

Richard Dale McHenry Interview

Company D, 317th Inf Reg

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00:00:03 Speaker 1

Hello. I'm Lorna Greece.

00:00:05 Speaker 1

Today is December 8th, 2004.

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This interview is taking place at DHA in the RSVP building at 3727 Marconi Ave.

00:00:17 Speaker 1

In Sacramento, CA.

00:00:21 Speaker 1

Why don't you go ahead and?

00:00:22 Speaker 1

Us your name?

00:00:24 Speaker 2

My name is Richard D McHenry.

00:00:28 Speaker 2

Most people call me.

00:00:28 Speaker 1

****. OK, ****, what's your address?

00:00:31 Speaker 1

Do you live?

00:00:32 Speaker 2

8728 Lodestone Circle in Elk Grove, CA.

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Hey.

00:00:37 Speaker 1

And give us your birth date.

00:00:40 Speaker 2

My birthday is June 27th, 1920.

00:00:45 Speaker 2

A long time ago.

00:00:46 Speaker 1

Long time ago.

00:00:49 Speaker 1

Oh.

00:00:50 Speaker 1

What branch of service were you in?

00:00:52 Speaker 2

As in the infantry.

00:00:54 Speaker 1

And what was your rank when?

00:00:57 Speaker 2

As a Sergeant.

00:00:59 Speaker 1

OK. You you said you've written a book.

00:01:03 Speaker 1

And what we'll probably do is just sort of go along the lines of this book.

00:01:08 Speaker 2

All right.

00:01:08 Speaker 1

Tell me about in the beginning.

00:01:11 Speaker 2

Well, of course.

00:01:12 Speaker 2

The.

00:01:13 Speaker 2

Beginning as far as my Army Service is concerned.

00:01:18 Speaker 2

Really started with the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese.

00:01:23 Speaker 2

We didn't. My wife and I didn't know about my wife.

00:01:27 Speaker 2

We'd been married seven months at the time of the bombing, and my wife and I hadn't had the radio on.

00:01:37 Speaker 2

Until we got in a car to take the washing over to my mother.

00:01:42 Speaker 2

Because both of us worked with my wife and myself and.

00:01:49 Speaker 2

We turned on the car radio.

00:01:51 Speaker 2

And we heard the Sageps and bomber Ella Harbor. And I said to her, I'll be seeing you because I knew I was prime cannon fodder.

00:02:03 Speaker 2

I didn't have any dependence except her.

00:02:07 Speaker 2

And we had at that time we had a tar brand new Studebaker champion in 1941.

00:02:15 Speaker 2

It cost \$907.50.

00:02:19 Speaker 2

Believe it or not.

00:02:21 Speaker 2

And it was loaded with accessories.

00:02:24 Speaker 2

We took.

00:02:27 Speaker 2

The laundry over to my mother and to do as my dad through the perennial optimist gives them wool. Whip them by December 25th by Christmas time.

00:02:42 Speaker 2

Here was December 7th.

00:02:45 Speaker 1

OK.

00:02:47 Speaker 1

Well, who is Joe Kojoski?

00:02:50 Speaker 2

I worked at the Railway Express Agency in South Bend IN and that's where we lived at the time of the bombing of.

00:02:59 Speaker 2

Hard.

00:03:01 Speaker 2

Joe Kajasi was a fellow I worked.

00:03:04 Speaker 2

He was a foreman at the Railway Express Agency in South Bend, and he'd been a Sergeant in World War 1.

00:03:14 Speaker 2

The reason why I even have him in this book.

00:03:18 Speaker 2

Is that I went to him for advice as to how to get along once. Once I got drafted.

00:03:24 Speaker 2

And he was happy to give it.

00:03:26 Speaker 2

He.

00:03:27 Speaker 2

The main thing is don't do anything except what they tell you to do. Don't do anymore.

00:03:35 Speaker 2

Don't do any less and don't volunteer for anything.

00:03:40 Speaker 2

He said the reasons you don't volunteer is somebody some officer doesn't have nerve enough to tell you to do it because he knows it's a suicide mission. So you.

00:03:55 Speaker 2

Volunteer.

00:03:56 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:03:58 Speaker 2

I think that's still.

00:04:01 Speaker 2

What they say in the army.

00:04:03 Speaker 1

I think so too.

00:04:05 Speaker 1

What happened at Camp Perry in Camp Forest?

00:04:07 Speaker 2

Well, Camp Perry ultimately were.

00:04:12 Speaker 2

Well, it was.

00:04:15 Speaker 2

Drafted.

00:04:17 Speaker 2

I well, first of all, morning after Pearl Harbor.

00:04:24 Speaker 2

My good friend of mine and I went down to the Navy recruiting station.

00:04:31 Speaker 2

And tried to join the Navy and I went past the Flying Towers to give in, but he couldn't pass the physical.

00:04:42 Speaker 2

The reason he couldn't pass the physical.

00:04:45 Speaker 2

Was he couldn't urinate in the bottle.

00:04:49 Speaker 2

And they held him.

00:04:52 Speaker 2

For several hours and I waited for him because I passed everything.

00:04:57 Speaker 2

And he still could.

00:05:00 Speaker 2

He spent the rest of the war.

00:05:05 Speaker 2

As a 4F for that reason, they said that he had nervous division.

00:05:09 Speaker 2

I wish I had known.

00:05:12 Speaker 2

That though Jeffrey from it, but he couldn't have it so.

00:05:19 Speaker 2

I was all set to join the Navy, but they indicated when I went to sign the final papers that in the event, worse Channing to worst.

00:05:33 Speaker 2

My wife would not receive any financial help from the US government and I happen to know that at that time the bill was in Congress.

00:05:43 Speaker 2

Did you have a dependence?

00:05:47 Speaker 2

An allotment.

00:05:48 Speaker 2

In the way it was set up in that bill and I knew it was that they deducted \$22.00 from my page month.

00:05:57 Speaker 2

And they, the government, added \$28.00 to make \$50 total and they gave \$50.00 to the defendant.

00:06:06 Speaker 2

And I wasn't going to cut her throat.

00:06:10 Speaker 2

By not.

00:06:12 Speaker 2

By joining the Navy under the circumstances, the way it turned out, it wouldn't have made any difference anyway, because the government, when they hadn't did it, regardless of whether I had signed that paper or not.

