

## **Elmer G. Dorsten Interview**

Company A, 318th Inf Reg

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My name is Nathan Davis.

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I'm here with owner dorston, Mr. Dorsey.

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And this here is home in cold water 208 on time St.

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Also too, so attending.

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This interview I'm not a good.

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One with Alex, but we can.

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Mr. Dolphin for precious services.

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Hey.

00:00:47 Speaker 1

Siri, tell me a 3D printer.

00:00:54 Speaker 1

What year were you instructed in 1943?

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I went in the port, got went in in Columbus, OH, 4 days in the 13th of September, and the exam was home for 30 days because they didn't have enough facilities.

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Do.

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I actually went in October.

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13th of 43.

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What was the first day in the military?

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Life for you?

00:01:19 Speaker 1

That was when I learned the ferries. Hurry up and wait.

00:01:26 Speaker 1

Port Cleveland. They got ready to ship us out to Port Euclid, Virginia, we said on the docks we got up at 5:00 in the morning, put a couple bags on the dock, and when they ate breakfast, came back and sat on our double bags till we went in. They.

00:01:41 Speaker 1

On our double bags till supper.

00:01:43 Speaker 1

We went to supper.

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Back instead of a couple bags and we'll ship out of 1030 that night.

00:01:51 Speaker 1

That was where I learned the.

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What's?

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The.

00:02:00 Speaker 1

Weather.

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For Saturday.

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Hold for any extended period of time.

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And two, army life just never really agreed with me.

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I would.

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I would never really happy in the army and I'm very glad.

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Get out.

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That it was establishing a routine meeting.

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Early in.

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Morning that we would have the.

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Uh, you go.

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Eat breakfast and then they have calisthenics.

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They have the calisthenics for half.

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Before, before breakfast and then.

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We would go.

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For infantry training in the morning.

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And then in the afternoon, I would go to any aircraft school and also to automotive school.

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I graduated with the automotive school and I was range Finder for the Boeing and aircraft.

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And then I after all that, then I ended up in the army.

00:03:04 Speaker 1

Which, you know, I hear these.

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Yeah.

00:03:13 Speaker 1

I'm going in the.

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Is there any problems with this?

00:03:16 Speaker 1

You look at the lips and don't, he said.

00:03:19 Speaker 1

Put you.

00:03:20 Speaker 1

They need to be.

00:03:22 Speaker 1

So as far as promises are concerned, of course I didn't have any promises that.

00:03:26 Speaker 1

Make.

00:03:26 Speaker 1

That much better, but.

00:03:29 Speaker 1

Are you going to win in the they picked?

00:03:34 Speaker 1

When I went up for examination and then they.

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Picked.

00:03:38 Speaker 1

You up today, but you were the airport.

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Were the coast.

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So I didn't have any.

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The man in front of me got the airport friend of mine in the same Henry and he ended up being in the full term.

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You know.

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The first time.

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Where did that even when did I?

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Workout.

00:04:02 Speaker 1

Date I left on that first of July from Camp Pilmer, which is in the New York apartment.

00:04:11 Speaker 1

They took us right past the Statue of Liberty, naturally.

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We were on the Queen Mary and we had over 17,000 people on that.

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Where did you live?

00:04:26 Speaker 1

In.

00:04:28 Speaker 1

The.

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First of Clyde in Scott.

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That's right.

00:04:37 Speaker 1

Then from there we went the train.

00:04:39 Speaker 1

Went down to England.

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And we ended up.

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I ended up in the 318, ended up in Norwich, England and we were there about roughly 3 weeks.

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And then we shipped out of Southampton and we landed over in France at Omaha Beach. This is after D-Day.

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We keep that in mind.

00:05:01 Speaker 1

I landed in July because I went in with the officers and then the.

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The division needs an enforcing order, and consequently I was in time I got in under with headlines and I have an orientation that was for those three or four days.

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Option.

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My favorite line.

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Hamilton beach.

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It's.

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I hadn't normally have northern France and.

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Germany looked at me and said you can't have foreign a nice that I have got an army that said that I went in a couple of years. I went in the offices because I was a company runner at that time and I had.

00:05:41 Speaker 1

Do was the other.

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Units.

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Were. So that's how that happened.

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Folks going through 1, you got to grow.

00:05:50 Speaker 1

Well, that's.

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It.

00:05:53 Speaker 1

That's a long time ago, but I little anxiety of what you're going to run into, you know, and.

00:06:01 Speaker 1

Didn't waste much time with this.

00:06:05 Speaker 1

About the 5th, it's called this week.

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New settlements at Saint George's.

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Normandy and then we've got all trucks.

00:06:19 Speaker 1

True same.

00:06:21 Speaker 1

After the breaks it was made.

00:06:25 Speaker 1

Trying to think of a simple 29th Division I think made the breakthrough. A friend of mine was over here, owned by the Deer Foot golf course and.

00:06:38 Speaker 1

He called me up one day and said you were an idiot and I said yes.

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He said, well, I'm in the.

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9th and he.

00:06:45 Speaker 1

I will. Bye. Bye, you guys. When you went through say hello on trucks.

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So this is how things get tangled up.

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I need it.

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How many days it took me 41.

00:06:58 Speaker 1

To battle if you want to call it that, we went in immediately.

00:07:04 Speaker 1

We went in around the 8th. We started in around the 8th of August 5th, 6th or 7th. Some place in there.

00:07:10 Speaker 1



Don't know the exact date, but we got on our trucks and then we started and we went through St.

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And then after St. Gobain, we branched out.

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And we became part of the third artist and we branched out and we went South and southeast.

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And we went down through.

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We made 173 some days.

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173 some miles and before we set out and.

00:07:39 Speaker 1

We.

00:07:39 Speaker 1

Run out of, we run out of fuel and and.

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Food and.

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Ambulation.

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Of course, we didn't do a lot of playing.

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We.

00:07:50 Speaker 1

To do was clean out some of these town.

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And on this side and started up, we run into started to go into town.

00:08:01 Speaker 1

The.

00:08:02 Speaker 1

The first trucks that left to take.

00:08:04 Speaker 1

First college.

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And then they were cleaning out of the restroom.

00:08:08 Speaker 1

Around the college and he blew it.

00:08:10 Speaker 1

And then then when you got the downtown out, you fell on the last line, so you didn't do a lot of fighting going on scratching.

00:08:19 Speaker 1

Deep froth.

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Which was all right.

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We.

00:08:25 Speaker 1

Got into.

00:08:30 Speaker 1

Elegant. And then they move this north.

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Up to improve.

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Architecture that that Malaysian architect we close the gap there and we went into battle and we was as green as.

00:08:46 Speaker 1

Could.

00:08:46 Speaker 1

Then we had a lot of pageants and it took us 3 days.

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On 1st and then they pulled us out that day and they sent us around.

00:08:59 Speaker 1

And the three seven people in and they didn't get in on 1/3 day they got in.

00:09:04 Speaker 1

They got into argument, captured it and then closed the gaps and the police started arguing gap. If you ever get through even your.

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That was the end of the 7th Army.

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Captured this drone set up.

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By the over 50,000.

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Between 5 and 600 pieces of equipment and part of got away from this, there was a 10 mile gap between.

00:09:31 Speaker 1

The airport they shot them up.

00:09:34 Speaker 1

I believe.

00:09:36 Speaker 1

We've seen the effects of the aircore and what they could do and the bulldozers down the road we we moved a little town called Troon, which is a little north, a little north, a little West of Palazzo, took a couple days training to learn how to fight with.

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I.

00:09:53 Speaker 1

Tanks.

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And then we started.

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To go.

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East again and.

00:09:59 Speaker 1

There we run into all the germs that have gotten out of the.

00:10:05 Speaker 1

Our Japanese, they really didn't get very.

00:10:08 Speaker 1

There's scattered over about 10 miles was artillery, of course, is some of the horses were still alive and they were just crazy.

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I.

00:10:16 Speaker 1

They had to destroy it.

00:10:18 Speaker 1

And they took the tank.

00:10:19 Speaker 1

Dozer.

00:10:19

Yep.

00:10:20 Speaker 1

Clear the road for us and we went.

00:10:22 Speaker 1

Down through there in.

00:10:25 Speaker 1

In about 3.

00:10:27 Speaker 1

Then we sit down and Barlow, Duke, and then we have to catch up with our rations.

