

Charles William Steffy Interview

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Speaker 1

Charles Steffi was a member of the 80th Infantry Division. Mr. Steffy, what were you doing just before you joined the Armed Services?

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Speaker 2

I was working down at birds First Steel Farm. Me. I was working there for six months and every day even Saturdays and so.

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Speaker 2

And his and a youngster, 18 years of ill age, didn't feel like they he wanted to work all the time. So I quit that employment and joined the services.

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Speaker 1

Were you able to decide which branch of the services?

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Speaker 2

No, I just enlisted in the army. Period didn't care.

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Speaker

Why?

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Speaker 1

Why did you choose the army?

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Speaker 2

Well, I wanted to be in the Air Force, but I didn't have enough background in math, mathematics, so I didn't bother. I joined the army.

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Speaker 2

Then from there.

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Speaker

And.

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Speaker 1

Where did you go to do your?

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Speaker 2

Training. I went down to Camp Forest, Tennessee, and then we went down to Arizona on the desert for training and down there we were on maneuvers.

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Speaker 2

And I got so awfully dry.

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Speaker 2

Ran out of water in my canteen.

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Speaker 2

And I prayed to God for relief, and I saw a little cloud in the sky. And they said bring that cloud over to me and drop your rain on my tent. I was on in a tent and and by gosh, that's what happened. And I could get a little water.

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Speaker

With.

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Speaker 2

To quench my thirst and to help me. And then, when I looked up again, not a sign of a cloud in the sky. Wonderful. Yeah.

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Speaker

We saw the first of all out.

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Speaker

Of the big ship.

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Speaker 1

What did your training involve?

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Speaker 2

I was 81 millimeter mortar.

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Speaker 2

Front observer.

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Speaker 2

I called fire for the 81 millimeter mortar. You would always have a shell that would go with the target. Then you had another shell that fell below beside of the target and by 3 * 3 shelves you were on the target and then you.

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Speaker 2

You call for mass dropping of your shelves, so I was pretty good at that and I advanced rapidly. Wasn't in the army long till I was a Sergeant and I was a staff Sergeant.

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Speaker 2

And they wanted you to hit the target on the third shell, and I often did, yeah.

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Speaker 1

What did it mean to be a staff Sergeant?

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Speaker 2

Well, a staff Sergeant was in charge of 12.

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Speaker

Well.

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Speaker 2

Soldiers to sections of the millimeter borders now. I was in the third squad and we had six squads, 1234 and I was in charge of 3/4 mortars.

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Speaker 2

That's.

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Speaker 2

And then the top Sergeant was all over. All of us, Sergeant. So we did good.

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Speaker 2

But what?

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Speaker

I was.

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Speaker 1

When did you finally head overseas?

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Speaker 2

We headed overseas in June of 40. When was the 44 June of 44 and we landed on Utah Beach 35 days after D-Day June the four.

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Speaker 2

And or June the 6th, I forget now which. But anyhow, my first comeback was with the Argentan Falaise Gap.

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Speaker 2

And that there we were facing the German 7th Army and I certainly saw some terrible things the first day we were told to March that evening and get ready for baptismal of fire in the morning and we stopped.

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Speaker 2

When it was dark and be backed and we dug our folks.

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Speaker 2

And in the morning, we found out that we were in a potato patch and we destroyed this farmer's potato crop. And then as soon as it was daylight, we headed off for combat advance. And I was up front observing a mortar fire.

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Speaker 2

And after a while, a boy was hit with a shell directly and.

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Speaker 2

Sorry, but I have to say it parts be peeked up and a lot of the other boys got so scared and said, oh, what's the use and turned and ran back and I jumped up and I tried to stop him. And then, Colonel Wicker Mcvicker, MCB.

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Speaker 2

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Speaker 2

Here came along and saw me and he helped me turn him around and we went forward ever since. We never turned back after that and I got my front star through that effort of saving the men and then later on that same day.

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Speaker 2

My Colonel, he didn't listen on me. I was observing, mortified.