00:06:25 Speaker 2

But I didn't know it at the time.

00:06:27 Speaker 2

Last, I've had weight to be drafted, which I did wait to be drafted.

00:06:33 Speaker 2

And they allowed.

00:06:37 Speaker 2

Two weeks time.

00:06:41 Speaker 2

For after I was drafted to get my affairs in order, and all two week furlough.

00:06:48 Speaker 2

And then I was shipped to Camp Perry. OH.

00:06:54

Mm.

00:06:55 Speaker 2

To be.

00:06:57 Speaker 2

Inducted.

00:06:58 Speaker 2

But that's an I was drafted then, rather than having volunteered.

00:07:03 Speaker 1

Was Camp Perry your basic training?

00:07:05 Speaker 2

No. Uh, that was a funny story.

00:07:10 Speaker 2

Uh, there were a whole lot of us when it's the same time of train for practically and uh, you should have heard the groans when they we pulled into the camp Ferry railroad station.

00:07:25 Speaker 2

Because.

00:07:27 Speaker 2

Everybody saw the blue piping on the hat.

00:07:29 Speaker 2

Cats are the caps of a soldiers in Camp Perry, and they knew it was infantry and nobody wanted to be an infantry, including myself.

00:07:41 Speaker 2

That's what it was.

00:07:44 Speaker 2

They.

00:07:47 Speaker 2

Set us up.

00:07:48 Speaker 2

There's several days of spending. Uh.

00:07:55 Speaker 2

It's been in.

00:07:58 Speaker 2

Testing the Army General Classification test and that sort of thing. And it happened that my first work detail there at Camp Ferry, they didn't let any of us do without working.

00:08:14 Speaker 2

Was being on a garbage truck and that happened that.

00:08:19 Speaker 2

The first thing I did when I got on the truck would cut my hand on one of the garbage cans.

00:08:26 Speaker 2

Purposely, of course.

00:08:28 Speaker 2

And I never saw so much excitement in all my life. Is what that.

00:08:33 Speaker 1

Uh.

00:08:33 Speaker 2

'Cause, they rushed me to Infirmary. As far as I was concerned, it was just a stretch. But they asked me to Infirmary bandage me up, put me on my bunk, tucked me in, said stay there.

00:08:49 Speaker 2

Give me another booster shot for tetan.

00:08:52 Speaker 2

But.

00:08:53 Speaker 2

I thought it was very strange.

00:08:56 Speaker 2

And then at Camp Perry, the first breakfast.

00:09:02 Speaker 2

I think I got this.

00:09:03 Speaker 2

Now what happened was I went through the chow line.

00:09:06 Speaker 2

Showed a swear to Joe to the chow line.

00:09:10 Speaker 2

The first individual put a fried egg Sunnyside up in my mess kit.

00:09:18 Speaker 2

So such a person put pancakes on the Friday couples for pancakes.

00:09:23 Speaker 2

3rd put a spoonful of olive.

00:09:25 Speaker 2

Meal under my pancake and the fourth individual in the chow line.

00:09:33 Speaker 2

For syrup over the whole mess and then the final one poured milk on everything and I said to myself right at this time I'm not going to like this irony.

00:09:44 Speaker 2

With things for the rest of the time I was in.

00:09:49 Speaker 2

But that's the way.

00:09:50 Speaker 2

That's the way I did it.

00:09:52 Speaker 1

How about camp forest?

00:09:54 Speaker 2

Well, the Camp Forest is where it was. A brand new camp that was Champ Forest, Tennessee. They sent.

00:10:02 Speaker 2

Sentence from Camp Perry down Camp forest.

00:10:07 Speaker 2

And the three of us stood in the company St.

00:10:13 Speaker 2

Nobody around.

00:10:14 Speaker 2

And they at least it was cold sleeping, and that was knowing.

00:10:21 Speaker 2

And they put us in the company Street I'm sitting on.

00:10:27 Speaker 2

And after.

00:10:30 Speaker 2

A long time it seemed me a long time.

00:10:33

It's.

00:10:33 Speaker 2

Two sergeants came out of one of the barracks and they were still building the Berry, so that mattered.

00:10:40 Speaker 2

They came out and said you're in Camp Forest.

00:10:43 Speaker 2

This is company D of the 317th Infantry, 80th Infantry Division.

00:10:51 Speaker 2

And.

00:10:54 Speaker 2

Before long, more people.

00:10:56 Speaker 2

More soldiers recruiting came and filled their in while we sat there and before long we had 152 men, which is our company's train that started out with just three of us sitting there and freezing to death.

00:11:11 Speaker 1

Mm.

00:11:11 Speaker 2

Seemed to me, and again I said I'm not going to like this.

00:11:14 Speaker 1

Ha ha ha.

00:11:17 Speaker 2

The.

00:11:19 Speaker 2

They have a head here.

00:11:22 Speaker 2

We just entered bunks and put that in.

00:11:26 Speaker 2

It's sitting on our bunks and it, everybody is happy to get in all the.

00:11:31 Speaker 2

I guess they even started singing some of the soldiers and all of a sudden there's a huge individual that came into.

00:11:40 Speaker 2

The into the room and.

00:11:44 Speaker 2

He's. I'm glad everybody's so happy.

00:11:47 Speaker 2

Name is Fritz, Sergeant Lieberman.

00:11:50 Speaker 2

He said.

00:11:52 Speaker 2

I'm glad everybody's so happy because I got a nice little chore for you to do. So he heard of this outside.

00:12:00 Speaker 2

There was a ditch full of big rocks. Some of the biggest basketball.

00:12:05 Speaker 2

And he had to smooth all those rocks over to another ditch.

00:12:09 Speaker 2

And then when we got through with that, he had us moving back again and I said to myself, again, I'm not going to like this army, but.

00:12:19 Speaker 2

I got to know Sergeant Lieberman pretty well and he was a good guy.

00:12:24 Speaker 2

He was uh. Had been a uh.

00:12:27 Speaker 2

A.

00:12:30 Speaker 2

An interpreter in.

00:12:33 Speaker 2

New York City.

00:12:35 Speaker 2

And he spoke seven different languages fluently and he was.

00:12:39

Mm.

00:12:43

The.

