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OK. Are you ready?

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My name is John Rosanna I.

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Was drafted on April 1st, 1943.

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And went immediately to a recruiting camp in Pennsylvania called Indiantown Gap.

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Rare was transferred to Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

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And after serving for 17 weeks in basic training, I went to.

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Camp Landing, Florida.

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And from there I went to Fort Dix, NJ and of course, we went overseas at that time.

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Ended up in England and from there across the English Channel went to France and.

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Served with the 3rd Army in France.

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And of course they got wounded there too.

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How long did you serve in the war for?

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I served for about 30 months.

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They would discharge after that time honorably discharged.

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What reaction? What was your reaction when none that you were drafted?

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Well, of course, like anybody else, I really didn't want to go, but.

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Married and at the time and. But I felt I had to serve my country so.

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I really didn't have any choice.

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What about your families reaction?

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Well, of course nobody really wanted anybody to go because the war was getting pretty serious at that time.

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And if you could avoid it, matter of fact, I was working at the railroad at that time and that they gave me a.

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626 month.

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Deferments so I didn't go right away.

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Yeah.

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Matter of fact, it was rather interesting that I got married in 1941.

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November.

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And the week after I got married. That's when the war broke out. That's when we found out in Japan that the.

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And attacked the Pearl Harbor.

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Just a week later, we haven't.

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Youngstown was the time our bridal party was there.

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And everybody was having a good time.

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And all of a sudden, about midnight and then the news came out and extras came out in the paper, you know, and everybody.

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Women started to cry because everybody thought that they were gonna be leaving for the war. The.

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Next day but.

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I didn't leave till about a year.

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And a half later.

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What were your duties in the service and uh?

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How did you help on the home front?

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My primary duties was an anti tank.

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Got her.

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We handle what they call a 37 millimeter anti tank gun.

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And there were four people in the squad and that was the gunner. As a matter of fact at Camp Wheeler.

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We had a contest there to see who could prepare to be able to take it to shoot. We had to.

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Jump on.

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These.

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Braces in the back.

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And of course you had to load. You had the guy that would load the shell.

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And as a gunner, I had to rewind it and name it the target.

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And we set the record for the camp really at six seconds. We're gonna get that shot off.

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I was fortunate I had a couple of.

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Big football players from the University of Georgia.

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Every big and strong, so they would get those big braces and set that gun into place and and of course, someone fell on over my right used to load and load it in there and and.

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I aimed and.

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We set the record for 6 seconds. It was very very fast.

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Describe the everyday life of a soldier at the front.

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Of a person at home and of a person at home.

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At the front was very difficult because nature were always on the move. You never knew.

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You know from one minute to the other who's going to be shooting at you, where you're going.

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Probably one of the most interesting experiences that I had was.

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We had attacked this hill.

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The night before.

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And they've gone over over the hill down to the bottom of the hill.

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And during the night.

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The German tanks got behind us.

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And they come down and 1st, you know we've got a whole bunch of us less than 50.

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Of.

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Us that were all in this dish at.

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The bottom of the hill.

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And this this tank was coming down the hill because we knew it was coming. There's not much we can do because we only had rifles.

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So it's about the time you get to the bottom of the hill.

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The tag.

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Where the where this way.

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Horizontally and he was coming down vertically.

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And yesterday he got to the bottom of the hill. He turned his turret around.

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And you knew we were all a bunch of us must.

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Have been.

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In the ditch and it was obvious that he aimed his machine gun right at us and we thought we were done.

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And just at that time.

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One of our people in the back and in the tank gun.

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And he blasted him. And of course, he mobilized the the tag.

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We didn't really. You didn't have to pay for the guy because we all of a sudden saw a guy.

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Coming out from.

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The top of the tank and of course you know it's either you or me. So we all had our gun. Named heavens, he didn't.

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Last very long.

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That was about a closer call.

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What impact did the war have on your life?

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During the war after the war.

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Well, it it you know.

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It made us think that about what's important in life and of course, while I was in the service, as a matter of.

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Fact while I was in the.

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I can't play any shorter, that's all.

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First Child was born. John was born at the time.

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I got a week off and they would come back and then shortly after that that that went overseas.