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Speaker 2

Hiding in the back of a rock and a tree stomping his told me that Sergeant, you can't see your mortar fire by hiding there. Get up and look, I said so. Colonel, this is sniper out front. Be careful. And he didn't believe in moments later he was hit, right?

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Speaker 2

On the chest. And that was the end of my Colonel. And I could tell you a lot of stories like that.

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Speaker 2

Yes.

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Speaker 1

What was? What was combat like? What did?

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Speaker 2

Well, come back with something like this, I know Bieber.

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Speaker 2

Ready to go? A port of Muzon river there. And the water was high and running swiftly. The current and the Sergeant Phillips and I. He was Sergeant Phillips was my partner in in.

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Speaker 2

The third and fourth section of the.

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Speaker

I knew.

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Speaker 2

81 millimeter mortar and he saw the infantry that bent first door boat capsized and they were all dumped in this 5th current and carried down. Now whether they were rescued.

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Speaker 2

And saved. I don't know. And this? Sergeant leaned over on me and I held him in my arm.

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Speaker 2

And he was crying. I and all together. We prayed that we'd be safe now. That's what come back was like you look in each other's faces and think is it my turn this time? Will I be next? And I know I was laying aside.

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Speaker 2

On a hill attacking this hill and we were getting all kind of fire.

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Speaker 2

Rifle fire machine gunfire, mortar fire. Artillery fire.

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Speaker 2

And I wasn't the affront observer at that time. Another Sergeant was up. He always treated offer and then Sergeant Gray and I we were there. And then the captain said no, the front of observer was hitting wounded.

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Speaker 2

You need another one up there, and he said Sergeant Gray.

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Speaker 2

Get up there.

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Speaker 2

And he left. And that's the last time I saw him alive when he was with us all the time. So that's the thing about come back. You never know when it's your turn or.

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Speaker 2

Somebody else's turn. I look in each other's eyes and I look back at myself and think is it going to be me this time or is it going to be?

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Speaker 2

You.

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Speaker 2

And that's a lot of things to think of. And then one time we were in Castle, Germany.

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Speaker

I'm like, OK.

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Speaker 2

And we were counter attacked by German tanks.

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Speaker

Uh.

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Speaker 2

Once after.

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Speaker 2

And I was in a building observing mortar fire and artillery fire, and the German tank came up so close to me at the window that I saw the.

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Speaker 2

Carving in the gun and after bit he backed up. And I thought, well, now that's wonderful. He's leaving. Well, he backed up just far enough to fire a shell right in that side of the building. At the window there and blew the whole thing in and I was lifted.

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Speaker 2

Carried across the room.

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Speaker 2

And knocked against the wall and I became unconscious. And when I came to, I don't know how long I was there unconscious. But when I came to have picked up my rifle, that was all right. But my walkie-talkie telephone was old.

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Speaker 2

Smashed and then I reached and picked up my helmet and I put it on and then my buddy said Sergeant Stephen, you better look at your helmet. So I took it off and looked at it and there was a hole in my steel helmet as big as a golf ball. And it never hit my head. The Lord must have been.

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Speaker 2

With me again.

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Speaker 2

Then and then one time we went and we were advancing, and then I was told to go ahead and examine a house with another guy, another soldier, and we went into that house and we searched for the enemy. None were there, but be fond 3 elderly women.

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Speaker 2

With five little children from 7 from first grader, guest to 7th or years old, seven years old. Anyhow, they were ready to eat their evening meal.

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Speaker 2

And since I'm Pennsylvania Dutch, I could understand and they understood me and they asked me if I want to stay for supper. I said, well, what do you have? We're going to have.

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Speaker 2

Sauerkraut soup, sauerkraut. Soup. Well, that sort of would taste good.

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Speaker 2

So they made it and I was watching them. They put in an old piece of meat that they had used for a couple other times for the flavor. Then they had a cereal bowl of peeled potatoes and put that in. And then they had a cereal bowl of sauerkraut. And they put that in. They stirred.