00:12:44 Speaker 2

Graduate of Heidelberg in Europe and he had a star on his cheek from a sword star from a duel.

00:12:54 Speaker 2

To prove you're right, Albert.

00:12:57 Speaker 2

He is.

00:12:58 Speaker 2

But he was a he was a good Sergeant and a good soldier.

00:13:02 Speaker 2

He eventually wound up as a major in intelligence.

00:13:06 Speaker 2

But why they never put him in the infantry is beyond me.

00:13:10 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:13:10 Speaker 2

That's the way the army did things.

00:13:12 Speaker 2

Guess it.

00:13:13

Mm.

00:13:13 Speaker 2

Does for what I did there?

00:13:18 Speaker 1

Where did you spend most of your hitch in the army?

00:13:22 Speaker 1

Where?

00:13:24 Speaker 2

In your.

00:13:26 Speaker 2

But.

00:13:28 Speaker 2

It's been a good deal of time camp for us.

00:13:33 Speaker 2

Then we went to.

00:13:35 Speaker 2

From there I went to Camp Phillips, Kansas and from there we went to Camp Laguna, Arizona.

00:13:46 Speaker 2

And.

00:13:48 Speaker 2

Then the four digits New Jersey.

00:13:53 Speaker 2

And we shipped out of the.

00:13:56 Speaker 2

Queen Mary for Europe.

00:13:59 Speaker 2

It's the Queen Mary.

00:14:02 Speaker 1

What was that like?

00:14:03 Speaker 2

Green Mary, huh?

00:14:06 Speaker 2

The Queen Mary, when we went across.

00:14:11 Speaker 2

At that time, of course, there were. There were submarines in Wolf Pack.

00:14:17 Speaker 2

In the Atlantic, or so they said.

00:14:21 Speaker 2

We Queen Mary moves so fast that we couldn't have a convoy.

00:14:26 Speaker 2

We went by ourselves.

00:14:29 Speaker 2

At that time, the and we zigzagged across.

00:14:33 Speaker 2

So that the submarines couldn't catch up with us, or figure out where.

00:14:37 Speaker 2

Were going.

00:14:39 Speaker 1

Mm.

00:14:39 Speaker 2

At that time.

00:14:42 Speaker 2

I was.

00:14:44 Speaker 2

There were three sections of the ship.

00:14:49 Speaker 2

A rent section, a white section, a blue.

00:14:53 Speaker 2

Section I was pointed, Sergeant major over the third or the red section.

00:15:03 Speaker 2

In my.

00:15:05 Speaker 2

My office.

00:15:08 Speaker 2

Was next to the ship captain who was a British Air Force, and he had a Sergeant major that actually the play is on between the American troops and the the crew.

00:15:23 Speaker 2

Of the Queen Mary, which were British.

00:15:26 Speaker 2

The I worked with that Sergeant Major and he was the old time, British Sergeant major, big fella.

00:15:35 Speaker 2

Writing crop under his arm spitting Polish beets must taste.

00:15:41 Speaker 2

At one time I made the mistake of calling him Sarge and he's got so angry and he said from now on you address me as Mr. Well, don't forget I was a 22 year old. Snot nosed ched.

00:15:58 Speaker 2

And I was about to call anybody mystery that had no more stripes than these sleeve. And what I did, and I told him so. Lee spoke to each other from that time on.

00:16:06 Speaker 1

Mm.

00:16:14 Speaker 2

Only when we had to on the trip across, but finally on the last day.

00:16:22 Speaker 2

We were at sea. He by the way.

00:16:25 Speaker 2

I.

00:16:26 Speaker 2

Have to tell you how rough it was during the cross.

00:16:28

Replay.

00:16:30

But he.

00:16:33 Speaker 2

Invited me to his cabin for a cup of tea, and I knew that he was trying to bury the hatchet. That was his way of doing it.

00:16:42 Speaker 2

Although I loathe.

00:16:46 Speaker 2

I, uh. Took him up on it when it had a chuppah tea with him, but uh.

00:16:52 Speaker 2

It was so rough going across that everybody except me, practically, and I'd say practically.

00:17:02 Speaker 2

Got.

00:17:02 Speaker 2

It was so bad that I saw people getting shots that got into flying by mistake.

00:17:10 Speaker 2

Didn't care whether they were so.

00:17:12 Speaker 2

They didn't care whether they got two shots at the same time or not, which they did.

00:17:17 Speaker 2

They get in the wrong line and end up getting another shot.

00:17:22 Speaker 2

And the.

00:17:25 Speaker 2

You couldn't step in the quarters that the men had.

00:17:30 Speaker 2

Left stepping where they'd thrown up.

00:17:33 Speaker 1

Oh well.

00:17:34 Speaker 2

Is is that bad?

00:17:35 Speaker 2

And the I had a statement of my own, but I didn't get to use it until I was.

00:17:46 Speaker 2

Until we were out several days, we got there were three of us that.

00:17:51 Speaker 2

On the ship.

00:17:53 Speaker 2

Three days. My talking too much.

00:17:55

No.

00:17:57 Speaker 2

There were three of us down on the ship 3 days.

00:18:01 Speaker 2

And two nights in advance of their troops. That was a Colonel. My regimental commander for three 17th century, a captain and myself. And we got on three days and two nights before the troops got up.

00:18:18 Speaker 2

And the only sleep I got in that period of time was when I put my head down on my desk.

00:18:25 Speaker 2

And.

00:18:27 Speaker 2

Uh, shut my eyes for a few minutes one time.

00:18:31 Speaker 2

Well, we had several Air Force.

00:18:35 Speaker 2

Personnel that were in in the red area that I was Sergeant major in one of my jobs was to.

00:18:48 Speaker 2

Set up duty rosters.

00:18:51 Speaker 2

For all the officers when they be.

00:18:57 Speaker 2

Officer of the day. And so on. And one day into this kid would be about 19 years old.

00:19:05 Speaker 2

He was a captain of the Air Force and he kept it, came in and.

00:19:12 Speaker 2

He said. I want to see Sergeant McHenry and I said you're lucky having served.

00:19:18 Speaker 2

And he said, I want to know why I was put on the engine room between the hours of two and 6:00 AM.

00:19:28 Speaker 2

That's what we have.

00:19:29 Speaker 2

Lieutenant for.

