thank you for taking the time to.

00:25:40 Speaker 1

Come down here. I want to thank.

00:25:41 Speaker 1

You for but.

00:25:42 Speaker 1

I'll know. Thank you for taking the time to.

00:25:46 Speaker 1

Come down here.

00:25:47 Speaker 1

And you get your.

00:25:47 Speaker 2

Yes.

00:25:48 Speaker 1

Tape tape in the mail shortly.

00:25:51 Speaker 2

Well, I was.

00:25:53 Speaker 2

Having had this about 3 years ago, I could I could have done done a better job.

00:26:00 Speaker 1

Yeah, well, you know what? And I'll be honest with you, I'm getting a lot of people coming in saying we wish you'd we had done it 5-10 years ago because they're they're losing family. And so I appreciate you taking the time to come down here and and really helping us out and telling your story. So, so many people can share in that.

00:26:06 Speaker 2

Mm-hmm.

00:26:18 Speaker 2

Thank you.