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Speaker 2

It opened till that was cooking and finished. Then deserved me.

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Speaker 2

And the little girls, five of them, and then soon as we hit and we just.

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Speaker 2

Had a little.

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Speaker 2

Ron Bola soup. And it wasn't bad, but it wasn't filling. But anyhow. Then the lady said they have to put the children to bed. I said well, why so early? Well, because when they go to bed, they'll fall asleep and then they'll forget their hunger. They won't weaken open hunger.

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Speaker 2

And that was in a German house over there. And there was another man there. But all these three women and these 5 little girls. And then I opened up my pack and gave him my key rations and my candy bars and.

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Speaker 2

Guess what they said to me? The little girls never tasted chocolate before that day, so I was the first boy that gave them the taste of chocolate. Isn't that something wonderful? Yeah, yeah.

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Speaker 1

What were your living conditions like?

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Speaker 2

The conditions.

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Speaker 2

Weren't too bad if you consider what you had to go through when I was discharged from England. The hospital when I was hit on the chest and I was there for from September 10th to Christmas Day, I was shipped out and had to go back to my.

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Speaker

And.

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Speaker 2

Noon at at Normandy, at Paston, and.

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Speaker 2

I had a walk.

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Speaker 2

Distance and a tank was ahead of me and I was walking back of the tank with a few.

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Speaker 2

So the tank got stuck in the snowstorm during the vendor of 44 prestone and and we had to stay there all night and sleep. So what? I don't I don't got a little hole in the big snow bag and.

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Speaker 2

They all slept.

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Speaker 2

Till the next morning and then the next morning.

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Speaker 2

We got going and we reached Baston and with my unit and then while I was at bastone.

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Speaker 2

Didn't my brother Harry come to see me? He was stationed in the Air Force down at Nancy, and he traveled by truck, picked up, he hitchhiked, and he came up to Bastone. And there he met. But we only could stay at a.

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Speaker 2

The night and the day together, we had to move on and I couldn't stay with him and entertain him. And we had fighting to do so. He went back and I went on fighting. But wasn't that something he met at by Stone?

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Speaker 1

How did he know how to?

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Speaker 2

Find you why? He asked.

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Speaker 2

He's a commanding officer to check where I would be. He knew what Infantry Division I was in, and since they were flying fighter planes they his his pilot would come back and say, well, I flew over the three 1880s.

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Speaker 2

Infantry Division, 318th Infantry Regiment, over the edit division and you'd say, where are they? Well, aren't they over by stone?

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Speaker 2

See the pilots. Knew what?

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Speaker 2

Outfit they were covering and flying over so they'd come back and tell him to eat his his open by stunna and then he jumped in a truck that was hitting this that way and came all the way up.

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Speaker 2

Yeah. How do you go back soon though?

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Speaker 1

Where did you sleep every night? Did you have to sleep in foxholes every night or did?

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Speaker 1

You stay in farms.

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Speaker 2

No, we slept sometimes in hours. In one time we slept in a house in, in a town in Germany.

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Speaker 2

And before we had a big back, we had a search, the whole town. We went into every cellar and every house and every attic to see that there were no Germans around and we came back with armfuls of champagne and wine.

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Speaker 2

And that night around 12:00, I had enough. I didn't want no more drinks. Yeah.

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Speaker

If you wanna get the map.

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Speaker 2

Of the.

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Speaker 1

You showed me a German knife. Can you tell me the story behind that?

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Speaker

Yeah.

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Speaker 2

Yeah, this is a German bayonet. I have the rifle too. I was up front observing mortar fire and then we moved on ahead a little bit and there laid a German soldier wounded pretty badly.

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Speaker 2

And he was acting like he was motioning to me and saying, help me help me in Dutch, and I could understand what he was saying. Well, I couldn't stop and help him.

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Speaker 2

But I don't know if anybody else came along to help him, but he had a rifle in this was attached to the rifle in his right hand and I said you don't need this anymore in Dutch and then took it and I carried it along all that time and I brought it home.