00:19:32 Speaker 2

And I didn't say a word.

00:19:34 Speaker 2

I was.

00:19:35 Speaker 2

I threw my pencil down.

00:19:37 Speaker 2

I started for my stateroom.

00:19:41 Speaker 2

And the first time I've been in there is asleep and I met my Colonel. The woman that got on the ship with it.

00:19:49 Speaker 2

Met him in the passageway and he said, where are you going, Sergeant? And I said I just have a Air Force.

00:19:58 Speaker 2

Not knows Japan.

00:20:00 Speaker 2

Pull rank on me.

00:20:01 Speaker 2

I'm going to go and get some sleep.

00:20:05 Speaker 2

And he said, what was the captain's name?

00:20:09 Speaker 2

And I stayed in my cabin for 24.

00:20:13 Speaker 2

I didn't sleep all that time, but I stayed in there.

00:20:16 Speaker 2

I came.

00:20:17 Speaker 2

I went back to my desk and there's stuff that capped and an Air Force captain.

00:20:24 Speaker 2

Neither the.

00:20:24 Speaker 2

He had his thigh loose and he said I sit down reciting and he got up and walked me out of the chair and he said and he said.

00:20:39 Speaker 2

It started the four meringue, he said.

00:20:43 Speaker 2

For you.

00:20:44 Speaker 2

He handed me the phone.

00:20:46 Speaker 2

And I started to reach my pocket for a cigarette.

00:20:50 Speaker 2

And he had his pack out and handed in from.

00:20:55 Speaker 2

He got his lighter down so he could light my cigarette while I was talking on the phone. And then when I got through talking, he said.

00:20:59 Speaker 1

Mm.

00:21:03 Speaker 2

Am I?

00:21:03 Speaker 2

And I said, are you relieved?

00:21:05 Speaker 2

What do you?

00:21:06 Speaker 2

Are you relieved? He said.

00:21:08 Speaker 2

Colonel.

00:21:09 Speaker 2

I you were to relieve me whenever you were ready and I was just do your job until such time as you relieve me.

00:21:18 Speaker 2

I.

00:21:18 Speaker 2

Alright, Captain, you're relieved, but.

00:21:21 Speaker 2

Thought it was funny this.

00:21:23 Speaker 1

Uh.

00:21:25 Speaker 2

All the time I was here in this country and on the ship with my protector. There's no question about it.

00:21:33 Speaker 2

He kept me.

00:21:36 Speaker 2

Except other officers away from me.

00:21:39 Speaker 2

I didn't give 2 hoops for an officer.

00:21:42 Speaker 2

I still don't.

00:21:44 Speaker 1

Heaven.

00:21:45 Speaker 2

They but the fact of the matter is, there are some of.

00:21:48 Speaker 2

That are.

00:21:49 Speaker 2

Pretty decent to me, but paternal took care of those that were hidden from our story that you want me to above.

00:21:53 Speaker 1

Huh.

00:21:58 Speaker 1

How about the Paris MP's?

00:22:02 Speaker 2

If you were.

00:22:05 Speaker 2

They direct the traffic and the story was that.

00:22:12 Speaker 2

They spent most of their time pulling Gi's down off the Eiffel.

00:22:17 Speaker 2

The GIS are flying by Eiffel Tower and they spend after they got too much to drink.

00:22:25 Speaker 2

Of course.

00:22:26 Speaker 2

And then the MP's would spend their time pulling them down when they.

00:22:30 Speaker 2

On duty.

00:22:30 Speaker 2

When they were off duty, they spent their time climbing the Eiffel Tower. So.

00:22:36

Uh.

00:22:37 Speaker 2

The M PS if they saw you had come back.

00:22:42 Speaker 2

Badge on which I did, of course they.

00:22:48 Speaker 2

They you could get by practically with murder. They took care of you.

00:22:53 Speaker 2

Well, I had a friend who had too much cigarette.

00:22:57 Speaker 2

He went out to an MP that was directing traffic in downtown Paris.

00:23:03 Speaker 2

And he tried to pick a fight with the MP by telling what he thought a policeman in general.

00:23:10 Speaker 2

And the.

00:23:12 Speaker 2

And he took it for much longer than what he should have taken at the end. So.

00:23:17 Speaker 2

And finally, blue swistle two other denominations came up in the Jeep.

00:23:23 Speaker 2

A bundle list drunk into the Jeep.

00:23:28 Speaker 2

The search team found out which hotel he was assigned to took him to his hotel, put him to the bed and the next morning that person was just as well to be and had had a good experience out of.

00:23:43 Speaker 2

Whole matter.

00:23:45 Speaker 2

It's what it amounted to.

00:23:46 Speaker 2

They took care of you.

00:23:49 Speaker 2

I thought.

00:23:50 Speaker 2

Very good about them in general. Not everybody did.

00:23:55 Speaker 1

How about booby traps?

00:23:58 Speaker 2

Then the.

00:24:01 Speaker 2

The Germans.

00:24:04 Speaker 2

Hyannis is returning.

00:24:08 Speaker 2

Had a nasty habits, I thought.

00:24:12 Speaker 2

The nasty habits, I don't think we did anything like.

00:24:16 Speaker 2

But I mean, I don't know, maybe maybe the Americans did, but they even did such things as wiring.

00:24:23 Speaker 2

A bunch of magazines that were in a pile.

00:24:29 Speaker 2

This.

00:24:29 Speaker 2

Really pale on a table. And so my daughter straightened them up.

00:24:34 Speaker 2

Natural tendencies and you explode.

00:24:38 Speaker 2

They they did such things as setting dynamite in the buildings where they knew the GIS were going to try to sleep.

00:24:48 Speaker 2

We had an instance where.

00:24:51 Speaker 2

We were warned to get out of the building fast in the middle of the night. We got out of the building and they found 13 sticks of dynamite.

00:25:00 Speaker 2

Of dynamite in there with a split ring fuse.

00:25:03 Speaker 2

I indicated in the book.

00:25:07 Speaker 2

That.

00:25:10 Speaker 2

Ever. It must have been a German that alerted our intelligence as to where they were, because our intelligence wasn't worth 2 loops and I don't know why.

00:25:21 Speaker 2

The big fuss about it is now the matter of fact, because.

00:25:27 Speaker 2

It never has been good.

