

Floyd L. Ball Interview

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00:00:01 Speaker 1

Umm, this is September 16th, 2004 and Malvern High School.

00:00:07 Speaker 1

I'm Richard Daley and this is Mr.

00:00:11 Speaker 2

Bull played ball.

00:00:13 Speaker 1

And.

00:00:15 Speaker 1

Your birth date and your current address.

00:00:19 Speaker 2

A pair of Florida.

00:00:22 Speaker 2

I live in Florida, 8 months out of year.

00:00:27 Speaker 2

And I come up here.

00:00:29 Speaker 2

In first part of June I I'm going to leave Monday to.

00:00:32 Speaker 2

Go back to.

00:00:33 Speaker 2

So I up here four months or so.

00:00:36 Speaker 2

I stayed my daughter up North Liberty.

00:00:41 Speaker 1

Oh no.

00:00:43 Speaker 1

Congestion for you?

00:00:46 Speaker 3

Yeah. Could you give your current address here in North Liberty?

00:00:54 Speaker 2

18456.

00:00:57 Speaker 2

Macy Rd.

00:01:00 Speaker 2

Butler OH.

00:01:04

Yeah.

00:01:06 Speaker 2

Going to stab my daughter Janice Long and.

00:01:09 Speaker 2

Her husband? Yeah.

00:01:11 Speaker 1

And your birth date?

00:01:15 Speaker 2

9321.

00:01:24 Speaker 1

What? What words do?

00:01:26 Speaker 1

What words have you served? In what branch?

00:01:30 Speaker 2

World War 2 in the infantry.

00:01:34 Speaker 2

Division.

00:01:38 Speaker 1

What was your rank and where?

00:01:40 Speaker 2

Well, I was a corporal at that time.

00:01:45 Speaker 2

When I got captured and.

00:01:48

A.

00:01:50 Speaker 2

Course Warren got out.

00:01:52 Speaker 2

They sent me back.

00:01:53 Speaker 2

Know after I got.

00:01:54 Speaker 2

To the states.

00:01:56 Speaker 2

Where they sent me the retraining recruits Georgia and they closed out and up, and then they sent me to Alabama.

00:02:06 Speaker 2

And that's where I was discharged at.

00:02:10 Speaker 2

Last day of November 1945. But.

00:02:15 Speaker 3

Where did you serve in Europe?

00:02:17 Speaker 3

You show us on the map where you serve.

00:02:20 Speaker 2

Germany.

00:02:22

Uh.

00:02:26 Speaker 2

Berlin House, 40 miles east of Berlin.

00:02:31 Speaker 2

'Cause, we used to go out at.

00:02:33 Speaker 2

You could watch the bone flashes, you know, and.

00:02:36 Speaker 2

British bomb at night and Americans in the daytime.

00:02:42 Speaker 2

One reason they did that because.

00:02:47 Speaker 2

The British knew this country better than what the Americans did.

00:02:55 Speaker 2

I was not in.

00:02:57 Speaker 2

After we left.

00:02:59 Speaker 2

Russia.

00:03:02 Speaker 2

Went out through the Black Sea here somewhere, but I.

00:03:05 Speaker 2

Went through the garden nails.

00:03:09 Speaker 2

It's a little narrow place here between Turkey and Africa.

00:03:15 Speaker 2

I'm not just sure where, but it's right in here somewhere.

00:03:21 Speaker 2

We around went through there and ended up over here in Italy.

00:03:27 Speaker 2

Or the nap or cedar.

00:03:31 Speaker 3

So you're saying that?

00:03:33 Speaker 3

Where? Where did you enter Germany when you? When you did your work in Berlin?

00:03:39 Speaker 3

Or you said east of Berlin.

00:03:41 Speaker 2

Not sure I was in prison camp.

00:03:42 Speaker 3

OK and.

00:03:45 Speaker 3

Were you involved in campaigns that got you to that point?

00:03:49 Speaker 2

Yeah, but I wasn't. Even when I got captured.

00:03:53 Speaker 2

Wasn't even in.

00:03:56 Speaker 2

I was in France or.

00:04:00 Speaker 2

Cold at the outskirts territory.

00:04:04 Speaker 2

Yeah, well, that's where. That's where I got captured at on 14th day of September.

00:04:12 Speaker 2

1944.

00:04:13 Speaker 3

By the Germans.

00:04:15 Speaker 2

What is your name?

00:04:15 Speaker 3

And then they took you to a camp.

00:04:18 Speaker 2

Yeah, he took us to one like a distribution center.

00:04:23 Speaker 2

And.

00:04:26 Speaker 2

Been a noncommun.

00:04:30 Speaker 2

You didn't have to work, but if you're a private or Pfc, they expect you go out on the farm and work.

00:04:37 Speaker 2

If you have anything a corporation up we didn't have to work.

00:04:42 Speaker 2

And I didn't because I thought, well, if I go, why that's another German that could give up on the frontline, he might as well, I might as well just.

00:04:54 Speaker 2

Go without so.

00:04:57 Speaker 2

We ended up then 40 miles east of Berlin after we walked a while.

00:05:03 Speaker 2

Then they put us on a train.

00:05:08 Speaker 2

And.

00:05:10 Speaker 2

American planes that come over and they'd shove us back.

00:05:14 Speaker 2

The siding and.

00:05:18 Speaker 2

That's where we set and hoping that they didn't bother me seeing and we were lucky that one.

00:05:24 Speaker 2

How long were you actually in prison for?

00:05:27 Speaker 1

How long were you in prison for?

00:05:29 Speaker 2

Well, I was in this camp here.

00:05:33 Speaker 2

4 1/2 months from the time I got captured, does there but then.

00:05:39 Speaker 2

I was another month and a half before I got back in American hands.

00:05:43 Speaker 2

'Cause we went through Germany, wrest away and went through Poland.

00:05:49 Speaker 2

And my name is Russia and so.

00:05:53 Speaker 2

Man, I went.

00:05:55 Speaker 2

They had to wait till they got these passports, force out of Moscow.

00:06:01 Speaker 2

To get out of Russia.

00:06:03 Speaker 1

Were you in the same camp with? Was it a POW camp or was you in?

00:06:07

The same camp with the Jewish enslaved people there.

00:06:10 Speaker 2

Was Russians and Italians anything else?

00:06:15 Speaker 2

But they weren't in our room.

00:06:18 Speaker 2

There was two blocks.

00:06:21 Speaker 2

Of Americans, thousands in each block.