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But it had a tremendous impact. Didn't give me one one good thing about it gave me opportunity to get a college education. I really didn't go to college. I went to a place called the Pittsburgh School of.

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Plastics and.

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Got some training in in plastics manufacturing.

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Location. That is what it was. So it was a common thing, but.

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It was something that, you know, the background that everybody has and.

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It kind of led to a lot of other things developed after that.

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Do you want to talk about the impact that it had?

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On your life after.

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Well, the one thing of course I was wounded at the time.

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That we were.

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Just about ready to go into Germany.

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We're all in this final battle of the third, the big war at that time when we really crossed the what they call the Moselle River, which is a river divided, France and Germany.

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And that was at the time whenever the big Drive took place and we.

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We were moving along. There was quite a few of us actually, just the whole.

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Line.

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Moving forward on the ground.

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And meeting the enemy there and we.

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After quite a few people.

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That there's one incident that happened and I'll never forget. And that's when the.

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We found that we moved along. There were some people shooting at us from behind.

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And the captain called me over and he says, you know, we better go back and see who's in. It was a big bar. We knew it was.

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Coming from some big.

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Barn, he said. We better get against squad of people and go back and see them get them out of there because.

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They shooting us and.

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Behind. So I did that and that was the time whenever.

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We the the.

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The barn. It was a big barn. Huge barn.

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It's kind of in EU shape.

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And so I had my people go to the one corner and we could see where the fire was coming from. The machine gun shot from the middle of the barn.

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So I had one of my one of my people.

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Grab a bazooka. That was.

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A.

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A big.

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Piece of armor that you could shoot and go into the building and explode in there and hopefully.

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Get the people out.

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But as he crossed over from.

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At the end of.

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The barn.

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And he went about 15 feet and unfortunately, they fired on him and he got shot and got killed right in there, so.

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And I took another bazooka and I did the same thing. I crossed it was a big pile of manure over there, about 20 feet away. So I was trying to get behind that pile so it would be safe.

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And of course, when I did, I told the guys behind this.

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Is.

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Start firing and and cover me.

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And I did that and when I went across, of course they.

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Fired at me and.

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That's when I get hit in the hand and matter of fact.

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But.

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Yeah. What happened? I must. The bullet must have gone through my rifle stock, which was in my right hand.

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And entered the left hand and didn't penetrate because as it went through the wood of the gun that I was carrying.

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Of course, you know there wasn't much left to him.

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But that wasn't the worst part. I think what scared me the most is after that, when I went to the.

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Hospital and found.

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I really didn't get hit, but I came close to another shot that was even worse.

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You know, we used to.

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Wear.

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The big army.

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Jackets with big pockets.

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And one of them was on the left side and I was carrying some.

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Film in there that I had taken.

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And when I got to the I got to the hospital and took the jacket off I found.

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The gun right through that left pocket.

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And they're they're growing the the film that I had in there.

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But it was that close to, you know, another 80 or so, and having got the gun in the heart so.

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That was a close call.

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But see, I developed another problem because when we were traveling.

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You know, during the big general patents Army doing the big push, we were always on the ground. It was a rainy season.

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So we were going, you know, during the day we're traveling in the night with dude foxholes instead of foxholes.

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They had these. The Germans were very sophisticated. They had good equipment, they were good soldiers.

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Matter of fact, they're they're bombs are probably better than ours. That with the color screaming, Mimi.

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That you could hear it coming at you.

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And we got so good at hearing them that we could almost tell where they.

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Were going to.

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Land and I think one time it's one time I.

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Dug a fox.

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One of those.

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Shells hit right in front of Fox Hall.

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And another one right over my head and hid behind me.

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That's how close I came. But Goodnight, rainy season, we couldn't take our shoes off. We were always gonna go so far.

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About two weeks, you know.

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We didn't take our shoes off, but after getting back to the hospital, I took my shoes off and you're my feet were all swollen and beginning to get black and blue and I got what they call trench feet.

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Almost like frost.

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And the feet were permanently damaged. It's not to the point where I couldn't walk, but all the veins in the bottom of the feet, and I still have that situation.

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You know they they died and they just so it's.

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I got discharged on that basis honorably discharged with a disability and that's what it was.

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Which of your missions stand out the most in your memory?

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Which missions?