00:25:28 Speaker 2

Look at the the battle of the Bulge, the way the Germans were able to assemble all that.

00:25:37 Speaker 2

Material and personnel with higher intelligence warning us about.

00:25:44 Speaker 2

How they did it, I don't know.

00:25:45 Speaker 2

But if it's true.

00:25:50 Speaker 2

That we were alerted by.

00:25:53 Speaker 2

A crowd, and I'm sure we were, because our intelligence was never known it.

00:25:58 Speaker 2

I'm grateful to the trout for that. Nothing else.

00:26:02 Speaker 2

I still think it's simply because a bunch of big shots.

00:26:07 Speaker 2

Umm signed some?

00:26:09 Speaker 2

We should forget everything that happened.

00:26:14 Speaker 2

I think that even to this day that the Germans haven't suffered enough for the Holocaust, but they.

00:26:24 Speaker 2

That's.

00:26:25 Speaker 2

My feeling, but I I'm thankful that they did.

00:26:26 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:26:31 Speaker 1

How about the the Heine G?

00:26:34 Speaker 2

Oh I I managed.

00:26:37 Speaker 2

I got.

00:26:39 Speaker 2

One that was all broken down.

00:26:42 Speaker 2

It was one of those that.

00:26:43

Yeah.

00:26:44 Speaker 2

The Volkswagen been made by Volkswagen and it had the motor, the engine in the back end of the Jeep and it was one of those that you pull the lever and like a gearship lever.

00:27:00 Speaker 2

Had turned a.

00:27:01 Speaker 2

You could go on land or water with it.

00:27:04 Speaker 2

The trouble was that the intake, the air intake for the.

00:27:11 Speaker 2

Tool motor was in the.

00:27:13 Speaker 2

Back of the back seat.

00:27:16 Speaker 2

And there's an opening that had screen over, of course.

00:27:21 Speaker 2

But if anybody sat in the back seat.

00:27:25 Speaker 2

The Jeep wouldn't go uphill because.

00:27:30 Speaker 2

Of the air supply.

00:27:32 Speaker 2

And it got too hot.

00:27:36 Speaker 2

So it was embarrassing to her if I had some other GIS in the back.

00:27:44 Speaker 2

It was kind of embarrassing to me to tell you about till we got off the silver they walked up.

00:27:49 Speaker 2

But the truth of the matter was.

00:27:53 Speaker 2

I struggled and I mean strange to find parts to get that thing running, and when I finally did get it running the.

00:28:05 Speaker 2

We were ready to go in convoy.

00:28:10 Speaker 2

To move from 1 area to another, and Captain said he'd do with me if he got permission.

00:28:20 Speaker 2

Well, what we use the way we use the Jeep primarily was I take a.

00:28:28 Speaker 2

Uh, additional wire and wire a.

00:28:32 Speaker 2

Take the headlight out of out of the uh Jeep and move it and put it in on our blackout tent so we can work at night. We'd have that way with the Jeep motor going.

00:28:45 Speaker 2

The uh.

00:28:48 Speaker 2

It would uh, kick out enough electricity to light up the inside around that tent and we could work at night where we couldn't otherwise mostly use candles or something like that, which didn't work out too well.

00:29:04 Speaker 2

But the.

00:29:07 Speaker 2

This one time when we moved in town where the Jeep waited until we got in the middle of the forest where you could even see this the sky.

00:29:20 Speaker 2

And the forest was so thick, we got in the middle of that and we turned out the Chung Way. When I had owned, I had a captain with me. And he I think he liked the idea of the black captain or he wouldn't have tried to save that.

00:29:39 Speaker 2

Too, but I had a big White Star painted on the on the hood of it.

00:29:44 Speaker 2

Under the circumstances, of course, nobody can see it.

00:29:47 Speaker 2

The reason for the White Star was so it wouldn't be bombed by or straight by some of our Air Force planes who just loved the straight German Jeep.

00:29:58 Speaker 2

For some reason, they seemed to single them out.

00:30:02 Speaker 2

Was just hard to practice.

00:30:03 Speaker 2

Them but.

00:30:06 Speaker 2

We got on the Jeep.

00:30:09 Speaker 2

And they, it turned out the rest of the convoy moved down ahead.

00:30:17 Speaker 2

We waited until the last convoy, the last truck was drawn out of the convoy. Then the captain. I started working on the Jeep and we found where there.

00:30:31 Speaker 2

Was jumping sparkled, jumping.

00:30:34 Speaker 2

So we got that straightened out by wrapping the wire with.

00:30:38 Speaker 2

Newspaper and using showing them to hold the paper in place. But we we lived along after the time's right, but we couldn't see where.

00:30:47 Speaker 2

Town's Road went.

00:30:48 Speaker 2

We got into Orleans, France and the.

00:30:54 Speaker 2

We were sitting trying to figure out which of the crossroads the town and all of a sudden, out of nowhere, a bunch of the free French.

00:31:04 Speaker 2

Yesterday they told themselves Mikey they.

00:31:08 Speaker 2

Surrounded it and here we were in this German Jeep.

00:31:13 Speaker 2

And when they shoot it, in fact, I think the only one that wasn't completely in favor of shooting is.

00:31:22 Speaker 2

Probably a Germans, evidently.

00:31:24 Speaker 2

Was that it could speak a little English.

00:31:28 Speaker 2

So finally we tried to prove to him that we were American and the only way we finally did.

00:31:36 Speaker 2

It was overcoming a lot of problems, but the only way we finally did prove to him was the captain that I was with thought about using our dog tags. He showed them our dog tags and I did it.

00:31:49 Speaker 2

And then they disappeared as quickly as they come in.

00:31:54 Speaker 2

The bean, except for one of them that rode the Jeep with us and showed us where the tandoori gone.

00:32:01 Speaker 2

The next night.

00:32:04 Speaker 2

I accept that Jeep out of the edge of our camp.

00:32:08 Speaker 2

And.

00:32:11 Speaker 2

The morning after that it was completely stripped. Evidently, the French tapping parts of it did sell in the black market.

00:32:20 Speaker 2

Which says and I. I thought it was good written so I didn't want any more fooling with that German Jeep.

00:32:27 Speaker 1

What's what was the battle of the turnip patch?

00:32:30

Oh.