00:06:25 Speaker 2

So there's 2000 lost Americans there.

00:06:29 Speaker 2

But then on over there was Italians and the Russians. I was there somewhere because.

00:06:38 Speaker 2

We could see.

00:06:41 Speaker 2

Bush go to the hospital, but every once in a while you can see if they come out with a stretcher and.

00:06:50 Speaker 2

Russian dying and they brought him out and doped them in the wagon.

00:06:55 Speaker 2

You know.

00:07:02 Speaker 1

So for when you were when you joined the military, were you drafted or did you enlist in the draft?

00:07:09 Speaker 2

Where?

00:07:10 Speaker 1

Were you living at the time?

00:07:13 Speaker 2

Address was Butler.

00:07:17 Speaker 1

Umm.

00:07:19 Speaker 1

Which branch of which branch were you drafted into or where did?

00:07:23 Speaker 1

End up.

00:07:26 Speaker 2

Division.

00:07:28 Speaker 1

Do you remember the first days when you were in service?

00:07:34 Speaker 2

Was voted. I hadn't been away from.

00:07:39 Speaker 2

How old are you?

00:07:45 Speaker 1

Where their new boot camp and training experiences were there any interesting stories or things that happen that you remember or?

00:07:55 Speaker 2

Well, I don't.

00:07:55 Speaker 2

We had a lot of training.

00:07:59 Speaker 2

We went.

00:08:02 Speaker 2

Houma, Tennessee.

00:08:07 Speaker 2

And I was there then till.

00:08:13 Speaker 2

43 sometime.

00:08:17 Speaker 2

They really trained us, I mean we.

00:08:21 Speaker 2

Not hard work.

00:08:27 Speaker 2

And then they send us the Kansas we there for? Oh, I don't know.

00:08:34 Speaker 2

Two or three months, I guess.

00:08:37 Speaker 2

Then it shipped this to Yuma, AZ out in the.

00:08:40 Speaker 2

And so we.

00:08:42 Speaker 2

We there for a.

00:08:43 Speaker 2

They send us on up to California and we had desert maneuvers up there.

00:08:52 Speaker 2

Thought sure. We're gonna go over specifics. Yeah, and.

00:08:56 Speaker 3

Yeah.

00:08:59 Speaker 2

So I'm not sure exactly, but it must have been.

00:09:07 Speaker 2

Oh, February or something.

00:09:11 Speaker 2

Load us on a train there.

00:09:15 Speaker 2

Chipped is clear back across the United States.

00:09:20 Speaker 2

The New Jersey.

00:09:23 Speaker 2

So we trained there a little.

00:09:24 Speaker 2

We didn't need much, but I guess we had a little bit.

00:09:28 Speaker 2

Be there and then they took us up the.

00:09:33 Speaker 2

Load this on the ship up there and out of New Jersey.

00:09:40 Speaker 2

We.

00:09:42 Speaker 2

Got on the queen.

00:09:45 Speaker 2

And the whole division was on.

00:09:48 Speaker 2

I mean, I'd say we probably had 30,000.

00:09:52 Speaker 2

In there.

00:09:54 Speaker 2

Bigger and more people than they had in the.

00:09:55 Speaker 2

Of Mansfield at that time.

00:09:57 Speaker 3

You stayed in all of these.

00:10:00 Speaker 3

You were basically with your same group okay.

00:10:03 Speaker 2

Oh yeah, same group all the time.

00:10:05 Speaker 3

OK.

00:10:05

Do you still keep in touch with some of the people you know?

00:10:09 Speaker 2

Yeah, I got my best army buddy from New Jersey. That's where he lives.

00:10:15 Speaker 2

I was in Pennsylvania at the time, but he lives in New Jersey. I keep in contact with him and pretty much and my army Sergeant, he lives in North Carolina.

00:10:28 Speaker 2

So I keep.

00:10:28 Speaker 2

Contact with him, but then the only two really.

00:10:33 Speaker 2

Umm.

00:10:35 Speaker 2

There's one up.

00:10:37 Speaker 2

I should have gotten contacted him this summer, but it didn't.

00:10:41 Speaker 2

Threw up in, you know, Cleveland somewhere.

00:10:44 Speaker 3

Were they captured with you as well? No. OK.

00:10:49 Speaker 1

Umm.

00:10:51 Speaker 1

Oh, you said that you served in World War 2 and you were in France when you were captured.

00:10:59 Speaker 1

Do you remember arriving when you got to Europe? What it was like?

00:11:09 Speaker 3

When was.

00:11:09 Speaker 3

Was that 44 then? Yeah.

00:11:12

OK.

00:11:14 Speaker 2

I don't know.

00:11:20 Speaker 2

We left.

00:11:21 Speaker 2

In 40.

00:11:22 Speaker 2

We left the stinks on the first day of July.

00:11:26 Speaker 2

44 we landed on the 6th over Southampton.

00:11:30

Woman.

00:11:32 Speaker 2

We're hanging on.

00:11:35 Speaker 2

Oh, I'm staying a week or maybe two weeks.

00:11:38 Speaker 2

Got new equipment and.

00:11:41 Speaker 2

Then we went across.

00:11:44

To France.

00:11:47 Speaker 2

Which was.

00:11:49 Speaker 2

Month or better past D-Day but.

00:11:54 Speaker 2

We didn't even want to get.

00:11:55 Speaker 2

There. So we.

00:11:56 Speaker 2

See evidence of what had happened, you know, and.

00:12:02 Speaker 2

Would bound the.

00:12:05 Speaker 2

One guy in a foxhole, you know, the Americans kept cleaned up real well and picked up, but.

00:12:14 Speaker 2

And had missed this guy, but.

00:12:17 Speaker 2

I know we've gone in Germany there, France.

00:12:24 Speaker 2

Called Apple or we camped in there or overnight or so, but.

00:12:31 Speaker 2

I never seen too many Germans that was dead.

00:12:35 Speaker 2

Hadn't stacked up like firewood, you know.

00:12:40 Speaker 2

And they were just as black as black to be, because they had been out, you know, in the sun.

00:12:48 Speaker 2

Son made him black.

00:12:52 Speaker 2

Hard to you. Get a good night's sleep.

00:12:54 Speaker 2

I wish I'm tired and.

00:12:58 Speaker 2

We did sleep.

00:13:03 Speaker 1

Do you have a particular job or assignment in the in your group or?

00:13:10 Speaker 2

Well.

00:13:12 Speaker 2

All doing basic.

