

Frederic H. Moston Interview #2

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None.

00:00:08 Speaker 1

As he says in this one, it says to America where access together, he says.

00:00:13 Speaker 1

Just when I got the practice but.

00:00:16 Speaker 1

Up they decided to transfer me to another regiment.

00:00:19 Speaker 1

And here it shows a.

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A.

00:00:22 Speaker 1

Behind the lines.

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Soldier saying to this combat medic you didn't get a combat pay because you just don't fight.

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I.

00:00:37

OK.

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Yeah.

00:00:43 Speaker 1

The two other words, this one is the Medicaid in his pipette.

00:00:46 Speaker 1

It says OK, Joe.

00:00:48 Speaker 1

I'm a noncombatant, so I don't have to worry.

00:00:51 Speaker 1

Or this one, he says.

00:00:54 Speaker 1

Just a country Dr.

00:00:57 Speaker 1

If you don't mind, I'll consider Pfc Johnson, the other lady who was a foot specialist.

00:01:08 Speaker 1

And the one which is one of my favorites.

00:01:13 Speaker 1

This buddy is issuing purple hearts, which are stacked up on a card table and that's the way I got mine.

00:01:19 Speaker 1

This guy is for treatment, comes up to him in the medic says to just give me a couple of aspirin. I only got a Purple Heart away.

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Yeah.

00:01:39 Speaker 1

Bill Melvin is an award-winning American infantryman.

00:01:46

Yeah.

00:01:49

I.

00:01:52 Speaker 1

Sometimes during this period of fighting, my buddies never given three day passes to Luxembourg City.

00:01:59 Speaker 1

They'll be driving to look and lot like these cartoon characters are really enjoyable to have made. So famous. We were standing on Street Corner.

00:02:06 Speaker 1

When we were given the honor scene, the one and only General Patton, the commanding general of our army old button, got himself.

00:02:14 Speaker 1

As we used to say, SG is our blood and his guts. And he came by in a Jeep.

00:02:19 Speaker 1

He was standing up with his shiny helmet with four stars on it and his 2 Pearl Helmet pistols on his hip.

00:02:27 Speaker 1

We forgot to salute.

00:02:29 Speaker 1

What is your honesty reporting the castle to let's just relaxable for she was not there and it was my privilege to sleep in her bed that had a feather ticket. A tick feathered bed cover on it. I discovered this like fluffy warm material. I was going to sleep.

00:02:47 Speaker 1

Around during the winter, after Christmas, I received a package from my mother along with some mail.

00:02:54 Speaker 1

And we were sitting in snow and getting a package from her, of course, was a great deal and all the guys gathered around our file hoping for some goodies, some goodies from the home front.

00:03:02 Speaker 1

My dear mother had sent an Angel food cake.

00:03:05 Speaker 1

In a package which have been squashed in trance and she also included a number of spams of cans of spam.

00:03:11 Speaker 1

I have always liked spam, but the moment the other guy saw that it happened, they quickly disappeared. Also along with the Christmas gift was an order from my old girlfriend.

00:03:21 Speaker 1

Eileen, who just denounced that she found new boyfriend.

00:03:24 Speaker 1

And so that's the joy of everything else of that Christmas. I got a dear John lower so.

00:03:32 Speaker 1

Again, at the front, we found a snow getting heavier.

00:03:35 Speaker 1

It a difficult for million.

00:03:37 Speaker 1

And machines to move.

00:03:38 Speaker 1

Trucks and tanks would get stuck.

00:03:40 Speaker 1

Guns are not fire because of the coal and our K&C races would be frozen stiff.

00:03:45 Speaker 1

Will try to.

00:03:47 Speaker 1

Solve them out over a fire by putting in our helmet.

00:03:52 Speaker 1

And we'll be here sofit from smile and loving the snow and being so cool. And most of the time we were half asleep as we were walking along. The only thing that kept us usually warm was a sprinkler of water snaps or some wind that we had SW.

00:04:04 Speaker 1

The way.

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Yes.

00:04:06 Speaker 1

One time, as I remember, we went out of town and a German started hitting us with shells that produce smoke.

00:04:13 Speaker 1

We were the way that we're using poison.

00:04:15 Speaker 1

Because we had turned away our gas mask cases in order to use the the case to carry cigarettes and other goodies, toothpaste and all that sort of stuff.

00:04:25 Speaker 1

And God, Michelle shells, however, turned out to be an incendiary type of phosphorus.

00:04:33 Speaker 1

Much do I relieve they do how it did, however, keep shooting your 88 cannon our way and we all sorted those guns were good enough to shoot around corner.

00:04:42 Speaker 1

Only time will, you know, was quietly sneaking into the outskirts of the.

00:04:46 Speaker 1

As I mentioned.

00:04:48 Speaker 1

In town, fighting is extremely difficult. Begin to hear dogs barking for somehow somebody must have got to him because very quiet after about 2:15.

00:05:01 Speaker 1

He was doing this time to acquire a few souvenirs from German homes as we rated him, I got a large Nazi flag and typewriter and a woman shocked in which I.

00:05:09 Speaker 1

Able to send home.

00:05:11 Speaker 1

Unfortunately, it was a shotgun and a few Nazi measles got.

00:05:14 Speaker 1

Along with some.

00:05:15 Speaker 1

Along the line, somebody else swiped the rest of them.

00:05:20 Speaker 1

We also discovered a bank, a German bank that was wrecked and my my buddies and I decided to blow up in a safe with a bazooka. So they did.

00:05:30 Speaker 1

Away the the door to safe and we found inside a basket full of German money and we all thought we of course immediately rich.

00:05:38 Speaker 1

So we gathered up as much as he.

00:05:39 Speaker 1

I had stuffed a whole bundle in my jacket and we we went back and I'll talk to my buddies about how we'd taken all this money we found over this was all money had been claimed by Hitler's regime and stuff. It was worthless.

00:05:52 Speaker 1

Those are only.

00:05:54 Speaker 1

Become rich in the collect.

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Yeah.

00:06:01 Speaker 1

Definitely would come attribute forward into Germany itself.

00:06:05 Speaker 1

We would come across columns of bomb direct German trucks and tanks as well as dead German soldiers.

00:06:11 Speaker 1

Our horses laying by the roadside.

00:06:16 Speaker 1

There were tiger tanks.

00:06:18 Speaker 1

With their trucks, which reaches how my shoulders have been blown apart.

00:06:24 Speaker 1

Although please, our artillery had smashed them.

00:06:29 Speaker 1

Overtime, SO1 German tiger was in a valley with three American Sherman tanks killed and moving around on top of the hill. Much like the old cowboy movies where the cavalry and Indians were surfing around.

00:06:45 Speaker 1

Him and this German tanks had to fire 3 shells and knocked off all three American tanks.