00:10:33 Speaker 1

And then the next time we stop, we're claims area where the Germans have an air, Air Force airfield and they brought our supplies into the C47.

00:10:45 Speaker 1

147 and gasoline with the next one I get our.

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The next.

00:10:51 Speaker 1

But we've got a half a.

00:10:52 Speaker 1

Of oranges.

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And there's orange juice for the next 10 miles down that road.

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Everybody throw it away.

00:10:59 Speaker 1

But anyhow, we got into the 1st.

00:11:03 Speaker 1

Of September and.

00:11:07 Speaker 1

There we were running, going into a starting to go into a town and we were about 3/4 of a mile out and the Germans, the rear guard action at that time I was riding on a Jeep trying to get caught up to the front of column and.

00:11:22 Speaker 1

Germans that they had at the airport there had an 88 and they fired 2 rounds.

00:11:27 Speaker 1

Have about our Jeep.

00:11:29 Speaker 1

Thank God they record shots.

00:11:32 Speaker 1

And they passed the photo. Somebody 68 feet and they landed over into a hill, jumping off of that Jeep on my left.

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I.

00:11:41 Speaker 1

And I was bolting my foot and I didn't know they were broke at the time, and I went to medicine and they said the doctor was in the last town that we went, he's helping a woman.

00:11:53 Speaker 1

And something that extends out my foot and I hobbled around bark for three days and the third day I couldn't get my shoe on anymore.

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Yeah.

00:12:00 Speaker 1

I went back to.

00:12:03 Speaker 1

And the doctor had the medics on tape, my foot and clean it.

00:12:05

I.

00:12:07 Speaker 1

And he looked at it, and I was sitting on a kind of a stool like this, and he took my foot and he put his hands underneath it, and he started pressing on it. And I got right up with him. I really, it was really sore.

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Yeah.

00:12:20 Speaker 1

And then he said well.

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He said.

00:12:24 Speaker 1

Got the broken bones.

00:12:27 Speaker 1

Send you to the hospital blue, which is 12 mile out of Paris.

00:12:29 Speaker 1

Good.

00:12:32 Speaker 1

And they put a walking guest on and they make sure I stay in bed and be tied down to a gallon can of guttering on the floor through the ceiling so that I could get out of bed and feel that calf ride after the calf driving second day.

00:12:46 Speaker 1

It was dried friend of mine that was in the hospital with me.

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And the next bed we had, it was shot.

00:12:53 Speaker 1

The arm and.

00:12:55 Speaker 1

And he wasn't hurt too bad.

00:12:56 Speaker 1

We stuck in the Paris.

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Paris had just been liberated about two weeks.

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And.

00:13:03 Speaker 1

We have quite a quite a time, but when we come back they they call us because we expected that, but we didn't.

00:13:09 Speaker 1

The roll call.

00:13:11 Speaker 1

They put us out in puppets as a penalty.

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Yeah.

00:13:16 Speaker 1

And we got to laugh about that. And then the surgeon general came through and wanted to know what his buckets were. And there were four or five updates out there.

00:13:26 Speaker 1

And then they told him that those are punishment for going in a.

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And embarrassment.

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You can't do that, he said.

00:13:33 Speaker 1

Get them back in there. Concert Type, Hut floors and stuff.

00:13:37 Speaker 1

So we got back in hospital.

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And.

00:13:41 Speaker 1

Guess.

00:13:41 Speaker 1

Next day we went to Paris.

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And when we got back, they were waiting on us.

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And.

00:13:50 Speaker 1

Surgeon.

00:13:51 Speaker 1

I don't do with you guys, he.



00:13:52 Speaker 1

I don't know what punishment to give you, and I said, oh, I guess we could always threaten someone, put the senders back to frontline.

00:13:58 Speaker 1

He didn't appreciate that a bit, but.

00:14:01 Speaker 1

Neither one of us had much to.

00:14:03 Speaker 1

I had a Pfc scrap. I could have lost.

00:14:06 Speaker 1

That was the least of my.

00:14:07 Speaker 1

I enjoyed Paris and then there we got.

00:14:10 Speaker 1

We started out again after I got back and I ended up. I was 10 days, more or less in the hospital and then we ended up in food.

00:14:20 Speaker 1

I rejoined the outfit and on the way back they just like, placed me in the 80th Division medicine.

00:14:29 Speaker 1

I said no.

00:14:29 Speaker 1

Not going to do that.

00:14:32 Speaker 1

When we got to the headquarters where they were splitting the men up, I seen a couple of Jeep sat over there and I went over and got off the truck and I said in.

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The.

00:14:44 Speaker 1

Man Cave was a friend of mine who went through basic training together.

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And he he gave him a corporate.

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And he took care of all the records, and I told him what I what was going on and he just laughed at me said let's go date up.

00:15:00 Speaker 1

So we let the egg come in, we've got.

00:15:02 Speaker 1

To this.

00:15:03 Speaker 1

He told the captain what I did and the captain just laughed and he said just call them and tell them they're not going to meet him.

00:15:09 Speaker 1

That's how.

00:15:10 Speaker 1

Get a package and they come in.

00:15:13 Speaker 1

But then after that we just went from there.

00:15:15 Speaker 1

Started to go. He ended up in.

00:15:18 Speaker 1

Valley, which is.

00:15:21 Speaker 1

Rough place with our stopping for supplies and.

00:15:25 Speaker 1

The Germans got reorganized and we bought all the liver battles and the Mosaic Valley.

00:15:33 Speaker 1

And really hard.

00:15:35 Speaker 1

A friend of mine got hit there.

00:15:39 Speaker 1

And I thought you did.

00:15:40 Speaker 1

And 50 years later, I was in rehab.

00:15:45 Speaker 1

There was some women sitting.

00:15:48 Speaker 1

There they were talking and they said, well, don't back to get it scam. And I turned around and I said.

00:15:53 Speaker 1

Reuben.

00:15:54

Said.

00:15:55 Speaker 1

I'm Martin and I said.

00:15:59

Oh no.

00:16:02 Speaker 1

It all down the side and he was badly hurt.

00:16:06 Speaker 1

And then.

00:16:09 Speaker 1

After work and give in full.

00:16:11 Speaker 1

Full \*\*\*\*\*.

00:16:13 Speaker 1

But when I stood up to turn around.

00:16:15 Speaker 1

He seen me and Louie started.

00:16:18 Speaker 1

No questions about.

00:16:20 Speaker 1

But I thought I really hit him.

00:16:21 Speaker 1

Was there?

00:16:23 Speaker 1

But anyhow, we were in the valley there and we were, you know, a small place called Renaissance Barn.

00:16:26

Hello.

00:16:31 Speaker 1

The feudal type farm, when they got a gold ditch fence all the way around.

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Buildings have all the buildings inside and they lock the gates at night.

00:16:41 Speaker 1

They have.

00:16:41 Speaker 1

Cattle on the.

00:16:42 Speaker 1

Houses and everything inside, and the juries patrol come up and decide they were going to rename this.

00:16:51 Speaker 1

And they were throwing your nades over to fashion.

00:16:54 Speaker 1

We were throwing some of them back and we were getting some of ours back.

00:16:59 Speaker 1

And the next thing.

00:17:01 Speaker 1

Knew we talked about late about.

00:17:03 Speaker 1

The.

00:17:05 Speaker 1

Flip the handle and got 123.

00:17:07 Speaker 1

The moment we're still getting them back.

00:17:09 Speaker 1

The next one we got, they got a red band around them and they were shoot second grenades and they said don't count, just throw and that's.

00:17:19 Speaker 1

But while we were there that night, the after the patrol, the Germans.

00:17:26 Speaker 1

I could create a mortar fire.

00:17:28 Speaker 1

I will burn on the way pre listen and it has a.

00:17:32 Speaker 1

Sound after you've done.

00:17:35 Speaker 1

These things out.

00:17:37 Speaker 1

Of 11 rounds in the air before the first one landed.

00:17:41 Speaker 1

And they all landed inside of this farm area, and one of them landed.

00:17:45 Speaker 1

On top of my.

00:17:47 Speaker 1

Directly up top that I lucked out and Dave for some reason I sponso.

00:17:53 Speaker 1

Ventura, Illinois. Canvas and I.

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Red.

00:17:56 Speaker 1

Throw all the dirt on top.

00:18:00 Speaker 1

All the dirt on top of it and have about 2528 acres of dirt on top.