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Speaker

Well.

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Speaker 2

Imagine that I took it from this soldier on the ground over in in Germany, and then I have here a A.

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Speaker 2

Rifle it says all for Germany.

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Speaker 2

This is their dress knife that it would.

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Speaker 2

Dress up on so. I have a lot of Mentos like that and I want to show you this picture here, if I may, this here.

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Speaker 2

I got from.

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Speaker 2

Over in France, this picture here it says liberty and I can't read this up here. I'm not capable of reading French, but anyhow they gave me this and they said that this there's 10165 children on the sands.

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Speaker 2

The Sherbrooke there.

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Speaker 2

And.

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Speaker 2

10165 children lined up like that and the reason they did that that is in memory of General Charles de Gaulle's 10165 days away from France when France was occupied by the Germans. So.

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Speaker 2

So.

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Speaker 2

I thought that was interesting 10165 days that he was aware then.

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Speaker 2

When we left there, we went back from Omaha on. This was on the anniversary of D-Day and I was over there, had dinner with the queen and then then I met a lot of people I even met.

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Speaker 2

The secretary of General Charles de Gaulle, for 25 years, we embraced she. She welcomed us. Who were there? This was in 1994 and.

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Speaker 2

She 25 years she was General Charles de Gaulle's personal secretary. And then I went, I I met a lot of other dignitaries who were there and.

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Speaker

I guess the situation.

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Speaker 2

I wrote a message that I deliver memorial days that if anybody asked me, I have a message to give to the I spoke a couple of times at Memorial Day services about my message.

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Speaker 1

So you have a Purple Heart. How did you earn that purple?

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Speaker 2

Heart. Well, I've got a Purple Heart. That's two clusters. I was hit in the chest here.

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Speaker 2

On September the 10th.

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Speaker 2

And that was.

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Speaker

Oh.

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Speaker 2

Yeah, September the 10th, 1944 and into the hospital and finally the.

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Speaker 2

Took me over to England in the hospital and there stayed for three months.

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Speaker 2

And there we had a beautiful Christmas. And I'll tell you one thing I was honored over there in the hospital. That was the first time I got the Purple Heart. Then I got hit in the head as I told.

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Speaker 2

That was the second one and I got a bullet through my hip and I'm going to tell you that later on too, about the bullet through my hip. But anyhow, when I was in England in the hospital, it was coming to Christmas and I left there Christmas Day in 1944 to go back to.

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Speaker 2

My unit, but anyhow, before Christmas they gave his orders. Whoever wants to can decorate decorate your wall.

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Speaker 2

Ward, there were wards there with soldiers recuperating, and I decorated the ward and we had two pot belly stoves in there. And I wrapped the pot belly stove because we didn't need them to heat the building. We had other heating.

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Speaker 2

They were just a new symbol that they had. They didn't remove them yet, so I wrapped toilet paper around tissue around the stove and we made a Santa Claus out of.

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Speaker 2

One. And then we and then the other one we made Jack Frost out of the other one and then I put wax paper on the floor and then made figure figures out of cardboard on the floor. It was like a skating punk and they record recognized me and recommended me to be the first place.

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Speaker 2

Dinner and the Christmas contest over there in the hospital and by George.

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Speaker 2

That same day, the doctor came and said, Sergeant, you're going to go back to your unit, I said. Well, why? I said I still have my advantage on my chest. Well, he said.

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Speaker 2

The chest bandage isn't gonna hurt. The medics can treat you for that and change it. They need more cannon fodder where they're at best tone. And that's exactly what he said. He said they need more cannon fodder and pointing to me. So I went back and I told you the story about how to sleep in the snowstorm.

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Speaker 2

And then.

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Speaker 2

When I got hit here in the leg.

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Speaker 2

It went right through and the medic said. Here's your souvenir and gave me the bullet and I don't know what it did with it. I lost it. I guess I don't have it anyhow. Then they tried to stop the bleeding and they couldn't because it was really up here in my hip.