00:32:33 Speaker 2

We were told by we've been in the front area.

00:32:40 Speaker 2

Battle zone longer time than any other outfit in Europe. Any other American outfit.

00:32:48 Speaker 2

And.

00:32:50 Speaker 2

We've drawn back for the first time.

00:32:55 Speaker 2

In days I took off my shoes. When I went to bed, and boy, it felt good to get my shoes off.

00:33:02 Speaker 2

Luckily I put them on the blanket where I could reach them if I had to.

00:33:04

Repl.

00:33:09 Speaker 2

Today we were in an area where the right next to us was the railroad, and across the railroad there was a tournament patch where the beats and never the tournament had never been harvested.

00:33:23 Speaker 2

Evidently it's because of the war and all.

00:33:26 Speaker 2

They could get out of it.

00:33:30 Speaker 2

And a big bunch of germs trying to get back to Germany.

00:33:37 Speaker 2

Trying the way they did it was travel along that railroad was never that way, they never starving.

00:33:42 Speaker 2

And they got into that tournament patch in some way. They got past our guards and got across that railroad and in beside us, the first thing I knew about was.

00:33:55 Speaker 2

Bert Gun went off and saw great White was right outside my tent.

00:34:01 Speaker 2

I got on my shoes and my tent made feeling around trying to find these glasses.

00:34:10 Speaker 2

I get hurt. All that tent error.

00:34:12 Speaker 2

On my belly you have up to.

00:34:18 Speaker 2

Well, I ran into the muzzle on my way to the command post and.

00:34:23 Speaker 2

There I ran into the muzzle of one of my buddies and I said, don't Pete, don't shoot down there.

00:34:32 Speaker 2

I know the Fred's down there. My cat.

00:34:35 Speaker 2

Is out shooting shoot, he said.

00:34:39 Speaker 2

Right. I'll shoot over.

00:34:40 Speaker 2

Bam bam, bam. He turned around.

00:34:42 Speaker 2

Everybody was shooting at everything and nobody knew what they were shooting at.

00:34:48 Speaker 2

I got to the 10th.

00:34:50 Speaker 2

I said the captain said to me, look, I'm not going to order you to do this again.

00:34:57 Speaker 2

Volunteer.

00:34:58 Speaker 2

You see, he.

00:34:59 Speaker 2

I'm not going to order you to do this, but as ranking non town, I think it's your responsibility to just bunch of the fellows together.

00:35:09 Speaker 2

Form stermi's line.

00:35:10 Speaker 2

Hold off his Germans until I can destroy the records.

00:35:15 Speaker 2

I said.

00:35:17 Speaker 2

And I'm serious.

00:35:18 Speaker 2

How about I resign from being the ranking down top and he kind of said in effect, well, we're dead anyway, so he doesn't, like, hate everything.

00:35:31 Speaker 2

So I stuffed toilet paper in my mouth.

00:35:35 Speaker 2

In order to keep my teeth from chattering, I'm so scared I have to use the rifle.

00:35:42 Speaker 2

To threaten to.

00:35:45 Speaker 2

Kill him these.

00:35:47 Speaker 2

I just managed to round up to form disturb disturby slime least there was a there was a.

00:35:53 Speaker 2

Lieutenant Helper looked the German over.

00:35:55 Speaker 2

That they gave himself up.

00:35:59 Speaker 2

And surrendered.

00:36:01 Speaker 2

And he said we told him he spoke a little English.

00:36:05 Speaker 2

We told him. Tell your men to give themselves up.

00:36:10 Speaker 2

Screamed at.

00:36:11

He said.

00:36:12 Speaker 2

Something they turned to us and he said.

00:36:15 Speaker 2

It says every time they move they draw your fire.

00:36:19 Speaker 2

They cannot just give themselves up, so they backed off into the little town.

00:36:26 Speaker 2

That was right there in the free French.

00:36:28 Speaker 2

The Mackey were waiting for him and those Mackey, they were rough and tough and dirty and dropped.

00:36:35 Speaker 2

They nice morning.

00:36:39 Speaker 2

Hear everything that had.

00:36:42 Speaker 2

Outropping of some kind, the light pole and everything else that town.

00:36:47 Speaker 2

At a German hanging from they hung him.

00:36:50 Speaker 2

They waited for him.

00:36:52 Speaker 2

And that was the.

00:36:55 Speaker 2

Battle of the tournament patch and I.

00:36:57 Speaker 2

My peeve is and what I have in the in the book.

00:37:03 Speaker 2

I see everything about the battle of the bulge, but for some reason the historians have not put anything in the history books about the Battle of the Turner Patch. As far as any other were involved in it, there might not have been as many people.

00:37:19 Speaker 2

There might not have been as many casualties, but believe me, it was.

00:37:22 Speaker 2

It was a battle.

00:37:25 Speaker 2

That's what I wrote about.

00:37:28 Speaker 1

Did you see a lot of battles like that while you were there? OK.

00:37:31 Speaker 2

No.

00:37:35 Speaker 2

My job most of the time, most of the time.

00:37:38 Speaker 2

The war was almost over.

00:37:40 Speaker 2

Was strictly administrative, but.

00:37:46 Speaker 2

Hi for instance I was in charge of the payroll section for the 317, the whole regiment.

00:37:55 Speaker 2

But the patent and we were part of the patent.

00:38:01 Speaker 2

3rd Army patents belief was that.

00:38:07 Speaker 2

In each and cheapest administrative people tucked right under the front lines, because that way they can keep an eye on or the front lines. People not patting to keep an eye on so. But as a consequence, a lot of that.

00:38:23 Speaker 2

Stuff slopped over on us that.

00:38:29 Speaker 2

We wouldn't have had probably if we'd been back farther.

00:38:34 Speaker 1

Who is Shorty?

00:38:37 Speaker 2

Sure, he.

00:38:39 Speaker 2

I was a good friend of mine.

00:38:40 Speaker 2

Was about 5 foot.

00:38:42 Speaker 2

I don't think he was that.

00:38:43 Speaker 2

It was high heels, but he is a Jeep driver.

00:38:50 Speaker 2

One time.

00:38:52 Speaker 2

He was a good friend of mine, I'd say, and one time he.

00:39:02 Speaker 2

There were a bunch of our officers that were exposed to enemy artillery fire.