00:18:04 Speaker 1

Then mortar, maybe direct hit and just took.

00:18:07 Speaker 1

All of it, and broke two of the rails in but didn't.

00:18:11 Speaker 1

That was my first round with borders and it was about two days before I could even hear him so, but I lucked out on that.

00:18:19 Speaker 1

And then as we went on through.

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We.

00:18:24 Speaker 1

Went 15th or?

00:18:27 Speaker 1

We had a combat team organized and we went through the front lines.

00:18:32 Speaker 1

Same job even we went behind the.

00:18:35 Speaker 1

Flies in the trans air.

00:18:37 Speaker 1

So I'm in about 1518 mile.

00:18:40 Speaker 1

And.

00:18:42 Speaker 1

We went with the CCA, which is the.

00:18:44 Speaker 1

Combat and of.

00:18:48 Speaker 1

4th iron their 8.

00:18:51 Speaker 1

Living.

00:18:52 Speaker 1

Ccb was.

00:18:55 Speaker 1

They were on the other side of Nancy and we were east of Nancy and they were they were South of Nancy and they were shooting up.

00:19:02 Speaker 1

Was coming out of Nancy. Nancy's and Germans were trying to reach back out of the hands because we had them surrounded.

00:19:09 Speaker 1

And they shot up everything that was coming out of there and we come out of there. Well, we run out of ammunition and we run out of gas and have to.

00:19:18 Speaker 1

That into us.

00:19:20 Speaker 1

And we.

00:19:21 Speaker 1

We come out of there with government trusted and our trust and we had over 1000 girlfriends that we went out there with and on the way back.

00:19:30 Speaker 1

Yeah. We got within about a mile the.

00:19:32 Speaker 1

Jedebury we had just taken St. Jedevo and given up to the 317th Regiment, and then we went on through.

00:19:41 Speaker 1

And the.

00:19:45 Speaker 1

Germans counterattacked, took Germany back and three 17,317 round on the old place where we had lost holes on the Ridge of the Saint Genovese Ridge.

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I.

00:19:57 Speaker 1

And.

00:19:58 Speaker 1

The 4th Imer took our cruisers.

00:20:00 Speaker 1

And then they.

00:20:02 Speaker 1

Baby arm does it with food and.

00:20:05 Speaker 1

Instant water. The whole egg up was in the same enemy before the Germans do it because the Germans would counter attacking the 370 and six eggs there.

00:20:15 Speaker 1

And what anchors on the counter attack in front of the 370 and the artillery not get out and we knocked got away from us and the fourth armored. Let us have two tanks and those two tanks 1 is on each side of the gun and German T.

00:20:35 Speaker 1

Of goes.

00:20:38 Speaker 1

Engine, department and knocking out.

00:20:41 Speaker 1

They stood there and argued over the telephone, who died.



00:20:45 Speaker 1

And said I didn't care who died as long as somebody got it. But.

00:20:48 Speaker 1

My, my, my squad.

00:20:52 Speaker 1

Not one one cancer take out and we were.

00:20:57 Speaker 1

A.

00:20:57 Speaker 1

We had a bazooka and I I met all again.

00:21:00 Speaker 1

Wall and I said get ready.

00:21:04 Speaker 1

What saved us in San?

00:21:06 Speaker 1

They had the long 75 barrels on their guns and the streets were so narrow that they couldn't traverse the gun, just only on the street part.

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I.

00:21:14 Speaker 1

They couldn't swing around.

00:21:17 Speaker 1

And we.

00:21:19 Speaker 1

I got the lucite ready and then they got all ready and.

00:21:22 Speaker 1

Fired up.

00:21:24 Speaker 1

Of a kind of.

00:21:25 Speaker 1

Based on Typewinded and they shot it right in the right of the engine department loading up. And so we have not.

00:21:31 Speaker 1

One out of the six.

00:21:35 Speaker 1

Then we after we got through there and we started to go into clean out of woods north of Saint John River.

00:21:45 Speaker 1

All through there.

00:21:48 Speaker 1

After 100, we had 103 days of relief and finally gave us a couple of days 3-4 days off and then.

00:21:58 Speaker 1

Started in again and we went. Started into the national line and captured Sanibel and.

00:22:07 Speaker 1

Peter Thorf and brother Dancer and we we got 3 or 10 pill boxes before 10:00 in the morning before.

00:22:18 Speaker 1

And.

00:22:20 Speaker 1

That was.

00:22:21 Speaker 1

You took about 50 printers and then the.

00:22:24 Speaker 1

And the Germans?

00:22:25 Speaker 1

The officer made the remark to us.

00:22:28 Speaker 1

There was a.

00:22:29 Speaker 1

Victory. Perfect attack. But the infantry and the tanks and the artillery, and it's kind of unusual that you get a comment from the enemy.

00:22:39 Speaker 1

We did.

00:22:41 Speaker 1

And then they from there, he went into Singapore and captured that in there. They give us a couple of days brief.

00:22:51 Speaker 1

And then from there we started up.

00:22:54 Speaker 1

Going north into Zionville and then we.

00:23:00 Speaker 1

Got.

00:23:01 Speaker 1

After thin build we got a couple days break and they decided that we could go down to the third and seven target and the 6th bar would do outdoor dining and we was going to show them how to go through the national line.

00:23:18 Speaker 1

And we had car drivers and they took us down between the 3rd and 7th.

00:23:23 Speaker 1

We got there about 10:00 in the morning and we were filling around and getting water, ammunition and our sea rats and a rations.

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I.

00:23:32 Speaker 1

And about, I guess it was about two in.

00:23:35 Speaker 1

Afternoon.

00:23:36 Speaker 1

The trucks came back.

00:23:38 Speaker 1

We didn't know what was going on.

00:23:40 Speaker 1

And the trucks came back and we had light.

00:23:43 Speaker 1

And everybody said look out.

00:23:46 Speaker 1

And look, we didn't know is the battle of the bulge it started.

00:23:50 Speaker 1

And they put us when the solid black is 1/3.

00:23:54 Speaker 1

All.

00:23:55 Speaker 1

Way up the Luxembourg city, virtually non-stop the 4th agriculture and the 26th Division. That's the third Army went up into.

00:24:03

I.

00:24:07 Speaker 1

And we were the first 3.

00:24:11 Speaker 1

And we were.

00:24:12 Speaker 1

First 3.

00:24:15 Speaker 1

First 3 units to go on the offensive. Valuable.

00:24:19 Speaker 1

And then.

00:24:21 Speaker 1

From there.

00:24:22

We.

00:24:24 Speaker 1

Slept on bowling Alley and looks in Bird City that night and they moved us over to to the West town called Murphy.

00:24:25

I.

00:24:32

Yeah.

00:24:33 Speaker 1

And there.

00:24:37 Speaker 1

And the port Arbor had stopped the germ and our children battalion. And on the road and.

00:24:45 Speaker 1

The the other guit on the 370 and they stop and on the left hand 2 battalions of the artillery, all the horses and everything.

00:24:57 Speaker 1

With.

00:24:59 Speaker 1

Just a matter of about 20 minutes.

00:25:03 Speaker 1

After they cleaned up and then.

00:25:05 Speaker 1

There's.

00:25:06 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:25:07 Speaker 1

When we were on the Ridge, just as we run in Bill on the ribs of Germany, it's up.

00:25:12 Speaker 1

And the friend of mine and I, we laid down on a Ridge and.

00:25:16 Speaker 1

I was.

00:25:17 Speaker 1

And he was going to fire. And one of his Germans shot 1st and hit my friend right in here. And he died right beside me.

00:25:25 Speaker 1

Was nothing I could do for.

00:25:27 Speaker 1

Him he was.

00:25:32 Speaker 1

Indian.

00:25:33

OK.

00:25:37 Speaker 1

Willard Porter's in the hands of the cemetery.

00:25:43 Speaker 1

The same old Cactus Ferry and cemet.

00:25:48 Speaker 1

Ery anyhow. When we left there, we went down the hill and.

00:25:54 Speaker 1

I had a replacement that was within about you to be going down the hill together.

00:26:01 Speaker 1

A German motor shaft landed right between us. We.

00:26:04 Speaker 1

And if not came over not me.

00:26:08 Speaker 1

Can we roll down the hill and when we stop?

00:26:11 Speaker 1

He was set up.

00:26:12 Speaker 1

This, and he was still holding his right.

