

Gerald Myers Interview #1

Company G, 317th Inf Reg

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My name is Gerald Virgil Myers. At the time I entered service, I was 26 years old and was married and had a three-year old daughter.

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I took my basic training and Camp Hood, Texas and that gave us experience for all kinds of terrains. If any of you have been on that.

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Camp.

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I left camp but was told that I was going into officers.

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Training. But they didn't call me before I left, so they gave me the papers and told me to take them with them. And when we got into Europe, why? To give them to my company commander and that he would then send me the officers training, which they thought it was in near Paris.

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Well.

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I reached Europe approximately the last part of September. The first part of October. I can't remember the days exactly as we were coming from the I was a replacement in 80th and the replacement camp was located in an old Fort.

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That was underground at new shop total France and they took a truckload of us up and just before we got to Panama's on fire.

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Uh.

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Why they stopped us and the Sergeant that was with us, he was telling us how that the Germans would unfilter your camp at night and that they would stab you and strangle you. And to do it. But this we found out weeks later was just propaganda that they were trying to acclimate.

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To to the facts of war. Well, as we they stopped the truck and as we were sitting there, he was telling us about these stories and then he left.

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He says now just be careful because we're close to to the front. And he said if you hear an artillery shall come in. He said you want to be sure to hit the ground. Well, as we were sitting there, we didn't know it, but there was a battalion of 1/5 fives just over the hedgerow.

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On the hill and the back.

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And they begin to fire and just bang, bang, bang. Well, if you had turned the truck over, you couldn't have evacuated that truck. And we all hit the ditch. And it was full water and it was muddy. And the rivers were flooded around there.

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The word that we didn't pay any attention to that at all because we thought that we were in the midst of the war right there.

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After this, the next really.

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Combat that that I saw was when we crossed the Moselle river. This was a really a difficult time because we crossed and we're beaten back and we were crossed again and we were held there and had to stay overnight because.

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And we couldn't get back that evening because they were up on top of the mountain. And where had the river zeroed in so that it was throwing water and hitting everything but?

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The next action that comes to my mind that.

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Was really severe.

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Was not only savory, but as we went north of Saint Avold about two miles, we were to capture a Road junction. And as we went.

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Over this hill, into the Road junction, the Germans were waiting on us, and as three tank.

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Batali, or a battalion of tanks with us, we reached the bottom of the hill. Now this was at midnight that we went into this attack. And when we reached the bottom of the.

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Hill.

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They immediately shot all three tanks just within 5 seconds. They knocked out the three tanks.

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And here we were trying to climb back up this hill to get back up out of the way from it. And out of that we went into the attack with 183 men and came out with.

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Before that night now there were a lot of them captured. We know that there were a lot of them that were injured, but where the next day we were dug in. On top of this elephants back. And that morning after the sun came up.

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It was beginning to get cold at that time, and the fellows, they were told to dig in. Now this was about 3:00. When we dug foxholes that night, and the next morning.

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One fella got out of his hole and he no more than stood up until a sniper got him, and in the next hour that sniper got four of the fellows that were in their foxhole and trying and we were trying to find out where that he was local.

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And down from us at the corner of the field was a rock wall that came to a corner and we I was in charge of the mortar. So we set up and shot about four shots before we could get down into that corner because we.

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Their weapons seem to use a smokeless.

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Water and you couldn't follow them like you could our weapons. And we shot into this corner. And that was the last of it. And we were able to get.

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Out.

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But as we were pulling back, we had an artillery garage and my friend that was with me, Ken Mauer.

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We hit the ground and a total reshell exploded just beyond him, and it came through and tore his finger off with a piece of shrapnel. That shrapnel came through. His overcoat came through mine and gave me. I didn't know it at that time.

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But it nicked my arm and.

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Came through the sleeve.

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Threw my overcoat and out the other side and never hit me anyplace except just in the in that arm.

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And I took Ken to the medics and all the way down, he was saying happy days are here again because he knew he was going home, because this finger was just dangling and the tendon was just hanging on. And that was all that there was to that.