00:06:54 Speaker 1

I wonder we're heading to baseball house that have Rosa bunk beds with rope mattresses, which the Germans have probably slept on a tight before. Nearly a few minutes to be with cringe from the fight of a German tank down the street as a poured as 88 mill.

00:07:06 Speaker 1

Shells into the walls on each side of the street.

00:07:08 Speaker 1

Scared the crap out of us.

00:07:12 Speaker 1

I was about to start at my fat.

00:07:15 Speaker 1

I'm taking a small town and we chose a nice house to sleep in.

00:07:19 Speaker 1

As we were sitting in the first, the front door burst open and there's a commanding general of our division in the flesh with his aid.

00:07:27 Speaker 1

One of the AIDS said. Shall we make us our headquarters, Sir?

00:07:30 Speaker 1

And one of my men said we're sorry, General Mrs. Our room and the bed is for the duck. The general left. And I slept a nip at that night. That's how the infant treatment felt about the medic.

00:07:42 Speaker 1

As you push forward, your journey became.

00:07:45 Speaker 1

One time we came into the magical line, which was a fortification on the other side of the German Siegfried.

00:07:51 Speaker 1

Which the French had built as a buffer after the First World War to protect against future German invasion, but which?

00:07:58 Speaker 1

Turned out to be useless.

00:08:01 Speaker 1

Mr. Lam was a series of fortresses interconnected by underground tunnels, with railroads to support supplies of various parts around we must a day for our day in 97 have appeared my close and take a.

00:08:10 Speaker 1

One of the bathrooms I accidentally having.

00:08:13 Speaker 1

Touch of electric C.

00:08:15 Speaker 1

Gave me a big shock that I was lucky I didn't get electrocuted.

00:08:21 Speaker 1

Siegfried line. This was nasty, deadly work as we move up from 1 pill box to another for tank trips which are known as Dragons teeth which are blocks of concrete that stick up and out of the ground. Our troops would crawl toward these concrete boxes and attempt to.

00:08:38 Speaker 1

Hand grenades into the.

00:08:41 Speaker 1

Pill boxes.

00:08:43 Speaker 1

Out to German it was during his time to pick up a fancy blaster over quit that had belonged to a German officer, also called AP 51 pistol as a souvenir. And one day I was wearing a coat and shooting out the pistol, walking around and the guys.

00:08:58 Speaker 1

My office stopping and said DOC said I could easily be mistaken and shot for a German. You can bet.

00:09:04 Speaker 1

Coordinate gun quickly.

00:09:08 Speaker 1

Separated and lost from my paternal as they were.

00:09:12 Speaker 1

Moving along.

00:09:15 Speaker 1

I found myself alone on a hill salvage with nobody around me.

00:09:20 Speaker 1

While German mobile weapons were launching rocket shells that were exploded all around me, these were called Nebo Wafers or something like that.

00:09:29 Speaker 1

It was impossible to judge what these weapons were located by their sounds. I'm not sure in which direction to run.

00:09:36 Speaker 1

They show all. They weren't hitting me. I still felt trapped.

00:09:40 Speaker 1

I felt they're trying to conquer escape from this predicament.

00:09:44 Speaker 1

I began to contemplate cutting my own leg, giving myself a wound so I'd have an excuse to get out of combat and go home.

00:09:49 Speaker 1

It's an old soldier's thought happens quite often. However, while looking at my trench knife, I knew that I could probably get away with it.

00:09:57 Speaker 1

I knew instinctively that my mother would not approve of this kind of calamity.

00:10:01 Speaker 1

How she would know.

00:10:03 Speaker 1

And I also knew that I know and that it would always be with me.

00:10:08 Speaker 1

So I gave up on that idea and began wondering, well, looking for wiper tones, which I finally found somewhere. Who I had gotten in front of them and away from their positions, and they spotted me.

00:10:18 Speaker 1

Said hey, Doc, what are you doing up?

00:10:19 Speaker 1

You're supposed to be behind us, not in front of us.

00:10:22

Hello.

00:10:23 Speaker 1

I really thought I decided to accompany Michael and Dino and his brother, automatic assistant, not only as the Greek.

00:10:34 Speaker 1

They will send forward to an outpost position which is in front of our lines, where our troops will dig in.

00:10:41 Speaker 1

There is a responsibility to stay.

00:10:42 Speaker 1

And detect any German patrols.

00:10:44 Speaker 1

They might be sneaking around in the dark, so we sent them behind a large rock waiting to listening a little more later, heard some wrestling in front of our positions, and the vice began shooting down into the wood.

00:10:57 Speaker 1

Down the line began firing blindly as well.

00:11:01 Speaker 1

The voice on the staff when the morning came and light we discovered, was my children. Still a couple of dead deer.

00:11:08 Speaker 1

Like Candida was a young guy from Teaneck, NJ, an Italian boy.

00:11:12 Speaker 1

Was extremely.

00:11:14 Speaker 1

He had been a paratrooper and, like the rest of us, replacements have been recycled into the infantry.

00:11:19 Speaker 1

We know our platform was dead on two sides earlier was making the Greek in a foxhole on the other side and with a Rifleman and me on the other side of the road during the night we heard movement down the road as it came near.

00:11:34 Speaker 1

Thanks it.

00:11:35 Speaker 1

And shuttle for the animated hall.

00:11:37 Speaker 1

It was an immediate burst of gunfire from the Germans, and Mike tried to fire his PAR weapons, which immediately began to jam. The German bullets ripped through Mike's uniform, but he was unscathed in a miraculous way.

00:11:50 Speaker 1

Meanwhile, my foxhole, the soldier I was, was attempted to fire as M1 rifle and asked me to help shut the country's clip into his gun.

00:11:57 Speaker 1

Tried to stick the clip into the.

00:12:00 Speaker 1

I was shaking so bad that damn, they kept coming back out.

00:12:03 Speaker 1

And in Mr. Rodriguez activity, everything came together as a German laying out in front of our positions.

00:12:08 Speaker 1

Apparently he had been wounded.

00:12:10 Speaker 1

7 dragged him in front of our.

00:12:12 Speaker 1

We stayed until he got light and I would like to say at this point that Germans would not normally shoot at.

00:12:19 Speaker 1

Our medics there are times when captured captured German medics work with me to help fix up the mood from both sides of the car to conflict. If the money got hit, it was usually.

00:12:29 Speaker 1

An accident? It wasn't done on purpose.

00:12:31

Yeah.

00:12:32 Speaker 1

It's hard to generalize about courage and battle when, like Mike, are extremely brave and competent so.

00:12:39 Speaker 1

I've never met who you would never thought would stand out, but did also those who those who could and not, you know, quickly what kind of trust, or after all, you'd like to depend on it.

00:12:54 Speaker 1

Hello. It's Matera in this happy time.