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Yeah. Which out of all your missions, which ones stood out the most in your?

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Memory that you always think about.

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Well, the one would have been to say what I just talked about. Whenever I got shot. Of course, when you get those people, I didn't mention the fact that when we finally when that.

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OK.

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We had a a big artillery gun. Come in.

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And put a big shell right through that barn, because we couldn't do it ourselves, we're just rifles, said no. And that's when once they did that and these people that the Germans come out of there with their hands in the air, you know, there must have been fifty of them in there. So.

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We captured them all.

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OK.

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Alright, what mission?

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Do you remember hearing about during the war?

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And what did you hear about it?

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At the time.

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That one mission is takes.

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The most common in my mind is the.

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The fact that after I got wounded and went back to the hospital and of course, ended up going back in the United States.

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I heard that they took at the time there was a.

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At the time or division of.

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3rd army.

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To Germans and not captured, but they had them surrounded and it was in the in the Netherlands area.

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And then I found out that our third my division or my battalion company that I was with at the time was called to to go up there and try.

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Get breakthrough and and.

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And get get to determine to get them out there. So we.

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Could save the people and of course.

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Then they learn later that.

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Our company was.

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Practically white guy, that's a bad it was.

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So.

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I was very fortunate.

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What types of weather conditions did you face?

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During service, yeah, the worst part was of course, being in France, going through the was the rainy season. It was a lot of rain. And of course the, you know, we had to be moving all the time except.

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Nine. With that parcel, we just couldn't.

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You know, could take her shoes off and take her clothes off. We lived back in foxholes, and we're just.

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It was just it was kind of a sad situation, but we managed to survive another rather interesting experience. The one time we and I tell you about that, we had a.

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Because we were going through this one night.

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Came across this.

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Farmhouse, so I thought, well, let me see who's in.

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And I went in there and happened Thematized of course, there was an Italian couple in there, an elderly couple.

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And I hadn't had a good hot meal for a long time and never very nice invited me in.

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And cook some spaghetti for me. And they said, why don't you stay over sleep in one of these beds, which.

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I did.

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But that that bed.

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You couldn't hardly get in it because it was about waist high.

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When I get in, it almost went down about 3 feet.

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These what they.

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Call.

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Downs. Feathers. That's how soft it was. It was really interesting.

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What were the attitudes of those at home?

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Well, it seemed like you know.

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At home, people had it sad because we didn't have television at that time. You know, they depend on radio.

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The kind of community.

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Yeah, well, you know what's going on? Almost by the hour.

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And of course.

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One of the worst experiences of my wife had was the fact that, you know, the Red Cross used to walk around in the areas with envelopes notifying the people and The Who got killed and hurt and so forth. And it's one time when the Red Cross people come into our home where my wife was at and my mother-in-law and.

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Problem.

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What's an envelope? And of course notified or the first thing you think about, you know, is it your husband or your?

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Then.

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Brother, whoever might be it was was killed. You know, there's so many of them had been killed at the time with a terrible war.

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Fortunately though, I mean they think the worst that is, and they did notify of my wife that the.

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That I had been wounded, but that didn't explain exactly how.

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But even after doing another discharge, it ended up being in the hospital for.

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About six months and.

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Even when I was discharged, they still felt there was rumors going around, all kinds of rumors, you know, they said, oh, John lost a leg, lost an arm or whatever.

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So when I came back home on the railroad, my family was there and my in laws of big gang of people waiting for me, you know, and expected to see me on crutches or something. When they saw me walking, they just naturally.

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It was, it was quite an interesting experience. My dad, for example, whenever he had heard that I'd been wounded, there was some notification to Red Cross and really that he lived in the morning time this time, walked all the way up to Newcastle, up to my in-laws home. And then he personally went up to the Red Cross. He would see what he could find out.

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But it all worked out well.

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I'm very fortunate.

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How to fail?

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To return home, to be notified that you can actually go back home, you won't have to be over there again.

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Because once you get through it.

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As a matter of fact, while I was up in the front of mine.

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Every once in a while, we'd.

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Get.

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Some relief time and we got a three day pass and at the time.

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From the frontline, the group of us went.

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Back to Paris.

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And what we've really said is in fact we saw a lot of friends, young men over there.