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That he was bleeding them. I wrapped Captain damper. It says taking back to Doctor Bob.

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As we got back to the medics, which was about a half a mile back down over the hill in a house, and so when Doctor Bob saw that, he said, the Sergeant says you just will go on back because he's going back to a hospital. And he said what's wrong with you? And I said nothing and he said, why are you bleeding?

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And so then he told me he said just turn your head for a minute. And about that time I heard a little plink in one in the the.

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Bowl that he was.

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And he says, I'm almost through and about that time he put a Band-Aid on my arm. And then he says, now get your **** back up on the front where you belong because this guy is going to probably going home, which he did. The other incident that I remember specifically was in.

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After the Battle of the in the.

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Battle of the bulge.

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When we were near Kneader fueling.

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At neither fueling.

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We were.

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Are infantrymen were practically exhausted and they asked if there was a squad in the in the weapons section that would agree to go.

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Up.

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Forward into a farm complex and and stand guard and.

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To be a.

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To be a lookout. So Adam Heiser and myself took four men each, and we went up to this farmhouse. The fog at that time. It has snow on the ground, and the fog was so thick and it was floating.

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As we were there with the one of the the sergeants or one of the fellows on guard, Kim, we're running in and he said, hey, Sergeant says they're Germans coming up over the hill. So we all ran outside to look. And my God, you could see what looked like these fellas coming up over the hill so.

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Adam set up his machine gun. We had our mortars already set up, so we started firing in that.

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Correction But they just kept coming. So we call back. We had to tell our radio to call back and said we need some artillery up here because the Germans are coming up the the across the field in front of this House. So they threw in about four rounds of artillery.

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And they it kind of the smoke from those artillery shells would blank out anything else that we saw up there. So as we were there that night, the Germans never reached there but the.

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This morning, the fog was still there and it and it cleared out a little bit and we saw that that night before that we were scared spitless. But we had been shooting at fence posts and as the fog floated in front of it, it looked like that. It was men that were moving across the ground.

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And we had killed 2 cows. Salty.

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Within that base.

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Sure. But so that was one of the the situations that we ran into and also just north of Hyder Shine Company G of 3/17 was detached from the battalion and was sent up to Goose Darf.

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On their right flank to protect that part of their right flank because they were really having a tough time in dog.

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And so while we were there, we went down to supposed to to capture another Rd. block or another Rd. junction. And as we went down the hill, the snow, as Bob said, it was about 10-15 inches deep. The wind was blowing about 30 miles an hour.

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And it was 15 below 0 and if you can imagine.

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Trying to get by and live in those conditions, it became almost impossible, but as we got down to the junction the Germans were on the other side of this little I don't know whether the we call them crooks, but they call them rivers and they were firing at us and that night.

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We really got clobbered because, as I remember, I'm the figures may not be exactly right, but we lost about 60 men down in that valley because we couldn't get back up. It was so steep and as as the other fellows have said.

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The valleys are like the hills in northern Georgia or in Upper New York, where that their rolling hills but very deep valleys. That was almost impossible to see. So we got of that this year I had an opportunity to go back and see that part of the country in June of this year.

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And I could still visualize the snow and the wind and the cold, even though it was 85°. Why? You still could feel like that you were in that same situation or you couldn't forget it.

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The another incident that we had when we crossed the Rhine River at mine.

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We were brought up to the river in the city of Mines and you know, and that that city was 90% destroyed during the war and they worked their way through.

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The rubble up to the Rhine River.

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And we were unloaded off of our trucks about, I'm going to say what a block two blocks from the river. I don't remember at that time how far it was, but we walked up to the river and there was either a schoolhouse or a warehouse right to the side that they put us in and killed.

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The engineers brought boats up for us to go across the.

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River just after midnight. Why? They took fourteen of us, I believe it was 14 of us were to get on each boat, along with an engineer, because he had to bring.

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The boat back.

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And so when we got in, we were told with stuff we had on our cartridge.