00:12:57 Speaker 1

Record as we were moving through one small town in Germany that calls to stop for a short rest. As the men lay alongside her.

00:13:03 Speaker 1

Decided to explode, forage for some beers or snaps or wine behind the rail houses, I found a cave.

00:13:11 Speaker 1

And remember, I had no weapon, so I decided to bluff.

00:13:14 Speaker 1

Come on away, you *** ** * *****.

00:13:16 Speaker 1

I shouted.

00:13:17 Speaker 1

And I stepped an older, older man in a spiffy grace.

00:13:20 Speaker 1

Spotless uniform with all kinds of models on his chest.

00:13:26 Speaker 1

He looked. Really.

00:13:27 Speaker 1

So much them back to our.

00:13:28 Speaker 1

I'm extreme, proudly. It looks like they captured a general or something like that and I perceived it much more. And don't call him until I found someone who could speak German, German, German, German.

00:13:37 Speaker 1

After having a conversation with my prisoner, the soldier knows that the prisoner was the town postman was not a.

00:13:43 Speaker 1

Of all.

00:13:43 Speaker 1

And you can imagine my embarrassment. The Germans just love to wear uniforms.

00:13:46

Yeah.

00:13:48 Speaker 1

Was military otherwise or even sports medals?

00:13:51 Speaker 1

Little tangoism in the same word. I wish someone would go and help a woman who was in a hill in a cave and I assumed.

00:13:57 Speaker 1

She had been hurt because I climbed the side of a hill and got up to The Cave. To my astonishment, this lady.

00:14:03 Speaker 1

Lying on the table surrounded by many of her friends.

00:14:05 Speaker 1

She was about to have a baby.

00:14:07 Speaker 1

I had no training in delivering of babies.

00:14:10 Speaker 1

It's like very little training as far as a medic is concerned of any kind.

00:14:14 Speaker 1

So I confess that I couldn't back down here and try to find someone else who could take over but deliver this child.

00:14:22 Speaker 1

To think that was the only time I ever refused to give medical aid to anybody.

00:14:26 Speaker 1

Really much. When I used a bit of the shrine became more willing countryside as we came out as a more open gratitude.

00:14:33 Speaker 1

A long line of olive drab uniformed soldiers emerging from the West of Pride to see Americans advancing.

00:14:40 Speaker 1

This was a type of terrain which offered excellent opportunity for General Padilla's tank divisions.

00:14:46 Speaker 1

And a gigantic pit movement.

00:14:49 Speaker 1

He guilt.

00:14:50 Speaker 1

The Germans, as they had given to the other peoples, the Poles and so.

00:14:54 Speaker 1

He moves his tanks to the right and left and surrounded Clinton's or Germans were caught in the pocket. They began to surrender and mass. In this process, our infantry R.

00:15:04 Speaker 1

The tanks, which often fell as much as 30 miles a day.

00:15:07 Speaker 1

Stopping occasionally to mop up small pockets of German resistance.

00:15:11 Speaker 1

This was a kind of plastic tank warfare that the general lived.

00:15:15 Speaker 1

When the tanks were into practice of resistance, it was the general, the infantry, to fire down from the tanks and half tracks and go take care of the problem.

00:15:24 Speaker 1

Interesting thing to me was as we got into Germany and entered small towns, we could see rice flags of surrender hanging from the windows of a question to people.

00:15:35 Speaker 1

Wish they would say we met Nazi. We met Nazis and you know, we thought, yeah, that much. We really think they were fooling.

00:15:41 Speaker 1

I recall seeing all those news real short masses of German Shiite and say, oh, the Hitler.

00:15:48 Speaker 1

And it was about this time when we heard about the machine gun massacre.

00:15:52 Speaker 1

Of the by the journalism American who was surrendered during the French town of Normandy to lose this atrocity, along with the discovery and liberation of concentration camps made for decided change in the attitude of American soldiers towards the Germans.

00:16:07 Speaker 1

From then on, it would be reviewed to kill or be killed and returned to Syria for the Germans.

00:16:16 Speaker 1

Event happened to give me a real score.

00:16:18 Speaker 1

You've been learning in one time, preparing to move. When I heard a woman scream from the woman or nearby building.

00:16:24 Speaker 1

Better if we react to intestinal burning up the stairs. But as I reached the top, I saw a Sergeant of the platoon was directly behind me attempting to arrest a little aged woman. As soon as he saw me, he pulled out his 45 caliber pistol and stuck.

00:16:39 Speaker 1

In my face.

00:16:41 Speaker 1

He told me to get out of there and because that bar looked like a big can, I retreated down the stairs.

00:16:46 Speaker 1

I was a little worried about this guy because he was ripping behind me when we were going down the road, you know, and I suddenly disappear. And this guy would be responsible for, I told the guys in my platoon about it, and I never certainly heard that I.

00:17:01 Speaker 1

This guy, if anything, happened to their.

00:17:03 Speaker 1

He wouldn't be around to tell anybody about it, so I was.

00:17:09 Speaker 1

Accompanied Mike and the Greek authority of Azuka looking for a German tank.

00:17:18 Speaker 1

If I didn't add this coming across our fuse.

00:17:22 Speaker 1

So they decided that this that they would take a shot at it.

00:17:28 Speaker 1

I'd like to mention that Bazooka is nothing but low to the Hozar rocket, which is united by 2D batteries.

00:17:32 Speaker 1

Some kind of a Mickey Mouse contraption, to say the least.

00:17:36 Speaker 1

So as you got to the bank near the tank makes it up and fire it up the tank, but nothing happened.

00:17:43 Speaker 1

The show just passed off, so they stuck another rocket in that fire, this one off, and it bounced off.

00:17:49 Speaker 1

There's about this time the German tank then became aware of our presence and began to swing a big 88 cannon in our direction.

00:17:57 Speaker 1

Quickly decided this was a losing proposition proposition. And it's true that lit off at full speed to get out of the site we made it.

00:18:06 Speaker 1

Circle, Circle, Winters, EMD of F patents takes a different treatment, giving the enemy a taste of what they have been dished out to soldiers of other nations over on.

00:18:14 Speaker 1

The two arms are patted, pincers closed on a ton of mice on the right river in Germany.

00:18:20 Speaker 1

The line was considered a last major National Defence lines of the Germans and remnants of the German army had escaped in Circlement and I expect to make a long ditch test stand.

00:18:29 Speaker 1

The river.

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I.

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I.

00:18:41

Yeah.

00:18:43

Yeah.

00:18:44

Yeah.

00:18:44 Speaker 1

I want to say a few words to you about the men right turn before moving on. A first Sergeant who in my opinion.

00:18:49 Speaker 1

The show officially efficiently let usually let.

00:18:52 Speaker 1

I don't remember his name, but I believe he lived did come from somewhere and left like you from Utah, from the West.