00:26:14 Speaker 1

There was not a piece of.

00:26:15 Speaker 1

On it.

00:26:16 Speaker 1

It looked all the wood.

00:26:17 Speaker 1

Of.

00:26:17 Speaker 1

But he was still holding on.

00:26:20 Speaker 1

I knew he was going to see.

00:26:21 Speaker 1

On.

00:26:21 Speaker 1

Dance and I got hit with three small pieces in my shoulder here. And so I got him on his feet. Throw the gun away and got him on his feet and I walked in.

00:26:32

I.

00:26:32 Speaker 1

Back of the quarter.

00:26:35 Speaker 1

The road.

00:26:36 Speaker 1

And never give it a thought about mines or anything.

00:26:38 Speaker 1

Just walked down the road and.

00:26:40 Speaker 1

Become the medics and they set him on a little bit of a stone fence and they cut. They grabbed me and cut clothes off again. When they wiped the.

00:26:50 Speaker 1

When they wake up, they don't.

00:26:52 Speaker 1

There's 3 little holes about the size of a razor, but anyhow that is my second Purple Heart.

00:27:01 Speaker 1

That that Purple Heart never got registered because the Medicaid.

00:27:05 Speaker 1

Care of.

00:27:05 Speaker 1

He was killed that afternoon and he was.

00:27:09 Speaker 1

It was an artillery shell and his records and everything were destroyed so.

00:27:17 Speaker 1

I've got 4 verbal arts, but technically I can only account for three of them on paper.

00:27:23 Speaker 1

Anyhow, when we we got out of there and then we went, we went to fight in Ellenbrook and we were fighting in ellbrook on the 23rd and 24th.

00:27:36 Speaker 1

And we had Ed over almost cleaned out.

00:27:40 Speaker 1

And about 40 afternoon.

00:27:44 Speaker 1

He called first battalion men and he called us back to and got us out of hell broke and he loaded us on trucks and they took us out.

00:27:53 Speaker 1

And what's in the Belgium to account for life? And then we started.



00:28:00 Speaker 1

What we didn't.

00:28:02 Speaker 1

We didn't know that till the next day before dark, the 101st, 101st Interview Airborne was surrounded by.

00:28:12 Speaker 1

1/4 armored crew the.

00:28:14

Assignment.

00:28:14 Speaker 1

To fight in the Bastille and the 4th Armored 1 and four, since we had fought all the way across France with them.

00:28:21 Speaker 1

Knew what we would do.

00:28:23 Speaker 1

So they called on the 1st and 2nd Battalion and that's how we got involved in that.

00:28:29 Speaker 1

And on Christmas morning.

00:28:30

We.

00:28:33 Speaker 1

The ground we had about 10 inches of snow on the ground.

00:28:36 Speaker 1

It was getting older by the day.

00:28:39 Speaker 1

And you.

00:28:40 Speaker 1

Take a photo. So we pushed to spend a lot of the.

00:28:46 Speaker 1

Rains along.

00:28:47 Speaker 1

Ditch along the road and that's where we tried to sleep. If you want to call it.

00:28:53 Speaker 1

You can.

00:28:53 Speaker 1

Maybe cutting out some wicked up to?

00:28:55 Speaker 1

The cold.

00:28:57 Speaker 1

And anyhow, they said in the morning they they fed us in the morning and then they said go to 1500 feet and before you went in the enemy and we did 50 yards and then.

00:29:08 Speaker 1

Germans start firing us.

00:29:11 Speaker 1

In my old.

00:29:12 Speaker 1

Started.

00:29:43

Thank you.

00:29:45 Speaker 1

Government Sergeant, back to the medics.

00:29:49 Speaker 1

They took care of him and.

00:29:53 Speaker 1

Put salt on my back and got me some different clothes and I went back in on the front lines where we were at.

00:30:01 Speaker 1

Was just as bad.

00:30:03 Speaker 1

To go back as it was to go forward because the Germans were closing in behind us, had we?

00:30:09 Speaker 1

And when we after I got back on everything.

00:30:15 Speaker 1

Maybe the airport?

00:30:17 Speaker 1

And the.

00:30:18 Speaker 1

Just literally wiped up that town out it.

00:30:20 Speaker 1

About the size of Montezuma.

00:30:22

But.

00:30:22 Speaker 1

It's a lot bigger now.

00:30:28 Speaker 1

We went from there and you went.

00:30:30 Speaker 1

We started again towards basketball and we ended up small.

00:30:38 Speaker 1

Town that was about four more miles.

00:30:41 Speaker 1

North of where we were.

00:30:43 Speaker 1

The night.

00:30:45 Speaker 1

And there the 35th Division, our children fired on us and we were in the evergreens and the woods. And they got 12 or 13 of our men wounded and killed, 1 and wounded 13/12/13 others.

00:31:01 Speaker 1

And the Germans took the 50 gallon machine gun away from us that night and their squad, the developer squad.

00:31:11 Speaker 1

Along with.

00:31:12 Speaker 1

But we got them back the next day.

00:31:15 Speaker 1

You know, we started to fight in the best film again in the morning and we got within.

00:31:22 Speaker 1

Well, I'd say we got possibly within the two squares of the perimeter of the bastone, where the 101st is there and.

00:31:32 Speaker 1

2nd Battalion, which is to our right going in.

00:31:37 Speaker 1

They got into Bascom and of course armored got into Bascom, so that regime's 800 to 1st and on the night of the 28th, they they pull us out and there is in my third squad, there was four men left.

00:31:53 Speaker 1

Of 18.

00:31:54 Speaker 1

They were not all killed because we have we lost.

00:31:57 Speaker 1

Do you know?

00:31:59 Speaker 1

Cross Blade on your feet and legs and also.

00:32:02 Speaker 1

Some of you, like me at Freddie, but I stayed on the lines.

00:32:08 Speaker 1

And.

00:32:09 Speaker 1

Wait then?

00:32:10 Speaker 1

Leave this and we have 96 men in the first battalion and 196 and 2nd Battalion.

00:32:18 Speaker 1

And we went and they took us back to Ellenbrook.

00:32:20 Speaker 1

And then we got replacements and then they put us on the line just to hold all we had to do was just be there and that's what I quit smoking.

00:32:31 Speaker 1

Were on a high Ridge line along the Sour River.

00:32:34 Speaker 1

In that area and.

00:32:37 Speaker 1

Been smoking in the in I can see it.

00:32:39

Yep.

00:32:40 Speaker 1

It was as bright as that light is on your camera, and I yelled out to cover up and and I decided that I was going to get my head blown off and cigarette, so I quit.

00:32:50 Speaker 1

Then I.

00:32:50 Speaker 1

Have to this day.

00:32:52 Speaker 1

So that's one of.

00:32:53 Speaker 1

One of the advantages any of them.

00:32:56 Speaker 1

Anyhow, I lost 11 men there in a matter of.

00:33:00 Speaker 1

We then came from.

00:33:03 Speaker 1

They were artillerymen and they were so used to the the noise of the artillery that were we were at we may get one more round at night and maybe have machine Gunners but that would be all we would get.

00:33:15 Speaker 1

But it was definitely.

00:33:16 Speaker 1

And it was cold, and the sky was perfectly clear. And these guys just.

00:33:23 Speaker 1

This bill deserves get up and.

00:33:27 Speaker 1

To the.

00:33:27 Speaker 1

And sum up, we'll just sit there and cry and we just couldn't take that.

00:33:34 Speaker 1

They pulled us out of there and they give us a break and this was getting into towards the end of January. We were 11 days on that Ridge. And incidentally, when we got off of there, this was towards the end of January and they give us four days.

00:33:53 Speaker 1

So we can get two showers and get shipped.

00:33:58 Speaker 1

Some of us got a haircut.

00:34:00 Speaker 1

You only follow there.

00:34:01 Speaker 1

That's instead of the guy just got.

00:34:03 Speaker 1

But anyhow, we've got clean clothes and everything get to rival with a few things. And then we started in again.

00:34:12 Speaker 1

In our ordering goes.

00:34:13 Speaker 1

Across the thigh river and we went from Heller to Dilligent.

00:34:19 Speaker 1

And Dilligent is right on the river and right at Dilligent. When we crossed, you can look to the north and it's about.

00:34:25

Go.

00:34:28 Speaker 1

Maybe a half a.