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Health and our rifle to put it over our head because we were going to be rolling and help them to the motor to rule because the Rhine River was at Flint stage at that time and it was very swift.

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So we walked down to the river down these steps and got in our boat. And as we were going across the river, the Germans were using anti aircraft and anti aircraft weapons which are Quad 4 machine guns shooting 20mm.

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Shelves and part of them were tracers.

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As they would hit the water, the only thing I can explain is that it was like taking the one by four board, 12 feet long and slapping it down on the water because it would make that kind of a sound. And then when the tracers would hit the water they would just zigzag and it gave a chartreuse color.

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That went into the water and would disappear finally.

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Going across, we had fellow Sergeant Lyle that had just made a second Lieutenant the day before the attack, and he got a battlefield Commission and he was with the 4th and the 4th, the platoon and going across in the boat.

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He was hit by by one of the bullets and severely injured.

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And the fella in front of.

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Maine.

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And the fellow back of me, I don't remember where there's just back of me or two men back of me. Both of those fellows got killed and I had splinters in my cheek. The next day I had found splinters in my cheek from the.

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Boat. They wouldn't boat that. There were the shells had hit the side of the boat.

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When we crossed the river, we landed in a bomb crater, the sea wall or the river wall was about 10 feet high along the river. After there was that much more left above the water and our boat, we headed for that, trying to get it.

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And we finally was able to paddle into that.

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Half bomb crater and get.

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Out and and when we got out, Sergeant or Lieutenant Lyle told the engineer. He said take me back and this fellow says I'm not supposed to do that. Lieutenant, he said I'm supposed to bring the boat back by myself. He said I'm telling you that I am severely injured and I need medical attention right now.

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And so finally, the fella took him back and I didn't see Lieutenant Lyle for quite a while after that, we were almost through the war before Lieutenant Lyle joined our group down in Austria. And after that next day, we were.

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Full to throw.

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Our weapons down and to do house to house cleaning of any Germans that might be in the the.

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Now and we had never really been trained on that because the mortar section is usually in support. Now when they say you think about a mortar that will fly 1500 yards while you think, well, you'll be back a couple blocks. Well, that one the way you set up right on the line along with The Rifleman.

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Or not more than 100 feet behind where The Rifleman were. And so we didn't really have that experience. That was usually left up to The Rifleman to clean the houses out in these villages. But.

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The war had kind of toned down at that time, so they told us to throw our weapons to put them down and have somebody watch them and the.

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Rest of us to.

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Go. I walked into a down the street and at the end of the street.

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Was a group of barracks that the assessors had used for training, and there were six of them around in a semicircle around the gate that went into the court.

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We are and as we went in why we saw this one German soldier that was in one of the bricks and and one of the other guys who went over to him. And he says, you're my prisoner. I'm an American soldier. Well, this guy was really.

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Sales. He was drunk because he looked at this guy and he the the American soldier reached for his rifle and he took his rifle and he went around this way. Well, he got to going around backwards.

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And going in a circle and then the soldier was following him and we were laughing at him because of the fact that he couldn't catch up with the the rifling. This guy Carrie. So anyway, we didn't think there were any other soldiers around because other guys had gone and other barracks. And so there was one on the left hand side.

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The first barracks as you went in the the courtyard and so I walked down in the basement. The there were steps that went up the to the first floor and then there were steps on each side that went down to the basement of this building.

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As we went in, why I look back and and I was just by myself then. Because Sergeant Simmons, he had gone and was standing up in front. So I just walked back and I saw some fellow turn put his head down the hall at the end of the thing. And I said comicy.

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House.

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And I was using all the German I knew because that was about all I knew. And so.

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He.

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Put his head back, back and hit. I fired my my rifle down the hall and I said come see House American soldiers all around the building.

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Well, you know if you listen, that is really comedy. When I think about it today about trying to get.

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Them out but.

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Anyway.

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That fella came and stuck his hands around the corner. Had his hands up and he walked out and I said come see house that the American sold us outside. So they came out and here come another fellow behind him. Another German soldier came following that.