00:13:13 Speaker 2

I was in the heavy weapons heavy machine gun outfit and heavy 30.

00:13:21 Speaker 2

And water cooled and.

00:13:24 Speaker 2

I was first gunner.

00:13:26 Speaker 2

You know, when we was taking training, me and this buddy from New Jersey, the first general in another section.

00:13:35 Speaker 2

But then, before I went overseas, I become an instrument corporate.

00:13:43 Speaker 2

Estimates you can.

00:13:44 Speaker 2

Lookout and see how far was to certain places.

00:13:49 Speaker 2

So that's what I was when I got.

00:13:53 Speaker 2

Was it just you that got captured or?

00:13:55 Speaker 2

It.

00:13:56 Speaker 2

Oh no, I think there was about a dozen of us, but the most.

00:14:00 Speaker 2

Them.

00:14:01 Speaker 2

There was only a couple of three from my outfit.

00:14:04 Speaker 2

Rest of them.

00:14:07 Speaker 2

Were right up in this here.

00:14:10 Speaker 2

The woods around like that and.

00:14:15 Speaker 2

We were up long here and the rifle company is all around us and.

00:14:21 Speaker 2

We drove the Germans off on that hill the day before and.

00:14:28 Speaker 2

It rained all night and the next morning. It's a foggy you couldn't see hardly see your hand.

00:14:33 Speaker 2

Front of you.

00:14:35 Speaker 2

Well, the Germans knew that territory real well, so they come around this haired woods and they broke through over there on.

00:14:44 Speaker 2

This side were my other, but where my buddy was and his section of the machine guns too.

00:14:51 Speaker 2

Over here.

00:14:53 Speaker 2

They broke through and they seen what was happening.

00:14:56 Speaker 2

Got back.

00:14:58 Speaker 2

Did I come through the woods?

00:15:01 Speaker 2

Just come right straight through and better way was up there.

00:15:04 Speaker 2

No place to go and.

00:15:08 Speaker 2

And they were on us before.

00:15:10 Speaker 2

Knew it, you know, so.

00:15:12 Speaker 3

How many did they capture, do you think?

00:15:14 Speaker 2

I feel probably a dozen of us, but a lot of them was rifle company. There's only a couple.

00:15:21 Speaker 2

Out of my outfit, maybe 3.

00:15:24 Speaker 2

But they were replacements and I didn't.

00:15:27 Speaker 2

Know I really didn't know them.

00:15:30 Speaker 2

Because we had, you know, had lost several. And so they keep us in these replacement.

00:15:37 Speaker 3

Let's pause right here if we can.

00:15:39 Speaker 3

These guys have to go to their next class.

00:15:46 Speaker 1

Umm.

00:15:49 Speaker 1

You already said that you're a prisoner of war.

00:15:51 Speaker 1

Were there any particular experiences that happened that like to share?

00:15:55 Speaker 1

There were might be of interest or something. Well, during a prisoner war.

00:16:05 Speaker 2

Well.

00:16:07 Speaker 2

1-2 much a prisoner in prison, but we just didn't have hardly anything to eat.

00:16:14 Speaker 2

We used to for.

00:16:17 Speaker 2

They had a cup of coffee for dinner.

00:16:20 Speaker 2

To be.

00:16:21 Speaker 2

Lunch supposed to.

00:16:23 Speaker 2

Cup of a soup and at night we had a cup of tea.

00:16:28 Speaker 2

And so none of it's very fattening.

00:16:32 Speaker 2

Lost, you know, lost five better weight, I'm sure.

00:16:37 Speaker 2

And the guys in?

00:16:38 Speaker 2

Camp.

00:16:39 Speaker 2

In the barracks where I was.

00:16:42 Speaker 2

I know their eyes are sunk back in.

00:16:45 Speaker 2

Know mine must bending.

00:16:48 Speaker 2

But this very squeeze in there's 100 to a.

00:16:53 Speaker 2

33 and men in two rooms and 30.

00:16:57 Speaker 2

In another.

00:16:58 Speaker 2

So that made 100.

00:17:02 Speaker 2

So.

00:17:05 Speaker 2

Last day of January.

00:17:08 Speaker 2

Russians are the Germans started to move.

00:17:13 Speaker 2

Either Russians was coming somewhere, so they he moves out.

00:17:18 Speaker 2

So we went out of camp here, turn one up road and I don't go too awful far.

00:17:26 Speaker 2

Maybe a couple of three miles.

00:17:29 Speaker 2

And heard a shot and.

00:17:32 Speaker 2

Here.

00:17:33 Speaker 2

The Russians just coming down that road, way up in a.

00:17:38 Speaker 2

And they fire my fire alarm us because they thought it was. We were Hungarian people, I guess.

00:17:45 Speaker 2

It lit, I think in the 800 of us.

00:17:49 Speaker 2

So, well, right away. The Germans turned us around and went back and went into camp.

00:17:59 Speaker 2

And we wasn't in there too long in the afternoon. Then they started to move us again.

00:18:06 Speaker 2

We come out of camp instead of taking the road.

00:18:09 Speaker 2

Way we went cross country right across here.

00:18:13 Speaker 2

And let out through the field in there the Russians was close enough that they fire machine guns right in front of.

00:18:23 Speaker 2

The Germans are that they didn't want to go any further, so they turning around and got back to the gate at the camp. They wanted us to turn to go down this way but.

00:18:35 Speaker 2

There was a very few, I think went weapons, but most of us went right back into camp and that's where we.

00:18:40 Speaker 2

Till.

00:18:41 Speaker 2

The next resale the next day and then that next night is when they.

00:18:49 Speaker 2

One Russian.

00:18:51 Speaker 2

Came in and took us out.

00:18:54 Speaker 2

When the.

00:18:57 Speaker 2

Russian tank, or Azar tank, really.

00:19:00 Speaker 2

When?

00:19:00 Speaker 2

Pulled up the camp. Here was a big Russian woman, a captain.

00:19:06 Speaker 2

She had 240 fives, one on each hand.

00:19:11 Speaker 2

Big hug. Do you want me in there?

00:19:13 Speaker 2

And.

00:19:16 Speaker 2

But anyway.

00:19:19 Speaker 2

We there that day and the next day and that next night there's one Russian guy.

00:19:19

Please.

00:19:26 Speaker 2

Come in.

00:19:27 Speaker 2

And he took.

00:19:27 Speaker 2

Whole bunch of the whole 2000 or what was left 50,000.