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Here we were over there fighting their battle.

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And they're sitting back there, you know, enjoying life as a civilian.

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That kind of frustrated us all.

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It worked out, and that's a matter of fact. I had a rather instant situation.

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My wife didn't know what things were like being on the front lines.

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She sent me a box of cookies and she sent me a pair of bedroom slippers.

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Imagine that I never got the slippers or the cookies. As a matter of fact, but just to have slippers.

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Can't really wear wear slippers in a foxhole.

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Did you have any relatives in the war?

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And two brothers.

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Where were they? Where were they at?

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Well, the one brother was in the Pacific and he was in the Tank Tank Division.

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He was in Hawaii and some of the islands over there.

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And my other brother.

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Really went in after the war, Tony didn't.

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And he ended up in Japan as part of the occupation group.

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We neither one of them got her so.

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What we recollections do you have of the people back home and their support of the war effort.

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I think we had tremendous support in the World War 2 and very popular war. I think it it seemed like everybody realized it was a war that was justified. It just we we had to be involved because the Germans were really taking over Europe and so.

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We we had to go in there and.

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And try to eliminate that threat and so.

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But it was a nasty war because the Germans were good fighters.

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They were very able fighters too, and had good equipment.

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And the only reason we won is because we just overwhelmed them with people, with equipment and so forth. Matter of fact, I remember one time I'm out in the field at that little town called St. Low in France.

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And we're watching planes coming overhead obviously on the way to Berlin.

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I said I don't know how the world anybody could survive or it just had to be thousands in that sky.

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And they were just flying over there for seemed like for hours.

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And I of course somebody, it ended up that they really devastated Berlin, I mean practically.

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Wiped the house. I don't know how anybody survived it.

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Of course we went in there, every building so.

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What recollections do you?

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Have.

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Of community efforts to help the war.

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Being back back home.

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Yeah.

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I really don't know. I, you know, being away. I don't know what happened back here, but I think there was a lot of support for the troops and the.

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One whole lot that can be done except you know.

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Every letter, writing and stuff like that to to the truth that we had good support. I think it's a little bit different than Vietnam, very Nam, but not a very popular war. And of course, even when the men come back.

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We kind of looked down upon as outcasts, and then we're we were honored. I mean, there's no question about it. Whenever the war ended, I know that.

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Telling me my wife would telling me that.

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The night that they declared the war over.

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All people were shooting guns and fireworks and everything else and and the the downtown. These packed with people over there rejoicing early in the morning, I mean.

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And it's such a relief. And it was overwhelming.

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It really was.

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Yes, I think we're probably one of the most interesting things that happened to me.

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When I was at camp, really, Georgia.

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Was that I had finished my basic.

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Training, which was 17 weeks.

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And of course my brother Tony was up here in Newcastle when he was a senior in high school.

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At the time.

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And he was he was one of the stars on the football team.

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And when I finished my 17 weeks, I got transferred to Camp Blanding, Florida.

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And while I was transferred during the time I've been transferred from camp, really Georgia to Camp Landing Florida.

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Our brother Tony got drafted.

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And I ended up in Camp Blanding, Florida, and probably one of the most interesting things that happened. Not only did he end up being drafted, and he ended up actually in Camp Blanding, Florida, not only in that camp, which is a huge camp.

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But in my very company.

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And here we were trying to prepare for new recruits coming in, you know, because we ended up as being what they call training categories. So we had a bunch of new recruits coming in.

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And know and behold, while we're preparing for them to come in, I was helping during the mess hall. They're preparing to feed you and people coming in.

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And one of the one of the guys from Mahoningtown which is where I live.

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Mentioned, you know, he says your brother's back in the line back.

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So he finally come up when I get to see.

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Him there but.

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It's quite a coincidence and man, of all the places in the whole country where he could have land, he ended up in my camp not only my camp.

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And I had to provide it, given his basic training. That was this training camp. He was tough because he was the young man, you know, he did a.

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Lot of things and.

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But one of the most ironic things that that happened is that.

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After we train him.

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I ended up being discharged, not discharged, but transferred to Fort Dix, NJ. Going overseas.

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He ended up staying there at training camp before other recruits coming in so.

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I trained him and he ended up training others.

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Right.