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I began and you know, I really wasn't scared at that time because they were beginning to kind of give up and and they was. And he says, no, shoot, no shoot, no shoot. So.

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They just kept.

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Coming.

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They just kept coming and they could come up and they were. They filled the hall almost. Well, what it ended up there was a fellow that came up and he said.

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Soldier, where are you from? As good as that. I said. I'm from Missouri. I said, where are you from? He said I worked at Ford Motor Company for seven years. I came back home to visit my parents and I got drafted into the German army.

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And he said, these SB's, he said, have kept me in this. Now, for this is my third year and am I glad to see you. So we I said tell them to line up in a column of two because there are soldiers all around this building. And the first one that gets out of order will be shocked.

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And so he told them they all lined up in a column of twos and we started.

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To walk out.

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We got to the front and by that time two or three other fellows from my platoon came down the steps and this fellow that could speak English, he came out of line. He came over to me, he said in that room right there, he says, is a no good ***.

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He said he's the commanding officer of this group and he is in charge of all of the artillery placements in this whole area.

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So.

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Anyway, we went into the room. Sergeant Simmons was there at that time, and Sergeant Sardinias and we went into the office and here was a German captain and two lieutenants where they call them Uber and Luther lieutenants and so.

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We told them that they were our prisoners and to come quietly and no one would be hurt, he says. The captain said I won't surrender to anybody except an officer of my.

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Sergeant Simmons says I'm going to give you 3 to get out.

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Of.

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That chair, and he said, if you don't, you're going to eat.

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A rifle ****.

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And when he saw the Sergeant, Simmons was really serious, he got up. And. But anyway, on the wall was a man that I have been told since.

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And I have no way of proving it.

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That there were 19 artillery emplacements around Casteel and around the South of Weisbaden and in the area north of the Mines River that they they were shown on that map that they could get. So that was an experience of crossing the Rhine.

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Right.

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Now do you?

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Right after the war this I'm talking about. Just days after the war, the Russian line and the American line was controlled by the I believe it was called the the Ends River, the highway that ran from Speedball.

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Up into the mountains and and over the over the mountain.

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The highway part of the time would be on one side of the river and then it would cross and then it would wander up up the valley, maybe two or three kilometers, and then it would cross back across because of the terrain, it was easier to do build the highways that way than it was to.

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Blow out the rocks. But anyway, I was assigned to a guard group of six men and we were sent about 30 kilometers up the Ends River.

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The mountains and this is where the Russians were coming across in to go to their posts on their side of the river on down the river.

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When they first started to deploy their men, they.

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Were transported in automobiles in trucks and half tracks and on bicycles walking.

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Hay wagons drawn by horses and buggies. It was unbelievable. There were Russian women in the army along with the soldiers. And one day, as they were transporting the men.

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To another point. Ah, hey, wagon were loaded with probably 10 Russians was going down the road and one of the houses that next to where we were builded.

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There was a little Kitty car on the front porch up on the front porch. One of these German, so our Russian soldiers jumped off of the wagon, ran up on the porch, grabbed that Kitty car, and took it back to the wagon and kept it under his arm. It was just an act that took you by surprise that you wondered.

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Well, what in the world will he do with that tiny car? But evidently he hoped to keep it and take it home with him. Is the only thing that that we can figure out what? That they were going to do.

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But incidents like that on our side of the river was an old Mercedes car that had two flat tires. Well, those Russians had decided that they were going to come over there and they were going to take that Mercedes and take it back over to their side of the river. And we actually had.

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To.

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Point rifles at the two guys that came over with a truck to pull it across the river and tell them that we were going to shoot the tires out of their truck to keep them from taking that thing one morning, as we were changing guards, they.

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Relations came over and they said that they had to go down the river. Well, our guards were placed about.

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100 yards from the bridge itself.

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Two of the guards came over. Two more came over and said that they had to go up the river, but in about 1/2 hour here they were underneath that car trying to take parts off of that Mercedes in order to I we don't know what they were.

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Going to do with it.