00:18:59 Speaker 1

But I remember the men respected his opinion and did what he asked them. A lot of questions.

00:19:04 Speaker 1

We also handled a tenant who should have commanded a platoon, but every time we moved up into the line, he would become sick and have to go to the Roar.

00:19:11 Speaker 1

And we will get rid of them one time in the snow at my house.

00:19:14 Speaker 1

Moved forward.

00:19:15 Speaker 1

He.

00:19:15 Speaker 1

He was becoming sick.

00:19:17 Speaker 1

To catch up with the platoon ahead of carry this guy across an open field that was covered with snow.

00:19:23 Speaker 1

The other.

00:19:23 Speaker 1

I drank this guy up a steep hill to where there was a road permission to Rd. at the top of the the hill. He blankly crawled away and got a ride in a passing vehicle.

00:19:33 Speaker 1

Laid, exhausted on the side of the road.

00:19:36 Speaker 1

Some of the guys who observed this event, Fennec, and took me up back, they said.

00:19:40 Speaker 1

You know what? That's fairy crust.

00:19:41 Speaker 1

Was mine.

00:19:43 Speaker 1

And all I can see behind the footprints I had left her talk about deadlock.

00:19:49 Speaker 1

Because they were faced with this. So I like cooking is often difficult to get to know them very.

00:19:53 Speaker 1

In addition, when you know that anyone of them could be killed over at anytime, it was hard to make close attention because it's hurt when you lost them.

00:20:01 Speaker 1

Was on March 22nd March 21st, rather related to Tony's, which is about 30 miles up over from Frankfurt.

00:20:09 Speaker 1

We're allowed to risk for a day and our guys began to go forward, forging around my buddies and I went scrounging for chickens and eggs, were able to collect a large basket of eggs under large frying pan.

00:20:19 Speaker 1

Made the largest omelet you ever saw.

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Repl.

00:20:23 Speaker 1

Imagine.

00:20:23 Speaker 1

20 or so eggs involved, and we had a wonderful meal together on the second floor of a building. Water wall had been blown away.

00:20:31 Speaker 1

He was quite a.

00:20:33 Speaker 1

A view to go along with our lunch.

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Thanks.

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00:20:47 Speaker 1

I am.

00:20:48 Speaker 1

And that later became a history teacher. After the war, I found my.

00:20:52 Speaker 1

We were going to make history because we were going to be the 1st Army to cross the Brine River. Since Julius Caesar in his Roman legions had done it in ancient times.

00:21:02 Speaker 1

I don't know if these guys really cared about that, but towards evening we were informed that during the night we had been elected to take the server to make the 3rd Army's first assault on the Iron River.

00:21:12 Speaker 1

We'll get rubber boats which had 212 men, infantry and engineers.

00:21:17 Speaker 1

The time was to be midnight, but if for some unexplained.

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Play.

00:21:21 Speaker 1

At the last minute I was ordered to leave.

00:21:22 Speaker 1

To him and my buddies and become part of a headquarters section under the command of a second Lieutenant.

00:21:31 Speaker 1

One of these men were known to me and.

00:21:33 Speaker 1

Was.

00:21:33 Speaker 1

Strange thing to be separated from my comrades as they went into battle.

00:21:38 Speaker 1

I doubt that too that any of us realize that for most of us, this would be the big event of our lives.

00:21:45 Speaker 1

Children have an old saying that when your time comes.

00:21:47 Speaker 1

The bell. You will know it.

00:21:49 Speaker 1

I had a premonition that.

00:21:50 Speaker 1

The things that be served might not be so good for me, but I attributed to the natural anxiety and fear that comes with calling Nevada.

00:21:58 Speaker 1

We have made river crossings before in our little boats at the Ol River and over over other rivers, but the mine River is a big river nearly a mile across and it was a much riskier operation.

00:22:11

Yeah.

00:22:11 Speaker 1

Was about 2:00.

00:22:12 Speaker 1

That next at night.

00:22:16 Speaker 1

In the dark, when you saw him along the Bank of the river dragging a boat behind us and we passed a common land across were hidden.

00:22:22 Speaker 1

The German viewer.

00:22:24 Speaker 1

As he passed the rules of the exchange cross sitting, suddenly a.

00:22:27 Speaker 1

I wonder why we don't put on these boats to make this all, but Dragon Derwin boats down a series of stones? That's. That was probably a boat slip.

00:22:38 Speaker 1

Became apparent layered as far.

00:22:40 Speaker 1

He was concerned to.

00:22:41 Speaker 1

Move across the river if possible, undetected by the enemy and launch a surprise attack.

00:22:47 Speaker 1

Unfortunately for us, the Germans were not surprised when waiting to ambush us.

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I.

00:22:56 Speaker 1

It turns out March 22nd, the minimum had to crawl down to the rivers edge.

00:23:00 Speaker 1

And we did.

00:23:01 Speaker 1

And begin to paddle to the distant shore.

00:23:03

We should.

00:23:04 Speaker 1

Have guessed that we were in trouble because tracer fire from the other side was leasing across the river.

00:23:09 Speaker 1

These traces were about 3 feet above the wall, so we figured they were shooting overhead, but we didn't realize that they were shooting regular bullets much lower in the middle of the river.

00:23:20 Speaker 1

Boat was struck by machine gunfire hit a men in a film first.

00:23:25 Speaker 1

And Kelly, most of them suddenly did attend the squatting behind me in the back of boat, received a wound in the neck, and I patched up his wound as well as I could. As I turned forward, I felt a blow on my right arm like I was hit.

00:23:35 Speaker 1

Baseball bat.

00:23:38 Speaker 1

It didn't occur to me right away that I had been wounded.

00:23:42 Speaker 1

I vote began to drift, says no one was bowling.

00:23:44 Speaker 1

Couldn't tell the men in front were alive.

00:23:46 Speaker 1

Dead because nobody made any sound, he.

00:23:49 Speaker 1

I would go to the side of the boat and maybe tow it as I swam but as I.

00:23:53 Speaker 1

Started swimming a.

00:23:55 Speaker 1

Beside a shell exploded nearby.

00:23:58 Speaker 1

It was probably a more because a piece of shrapnel.

00:24:02 Speaker 1

Struck me in my right leg and I fell back.

00:24:04 Speaker 1

The boat.

00:24:05 Speaker 1

Another phone, the road, who turned out.

00:24:06 Speaker 1

Be alive did.

00:24:07 Speaker 1

Decide to go over the side of.

00:24:09 Speaker 1

Boat with him.

00:24:12 Speaker 1

To be trying to patrol the final eastern island.

00:24:14 Speaker 1

In the middle.

00:24:15 Speaker 1

Of the night river and we landed there, five of us who crawled out of our life.

00:24:21 Speaker 1

Not knowing whether the man who was there were alive or dead, I went.