00:19:36 Speaker 2

And.

00:19:36 Speaker 2

Went up this year. Spearhead that fall, was up there.

00:19:39 Speaker 2

The Germans were they come up through. That's all they had.

00:19:42 Speaker 2

That one thing.

00:19:44 Speaker 2

So he took us out to there, got down there in the woods certain place.

00:19:50 Speaker 2

Here, before and he took the wrong one.

00:19:54 Speaker 2

Went there a little ways and he stopped and everybody stopped.

00:20:01 Speaker 2

Run into the Germans right down there. So he he could hear himself. He come back and we took this other road and went out.

00:20:09 Speaker 2

Then we know we're in what that white suprem.

00:20:16 Speaker 2

Acist.

00:20:19 Speaker 2

We go in their houses.

00:20:22 Speaker 2

'Cause they had left, you know, and.

00:20:26 Speaker 2

In the houses and go down the basement, get potatoes, or get something that looks like it might be good.

00:20:33 Speaker 2

We cook our.

00:20:35 Speaker 2

Meals, you know.

00:20:37 Speaker 2

And then that pill.

00:20:43 Speaker 2

Find me Lotus. Well known week was marching back through there. And I remember we stopped at 1:00.

00:20:51 Speaker 2

Polish farmhouse. And so we asked and well, was one guy to speak the most in it language. And he asked me if we could sleep in his house or in the barn.

00:21:04

No.

00:21:05 Speaker 2

Said you can sleep in.

00:21:06 Speaker 2

House.

00:21:09 Speaker 2

Going in there and one room, I suppose the Germans have slept there, and maybe the Russians too.

00:21:15 Speaker 2

Don't know. But anyway, one room.

00:21:19 Speaker 2

Big room and.

00:21:20 Speaker 2

Skull down. And so we'll all bed it down there for the night.

00:21:25 Speaker 3

How many were there at this point?

00:21:28 Speaker 2

Well, actually probably dozen of us still, yeah.

00:21:35 Speaker 2

Then we got up and started on and they finally stopped us and.

00:21:41 Speaker 2

Touches down to railroad station and we got on the train and then they took us to deathstar. Russia.

00:21:50 Speaker 2

AM.

00:21:52 Speaker 2

That's when we had to get these get out of Russia so.

00:21:59 Speaker 3

Looking at videotape that.

00:22:02 Speaker 3

So let's turn that around. Just kind of bring it up here and.

00:22:06 Speaker 2

I've carried out my billboard everything so.

00:22:15 Speaker 3

And explain what this is then.

00:22:17 Speaker 2

But.

00:22:18 Speaker 2

Passport to get out of Russia.

00:22:23 Speaker 2

Says there's got to stamp come from Moscow, Russia and.

00:22:30 Speaker 2

So they sent us those so we could get out and then they took.

00:22:36 Speaker 2

I can't remember how we got from Odessa down to the ship, and I don't think it was too far.

00:22:43 Speaker 2

If we just walked, I suppose.

00:22:47 Speaker 2

But that was they did the 18th of March.

00:22:53 Speaker 2

I.

00:22:53 Speaker 2

Well, I was a German prison camp for 4 1/2 months, but I talked to a guy here.

00:23:04 Speaker 2

But my disability pension and all, and he said well.

00:23:09 Speaker 2

You wasn't in American hands till after that, so he said.

00:23:14 Speaker 2

You called me in the prison of war for.

00:23:18 Speaker 2

Six months so.

00:23:21 Speaker 2

They're working on to get me some more disability.

00:23:24 Speaker 2

Give 30% now, but.

00:23:27 Speaker 2

They're gonna try and get me more than one guy I talked to down from the.

00:23:35 Speaker 2

Here just a while back was down there and.

00:23:39

He.

00:23:40 Speaker 2

Said I'm shooting for 100% so.

00:23:45 Speaker 3

Did you?

00:23:46 Speaker 3

Were you fearful when you were in the hands of the Russians, even though they were our allies, they weren't exactly our friends.

00:23:53 Speaker 3

There ever any fear of the Russian treatment okay?

00:23:55 Speaker 2

Oh yeah, maybe yeah.

00:23:58 Speaker 2

They act like it didn't have two cents, you know, just OK1 little story when we're walking back the road.

00:24:07 Speaker 2

In the some of their outfits was coming up, some was going back.

00:24:12 Speaker 2

We had to get off the road pretty much, you know? But just one incident I've seen.

00:24:20 Speaker 2

Truck going down this way 1 coming this.

00:24:22 Speaker 2

And they wouldn't lay over for one another.

00:24:25 Speaker 2

They just run up to one another and they jumped out and had to come in. Then just, you know, ready to shoot 1.

00:24:32 Speaker 2

Well, you know a person.

00:24:35

Is.

00:24:36 Speaker 2

Not life when they do.

00:24:37 Speaker 2

Like that.

00:24:40 Speaker 2

I think they've been into the blockchain pretty heavy.

00:24:44 Speaker 3

That was evident truly.

00:24:44 Speaker 2

I think I think a lot.

00:24:46 Speaker 2

Them.

00:24:46 Speaker 2

Did because I remember one night we in.

00:24:55 Speaker 2

We fixed up her and ready to eat and here come a Russian officer.

00:25:03 Speaker 2

Well, you could eat with us too, you know.

00:25:09 Speaker 2

He had his vodka and he pulled out a water glass full.

00:25:15 Speaker 2

Glass of water.

00:25:19 Speaker 2

And rembrush.

00:25:22 Speaker 2

I don't know. There's stomach.

00:25:23 Speaker 2

Must have been really tough because they drink that and eat pure fat meat.

00:25:30 Speaker 2

Just large, you know just.

00:25:34 Speaker 2

Cut off a pumpkin, eat that stuff.

00:25:37 Speaker 3

But they would provide food for you. They did.

00:25:40 Speaker 3

Russians, when you're in the hands of.

00:25:41 Speaker 3

Russians, they did feed you.

00:25:43 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:25:47 Speaker 2

When we was there with, you know.

00:25:50 Speaker 3

Did you ever know how much weight you totally lost?

00:25:53 Speaker 3

You never kept track.

00:25:54 Speaker 2

The doctor asked me and I said, Lord, we didn't have food.

00:25:58 Speaker 2

On us.

00:25:59 Speaker 2

Some scales to weigh yourself.

00:26:03 Speaker 2

But after.

00:26:07

Oh.