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But one of the guards he shot his rifle down at the bottom back of the car and they got out of there and that was the last that we ever saw. But they had guards on their side of the river and also on.

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Side of the rib.

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Down near Spittal, the day before that they closed the river. The German people not only soldiers, but also civilians that wanted to get away from the Russians, were coming up and the river was flooded and.

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We saw many.

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Carriages with three or four people drive off of the Bank of the river into the river and tried to cross that way, and the river was so swift that it just tumbled and there were many, many civilians that were killed.

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As they went across the river, and so it.

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People in our country cannot visualize what it means to have free.

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Because those people knew that if they went with the Russians that they were going to have a long period of time of being confined or in prison or in concentration camps, and they would give up their life to get away from them because they knew that.

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The Americans treated them fair and that was why they were trying to get over there at that time. And I can still see those people floating the carriages floating down the.

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So.

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And not seeing the people anymore because the water you want to remember was coming off of snow capped mountains and it was cold and the the cold would get them before they were able to swim to the other side and they had heavy clothes on.

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That was the thing that they just weren't able to get out of, but I've thought about that a lot about how people actually gave up their life to gain freedom. And here we have it. And so many people don't even appreciate it.

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Mr. Meyers, I'm looking at the the Turner Publication Book on the 80th Division and it says you earned the following citations, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with Oakley Purple Heart, Residential Citation Infantry Combat badge as well. Would you like to?

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Yeah.

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Share any of.

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Well, the infantry Combat badge was given to anyone that was in.

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The reasons?

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Thought was released.

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Combat action.

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And was involved in combat, and that is probably the one citation that I'm proudest of. Of all of them was the infantry combat benches. Anybody that has it will be that the the Bronze Star.

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Was given to me and the action were that we got the sniper.

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That I related before where that the that I guided the fire to get the sniper from the corner of the.

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Well, it's not a hedge rope, which is where they have piled rocks up to make a fence.

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Out of the field, the.

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Oak leaf cluster came as been in World War 2 in Europe in combat, which nearly everybody got a bronze star for that. If they were in combat. That came later on, which I didn't even know I was going.

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To.

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Get the Silver Star was for the action and crossing.

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The Rhine River where that we captured the 56 German soldiers and.

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I told you that I wasn't scared.

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After the soldiers marched out, I realized what had happened and I got so weak and the knees that I had to sit down. I just I could not. I I wasn't scared, but I was. I just was weak and I couldn't even lose because it got me.

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So.

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I thought my God, here, all this has happened and I could have been killed for something that I did foolish and but it turned out all right.

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The Purple Heart was when the shrapnel hit my arm and I was wounded there.

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It says you were with company G for the balance of the war. Never left the line for any reason where Company G was in action.

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Never left the line and never left the line I when I joined the company near Falzon. I stayed with Company G and the light weapons platoon in the 4th Platoon. I was there until the.

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End of the.

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War.

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And at the end of the war, I took over as first.

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Sergeant.

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Of the company and Floyd Weed.

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Who was a company clerk and I went through all of the morning reports to try to determine if we could find out how many fellows went through the company now and and were casualties now casualties.

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When you're, when you're in combat can be frozen feet, trench foot, a wound of any kind. Diarrhea, frozen hands.

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You can be sick and and if you had to leave. So we were trying to figure out how many fellows came into the company and left. During that it was over 1300 in the company of 200 and and some men that went through that from the beginning of the war until the end of the war.

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That one company and that's that. I'm positive that there were other companies that were as that there were as many or even maybe more in some cases.

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Mel, when you joined the 80th you you came in in early September last, US Senator, you landed at Omaha Beach in early.

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Now the last part of September.

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I landed in Omaha Beach, but there was nothing there there. Yeah, it was. It was just really a port of where they were unloading equipment because by that time you see the Normandy was over with the police. Gap was over with.

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September. Nothing.

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Was peaceful in that.

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And I met them around at Parmesan.

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So a lot of the that first fighting was over with. I would be in a replacement. I didn't get into that part.

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Thank you very much.

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That's great here.