00:39:11 Speaker 2

And almost all of them are wounded there about 5 or 6 of them.

00:39:17 Speaker 2

And there wasn't any way we could get to them and the the.

00:39:23 Speaker 2

The ambulance the medics were willing to go out there and try to do the rest of them so shortly.

00:39:32 Speaker 2

Had a bunch of cigarettes.

00:39:35 Speaker 2

Under his Jeep seat.

00:39:38 Speaker 2

And if he reaches whenever things that get rough, he'd be rich in there and get himself a cigar and eat about half of it and shoot. Shoot the cigar and split the lot.

00:39:51 Speaker 2

Anyhow, he did that.

00:39:54 Speaker 2

This is, he went out there. He loaded up the Jeep.

00:39:59 Speaker 2

With a wounded officer brought him back and made a second trip and got him arrested and brought them all back. They gave him a silver star.

00:40:11 Speaker 2

Eventually for doing it.

00:40:14 Speaker 2

I think you should have gotten the original Medal of Honor myself, 'cause.

00:40:18 Speaker 2

Saw what the situation was, but anyhow.

00:40:23 Speaker 2

Shortly.

00:40:27 Speaker 2

Never was touched.

00:40:30 Speaker 2

And as far as being wounded is concerned, and by the way, out of 152 men that went over there.

00:40:38 Speaker 2

Seven of them came back in one piece.

00:40:40 Speaker 2

The rest of them.

00:40:42 Speaker 2

Some of the I don't mean all of them were dead.

00:40:45 Speaker 2

They've been transferred out there for some reason or other.

00:40:49 Speaker 2

We have more than 750 replacement because we were in heavy weapons company.

00:40:55 Speaker 2

Were machine gun heavy machine.

00:40:58 Speaker 2

Gun and 81 millimeter mortars as a result of the artillery, the enemy artillery was zero in the as quickly as they could.

00:41:11 Speaker 2

And when they would score a hit, it'd be six or eight of us would be killed at one time or hurt, damaged.

00:41:20 Speaker 2

Shorty went and after the war was over, he used property, Jeep and he was going to take the excellent chair out and he was greasing it on time and.

00:41:34 Speaker 2

The European grease pit and he slipped and fell on, broke his pelvis.

00:41:39 Speaker 2

Last I saw him, he's Jeep.

00:41:44 Speaker 2

I I.

00:41:44 Speaker 2

I have half a dozen different stories about him.

00:41:48 Speaker 2

I don't think we have time here.

00:41:49 Speaker 1

Uh.

00:41:51

MMM.

00:41:52 Speaker 1

No, no.

00:41:53 Speaker 1

How about \$1,000,000 wounds?

00:41:57 Speaker 2

To show you an example.

00:42:01 Speaker 2

Another fellow and.

00:42:02 Speaker 2

Another GI and I were digging a foxhole together and we had our entrenching tool, our shovel.

00:42:11 Speaker 2

Broken so that they we could use them as a pick and I was even when I hit a rock or a rot or something. And I I.

00:42:25 Speaker 2

Bounced off the rock or the root and hit this other fell on my shin and he screamed with the pain in almost killing and.

00:42:39 Speaker 2

I'm.

00:42:39 Speaker 2

I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

00:42:41 Speaker 2

I.

00:42:42 Speaker 2

I didn't mean to do it, he.

00:42:44 Speaker 2

You so and so. And he used a few choice words.

00:42:48 Speaker 2

He said he didn't break it. If I broke my plate, they sent him back.

00:42:56 Speaker 2

And \$1,000,000 wound was anything where they'd send you out of combat or?

00:43:05 Speaker 2

Back to the hospital or back to the states, as many of them got sent back to the states.

00:43:13 Speaker 2

They were particular.

00:43:16 Speaker 2

I even know one friend of mine that had a bunch of shrapnel both series.

00:43:22 Speaker 2

Then he's back to Molly's chest through his lungs.

00:43:28 Speaker 2

Strictly, they healed.

00:43:30 Speaker 2

They said they back up to the front.

00:43:34 Speaker 2

They had to have people.

00:43:39 Speaker 2

And they use them anyway.

00:43:41 Speaker 2

Just he got.

00:43:43 Speaker 2

He's on the way back to the first aid station.

00:43:48 Speaker 2

He's.

00:43:50 Speaker 2

Shot and kept pain from heading.

00:43:52 Speaker 2

Too bad when it went through his lungs.

00:43:55 Speaker 2

But he had to stand there while some.

00:43:58 Speaker 2

He tried to fill out a form before he let him in the first day station and he passed out. Of course, the children. By that time it takes the second day but.

00:44:08 Speaker 1

Mm.

00:44:11 Speaker 2

That was \$1,000,000.

00:44:13 Speaker 2

There's one that's where you take them out.

00:44:17 Speaker 2

Why?

00:44:20 Speaker 1

How about deer hunting?

00:44:22 Speaker 2

After the war was over, leaving Bavaria and.

00:44:29 Speaker 2

Never had it so good.

00:44:32 Speaker 2

The army had a regulation area set up a regulation, a deer hunting and the deer were in Bavaria because they had been haunted all the time. The war had been.

00:44:46 Speaker 2

The young fellas were in the army and so they.

00:44:53 Speaker 2

There was thick and so every night I dro into the army had a regulation.

00:45:01 Speaker 2

Was an order building deer hunting was to be done was to be done.

00:45:07 Speaker 2

By.

00:45:09 Speaker 2

Parties groups that they've set up the Army's set up honey.

00:45:15 Speaker 2

And one reason for that I found out was that.

00:45:22 Speaker 2

German.

00:45:24 Speaker 2

Bless your hearts and raise your hand every time I think of.

00:45:30 Speaker 2

They had some of their hunting lodges.

00:45:35 Speaker 2

So the shotgun pointing at the window with each window.

00:45:40 Speaker 2

The GI go over there and he ain't open a window and shot them boys at all.

00:45:45 Speaker 2

Now, I don't think that Americans would do anything like that.

00:45:49 Speaker 2

I I can't see why they would, but the Germans did it.

00:45:52 Speaker 2

Have a different idea about.

00:45:56 Speaker 2

Well, they're different.

00:46:00 Speaker 2

And they so one night I was what I.

