

Bob Murrell Interview

Company M, 318th Inf Reg

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00:00:14 Speaker 1

OK. I guess I see a red.

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Light in preaching.

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Would you want to just run with it?

00:00:17 Speaker 2

Or or do you need any?

00:00:19 Speaker 1

Spots won't start.

00:00:21 Speaker 1

I got. I got told them over here.

00:00:24 Speaker 1

It's going to be a little bit difficult for me here because what?

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You're asking me?

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To.

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Do.

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Is to relive the moment I feel in my experience.

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So now.

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All right.

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We're cracking up. Well, if you wanted.

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To just focus like.

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Well, I I have.

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On the you were with the the division the whole way.

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Through.

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Yes, I I don't like to say it and I'd like to hear others.

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Say.

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It, however, I wasn't original from the airport, Tennessee.

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Arriving on the 21st after they were formed on the July 15th.

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You know, just like that, just given a brief overview and if you find a place where you want.

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Well.

00:01:01 Speaker 2

We haven't started. You haven't started yet. You went ahead.

00:01:05 Speaker 2

OK. Then we are we are moving then so.

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We'll go and.

00:01:09 Speaker 2

Get it. OK. We're sorry. Go ahead and introduce yourself first.

00:01:09 Speaker 1

Well, at first I was attached 2nd Ranger Battalion. As an instructor, I'm Bob Murrow company. I'm 318, cabinetry, heavy weapons, man. Every machine gunner water. Cool.

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National Secretary, editor of the.

00:01:25 Speaker 2

Do you need this?

00:01:29 Speaker 1

Was I joined up with the 80th July 21, 1942 and was transferred over to the second major battalion.

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And was there for something like 3 months and whatever to ship out for whatever reason, I was sent back to the division. By God, I'm the Fed that it.

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Did.

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All of us know what happened to the Rangers.

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The most memorable moments first.

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Argentina and France.

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Our first real experience of battle, our very first thing I've seen, what battle and what war is all about.

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Was a man's leg being flown off by landline?

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Shoot, you might and the booted leg coming down Boot 1st and floppy pavement. That was my first real sight.

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Of what war was all about.

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I had three men killed immediately alongside of me. I had the pistol belt shot off on me. I had the.

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Pull a hole through the helmet.

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And I had the.

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Or great coat.

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Shredded by shrapnel and it never, ever received a wound the entire time I was in service and anymore.

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That was my most memorable moment. I've lost some men there and today I can't get a.

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The other two things I want to mention, which still pray on my mind today and I cannot wipe it out of my mind for even with God's help.

00:03:04 Speaker 1

I have one man who told me he won't give.

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Up.

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I tried talking about it, but he would not.

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Hear it?

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As a result, I still see him going down over the hill with his hand over his head, and when I went back in 1983 and visited him cemetery, his name is on the wall, missing in action. His body was never found.

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That's still fresh in my mind. I couldn't talk.

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The other.

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On Mushan hill.

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A buddy whose?

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Wife and my wife are very good friends. Also is hers.

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Having lived together and each and we.

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Would go to.

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He made the statement to me on Moose on Hill. He was tired of digging in.

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And as a result, at night he did not begin and we got to counterattack with the Germans.

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And he was hitting the head while he's laying on top.

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Of the ground.

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I still believe that he may not have lasted the entire war, but he could have messed a lot harder than if he would dug in.

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The facts? I couldn't talk him out and not being on top of the ground, that's still free in my mind.

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And one other one American real.

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Quick.

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Would be our Babble of all the experience which to all of us in here is the most memorable time and never will ever be forgotten because the heavy snows.

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While I wasn't with the first or secretary that went into that stone, we were left behind to cover the entire line in the Ellenbrook Luxembourg.

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And as a result.

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I had three men killed no more than me. From me into that camera I directed together, and I'm afraid I'm going to have to stop there.

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It's getting too hot.

00:05:00 Speaker 2

Thank you, Mr. Merrill.