00:34:29 Speaker 1

And there's a drummer built box, right?

00:34:30 Speaker 1

The river and it's still there.

00:34:34 Speaker 1

Two years ago.

00:34:35 Speaker 1

And I have no doubt that.

00:34:36 Speaker 1

Still there now.

00:34:39 Speaker 1

And in 207 I've been over. I went over to with the bat of the Bulls and 2:04.

00:34:47 Speaker 1

And then we'll.

00:34:48 Speaker 1

Some of the souvenirs in here for.

00:34:51 Speaker 1

And they really feed us loudly. But they said the Delgado incident. Air Force I'm Air Force, but an Airbus 354 is Air Force Base.

00:35:02 Speaker 1

They.

00:35:02 Speaker 1

They flew us over and flew us back and test at no charge for us.

00:35:06 Speaker 1

So all the cost is.

00:35:08 Speaker 1

There was our room and board over there which.

00:35:11 Speaker 1

It was.

00:35:12 Speaker 1

They.

00:35:12 Speaker 1

They set a \$1500 and two weeks ago I got a 5.

00:35:16 Speaker 1

Dollar.

00:35:17 Speaker 1

So that made me even cheaper.

00:35:19 Speaker 1

But then 207 I had the chance.

00:35:23 Speaker 1

New friend of mine called Neil.

00:35:25 Speaker 1

It's like I need you to go to luxury and I said what for?

00:35:30 Speaker 1

Never mind, he.



00:35:31 Speaker 1

I need you to go to.

00:35:33 Speaker 1

So I got ahold of a friend of mine out and.

00:35:35 Speaker 1

We went to lucentre.

00:35:37 Speaker 1

And all that cost us was the.

00:35:39 Speaker 1

Over back everything.

00:35:41 Speaker 1

There was free and clear.

00:35:43 Speaker 1

We had a whole hotel to ourselves.

00:35:47 Speaker 1

Called the Euro hotel.

00:35:49 Speaker 1

And we had a 55 passenger air condition bus.

00:35:54 Speaker 1

And we went all over and we rededicated 8 memorials to the 8th Commission.

00:36:00 Speaker 1

And we dedicated a brand new one. Guess where dealership.

00:36:05 Speaker 1

Where I crossed and I saw that Major David Evans was there with us and his and the idiot vision, color guard, and everybody was there.

00:36:16 Speaker 1

Generalized, we were talking and I said the general is where I crossed into.

00:36:24 Speaker 1

I said I was over there two days and I said I didn't like it.

00:36:27 Speaker 1

Turn around and he started laughing.

00:36:29

He.

00:36:30 Speaker 1

Said.

00:36:31 Speaker 1

I'll tell you the rest of the story and I when we were moving up in order for my men to keep up, we were fought into the segregate line.

00:36:41 Speaker 1

And we were to the segregated line in order for my men to keep up with.

00:36:44 Speaker 1

And I took care of their rifles I had. I had my rifles, and I had another rifle, and I had about £20.

00:36:54 Speaker 1

And I was carrying him so the guys could keep up and I slid down the wall. The side of the hill. And I ended up in.

00:37:01 Speaker 1

You know bottom.

00:37:03 Speaker 1

Feed and they landed something on my right foot and I.

00:37:07 Speaker 1

Heard me and I knew I was in trouble, but I didn't know what it was. And anyhow, I got out of there and at night I was feeding my men on a kind of a trail. And I got.

00:37:11

Like.

00:37:20 Speaker 1

On.

00:37:21 Speaker 1

Knee to beat him and I couldn.

00:37:22 Speaker 1

Back up and then.

00:37:25 Speaker 1

He said.

00:37:25 Speaker 1

Your.

00:37:28 Speaker 1

And got a.

00:37:29 Speaker 1

I think that he.

00:37:30 Speaker 1

Let's go to this governor Phil Oxley.

00:37:32 Speaker 1

We did, he said.

00:37:34 Speaker 1

Your doors and.

00:37:35 Speaker 1

He said you better strangulate it, turn him, he said.

00:37:39 Speaker 1

Lay down on the floor for me and I did.

00:37:41 Speaker 1

He picked me up by my deals.

00:37:43 Speaker 1

Pick me up about about 3-4 times and he pulled in. Tested back here.

00:37:49 Speaker 1

Slipped and he said good, he said. Don't.

00:37:52 Speaker 1

And he got a roll of gauze.

00:37:54 Speaker 1

About that long, about that round. And he.

00:37:55

Why?

00:37:57 Speaker 1

Made me a trust and take that in Internet feedback.

00:38:00

I.

00:38:01 Speaker 1

Coming out and he tape me out and he tagged me and he said you need some more community name.

00:38:07 Speaker 1

I said no, not cow.

00:38:08 Speaker 1

And I said I'm all right.

00:38:09

Morning.

00:38:10 Speaker 1

And he said you stay in this building.

00:38:13 Speaker 1

And he said you don't go out here.

00:38:14 Speaker 1

Build.

00:38:15 Speaker 1

So you don't slip again and do more damage.

00:38:19 Speaker 1

So that morning I took 50 some prisoners back and took them back down to the side river, and a friend of mine.

00:38:28 Speaker 1

Is one of my man.

00:38:30 Speaker 1

Got hit.

00:38:31 Speaker 1

Right through the shoulder.

00:38:34 Speaker 1

In the same day that I did, and he went back that night.

00:38:39 Speaker 1

And another guy that.

00:38:40 Speaker 1

Your.

00:38:41 Speaker 1

The castle booth legs. They went back and the German printers rooted across the river and they ended up in a bee company area. They have to understand the river versus Switzer and you start here you end.

00:38:54 Speaker 1

Over there.

00:38:55 Speaker 1

Anyhow, they they went to work and got a deep driver to take them back to a company and.

00:39:02 Speaker 1

He was.

00:39:03 Speaker 1

He was new on the front lines and he missed a turn and he got on a trail going north and get a landline with the left front wheel and then blue the old left assembly Jeep.

00:39:16 Speaker 1

And uh, if they threw all the.

00:39:18 Speaker 1

Flows off.

00:39:19 Speaker 1

It on one side and he was he was really shook up.

00:39:23

And.

00:39:24 Speaker 1

Both the other two guys out of the Jeep and they.

00:39:27 Speaker 1

Up and.

00:39:28 Speaker 1

Crippled guys. They between.

00:39:30 Speaker 1

They got this guy back towards the Road junction and they're kind of another Jeep and they.

00:39:35 Speaker 1

Go in the.

00:39:37 Speaker 1

And he ended up he's at Wall building Michigan.

00:39:43 Speaker 1

It's right in the top of Michigan right at the bottom.

00:39:46 Speaker 1

I hadn't seen him for 50 some years, and I.

00:39:50 Speaker 1

We went up to Canada here at will and I'm two years ago ready.

00:39:56 Speaker 1

And we stopped to.

00:39:57 Speaker 1

Him and he opened the.

00:40:00 Speaker 1

He looked at me and looked at me and looked at me and said I know you and said I know you and I I.

00:40:05 Speaker 1

Dorothy, he said. Sorry.

00:40:08 Speaker 1

He remembered me.

00:40:10 Speaker 1

And I asked him whether he was getting.

00:40:15 Speaker 1

Compensation and he said, yeah, he was getting 40% and I said, have you been back to the VA yet?

00:40:17

3.

00:40:21 Speaker 1

He said no, I mean, I said, well, you better go back.

00:40:26 Speaker 1

The idea review, he said.

00:40:28 Speaker 1

Good.

00:40:28 Speaker 1

You can get a lot more.

00:40:31 Speaker 1

Anyhow, I done about the same thing to Sergeant Knight Paper the My Sergeant.

00:40:37 Speaker 1

Was.

00:40:37 Speaker 1

I haven't seen him for 50 years.

00:40:40 Speaker 1

And in the Legion magazine I seen where what they called seekers and fighters and for \$15 they can find anybody that was in service for you.

00:40:49 Speaker 1

I said.

00:40:50 Speaker 1

And they found.

00:40:51 Speaker 1

Sergeant Knight Paper and his brother at Chatswood, Pennsylvania.

00:40:56 Speaker 1

Right east of Pittsburg.

00:40:58 Speaker 1

So I can get on the phone and I got his phone number and I called him and I said.

00:41:05 Speaker 1

See you all these days. So.

00:41:05

Can't.