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Speaker 2

And then the chaplain came.

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Speaker 2

And they said, do you want to take communion? I said sure. I said, what wine do you have to drink? He said I don't have mine. I have vodka. Well, that's good enough for me. I said I'll drink vodka. So he gave me his wafer and the vodka and we had communion there. And then they took me away.

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Speaker 2

And I ended up in the parish hospital and when I got there, I had so much pain on my knee. It was fears I called out for help. Help my pain is so bad. And they didn't believe me. They thought I was fooling and fooling their legs. But anyhow.

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Speaker

There.

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Speaker 2

All of a sudden I started to bleed something fears I had a blood clot on my knee and that's why and they rushed me to the emergency room and there they operated on me and I when I came to I.

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Speaker 2

Told the I wanted to tell the doctor and I said doctor, I want to thank you for saving my life, he said. I didn't save it. The nurses saved it because they were pouring more blood into you than you were losing. That's why you're still here.

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Speaker 2

And the nurse that was there with me that night.

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Speaker 2

The next morning brought me a nice bouquet of fresh flowers from her garden, and she did that for two weeks in a row and the other boys in the barracks wanted to know what I had that she just plays up to me and brings me flowers. Well, anyhow.

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Speaker 2

I sort of got attached to her and I asked her if she'd be willing after the board to leave France and come over to the United States and be my wife.

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Speaker 2

Then she said, well, now listen, would you want to stay over here in Paris and be my husband? I said, I don't believe it. I said I think I should go home to my parents and family. She said that's what I want to do. I'll stay here with my parents and.

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Speaker 2

So that ended my Creek love affair over there in France and Paris.

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Speaker 2

But anyhow, Wendy took me out to the airport to lead me on a stretcher and I was laying there and then after bit, another soldier came up and was on a stretch and I looked up and he was a Sergeant too. And I said, Sergeant, isn't this a wonderful day?

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Speaker 2

No, he says it is. And then he started to shed tears and cry. He said. Why should I go home?

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Speaker 2

He said I'll never be a father, so he got stiffed on her mind and that was it. So those are the things. And then when I got hit in the chest, it was so rainy and so ugly and terrible. And I think a lot of times.

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Speaker 2

When you have your 81 millimeter more, you gotta keep the barrel of the motor dry or it won't ignite on at the end and threw out the shell. Well anyhow, I got hit in the chest. I don't know if it was friendly fire or any fire, but we were under terrific fire.

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Speaker 2

And it took him six hours to get me to a first aid station in the ambulance. They got lost. It was in France and Misty Rainey and the Germans would switch signs.

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Speaker 2

On the roads.

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Speaker 2

And make you go the wrong way. And I was in that Jeep from in that ambulance from 6:00 to 12:00 till I got to the. I was always awake I could but this was jarring me around. I was losing blood and my wound is as big as my hand here and.

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Speaker 2

It was 60s or six hours till I got to a hospital because they'd come to a road and then they had a sign there. Well, I don't believe that's the way the Germans must have be got lost. So it was one of those experiences? Yeah.

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Speaker 1

Was there a time when you thought it was going to be over for you?

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Speaker 2

Oh yeah.

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Speaker 2

Yes, I was up front and I was all alone.

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Speaker 2

And I didn't know what to do.

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Speaker

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Speaker 2

And.

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Speaker 2

I didn't want to raise up.

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Speaker 2

To run back, so I had to crawl on my stomach for a long, long time till I got to a place where I felt more safe but.

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Speaker 2

I was appointed.

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Speaker 2

In charge of a three man patrol.

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Speaker 2

Questions.

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Speaker 2

We were stopped the front.

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Speaker

The.

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Speaker 2

Advance party stopped for the evening and then they called back for Sergeant and two people, two other soldiers to go out front for a few miles to reconnoiter.

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Speaker 2

And of course, I was in charge and remained into this town called Pittsburgh. Now it's it's PITSBURG or something like that over there in Germany. And to the Recon order.