00:24:24 Speaker 1

To see if I could check on any of them. My God had no answers. I gave as many as you know as I could reach to shadow, morph into their uniforms and crawled to.

00:24:32 Speaker 1

The yellow sorrows I know were able to find out about these men were left behind.

00:24:37 Speaker 1

I wish I could have done something more for them.

00:24:40 Speaker 1

We even built the founders across the island by crawling through the underbrush and looking for some shelter.

00:24:46 Speaker 1

I finally spotted a farmhouse and we found a.

00:24:50 Speaker 1

And to our surprise, there was a German farmer inside who first some families that we could see. I guess he was very cooperative because I imagine he wanted to be on the right side of the American soil winning.

00:25:01 Speaker 1

Look at the condition of my.

00:25:02 Speaker 1

There was an eye patch that was okay and so was.

00:25:04 Speaker 1

Of the others, but the young fella had gone over the side of the road.

00:25:09 Speaker 1

To tow the boat I found have a gaping hole in his back when I caught off his fuel jacket.

00:25:14 Speaker 1

Strangely though, he wasn't bleeding badly.

00:25:16 Speaker 1

Plenty of the cold water.

00:25:17 Speaker 1

To stop the flow.

00:25:19 Speaker 1

Advantages would as well as they could. We settle on to wait for that. I so we could analyze our predicament.

00:25:24 Speaker 1

Here we are in the middle of the river with the Americans on one side, the Jones on the other.

00:25:31 Speaker 1

About four or 5:00 in the morning? Yes. We're getting a lot of my shelter in my bed, and I took it to make some.

00:25:35 Speaker 1

Back with our forces on one side to signal for rescue, I made my way along the side facing the Americans, which was shielded by a durable banana about 3 or 4 feet high.

00:25:48 Speaker 1

As our contour the remains of what had been a bridge, I spot an American observation plane, sort of small tail or cup type and I stood up and saw weight of my arms.

00:25:54

Yeah.

00:25:56 Speaker 1

Oh, he saw me or not.

00:25:57 Speaker 1

Didn't know at that.

00:25:58 Speaker 1

I hope he didn't would report our position, but as I was attempting to single the air flight to hunt the sound of a show.

00:26:05 Speaker 1

In my direction.

00:26:07 Speaker 1

I slammed into the door of snugly high some of the red barriers of the bridge.

00:26:12 Speaker 1

Peek at her.

00:26:13 Speaker 1

I spot a German tank that was trying to 01 on me.

00:26:16 Speaker 1

He fires three shots from his 8mm cannon in my direction, which put it all around me. One piece banging on top of my home and shoving my face under the dirt.

00:26:26 Speaker 1

Not sure if he saw the bright crosses on my hand.

00:26:28 Speaker 1

I don't.

00:26:28 Speaker 1

Perhaps he figured it were.

00:26:30 Speaker 1

If there was a medical around, it would be right from the nearby.

00:26:33 Speaker 1

Only shooting a lot of noise was shrapnel flying all over the place.

00:26:38 Speaker 1

But if these as a tank could not really see me, it was just loving. She was in my direction, hoping for lucky hit.

00:26:44 Speaker 1

Fortunately, the exception had my hand helmet entered in being shook up.

00:26:48 Speaker 1

I wasn't injured further.

00:26:51

I.

00:26:52 Speaker 1

After a while the tank back down a little Ridge on her side and disappeared from my view.

00:26:58 Speaker 1

And shortly afterwards I could see a small landing crab moving towards our.

00:27:02 Speaker 1

And I waited at at him to wait. When I returned to the shelter and gather with the men and lad them towards the Bay.

00:27:07 Speaker 1

And this week, first an alarming crap load of torture that takes a board determined take the game day end of lavish shows in.

00:27:13 Speaker 1

Direction.

00:27:14 Speaker 1

Like I said, picture of the the center.

00:27:17 Speaker 1

Who was driving the landing?

00:27:19 Speaker 1

Bobby is head up and down with the hats.

00:27:22 Speaker 1

But he just hurry up as the shells dropped off to the side in the water.

00:27:26 Speaker 1

The wheel board said the world around and Charlie, we were deposited on the American side of the river.

00:27:31 Speaker 1

And as I step to show, I shall long calm of American jeers with the Insignia of the 5th Division and their shore lining up to climb aboard those same mentioned landing craft I had settled. I talked about earlier.

00:27:44 Speaker 1

In retrospect, it would seem my outfit had been a faint to draw. The Germans charge us the night before, so fist division could land down before without us.

00:27:52 Speaker 1

Without opposition.

00:27:54 Speaker 1

Years later, when I was teaching history, I.

00:27:56 Speaker 1

A book.

00:27:57 Speaker 1

From Yale, which I was going to use for my history classes.

00:28:01 Speaker 1

Was told about the war.

00:28:03 Speaker 1

So I looked at the pages to describe that horrible night, and the book said on March 22nd 1945 the 3rd Army crossed the river line with no casualty.

00:28:13 Speaker 1

That air has since been corrected by new research done by military historians. Certainly the 35 survivors of the that night remember this correctly.

00:28:24

I.

00:28:27 Speaker 1

Watching the advancing soldiers of the 5th Division passed over that they made me realize quite suddenly that for me the war was over.

00:28:33 Speaker 1

So I had been wounded and made it through a lifeboat.

00:28:38 Speaker 1

Well, brief.

00:28:39 Speaker 1

I looked up at the blue sky and felt the sun shining on my face, and I thought about what a wonderful, miraculous, unfortunate thing life really is.

00:28:46 Speaker 1

Just just that.

00:28:47 Speaker 1

I have always known that no matter how difficulty everyday problems might turn out to be, or teachers, the quintessential lesson that to be able to see, breathe and feel life around you is the greatest of all God's gifts.

00:29:00 Speaker 1

But only able to resolve carrying Germans who wounded picked up the remaining favours to take us.

00:29:06

Yeah.

00:29:07 Speaker 1

To the hospital from the side underway. I seem to remember the only concern with the journalists, at least to me, who seem to be suffering.

00:29:14 Speaker 1

Minor injuries, I told.

00:29:16 Speaker 1

Take care of my men first and they were really surprised to see.

00:29:19 Speaker 1

The one guy with the large one in the back and they finally did treat him.

00:29:23 Speaker 1

And one of these dogs had a nerve to.

00:29:24 Speaker 1

Me.

00:29:24 Speaker 1

I had flicked the wound in my arm to get out of combat.

00:29:27 Speaker 1

My buddies quickly straightened it out his eyes.

00:29:31 Speaker 1

Running at the field House, but we were separated, Lieutenant, to some other ward reserve for officers were prepared for surgery before my term was carried out.

00:29:41 Speaker 1

Stretcher I carried had a Sumter of a gold medal with commemorative Napoli's victory.