00:26:09 Speaker 2

From September till Father, 1st of November or somewhere in there, we started getting American Red Cross boxes.

00:26:18 Speaker 2

Then we was all set.

00:26:20 Speaker 2

We didn't have to go down and get.

00:26:23 Speaker 2

Coffee or tea or soup, whatever we had.

00:26:29 Speaker 2

So they had a lot of good things in them.

00:26:32 Speaker 2

Maybe candy bar and packs of cigarettes and.

00:26:37 Speaker 2

Powdered mil.

00:26:40 Speaker 2

And spam and oh, I don't know, the flow was in there, but.

00:26:44 Speaker 2

We made our way.

00:26:48 Speaker 2

When I was done in prison.

00:26:50 Speaker 2

Our room was basically some of.

00:26:53 Speaker 2

Cans is pretty good size and some smaller so.

00:26:56 Speaker 2

Guys maybe had a nice they cut.

00:27:02 Speaker 2

A hole in the side of the big can. Then it puts it through the other to sit on top and.

00:27:09 Speaker 2

At the heat.

00:27:12 Speaker 2

So we use cardboard to stick in that.

00:27:16 Speaker 2

Little.

00:27:17 Speaker 2

Half fire, you know.

00:27:19 Speaker 2

It gets a smoking or you couldn't see over your places. No way, 'cause.

00:27:27 Speaker 3

Asphyxiate yourself.

00:27:31 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:27:34 Speaker 1

The supplies that you had, like not just food, but the other supplies like for weapons or you're a prisoner of war for an amount of time, but when you're actually on the field with supplies for the adequate or.

00:27:48 Speaker 2

Well.

00:27:51 Speaker 2

My arm is tired and said that I didn't really know, but we we didn't have too much. You know it run out pretty much but alarm has started since when they got back, they went back somewhere and there was two of the guys.

00:28:06 Speaker 2

One from me? Yeah. The other one from Kentucky.

00:28:09 Speaker 2

They were supposed to be an ammunition bear to bring up ammunition.

00:28:13 Speaker 2

And there they was, back in there somewhere.

00:28:18 Speaker 2

Eating and drinking coffee and stuff.

00:28:22 Speaker 2

To bring in our supplies up, you know ammunition so.

00:28:27 Speaker 2

Yeah, but I know that Hill we took up there one day and then we there.

00:28:34 Speaker 2

All night and the next day when it's the.

00:28:37 Speaker 2

That's when they broke through, but.

00:28:40 Speaker 2

My best buddy in New Jersey.

00:28:44 Speaker 2

He said that.

00:28:48 Speaker 2

After we got captured.

00:28:52 Speaker 2

They took us down.

00:28:53 Speaker 2

There's a big house over there, but another big hill over here and the guy.

00:28:58 Speaker 2

Directing the artillery from this guy over.

00:29:01 Speaker 2

He was directing artillery for over here because our lines have been shot in.

00:29:07 Speaker 2

And everything.

00:29:08 Speaker 2

So but my best buddy said when they got up there, then the next day.

00:29:17 Speaker 2

Germans just, oh, just laying at them.

00:29:19 Speaker 2

They the whole squad.

00:29:21 Speaker 2

They're all killings. And I said, oh.

00:29:26 Speaker 2

They didn't have any trouble taking the hill then.

00:29:30 Speaker 2

That artillery and and it was something terrible, because after we got captured going down.

00:29:38 Speaker 2

And went to. This was our aid station, I guess. And half the wall we got up and went right this way. And the front line was here, so we going.

00:29:48 Speaker 2

And they fire and they got the fire on this road.

00:29:54 Speaker 2

Was walking down, you know?

00:29:57 Speaker 2

And you can hear him coming. So he get off in the road and get down the ditch and.

00:30:03 Speaker 2

Concussions to my underlying just picked you right up. I always.

00:30:09 Speaker 2

But we went on now around and got down there that evening.

00:30:15 Speaker 2

The German status.

00:30:21 Speaker 2

They had a big old soup kettle.

00:30:23 Speaker 2

They call it the horse and they go up on the frontline.

00:30:25 Speaker 2

Feed you know.

00:30:28 Speaker 2

Here we was eating old kaylashes and.

00:30:31 Speaker 2

I got worked in.

00:30:32 Speaker 2

Navigate on them anymore. But they had like noodles and stuff fixed in that suit kettle.

00:30:40 Speaker 2

And I really enjoyed that. And of course, you didn't eat very much.

00:30:42 Speaker 3

OK.

00:30:46 Speaker 2

You know your stomach is swung up and so right, you didn't need too much until yeah, so.

00:30:53 Speaker 2

It was the.

00:30:54 Speaker 2

Meal I've had for quite a long while. Great.

00:31:02 Speaker 3

So when when you're captured then?

00:31:07 Speaker 3

You've talked about your capture then where you were in Germany and being brought rescued by the the Russians, and then they brought you down.

00:31:19 Speaker 3

At what?

00:31:20 Speaker 3

Tell me again. Did they take you down to the Black Sea and and you?

00:31:25 Speaker 3

Going to.

00:31:26 Speaker 3

You knew at that point after you've.

00:31:28 Speaker 3

What was that like when you got that passport in your hand?

00:31:32 Speaker 3

Me about that day.

00:31:40 Speaker 2

Well, I guess everybody was happy.

00:31:47 Speaker 2

We were there in Odessa and.

00:31:51 Speaker 2

I remember one night we.

00:31:54 Speaker 2

There's a big building here and.

00:31:57

And.

00:31:58 Speaker 2

Here's another but anyway.

00:32:01 Speaker 2

Those buildings have been bombed by the.

00:32:04 Speaker 2

You know.

00:32:08 Speaker 2

And.

00:32:10 Speaker 2

We were setting out there in like a.

00:32:14 Speaker 2

Courtyard or something?

00:32:16 Speaker 2

And there was a.

00:32:18 Speaker 2

I don't know how many was up along this wall, and I remember.

00:32:25 Speaker 2

Fell over and it killed one or two of the.

00:32:28 Speaker 2

And right there.

00:32:31 Speaker 2

So I was over here on this other side. Another guy.

00:32:38 Speaker 2

So they come that near or getting out.

00:32:44 Speaker 2

From home, when there they were.

00:32:48 Speaker 2

And we went down, got around here in the Black Sea and got through there.

00:32:54 Speaker 2

We ran around here to Italy.

00:32:57 Speaker 2

Naples and there we got clean clothes.

00:33:08 Speaker 2

Because I still had my same clues the.