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Speaker 2

And if you ever were scared, that's the time because you're alone all alone. A mile or two above.

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Speaker 2

In the enemy lines, nobody around you and you had a.

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Speaker 2

Look around to see what was there so we made.

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Speaker

Wash.

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Speaker 2

Plans that we would meet at a church on the left side of a church with the facing east so that we would know exactly which side of the church we would meet at. So I said three. There were four with three boys and myself and another soldier.

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Speaker 2

Went from the one side of the town in and the other two went from the other side in and we investigated everything and looked all around. It was a railroad station town and we checked all the cars.

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Speaker 2

Vision.

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Speaker 2

And.

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Speaker 2

Trains and.

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Speaker 2

Different units and different houses for whatever they might have.

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Speaker 2

And at 12:00, we were supposed to meet. We left at 8 when it was dark, and we were supposed to meet at the side of the church at 12:00 Midnight. Well, we didn't get there till maybe 1:00.

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Speaker 2

And I was just sitting there. I got there first with my buddy before the other two got there, and I was sitting there and I was thinking, I just wonder what kind of people worship here. Here we are in France and Germany fighting and killing each other. And here there's a wonderful church.

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Speaker 2

And the reason I.

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Speaker 2

Took the church as a point to meet was because it was the tallest building in town. That steeple was very high up and it was the tallest building and that's where we met. So we finally got ready to come back and then to come back through.

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Speaker 2

Your friendly lines, you're going to know the password.

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Speaker 2

And if the guy didn't remember the password trick enough, while you might have been hit with a bullet, so it was a dangerous, dangerous assignment all the time. And one time we went back into German lines 25 miles.

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Speaker 2

On a Jeep.

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Speaker 2

And trucks and men, we were there 25 miles. We had no problem getting there, but we had to fight our way back all the way back in.

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Speaker

Like.

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Speaker 2

One time we had to get out of the trucks and Jeeps and the tanks were coming and I was at Bazooka Man also, and I had to take the bazooka and my buddy loaded it and Beaver into got a right outside of the road that the tanks were coming up on.

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Speaker 2

And I hit the first tag at the side and it stopped it and it put.

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Speaker 2

Tracks pulled it off the road into the gutter, and there we had it and then that stopped everybody else on the road back and I knocked out a tank. And imagine that I knocked out a German tank. So Hallelujah. Wasn't that something?

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Speaker 2

Yeah.

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Speaker 1

Mr. Steffi, what was the most important thing that you learned through your experience in World War 2?

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Speaker

Yeah.

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Speaker 2

Well, the most important thing I think is.

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Speaker 2

To have respect.

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Speaker 2

Compassion and love for one another. Now I learned a lot from those little girls and those three women in that German home. They were normal. The little girls, they didn't know nothing about war.

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Speaker 2

Yet they had to go along with Hitler because they were in the country the same as we have to go along with our leadership here in this country and we're just so thankful that our leader leadership is correct. And right now everybody knew that Hitler was.

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Speaker

OK.

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Speaker 2

Dangerous and all he wanted was world domination. Well.

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Speaker 2

When you live in the country and and they he made everybody have money and have food and working and they all fell for him, just like everybody fell forever. Presley, Elvis Presley and it just depends, poor fella.

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Speaker 2

They're celebrating his anniversary. Yeah, but anyhow, the thing that I learned is to have.

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Speaker 2

Back one for another, to respect the other person's views, to to have compassion, one with another. You know what? German that's that was laying on the ground asking me to help him. I still have memories of that.

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Speaker 2

Why didn't I help him? Well, I couldn't help him. I was fighting. But when the minister talks about.

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Speaker 2

Good Samaritan and always rings a bell. You must have compassion. One for another. And if we understand other people's beliefs and reasons.

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Speaker 2

Maybe we could get along a little better.

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Speaker 1

Mr. Steffy, thank you very much for the interview.

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Speaker 2

Thank you. You're a wonderful lady. Bless your heart.

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