00:29:48 Speaker 1

In the Napoleonic Wars, which I wore around the chain in the chain around my neck and a fancy German dagger with platinum lining around the handle that I swiped when I came out of the operation around the lake, I discovered all of these items were gone.

00:30:00 Speaker 1

There was number real honor among these or medical people, I guess.

00:30:03 Speaker 1

He was found during the operation of my leg and was relatively superficial, but the shrapnel had broken, but the machine gun had shell had broken my arm and cut some of the.

00:30:15 Speaker 1

Which left me mostly in parts of my arm and hand, the doctor said his Chan.

00:30:18 Speaker 1

Nerve retaining generally, most likely never.

00:30:21 Speaker 1

I never did again regain a feeling in that hand.

00:30:25 Speaker 1

Open the field.

00:30:26 Speaker 1

I encountered some patients in German soldiers in the head of conversation with them, and no matter what I said about the atrocities of their country.

00:30:34 Speaker 1

Committed against other peoples, they still collected the idea of white.

00:30:37 Speaker 1

Right around.

00:30:40 Speaker 1

Perhaps they didn't have any choice.

00:30:41 Speaker 1

Sit in the other way, but it made me very angry.

00:30:44 Speaker 1

Have to.

00:30:45 Speaker 1

I think we set off a vmail letter to my mother.

00:30:47 Speaker 1

I was OK. I didn't want her to receive one of those telegrams in the morning apartment. Saying your son was Undernational will not get any details.

00:30:55 Speaker 1

A few days later was put on AC40 transferred roughly.

00:30:59 Speaker 1

With 12 survivors of the concentration we had liberated and we were headed for England.

00:31:05 Speaker 1

I don't forget those four men. They were their skeletons. I thought they said that there was 12 of them and they weren't.

00:31:10 Speaker 1

Weren't as heavy as I am by myself.

00:31:12

I.

00:31:13 Speaker 1

Wonder how many of them really ever survived this experience.

00:31:17

Yeah.

00:31:18 Speaker 1

You were flown to England, sent to a General Hospital as soon as I could. I got on a telephone to my buddies at the hospital and Hereford in front.

00:31:23 Speaker 1

Was able to secure a transfer.

00:31:25 Speaker 1

Me.

00:31:26 Speaker 1

Back to that same hospital.

00:31:29 Speaker 1

I've already trained about 5:00 PM one afternoon.

00:31:32 Speaker 1

Long enough to be taken by British service and finally on her way home, her way home from work and no one spoke.

00:31:36 Speaker 1

So I grabbed this travel helmet with my left hand and my right arm being in a cast.

00:31:40 Speaker 1

After a few minutes of running, conductor approached from Laura Carr and said hey here we can't have this.

00:31:44 Speaker 1

Standing at that moment, every passionate passenger on the train set off an effort or seek to and began.

00:31:51 Speaker 1

To me.

00:31:52 Speaker 1

The baby's great, but it was a real sand.

00:31:54 Speaker 1

Want to ensure that my privacy? I considered civilized people of rich to be the best.

00:32:00 Speaker 1

Right back at the Heartfood hospital, we pick up persons she and descendant.

00:32:05 Speaker 1

When I learned that Teddy and Duke had been transferred out as I had.

00:32:08 Speaker 1

Earlier, but the war would be over before they would see any combat.

00:32:13 Speaker 1

Once in the hospital is put on a work with other under soldiers, but I got special treatment from frenzy.

00:32:19 Speaker 1

Have a real breakfast at his bakery was like sausage biscuits and.

00:32:22 Speaker 1

This is a time when the British people were subsisting on one egg and one arms a week.

00:32:29 Speaker 1

Especially British children, when she decided after my week I would get a should get a break from the hospital retreat.

00:32:35 Speaker 1

Arrange for descendant to drive me in an old window.

00:32:39 Speaker 1

To hold for for that under tongue.

00:32:41 Speaker 1

Plan was to show us to return and collect us.

00:32:45 Speaker 1

About 10 before the 10:00 PM curfew and the tourists had a great time drinking at 10:00. You're standing on a street corner. Be picked up.

00:32:54 Speaker 1

Time passed and still no pick up.

00:32:56 Speaker 1

It seems that as the show was running tightly, Mr. Turner in the dark and lighted in a ditch.

00:33:02 Speaker 1

At 11:00 PM, here we are.

00:33:04 Speaker 1

Betrial tipsy.

00:33:05 Speaker 1

One was almost like a yellow one and clutch a standing under a corner St. like some characters have an old Charlie Chaplin movie.

00:33:13 Speaker 1

Of course, then two MP's drove.

00:33:15 Speaker 1

And that's where passes, which we didn't have because we had been slower out of camp by first.

00:33:20 Speaker 1

7.

00:33:21 Speaker 1

Back at the hospital we went eradic.

00:33:24 Speaker 1

Once again, Frenchie interceded on our behalf.

00:33:28 Speaker 1

Did I mention that he was the the dealer, the owner always affected?

00:33:35 Speaker 1

We managed to also be the supplier of booze to the hospital from the air.

00:33:40 Speaker 1

He had connections that had a significance, would supply him, and he told the officers of the hospital if he were still with.

00:33:50 Speaker 1

We were forgiven.

00:33:52 Speaker 1

If I didn't ship back to the states when she arranged for us guys, we were able to command, he was able to command the Colonel's car.

00:34:01 Speaker 1

Which was an open convertible and have Desonia drive a bunch of us. When you guys are on a beautiful English countries day.

00:34:08 Speaker 1

We got away with this with it this time and to find that was.

00:34:11 Speaker 1

Report to border hospital ship for America after five days at sea, we landed New York worship to to.

00:34:19 Speaker 1

Battle Creek, MI on a train, hospital. Hospital, Franklin.

00:34:24

OK.

00:34:26 Speaker 1

For many severely injured, injured men in that hospital, many of whom were amputees. One of the ironies of my stay there was that when a warrant in Europe ve days was called victory in Europe, those of us that fundamentally restricted to the base while the country celebrated.

00:34:42 Speaker 1

So all the people outside were having wild parades and celebrations here we were stuck inside the canal of the iron fencing around the facility.

00:34:51 Speaker 1

It would have made a beautiful picture. The rationale, we were told, was that he authorities were afraid of some of those make it hurt in a celebration. But I think they just didn't want the public to see how many wounded men around them to remind him of the.

00:35:02 Speaker 1

Of the war.

00:35:04 Speaker 1

About a week later, those of us who are to leave lined up and we passed a cartoon without representation.

00:35:10 Speaker 1

Were handed a Purple Heart metal from a pile.

00:35:12 Speaker 1

I was report to.

00:35:13 Speaker 1

We're on number November 30th, 1945.

00:35:16 Speaker 1

I was formally ordered to discharge.