00:33:11 Speaker 2

That I got captured in.

00:33:13 Speaker 3

Is that right?

00:33:14 Speaker 2

So that was six months or so.

00:33:19 Speaker 2

You take them off and stand in the corner. They stand up.

00:33:23 Speaker 3

Did you?

00:33:24 Speaker 3

Take them off to clean them. Or was there any cleanliness? No.

00:33:29 Speaker 2

We supposed to shower once a month when there's a journal prison camp, whether you need it or not.

00:33:37 Speaker 2

And they was awful stimulus. The water, they turn it on and.

00:33:43 Speaker 2

OK, so far well.

00:33:47 Speaker 2

Seen it turn on.

00:33:49 Speaker 2

You got the soap off all.

00:33:50 Speaker 2

If you didn't, all right, 'cause. They didn't leave in.

00:33:52 Speaker 2

Just a little bit.

00:33:56 Speaker 2

But we got the.

00:33:59 Speaker 2

When we've got those des.

00:34:02 Speaker 2

I remember the Russians.

00:34:07 Speaker 2

Uh, cut this.

00:34:08 Speaker 2

I think it's on the second floor.

00:34:11 Speaker 2

They had a big oven made made to skip off.

00:34:17 Speaker 2

And a Russian.

00:34:18 Speaker 2

Lady here. She'd take her clothes.

00:34:21 Speaker 2

Put them on a hanger, I guess.

00:34:23 Speaker 2

Take them in that room and they.

00:34:26 Speaker 2

It was real.

00:34:26 Speaker 2

You know, kill the lights and different things.

00:34:29 Speaker 2

We were lousy.

00:34:31 Speaker 3

That's what I was.

00:34:32 Speaker 3

Were there any skin diseases or?

00:34:36 Speaker 2

My legs is about long and then.

00:34:40 Speaker 2

Life, biting and stuff, you know?

00:34:44 Speaker 2

Yeah, but anyway, they put that heat on them and put them back on and we didn't.

00:34:52 Speaker 2

And have them off until we got to rush or into Italy and then they give us new clothes.

00:35:00 Speaker 3

Wow.

00:35:00 Speaker 2

And a good chef.

00:35:02 Speaker 2

On a very good day.

00:35:04 Speaker 2

Was a very good day.

00:35:07 Speaker 2

Yeah, I don't.

00:35:08 Speaker 2

I'm just exactly how long we've been Naples.

00:35:13 Speaker 2

Week or two weeks, I think, but.

00:35:20 Speaker 3

Were you under US controller?

00:35:23 Speaker 3

The Italians hosting.

00:35:25 Speaker 3

Or.

00:35:25 Speaker 2

No. Uh.

00:35:27 Speaker 2

Were there certain certain amount of them?

00:35:27 Speaker 3

OK.

00:35:31 Speaker 3

Where did the transfer from the Russian Guard of you to the Americans take place?

00:35:38 Speaker 3

It take place there in Italy after you came out of.

00:35:41 Speaker 3

Out of.

00:35:44 Speaker 3

The dark.

00:35:45 Speaker 3

There you talking about.

00:35:45 Speaker 2

After we got on the ship.

00:35:48 Speaker 2

The Russians, we were sent it to 10s.

00:35:50 Speaker 3

OK. And you talked to say that again about the Turks?

00:35:53 Speaker 3

Turks got on the ship with you to.

00:35:57 Speaker 2

Yeah, the.

00:35:59 Speaker 2

The ship through there.

00:36:00 Speaker 3

Through the minefield, away from the minefield. OK.

00:36:02 Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah.

00:36:04 Speaker 2

And.

00:36:05 Speaker 3

And then the Russians were done then.

00:36:07

Oh.

00:36:09 Speaker 2

But we got on a British ship there, of Odessa.

00:36:13 Speaker 2

And went down.

00:36:14 Speaker 2

To all this third enemy.

00:36:19 Speaker 2

He's there at the end, a week or two.

00:36:23 Speaker 2

Got new clothes and got our.

00:36:26 Speaker 2

Medals I had had the Purple Heart and all that, and it got back.

00:36:33 Speaker 2

And then we left there on the American Wakefield Shield from Italy.

00:36:41 Speaker 2

Come home, man.

00:36:44 Speaker 2

What mileage from Boston?

00:36:47

OK.

00:36:48 Speaker 3

And you're still with your 12th.

00:36:51 Speaker 3

Or the man is it now?

00:36:51

Oh.

00:36:52 Speaker 3

You're not together with any of the prisoners of war yet in this, OK.

00:36:55 Speaker 2

You know the whole bunch.

00:36:56 Speaker 2

Mean whatever and.

00:36:58

OK.

00:37:01 Speaker 2

Come with an guy.

00:37:05 Speaker 2

Water or maybe as smooth as that made some stick that they.

00:37:10 Speaker 2

Go in the toilet, you know. And if you had to go, you just had to reach in and get them and go and.

00:37:16 Speaker 2

Put them back in because they.

00:37:19 Speaker 3

Didn't affect you though.

00:37:21 Speaker 2

No, almost. When we're going over.

00:37:25 Speaker 2

I come closest to being sick, but.

00:37:31 Speaker 2

My not my mouth started to 2nd in command.

00:37:35 Speaker 2

You stand beside us. We stand up on deck.

00:37:41 Speaker 2

Roll call and different things, man.

00:37:46 Speaker 2

That and stand there looking over the water. And boy, that's what makes you sick. You.

00:37:50 Speaker 2

So then, pretty soon I had them. Big old fatigue hats on and wide brim, some other things.

00:37:59 Speaker 2

We stand there.

00:38:01 Speaker 2

Pretty soon you eat something. Got.

00:38:02 Speaker 2

Tipped it down and how you feel to pull?

00:38:05 Speaker 2

Oh, and he was so sad.

00:38:07 Speaker 2

Oh my God.

00:38:09 Speaker 2

But that was the closest I get.

00:38:13 Speaker 3

Did you notice any of your sensitivity being affected because of your prisoner of war experience?

00:38:19 Speaker 3

You feel like maybe there was a denseness of your senses just because you've been.

00:38:26 Speaker 3

In prisoner of war experience.

00:38:28 Speaker 3

Has it? How has it affected you even?

00:38:31 Speaker 2

Well.

00:38:32 Speaker 3

Worse, your.

00:38:32

Health.

00:38:33 Speaker 2

The worst problem I've had and did have.

00:38:38 Speaker 2

Still public.