00:41:08 Speaker 1

Month to 2nd week on a Friday night I Friday I took off and went to Pittsburgh and got a hotel in the next morning I went to find him and I got to his house and there was nobody there.

00:41:18

Him and his.

00:41:19 Speaker 1

Wife and went to church so.

00:41:20 Speaker 1

Went.

00:41:20 Speaker 1

To daddy's and ate breakfast. And when I come back he was sat in on it on the porch like this.

00:41:26 Speaker 1

And I walked up the steps and I got about halfway there and he stood up and he looked at me and he looked at me and said, I know what you do.

00:41:32 Speaker 1

He said. I know you.

00:41:34 Speaker 1

Nice people, I.

00:41:36 Speaker 1

From here up, you have a Chamber here now, I said.

00:41:39 Speaker 1

Slept in, he said.



00:41:41 Speaker 1

He would never be in my place.

00:41:43 Speaker 1

On the front.

00:41:44 Speaker 1

You don't call anybody by their rank. You call him by their last name or a nickname.

00:41:50 Speaker 1

You will never, never say Sergeant or Lieutenant. So, so on the frontline, because the Germans would honor patrols and stuff with aid for that. And they, the German army, was set up to.

00:42:00

The.

00:42:00 Speaker 1

Officers to tell the enemy what to do and they would do it.

00:42:01

Repl.

00:42:05 Speaker 1

The American Army, the everybody knew pretty much what was going on and you can shut them.

00:42:12 Speaker 1

Control the control.

00:42:14 Speaker 1

That was the difference.

00:42:15 Speaker 1

And then they never understand that.

00:42:18 Speaker 1

But we shot.

00:42:19 Speaker 1

We shot the lead man and shot their officers and they just kept on going.

00:42:24 Speaker 1

They didn't understand that, but that's the difference between.

00:42:29 Speaker 1

That's how those things happen.

00:42:32 Speaker 1

That when I got, when I got back to.

00:42:37 Speaker 1

Check me out.

00:42:38 Speaker 1

And the doctor looked at me and he said that put that press on.

00:42:43 Speaker 1

A real good job, he said.

00:42:44 Speaker 1

Just going to leave them.

00:42:46 Speaker 1

I went from from Philadelphia.

00:42:52 Speaker 1

To Los Angeles and Luxemburg to Paris.

00:42:56 Speaker 1

And when I got the Paris and they, the male nurse gave you, took the tape and everything off and cleaned me up and I'd have to take a shower. And I got some hospital clothes.

00:43:14 Speaker 1

Will wake me up when we ship up.

00:43:18 Speaker 1

That was about when I got there about 4:00 in the afternoon.

00:43:23 Speaker 1

I said.

00:43:23 Speaker 1

And they said, is there anything wrong?

00:43:28 Speaker 1

You slipped the plot around.

00:43:30 Speaker 1

And I actually slept 24 hours and I said, well, this is the first good sleep I.

00:43:35 Speaker 1

Since I've been in France.

00:43:37 Speaker 1

They did quite understand it, but that's what they did. She taught rigor all flowers. And you never catch up. You're just.

00:43:45 Speaker 1

They wouldn't talk.

00:43:46 Speaker 1

To me.

00:43:47 Speaker 1

If we get into a house at anytime and somebody wouldn't talk to the United.

00:43:53 Speaker 1

When I get back to Paris, they said, well, you know, they gave me a verdict and they could put a pad in.

00:44:05 Speaker 1

And then they simply do share bird, and then the share bird was all landed in South.

00:44:09 Speaker 1

Anthony, when I was in the 100th or the 100th, 1st oscill, I don't know which name swiftly over the other one. If I was in the hundreds that shipping the 101st where they were doing that type of work.

00:44:11

I.

00:44:23 Speaker 1

And the doctor said.

00:44:24 Speaker 1

Why do you want me work on it?

00:44:25 Speaker 1

Said don't.

00:44:26 Speaker 1

And he said well.

00:44:28 Speaker 1

So it can't.

00:44:30 Speaker 1

Give me a spy who had a hoop.

00:44:31 Speaker 1

Across here.

00:44:33 Speaker 1

He made that first decision and that kind of went. You said you feel that. And I said, yeah, it stinks.

00:44:38 Speaker 1

And he said, well, wait a minute, wait a minute.

00:44:40 Speaker 1

And he went back and he got.

00:44:43 Speaker 1

I could feel when he tied the last stitch and he kind of pulled me up to tie that stitch, I can feel that he's a time to get that.

00:44:52 Speaker 1

So they put me to.

00:44:54 Speaker 1

And.

00:44:56 Speaker 1

It was a dead bed for 17.

00:44:59 Speaker 1

Between my French bead and my frog feet.

00:45:05 Speaker 1

I couldn't.

00:45:06 Speaker 1

You couldn't even lay that handkerchief on my toes were so sensitive.

00:45:10 Speaker 1

They had a.

00:45:12 Speaker 1

Piece of cotton across. Put in your bed and I.

00:45:14 Speaker 1

Keep the sheets and.

00:45:15 Speaker 1

Off.

00:45:16 Speaker 1

Feet and then a lot of other feet sticking out. And then the doctor would come along and check them. And about the 10th or 11th day he.

00:45:24 Speaker 1

Along and, he said.

00:45:26 Speaker 1

Dorset and he said that.

00:45:28 Speaker 1

You alright?

00:45:28 Speaker 1

Keep.

00:45:29 Speaker 1

You're getting color back.

00:45:31 Speaker 1

So that 17 days, I think said well.

00:45:37 Speaker 1

Set up man.

00:45:38 Speaker 1

Everything just blacked out.

00:45:40

For me.

00:45:41 Speaker 1

And they laid me back down again to get back up again in an hour or so, and finally.

00:45:45 Speaker 1

Got up.

00:45:47 Speaker 1

And then I stood beside my bed. And then.

00:45:49 Speaker 1

I learned.

00:45:49 Speaker 1

Walk again, fall out of my bed.

00:45:51 Speaker 1

Then up and down.

00:45:53 Speaker 1

The aisles and rehab hospital.

00:45:57 Speaker 1

What about this third or fourth day in the doctor community was?

00:46:01 Speaker 1

He was checking on the list and he seemed like he looked up and down the hall and he caught me walking, he said.

00:46:08 Speaker 1

He.

00:46:09 Speaker 1

From now on, he said you.

00:46:10 Speaker 1

Go to Miss Hall.

00:46:10

Let's.

00:46:12 Speaker 1

They were no longer treated.

00:46:16 Speaker 1

But anyhow, that's how I.

00:46:19 Speaker 1

Got out of that and then about 3-4 weeks after that, then they decided they was going to take the shrapnel out of me.

00:46:21 Speaker 1

The.

00:46:27 Speaker 1

They.

00:46:28 Speaker 1

Would send me into X-ray and metal probe and.

00:46:31 Speaker 1

They.

00:46:32 Speaker 1

Market and then the next day they would give.

00:46:34 Speaker 1

Local and you'd take them traveling out and he took it out of my shoulder.

00:46:38 Speaker 1

He had a little tray there and he had an area, he said.

00:46:40 Speaker 1

You want to have.

00:46:41 Speaker 1

Zoo with yours.

00:46:42

He.

00:46:42 Speaker 1

Said no, I don't.

00:46:43 Speaker 1

Any of that? And he just grabbed it and pushed that.

00:46:48 Speaker 1

And then they they didn't panic it.

00:46:51 Speaker 1

They just put a big Band-Aid on it.

00:46:55 Speaker 1

No stitches or.

00:46:56 Speaker 1

So the only time you can see anything there is it should I go out and get something, maybe see it?

00:46:59

I.

00:47:03 Speaker 1

But getting.

00:47:04 Speaker 1

Then they started on my back and they marked my back right on my sparing spine and right around the rib cage. And they made it into 4 sections.

00:47:15 Speaker 1

They would X-ray, a metal probe and then they.

00:47:18 Speaker 1

Then they give me a little anesthetic.

00:47:21 Speaker 1

And they give small pieces.

00:47:24 Speaker 1

They left one piece sticking in right in the knob of my back, and it's still there. And he said, well, he said I'm not good enough to take that out.

00:47:33 Speaker 1

He said let it in and gives you any trouble. You can always go.

00:47:37 Speaker 1

The.

00:47:37 Speaker 1

And they give it out for you. I'm sorry.