00:35:19 Speaker 1

From the United States Army, with thanks from a grateful government.

00:35:24 Speaker 1

From a train station downtown Chicago Board a bus for the last trip of the journey home touched it was two years, 8 months and I think for 11 days from the first put on the uniform has the bus approached.

00:35:35 Speaker 1

Found a stop a -, 4 Volt, even today, taking place during that time.

00:35:40 Speaker 1

I left a home.

00:35:42 Speaker 1

I left at home the.

00:35:43 Speaker 1

You might say the culture had gone.

00:35:44 Speaker 1

In.

00:35:45 Speaker 1

What the future people like.

00:35:46 Speaker 1

I didn't have the idea.

00:35:49 Speaker 1

But I like all the other veterans, be able to pick up our life and let it awful would be. So many changes are nervous, could possibly have anticipated the door open, and for a brief moment I felt suspicious.

00:36:00 Speaker 1

Of time, Wolf, I realized this was a special moment.

00:36:04 Speaker 1

Every significant period of my life was coming to an end.

00:36:08 Speaker 1

There are two theories that a female George beating eternal life and having done my duty, but also a sense of sadness, as if this chapter was coming to a final conclusion.

00:36:19 Speaker 1

Soon, she had characterized a sense of loss and shame.

00:36:21 Speaker 1

But he said I was leaving for the front.

00:36:23 Speaker 1

Says to leave Mr. Darling. It was.

00:36:28 Speaker 1

Have you told him to my proud mother. My sister Caroline was in the cast and I had a month's vacation.

00:36:34 Speaker 1

They come in as well as a \$300.00 bonus for the state of Illinois.

00:36:38 Speaker 1

I must confess that I spent most of that most sleeping or.

00:36:40 Speaker 1

Your neighborhood.

00:36:42 Speaker 1

I usually end up at a local bar with other discharge veterans and digging and hashing out more time experiences.

00:36:48 Speaker 1

Transient only a few combo veterans from that little fast community of apric.

00:36:53 Speaker 1

But it probably most my middle age had to escape combat soldier.

00:36:57 Speaker 1

Us feel like strangers in a foreign land, so.

00:37:00 Speaker 1

It felt like most of the people just didn't quite know how to relate to us now.

00:37:06 Speaker 1

Can you understand?

00:37:06 Speaker 1

I wonder what had happened to the minimal platoon that have been separated from me across the road.

00:37:11 Speaker 1

That last night.

00:37:14 Speaker 1

When both was me, I was going to remember Mike Landau.

00:37:16 Speaker 1

I knew he lived in Teaneck, NJ, and we had excerpted many experience, and I was concerned that to know that he had survived that night.

00:37:25 Speaker 1

I didn't know where he lived in New Jersey and trying to contact him. I sent him away to his town, was posted in an open newspaper.

00:37:32 Speaker 1

Good.

00:37:33 Speaker 1

I was trying to warrant a bust.

00:37:34 Speaker 1

Spied the animal wrote to me.

00:37:37 Speaker 1

So for this, since 55 years going on 60, we have continued to correspond.

00:37:42 Speaker 1

Has worked for the veteran administration.

00:37:44 Speaker 1

The time.

00:37:46 Speaker 1

There may be a news outlet each month.

00:37:50 Speaker 1

About Veterans Affairs in New Jersey, it is always addressed to Doug Morrison.

00:37:55 Speaker 1

Help us in making his wonderful life and recess and whenever he was the Internet. And for me, Mike will always be my special comment.

00:38:05 Speaker 1

If you care for those where you from general effects understand there's nothing wrong about.

00:38:11 Speaker 1

Modern Warfare.

00:38:13 Speaker 1

Whether many incidences in the instant episodes of great battle by courageous individuals, the wars are not won or lost by the utilization of vast resources of metal material.

00:38:24 Speaker 1

Diffuse wisely, vitamin C leaders, the success of his cheese many times these resources are wasted or spent until mistakes are made.

00:38:32 Speaker 1

I have no doubt that the enormous resources of the United States inventing equipment for the decisive factors in defeating in our enemies.

00:38:41 Speaker 1

This does not in any way diminish the value of the individual solar soldier, Marine or Herman Cleveland to country should be eternally grateful. Most of us, all veterans, already stay at the real heroes that make it home.

00:38:54 Speaker 1

And I think about those young men who weren't as fortunate as I.

00:38:58 Speaker 1

There is no rational explanation why one person dies and another escapes. I'm sure that luck plays a great.

00:39:05 Speaker 1

I have seen men and near men who were killed or supposed to meet like that.

00:39:09 Speaker 1

Them.

00:39:10 Speaker 1

And why?

00:39:10 Speaker 1

Me.

00:39:12 Speaker 1

How comes I survived?

00:39:14 Speaker 1

And from the agonies of the world have rendered its great gained enormous respect for the value of human life more supposed to learn that some young person has committed suicide.

00:39:24 Speaker 1

I truly believe.

00:39:25 Speaker 1

The only majestic choice we can get to make it as nice as to continue it and make the most of it.

00:39:31 Speaker 1

From your experience in bad Accumbent that veterans are closely monitored, we always say you can tell if a man wasn't covered by looking into his eyes.

00:39:38 Speaker 1

Eyes are mirror of the soul that reflect the misery, the anxiety, fear and horror of battle.

00:39:43

Do.

00:39:44 Speaker 1

You guys remember the carnage that death and the mutilation.

00:39:48 Speaker 1

Soldiers fear is often so profound that their hands shake and guts tighten us to get you one with those shoe comrades because you cannot let them down.

00:39:57

Yeah.

00:39:58 Speaker 1

So as I finished approach the finished this part of our autobiography, I feel that mixture of emotions, which is an ending and a new beginning.

00:40:07 Speaker 1

I carry many memories.

00:40:08 Speaker 1

Were very good.

00:40:10 Speaker 1

Some were funny, some were very sad.

00:40:14 Speaker 1

He's often returned my.

00:40:15 Speaker 1

I'm like so many veterans of my generation is.

00:40:19 Speaker 1

Difficult, difficult to believe that these things all happen over 50 years ago.

00:40:23 Speaker 1

So much it seems like there was only a short time remaining.

00:40:26 Speaker 1

Used to joke that we wouldn't take \$1,000,000 for experience, but nobody would be worth doing once again.

00:40:33 Speaker 1

To my children and grandchild I.

00:40:34 Speaker 1

I hope you will understand my desire to share my story with you.

00:40:39 Speaker 1

It shaped me in ways unknown.

00:40:56 Speaker 1

It shaped me and those who were into war as I was in ways in honor, perhaps.

00:41:03 Speaker 1

Not internally understood.

00:41:06 Speaker 1

And it will shape each of you.

00:41:10 Speaker 1

It's not hoped by giving you my story, it will strengthen it.

00:41:14 Speaker 1

Of our family.