00:38:39 Speaker 2

Is kidney trouble.

00:38:41 Speaker 2

Oh my God.

00:38:43 Speaker 2

When I was in prison.

00:38:48 Speaker 2

We had walked out John on the way out there.

00:38:54 Speaker 2

Day or night. If you had to go, you had to go and.

00:38:58 Speaker 2

I know I would go down, maybe get back up to the bearish and I had to turn right.

00:39:06 Speaker 2

Go back again.

00:39:07 Speaker 2

Just, you know, just wasn't sure.

00:39:10 Speaker 2

And even after I got home.

00:39:13 Speaker 2

I remember one one night, I guess.

00:39:19 Speaker 2

I don't know one one of my girls is born or what?

00:39:22 Speaker 2

Anyway, must've been left in the hospital.

00:39:27 Speaker 2

I got in Butler and I had to go.

00:39:31 Speaker 2

Well, I'll make it out. The edge of town.

00:39:34 Speaker 2

I couldn't.

00:39:35 Speaker 2

I just.

00:39:38 Speaker 2

Just wet myself and that's all.

00:39:40 Speaker 2

Was to.

00:39:41 Speaker 2

Just you know, I just couldn't help.

00:39:43 Speaker 2

And I'm a little bit. Yep, that way. You know, I have when I have.

00:39:46 Speaker 2

Go. I have to go so.

00:39:50 Speaker 3

How was the homecoming?

00:39:53 Speaker 3

Were you married at the time?

00:39:55 Speaker 2

Oh yeah.

00:39:56 Speaker 3

So your wife had no idea?

00:39:59 Speaker 3

No communication about.

00:40:01

That.

00:40:01 Speaker 3

You are a prisoner of.

00:40:02 Speaker 3

Does she know where you were? Any of that?

00:40:04 Speaker 2

Yeah, after so long, I got to write.

00:40:08 Speaker 2

Oh, once a week.

00:40:09 Speaker 2

Had a little like a postcard. I'd write a little.

00:40:12

Bit.

00:40:13 Speaker 2

But she didn't dare to write too much or 'cause they.

00:40:16 Speaker 2

Censored it, you know.

00:40:19 Speaker 2

Again, there to write about the Germans or what was going on.

00:40:24 Speaker 2

Nothing like that, but my wife knew.

00:40:29

But.

00:40:31 Speaker 2

As far as the government is concerned, they put me down as a listening accent.

00:40:41 Speaker 2

But why then call a number of talks on my and said? Well, he's a prisoner.

00:40:52 Speaker 2

No, I I did, I wrote.

00:40:56 Speaker 2

I don't know. One of my daughters, I think still got them card.

00:41:01 Speaker 3

Do you need a foot tip sometime Monday night, pictures of his metal and and just the pictures of the stack of cards or something like that?

00:41:10 Speaker 3

Worth anything like that would be great.

00:41:12 Speaker 2

I don't jazz don't share.

00:41:15 Speaker 2

I don't know.

00:41:17 Speaker 3

You mentioned your.

00:41:18 Speaker 3

Can you tell you guys Purple Heart, obviously, what other metals did you receive from them?

00:41:22 Speaker 2

Well, you know, before we and over and we had.

00:41:28 Speaker 2

Good conduct.

00:41:32 Speaker 2

Sharp shooter with a rifle and I don't know how many we had on.

00:41:39 Speaker 2

Or would have and you know that.

00:41:43 Speaker 2

I don't know if I got any.

00:41:44 Speaker 2

Well, I must have got more than Purple Heart there in Italy, but I can't remember.

00:41:50 Speaker 2

I think there was in certain zones you got to battle.

00:41:54 Speaker 2

Know so.

00:41:57 Speaker 2

I can't remember how many it was, but I got some.

00:42:02 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:42:03 Speaker 3

And then you came home.

00:42:04 Speaker 3

We're almost.

00:42:05 Speaker 3

We got you got home in new.

00:42:08 Speaker 3

Did you land or New York or what base did you? Do you remember that?

00:42:13 Speaker 2

Mild vanish walking.

00:42:14 Speaker 3

Oh, I'm sorry. OK, in Boston and.

00:42:17 Speaker 3

Was your wife notified or is anyone there for you at that point?

00:42:20

No.

00:42:21 Speaker 3

But then you.

00:42:22 Speaker 3

Made your way over to Butler then?

00:42:25

Yeah.

00:42:26 Speaker 2

I can't remember.

00:42:29 Speaker 2

Pocket. Come on a bus.

00:42:32 Speaker 2

Maybe a train? I'm not sure, but.

00:42:35 Speaker 2

I had.

00:42:36 Speaker 2

Aunt by marriage lived in Mount Vernon and.

00:42:45 Speaker 2

So I call her.

00:42:47 Speaker 2

You know, when I get to Mount Vernon?

00:42:50 Speaker 2

I know I've come on the bus to Mount Vernon and.

00:42:55 Speaker 2

Call her and.

00:42:57 Speaker 2

So she picked me up.

00:43:00 Speaker 2

My wife was staying with her sister.

00:43:04 Speaker 2

You didn't know what was coming.

00:43:07 Speaker 3

I.

00:43:07 Speaker 3

Had no idea that you were even on.

00:43:10 Speaker 3

Way back.

00:43:23 Speaker 3

Of the great deer.

00:43:28 Speaker 3

Good time.

00:43:30 Speaker 3

Did it take you a while to acclimate yourself back to normal life? Well, yeah.

00:43:37 Speaker 2

Yeah, I worked in Banfield in the foundry and dirtying and noisy.

00:43:45 Speaker 2

But when I got back, I knew I couldn't go back there.

00:43:50 Speaker 2

Too. Noise echoes.

00:43:52 Speaker 2

Well, got some nerves a shot.

00:43:56 Speaker 2

No, I work. We rented a house.

00:44:01 Speaker 2

And I worked on a farm for that guy who ran it all from. I worked for him then.

00:44:07 Speaker 2

Couple years.

00:44:10 Speaker 2

My brother, brother-in-law had a filling station in Belleville and so I got in with him and.

00:44:18 Speaker 2

Worked worked there.

00:44:20 Speaker 2

Took care of the different cars and voiced them in the war thing.

00:44:26 Speaker 2

Then.

00:44:28 Speaker 2

1948.

00:44:32 Speaker 2

What the?

00:44:34 Speaker 2

Left there and went another farmers.

00:44:40 Speaker 2

He had two houses, one down, where he lived one way up.