00:47:41

But it's.

00:47:41 Speaker 1

Only bothered me one time.

00:47:44 Speaker 1

Doctor, he'd.

00:47:45 Speaker 1

Give me his shot.

00:47:48 Speaker 1

Of a long while to get off.

00:47:49 Speaker 1

I want to call it.

00:47:51 Speaker 1

Panic and.

00:47:52 Speaker 1

That prepared that so, but it's still there.

00:47:56 Speaker 1

But.

00:47:56 Speaker 1

When they would start taking that tramadol out and I would start to wiggle around and squeeze around and then they move quick because I was starting to feel when they were coming.

00:48:06 Speaker 1

Anyhow, I ended up February until 17th of May.

00:48:10 Speaker 1

Was in hospital.

00:48:13 Speaker 1

And there they decided to ship me home.

00:48:16 Speaker 1

And we were going to fly.

00:48:18 Speaker 1

With the airport.

00:48:21 Speaker 1

DEA and British celebrate two days until we didn't.

00:48:26 Speaker 1

Have any transportation?

00:48:28 Speaker 1

So we had to go by boat.

00:48:30

We.

00:48:31 Speaker 1

Took us down to Southampton and we got on the hospital ship and we started to be.

00:48:35 Speaker 1

States we had to go in convoy because.

00:48:39 Speaker 1

The German U boats were still.

00:48:40 Speaker 1

Not all of them were were.

00:48:43 Speaker 1

Answered the.

00:48:44 Speaker 1

That they knew that they had triggered.

00:48:47 Speaker 1

The slowest building our convoy was.

00:48:50 Speaker 1

So that's how we got across. It took 70 days to come across the meter, then holding 70 hours otherwise and I ended up in.

00:48:59 Speaker 1

Power in general.

00:49:01 Speaker 1

Two phone calls.

00:49:05 Speaker 1

Like all the neighbor baby across the street from my mother bed and and I told her who I was and.

00:49:12 Speaker 1

And she.

00:49:13 Speaker 1

Said Oh my God.

00:49:15 Speaker 1

I'm alright, I said.

00:49:17 Speaker 1

Can.

00:49:19 Speaker 1

I just South of Indianapolis and Wakeman General Hospital and I.

00:49:23 Speaker 1

I would like for you to go over and talk to my mother and tell her that I call back 5:30 when my father got out of work.

00:49:32

And.

00:49:33 Speaker 1

They were there and I called back and my dad got on the.

00:49:36 Speaker 1

Phone and he said Bill.

00:49:38 Speaker 1

Husband and I said yeah there. But he said I'm all right. He said I got arms.

00:49:41 Speaker 1

Legs and I said I'll be holding in the whole days.

00:49:44 Speaker 1

He put another on the phone and.

00:49:46 Speaker 1

She could do was cry.

00:49:47 Speaker 1

I couldn't.

00:49:48 Speaker 1

She couldn't talk.

00:49:50 Speaker 1

And that took the ball and later on the.

00:49:54 Speaker 1

Whole.

00:49:56 Speaker 1

So I get the daily.

00:50:00 Speaker 1

At the end of 30 days, I went back and they giving a physical 3 days.

00:50:06 Speaker 1

And then they give me another 30 days and that's when the light they get married.

00:50:09 Speaker 1

Up here to be Father Gaussian I don't.

00:50:13 Speaker 1

I doubt if you do Father Gallos, but he was.

00:50:16 Speaker 1

Looked at and.

00:50:17 Speaker 1

Thought he was an old rock.

00:50:19 Speaker 1

And real stern. He always smoked a real black beer.

00:50:23 Speaker 1

I go cigar and the wife and I went up to see him and.

00:50:27 Speaker 1

Said we would.

00:50:29 Speaker 1

Get married and he said OK, so you're in service, he said.

00:50:33 Speaker 1

Can marry.

00:50:34

That's good, Laura.

00:50:34 Speaker 1

With that, without really thinking about it, I said.

00:50:37 Speaker 1

Father, we don't have to get married.

00:50:39 Speaker 1

Like to get married?

00:50:40 Speaker 1

So as was he published this on Saturday and he published this holy day in the vegan.

00:50:48 Speaker 1

But then there was nothing.

00:50:51 Speaker 1

You couldn't get a.

00:50:53 Speaker 1

The hall or the you didn't at that time the.

00:50:57 Speaker 1

Was still scarce and everything.

00:51:00 Speaker 1

Anyhow, at the end of the 30 days I went back and they give me another person and he said, well, you're doing pretty good. But he said there's still some things that you need a little more time on. So they give me another 30 days.

00:51:15 Speaker 1

Well, I went back at the end of 30 days and then they decided they could send me to.

00:51:21 Speaker 1

By having teaching.

00:51:25 Speaker 1

Holidays of redistribution.

00:51:26 Speaker 1

And then there you sign in and.

00:51:30 Speaker 1

You look at the.

00:51:31 Speaker 1

Board by 10:00 in the morning if your.

00:51:33 Speaker 1

Was.

00:51:34 Speaker 1

The bulletin board you had to go someplace like the Dennis or.

00:51:39 Speaker 1

Everything fixed.

00:51:41 Speaker 1

I had to go to the dentist.

00:51:43 Speaker 1

One day and I have to.

00:51:46 Speaker 1

All the rest days for mine and I've been out deep sea fishing.

00:51:50 Speaker 1

I went the opera. I I took advantage of it.

00:51:54 Speaker 1

And then I went home from there.

00:51:55 Speaker 1

Gave me 17 days to go.

00:51:57 Speaker 1

Fort Belvo, Virginia, July.

00:52:01 Speaker 1

Days I took the Ford builder and when I got the four builder, there wasn't almost nobody there they had.

00:52:09 Speaker 1

Company commander and the the officer today and the.

00:52:14 Speaker 1

Best part and the supplies are good.

00:52:16 Speaker 1

That was about it.

00:52:18 Speaker 1

And he said, well, he said I don't want to do with you.

00:52:20

Hello.

00:52:22 Speaker 1

Said.

00:52:23 Speaker 1

Go over supply and get yourself some blankets and bend down and.

00:52:29 Speaker 1

In that in that first.

00:52:32 Speaker 1

Barracks over there and then.

00:52:33 Speaker 1

We'll have breakfast in the morning.

00:52:36 Speaker 1

And then we'll decide what to do with, you know, had breakfast. And I know just what to do with you. You haven't had your overseas for.

00:52:45 Speaker 1

So I got very excited to loan.

00:52:49 Speaker 1

I want to go back to the same situation.

00:52:51 Speaker 1

Next 40 he.

00:52:52 Speaker 1

I'll give you 70 days extended so I can't.

00:52:54

Thank you.

00:52:56 Speaker 1

That isn't.

00:52:58 Speaker 1

And when I come back, you said I got a job for me, he said.

00:53:04 Speaker 1

Get some knees I some.

00:53:06 Speaker 1

Deserve. I'd like for you to take that.

00:53:07 Speaker 1

See that they get to camp for jury.

00:53:11 Speaker 1

So I said, yeah, I.

00:53:11 Speaker 1

Can do that.

00:53:12 Speaker 1

So when I got.

00:53:13 Speaker 1

The.

00:53:13 Speaker 1

Board Georgia 4 in the afternoon. I got into a company.

00:53:19 Speaker 1



And.

00:53:21 Speaker 1

I was playing a lot of bad.

00:53:23 Speaker 1

They agreement, and I've heard Unabomber. The loudspeaker that's already endorsed the post headquarters.

00:53:31 Speaker 1

Yeah, but now I have been here long enough.

00:53:32 Speaker 1

In trouble. So I went to the company and they said stick around. We got to get your Jeep done.

00:53:38 Speaker 1

Headquarters is 7 miles from here.

00:53:41 Speaker 1

So they got me there.

00:53:44 Speaker 1

It's big red, big building and big colonial pillars on it.

00:53:50 Speaker 1

Big double light doors on it. If you get to take what am I getting into?

00:53:54 Speaker 1

Anyhow, I went in and there was a Warrant Officer there and I called in.

00:53:57 Speaker 1

My name is Douglas.

00:53:59 Speaker 1

Requested to report that he looked on the sheet and said yes.

00:54:03 Speaker 1

The general list has talked to you, so we went in and we held.

00:54:06 Speaker 1

Door open for him, he.