00:41:16 Speaker 1

We'll bring all America, the Westerns together.

00:41:21 Speaker 1

Be closer and to share our lives together.

00:41:24 Speaker 1

After all, how different our life would be?

00:41:27 Speaker 1

I haven't been so lucky.

00:41:33 Speaker 1

And that March night survived to come home.

00:41:37

I.

00:41:39 Speaker 1

Sorry.

00:41:41

We must see a few things.

00:41:44

So more.

00:41:46

I need your full name.

00:41:49 Speaker 1

Fred Henry Mosman. Your date of birth, January 26th, 1923.

00:41:55

Your address.

00:41:57 Speaker 1

We want our address now.

00:42:00 Speaker 1

Yeah, it's a address.

00:42:01 Speaker 1

2290.

00:42:02

5 Sussex Court.

00:42:05 Speaker 1

Don't know.

00:42:05 Speaker 1

Southern Georgia 30078.

00:42:08

What's your place of birth?

00:42:09 Speaker 1

Chicago, IL.

00:42:11 Speaker 1

First time he's in here with me.

00:42:15

I need your battalion regiment division.

00:42:18 Speaker 1

That paper I.

00:42:18 Speaker 1

You had a fluoride. I got here.

00:42:29 Speaker 1

Ae Company 300 and 17th Regiment, 80th Division.

00:42:34

What was your highest rank?

00:42:36 Speaker 1

Pfc Private first class.

00:42:38 Speaker 1

Remember your serial number.

00:42:41

OK.

00:42:46

What's your?

00:42:46

State of enlistment.

00:42:48

When did you first know was the first day?

00:42:50 Speaker 1

The beginning.

00:42:57

I.

00:42:59 Speaker 1

It's always hard that part.

00:43:02

Yeah.

00:43:08 Speaker 1

I still see the faces of those guys.

00:43:09

Yeah.

00:43:11

Yeah.

00:43:17

Sorry.

00:43:18 Speaker 1

Check out right here and see.

00:43:22 Speaker 1

March 23rd, March 20.

00:43:24 Speaker 1

That's my big day, isn't it, 1943?

00:43:28

What?

00:43:30 Speaker 1

That was 1920.

00:43:31 Speaker 1

20 years old.

00:43:33 Speaker 1

What metals or services did you get?

00:43:36 Speaker 1

I got the Purple Heart.

00:43:39 Speaker 1

I got the brown star.

00:43:41 Speaker 1

Of three major campaign, three major campaign ruined.

00:43:47 Speaker 1

And the combat medical infantry, that's badge.

00:43:51

Yeah.

00:43:54

You want to have.

00:43:55

Do you want to?

00:43:56

Do a question and answer session.

00:43:57

Do you want to take a break?

00:43:58

Yep.

00:43:59 Speaker 1

OK, are.

00:44:00 Speaker 1

Supposed to ask me questions.

00:44:02 Speaker 1

Had a.

00:44:03 Speaker 1

Of some questions and you can sort of personalize them.

00:44:07 Speaker 1

OK.

00:44:12

I.

00:44:19

Yes.

00:44:25

Hello.

00:44:26 Speaker 1

We'll go.

00:44:26 Speaker 1

You pretty much answered most of them.

00:44:28

You pretty much answered most of them anyway.

00:44:30 Speaker 1

OK.

00:44:31

Anything else you want to?

00:44:32

Talk about.

00:44:33

Talk about life after the war and how it changed you.

00:44:36 Speaker 1

Hmm.

00:44:39 Speaker 1

The one thing that I decided after going through the war was that I wanted to be involved, and because I always liked history in the teaching, you know, and I.

00:44:49 Speaker 1

I felt that the experiences of war would give insights into you know what causes wars and.

00:44:57 Speaker 1

The ideals thing would be to be able to talk to the younger generation about about wars and that sort of thing, and I was able through the GI bill to get a, you know, a scholarship because I had a disability.

00:45:10 Speaker 1

Was able to get five years of college.

00:45:12 Speaker 1

Putting enough time to make to get my master's degree.

00:45:16 Speaker 1

And I went to.

00:45:20 Speaker 1

DePaul University Elementary, Russell.

00:45:23 Speaker 1

I was in the first graduating class from.

00:45:25 Speaker 1

And I majored in political science, and this is all, of course, the guy who never graduated from high school.

00:45:31 Speaker 1

But I took the GED test and they they gave me the.

00:45:36 Speaker 1

Equivalent of a high school graduation and I went on to DePaul University.

00:45:42 Speaker 1

And during that time, I got married and had a couple children and it took me 5 years to get my masters and.

00:45:49 Speaker 1

In history.

00:45:50 Speaker 1

And then I went on into teaching and I spent.

00:45:55

Replay.

00:45:55 Speaker 1

I taught 10 years in Florida.

00:45:58

Taught.

00:45:59 Speaker 1

Two years in Chicago.

00:46:02 Speaker 1

15 years in Connecticut before I retired.

00:46:06

What do you think about?

00:46:08 Speaker 1

What does the word patriotism mean to you?

00:46:12 Speaker 1

Being thrown around a lot these days.

00:46:16 Speaker 1

I think it's used loosely.

00:46:20 Speaker 1

I have a deep respect for my country.

00:46:21

I.

00:46:26 Speaker 1

And I don't like to see it.

00:46:28 Speaker 1

Slightly being bandied around flies living.

00:46:33 Speaker 1

So easily.

00:46:36 Speaker 1

Understand.

00:46:37 Speaker 1

It's like you're going to go into a football game, to the public, carry your flags, run them, you know, it's a lot of fun. Everything else.

00:46:44 Speaker 1

To love your country is to love those.

00:46:48 Speaker 1

That I that I believe in about my country, not some of the bad things that it does.

00:46:55 Speaker 1

Somebody even thinks it's done like it has had done to the Indians and to the black people.

00:47:01 Speaker 1

And to those less fortunate than those who've had.

00:47:05 Speaker 1

In this country, we've done many things wrong.

00:47:08 Speaker 1

Made many mistakes.

00:47:10 Speaker 1

But hopefully.

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There is ingrained in our people a sense of, well, we could be better.

00:47:17 Speaker 1

We should be better.

00:47:22 Speaker 1

Anything else?

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A cup of coffee or a tea.

00:47:27 Speaker 1

Sure.

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Remember.

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Let's go ahead.

00:47:30 Speaker 1

And stop it. One more thing.

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Many statements been made about.

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General Sherman, 2 foot the civil war.

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Said that war was hell.

00:47:41 Speaker 1

Was right.

00:47:42 Speaker 1

And the great general Robert E Lee said.

00:47:45 Speaker 1

It's a good thing we don't get too fond of war because it's so bad.

00:47:51 Speaker 1

Oh, it's so exciting, perhaps.