00:44:44 Speaker 2

A hill.

00:44:46 Speaker 2

Well, that was our place up there.

00:44:49 Speaker 2

1948 and.

00:44:53 Speaker 2

I went bottom my new tractor.

00:44:57 Speaker 2

And he had one, just like it. Only Holder, but anyway.

00:45:02 Speaker 2

We work together and I was on the 3rd.

00:45:10 Speaker 2

When?

00:45:12 Speaker 2

Lived up there and had to walk down to the dairy barn. The male and so on so forth.

00:45:19 Speaker 2

Every other weekend why I had to do the chores and.

00:45:25 Speaker 2

Anyway, we were there in 4849 and 50.

00:45:30 Speaker 2

1950.

00:45:34

Uh.

00:45:37 Speaker 2

Bought another new tractor, heavy one because the other one was too light for he had a big hay baler and we pulled the wagon behind and it would push it down the hill.

00:45:51 Speaker 2

So.

00:45:53

I.

00:46:00

Go ahead.

00:46:01 Speaker 2

But anyway I got that.

00:46:05 Speaker 2

Heavier tractor and he kept mine and I traded his in on this new one I bought.

00:46:14 Speaker 2

So we're there three years.

00:46:16 Speaker 2

484950.

00:46:19 Speaker 2

Me and my wife bought a farm up in South of Belleville.

00:46:26 Speaker 2

51 and.

00:46:29 Speaker 2

We were there till.

00:46:32 Speaker 2

Had sale in 83.

00:46:37 Speaker 2

And.

00:46:39

I.

00:46:40 Speaker 2

We hit the road then.

00:46:45

Uh.

00:46:49 Speaker 2

Not sure first of.

00:46:53 Speaker 2

October maybe?

00:46:55 Speaker 2

That year I bought a new.

00:47:00 Speaker 2

35 foot fifth wheel.

00:47:03 Speaker 2

1.

00:47:04 Speaker 2

Duly truck to pull him with.

00:47:07 Speaker 2

And we took off.

00:47:11 Speaker 2

Great. And we lived in that big trailer for nine years.

00:47:19 Speaker 2

We went where was warm in the winter.

00:47:22 Speaker 2

Back up Ohio, Michigan, places in.

00:47:29 Speaker 2

And we were lucky enough that we.

00:47:33 Speaker 2

Get all the states down here.

00:47:38 Speaker 2

And I drove to Alaska in 86.

00:47:43 Speaker 2

Go back.

00:47:47

And.

00:47:50 Speaker 2

I think it lacked 100 miles of being 14,000 miles.

00:47:53 Speaker 2

Drove there and.

00:47:58

Oh no.

00:48:04 Speaker 2

In 91.

00:48:09 Speaker 2

We bought a place down for.

00:48:12 Speaker 2

And a mobile home on her own lot.

00:48:15 Speaker 2

Everything so.

00:48:17 Speaker 2

My wife said she'd get me.

00:48:21 Speaker 2

The site was getting coming in, you know, she thought.

00:48:25 Speaker 2

And she wanted a.

00:48:27 Speaker 2

More room. So we bought that.

00:48:31 Speaker 2

Mobile home with their own ground and everything, and so.

00:48:36 Speaker 2

We said well.

00:48:39 Speaker 2

We don't need that big trailer.

00:48:43 Speaker 2

Travel like we're gonna.

00:48:44 Speaker 2

So I traded in on, got a 28,000 and.

00:48:50 Speaker 2

So we had that till.

00:48:54 Speaker 2

I think.

00:48:56 Speaker 2

Look, I sold out and.

00:48:58 Speaker 2

After Mom died, she died in.

00:49:03 Speaker 2

202.

00:49:06 Speaker 2

And I sold it.

00:49:12 Speaker 2

Must have been 03 because Jazz and Bob come down. Got me after mom and done and me.

00:49:21 Speaker 2

And.

00:49:23 Speaker 2

I had the truck.

00:49:24 Speaker 2

I sold the trailer and had to.

00:49:26 Speaker 2

No, I had the truck and trailer, but.

00:49:30 Speaker 2

I sold the truck.

00:49:32 Speaker 2

That year and then?

00:49:37 Speaker 2

I told them.

00:49:39 Speaker 2

Failure 032 but.

00:49:45 Speaker 2

Summer before I sold the truck.

00:49:47 Speaker 2

Must've been 202, but anyway.

00:49:51 Speaker 2

Got rid of them and so now.

00:49:55 Speaker 2

Last two years I fly back.

00:49:57 Speaker 2

Forth to Florida.

00:50:02 Speaker 3

Miss that old truck. Don't yet.

00:50:06 Speaker 2

Yeah, I I had trucked over 25 years and boy, I missed it.

00:50:12 Speaker 2

But.

00:50:16 Speaker 3

Why is the way to go?

00:50:17 Speaker 2

I didn't need it until I didn't have any trouble selling the truck.

00:50:22 Speaker 2

It went right away and.

00:50:24

You feel better.

00:50:27 Speaker 2

The trailer went next year and so.

00:50:31 Speaker 3

Now, how many children did you and your wife have?

00:50:34 Speaker 2

2.

00:50:37 Speaker 2

I think she had a miscarriage when I was.

00:50:40 Speaker 2

I think.

00:50:40 Speaker 2

But other than that, we had the 2 girls.

00:50:45

Yeah.

00:50:47 Speaker 3

Well, we appreciate you taking this time and I know that I hope that your family.

00:50:54 Speaker 3

Can appreciate these stories as.

00:50:55 Speaker 3

There anything else that we may have missed that you want to make sure that?

00:51:01 Speaker 3

You think it's a good, accurate account?

00:51:08 Speaker 2

Well, there's only one thing. You know. There's different for me being the prisoner. And when we landed in Miles County, Boston.

00:51:20 Speaker 2

Everybody about in the.

00:51:24 Speaker 2

Oh.

00:51:27 Speaker 2

Room for ate was all German prisoners, I mean.

00:51:33 Speaker 2

They were over here.

00:51:35 Speaker 2

And a lot of them didn't go back or didn't want.

00:51:38 Speaker 2

A lot of them didn't want to go back because they had never had as good as they had it there.

00:51:44 Speaker 2

But.

00:51:46 Speaker 2

I don't think there's.

00:51:49 Speaker 2

Too much y'all.

00:51:55 Speaker 3

Thank you so much.

00:51:55 Speaker 2

Yeah. OK.