00:54:07 Speaker 1

The general will see you now so.

00:54:11 Speaker 1

I went in and the general offered me a drink and we had a drink together and he offered me a heart and he said no, I said I.

00:54:19 Speaker 1

He.

00:54:19 Speaker 1

Good. Keep it that way.

00:54:21

That.

00:54:23 Speaker 1

You said that I.

00:54:23 Speaker 1

The.

00:54:24 Speaker 1

Reason I called you and he said. I don't understand, he said. I have your record.

00:54:28 Speaker 1

In front of me, where you have 91 points to get out.

00:54:32 Speaker 1

And he said you're still in good some place between general and.

00:54:38 Speaker 1

My records got dissent, displaced or lost.

00:54:41 Speaker 1

Decided I can get new records so they started making new records.

00:54:47 Speaker 1

And when I told him I had 4.

00:54:48 Speaker 1

Arts and.

00:54:50 Speaker 1

At that time, I had one broad.

00:54:53 Speaker 1

And there you go.

00:54:55 Speaker 1

And then I had the time overseas.

00:54:58 Speaker 1

Invalid everything when they got done.

00:55:01 Speaker 1

Had 61 points.

00:55:02 Speaker 1

That's all they could give me.

00:55:03 Speaker 1

Didn't believe me that I?

00:55:05 Speaker 1

\* But it didn't make.

00:55:08 Speaker 1

Any difference? And that's how I got on.

00:55:11 Speaker 1

Camp board.

00:55:11 Speaker 1

Georgia and the general.

00:55:13 Speaker 1

Well, he's looked at me and he went down to the stack, found the records, and he looked at him and.

00:55:18 Speaker 1

Laughed.

00:55:19 Speaker 1

He told the medical.

00:55:20 Speaker 1

Out of stuff. The medical in my.

00:55:21 Speaker 1

Records and filed a new ones.

00:55:23 Speaker 1

The file 13.

00:55:24 Speaker 1

He said Sergeant, he said.

00:55:25

So.

00:55:27

You'll be on the way home.

00:55:28 Speaker 1

In 24 hours.

00:55:30 Speaker 1

Good, good, good.

00:55:32 Speaker 1

It was 5:00 midnight 3.

00:55:34 Speaker 1

The next afternoon he saluted me, and I saluted back. I screamed.

00:55:40 Speaker 1

So I thought I'd be real.

00:55:42 Speaker 1

That I hadn't draw a payday overseas and I brought \$110 PayPal pay over there, but I didn't need any money over there.

00:55:49 Speaker 1

Was on the front lines. We took what we wanted to the hospital.

00:55:54 Speaker 1

So.

00:55:54 Speaker 1

Say how when I got into Gordon, Georgia then and when we got.

00:55:58 Speaker 1

That's.

00:56:00 Speaker 1

To pain, they had to pay me and.

00:56:04 Speaker 1

In the pay process, the.

00:56:08 Speaker 1

Sartre was acting for the Lieutenant.

00:56:10 Speaker 1

He looked at that and he should be, said he.

00:56:11 Speaker 1

That can't be right said or something wrong here, so he doesn't.

00:56:15 Speaker 1

Can be looked at in the drug, you know, finding the capital of these.

00:56:21 Speaker 1

Guys have a problem, he said.

00:56:23 Speaker 1

He.

00:56:24 Speaker 1

This man's got 13.

00:56:25 Speaker 1

Dollars down he.

00:56:26 Speaker 1

The rest of them \$60.

00:56:30 Speaker 1

He looked.

00:56:31 Speaker 1

And he said, hey, he said, yeah, payday for 11 months.

00:56:36 Speaker 1

And so then I ended up with 1300 dollars, 100 and.

00:56:43 Speaker 1

Each month for the next two months at home.

00:56:46 Speaker 1

I had \$1300.00 on it and I thought I'd be real smart and hyper flight, so I went to the airport.

00:56:54 Speaker 1

They.

00:56:54 Speaker 1

They had the furniture transportation for the first public transportation, so I asked him to get to let me alter the air at the airport flying today.

00:57:03

I.

00:57:05 Speaker 1

Yeah, he said.

00:57:06 Speaker 1

He.

00:57:07 Speaker 1

You got \$2.00.

00:57:09

I.

00:57:10 Speaker 1

Didn't say a word for a.

00:57:12 Speaker 1

Yeah, I got \$2.00. So I gave him a \$2.00.

00:57:14 Speaker 1

I gave you parachute he.

00:57:15 Speaker 1

You can go in the war room over there and he said here's coffee and buildings, he said.

00:57:18 Speaker 1

Yourself. When we get ready, I'll get ahold of you.

00:57:23 Speaker 1

Well, dinner came and went and finally.

00:57:25 Speaker 1

About 1:00 he.

00:57:26 Speaker 1

In and he said sorry, he said bad.

00:57:29 Speaker 1

He said everything north of the Ohio River is falling and heavy fog, and we're not sending any planes or anybody up there. So I give you this parachute back and you can give me \$2.00 back.

00:57:41 Speaker 1

He.

00:57:42 Speaker 1

Why don't you walk right across the runway and over there there's a diamond. And get yourself a cup of coffee while I clear up the here with coffee.

00:57:50 Speaker 1

I go in.

00:57:51 Speaker 1

And he said you asked.

00:57:53 Speaker 1

There's anybody going north you'd like to have a ride?

00:57:57 Speaker 1

There was a truck driving side and everyone else straight bar and he was sitting over there and he heard he talked.

00:58:01 Speaker 1

The Lakers.

00:58:02

I.

00:58:02 Speaker 1

He said that I see your discard.

00:58:04 Speaker 1

Said.

00:58:05 Speaker 1

You need my assistant driver, he said.

00:58:09 Speaker 1

So we started out and I went out of there and I got in.

00:58:14 Speaker 1

Gasoline tanker with a four Wheeler.

00:58:17 Speaker 1

Even I.

00:58:17 Speaker 1

Oh, my God. What they get in here and he had two transmissions in there and that's all that man got done all night and shifted shifting down through those docks and we get Route 40 and he turn West.

00:58:29 Speaker 1

And he said, I'm going to take you.

00:58:31 Speaker 1

Knoxville.

00:58:32 Speaker 1

The Greyhound bus station, he.

00:58:33 Speaker 1

This is as far north as I.

00:58:35 Speaker 1

Know he.

00:58:36 Speaker 1

I got to go West here. And so I thank you.

00:58:39 Speaker 1

On way he stopped for something to eat now.

00:58:44 Speaker 1



You said you didn't buy me.

00:58:45 Speaker 1

You said I'll buy you a statement. So that's how that happened. I didn't have.

00:58:51 Speaker 1

He took that hold off in downtown Knoxville and he stopped right in front of the.

00:58:55 Speaker 1

Bus station.

00:58:55 Speaker 1

He left me.

00:58:56 Speaker 1

I walked across the front of the park in the station and I said.

00:58:59 Speaker 1

The lady.

00:59:01 Speaker 1

I said what time is the next bus going north and she said where I said Ohio.

00:59:06 Speaker 1

And she.

00:59:07 Speaker 1

Just a minute, she went out the back door. Stop the bus, go back in and she said that'll be 7 duck.

00:59:22 Speaker 1

He got on the on the bus and the bus took me to David and be great.

00:59:28 Speaker 1

Was on East disc St.

00:59:31 Speaker 1

I had my wife worked in Dayton and.

00:59:35 Speaker 1

The machine stayed at.

00:59:36 Speaker 1

The at the.

00:59:37 Speaker 1

Houses in the street. I had to walk E about 5 blocks and go South about two blocks.

00:59:45 Speaker 1

A landlady in the house.

00:59:48 Speaker 1

She knew him, she.

00:59:49 Speaker 1

In the House and I started to supper, the three girls and her two sisters and.

00:59:57 Speaker 1

My wife is finishing up her.

00:59:59 Speaker 1

Job with.

01:00:00 Speaker 1

She worked for a roofing.

01:00:01 Speaker 1

I think one of the largest ones in big lands, we had to go to the city auditor to get his books cleared.

01:00:07 Speaker 1

She finished that up that.

01:00:08

She believed.

01:00:11 Speaker 1

And we didn't know all this was.

01:00:14 Speaker 1

Happening at day.

01:00:14 Speaker 1

That's the way it came out.

01:00:17 Speaker 1

And when?