00:46:04 Speaker 2

I'd go up every night regardless of what the regulations said or the order, and I said the little area. Pretty soon the deer come out maybe 3 or 4 at a time.

00:46:17 Speaker 2

So that you.

00:46:19 Speaker 2

And drive him out. Then take him down and met Sergeant.

00:46:23 Speaker 2

Have them met, Sergeant?

00:46:26 Speaker 2

The name was.

00:46:28 Speaker 2

He was a pretty.

00:46:29 Speaker 2

He was quite a boy and he never questioned anything.

00:46:34 Speaker 2

It was brought to.

00:46:36 Speaker 2

I've got another story. If you want me to tell, but anyway.

00:46:40 Speaker 2

The.

00:46:43 Speaker 2

One time I, after the world absorbed, I was sitting there on the wall, watching for the deer to come out.

00:46:51 Speaker 2

Heard a twinkle behind me and I thought maybe it was a deer, so I turned around here.

00:46:56 Speaker 2

Was too German soldiers.

00:46:58 Speaker 2

In uniform, the war was over.

00:47:03 Speaker 2

I hope they weren't going to hit me in the head.

00:47:06 Speaker 2

I think that maybe they would have if I hadn't had my rifle pointing out.

00:47:12 Speaker 2

But they said.

00:47:16 Speaker 2

They said what are you doing when I'm smoking a little English?

00:47:19 Speaker 2

And I said, hunting deer.

00:47:22 Speaker 2

I said, will you find an area back in here better for deer than what this is. I kept it down.

00:47:31 Speaker 2

And.

00:47:34 Speaker 2

I they didn't have or an arm that I can see, but I can just imagine what would happen in this country if we were being occupied by some foreign occupiers run across a guy like it.

00:47:52 Speaker 2

One time.

00:47:55 Speaker 2

We and while we were in this country while we were in Arizona.

00:47:59 Speaker 2

I there was.

00:48:00 Speaker 2

We got a new Lieutenant in the house.

00:48:04 Speaker 2

And we been eating.

00:48:07 Speaker 2

Sea rations, which is tan durations, and tea rations, which comes in a little box.

00:48:13

Mm.

00:48:14 Speaker 2

We've been eating and that not only that, the whole way around.

00:48:17 Speaker 2

Though, and this Lieutenant got into our outfit and he.

00:48:25 Speaker 2

Commandeered the Jeep and.

00:48:29 Speaker 2

A truck.

00:48:31 Speaker 2

And they went off and they found a herd of cattle, and they cut out a nice young steer and he shot the steer.

00:48:42 Speaker 2

The truck.

00:48:43 Speaker 2

It and put the dagger hole, put the hide in the hole.

00:48:48

Mm.

00:48:49 Speaker 2

The one with all the insides though, and brought it back and took Alex.

00:48:56 Speaker 2

That.

00:48:57 Speaker 2

Never asked any questions. He fixed it up before Steve.

00:49:01 Speaker 2

8.

00:49:03 Speaker 2

And everything went fine until all of a sudden here came the rancher he'd been sitting on the rocks and there was a field glasses. And he's seen the whole thing.

00:49:13 Speaker 2

Even knew the number of the Jeep.

00:49:16

Oh.

00:49:17 Speaker 2

And he.

00:49:19 Speaker 2

Said told that I company commander, that Northern Zoo only told the people in this area.

00:49:27 Speaker 2

Cab wrestlers and I don't at the time of the finding out, they've been stealing cattle.

00:49:33 Speaker 2

And he said.

00:49:36 Speaker 2

I want to be paid for.

00:49:39 Speaker 2

Steer and all. That's the last. I saw that, Lieutenant.

00:49:44 Speaker 2

He even added a number of the cheap.

00:49:51

Oh.

00:49:52 Speaker 1

Let's see, we have 11 minutes.

00:49:55 Speaker 1

Is there anything you'd like to say that I haven't asked?

00:49:59 Speaker 2

After the war, baby something, really.

00:50:01

Replay.

00:50:06 Speaker 2

After the war, I.

00:50:09 Speaker 2

Came home, of course, and I went back to the railway station.

00:50:17 Speaker 2

And I worked there until 1947.

00:50:23 Speaker 2

But I started looking around and here were people.

00:50:29 Speaker 2

There 30 years I had been there 8 I had eight years seniority, but.

00:50:34 Speaker 2

And because I don't work in.

00:50:39 Speaker 2

1939.

00:50:42 Speaker 2

But.

00:50:43 Speaker 2

I looked around.

00:50:44 Speaker 2

Some fellas had had been there 30 years and they were doing exactly the same work that I was doing and they were being paid exactly the same amount that I was being paid.

00:50:58 Speaker 2

And one night.

00:51:02 Speaker 2

I didn't think about it.

00:51:04 Speaker 2

And well, I think about.

00:51:07 Speaker 2

A little more than what I had, I just went over and punched out and went home till my wife was.

00:51:12 Speaker 2

Going to school?

00:51:15 Speaker 2

And at that time.

00:51:18 Speaker 2

We had a a baby and a dog.

00:51:22 Speaker 2

The government paid \$120.00 a month.

00:51:27 Speaker 2

To go to school.

00:51:28 Speaker 1

Mm.

00:51:31 Speaker 2

So we did.

00:51:32 Speaker 2

And I did this four year, 4 years undergraduate working 3.

00:51:38 Speaker 2

And.

00:51:41 Speaker 2

We ate potatoes, breakfast, lunch and dinner lots of time.

00:51:47 Speaker 2

But at the same time, where we were at Indiana University.

00:51:53 Speaker 2

Everybody in the area seemed.

00:51:58 Speaker 1

What was your major?

00:51:59 Speaker 2

I have psychology.

00:52:02 Speaker 1

Psychology.

00:52:02 Speaker 2

Yeah. And I had a minor in.

00:52:11 Speaker 2

I was a story behind that too, but I had a minor in in mathematics and another minor in Spanish with the.

00:52:19

With.

00:52:22 Speaker 2

What happened was I started out. I thought that I should.

00:52:29 Speaker 2

Be a strong feature, an angular strong feature.

00:52:33 Speaker 2

And uh, I started out the first couple years and then the Education Department and the head of the department called me into his office one day and he said, I know you're having baby and and a wife.

00:52:49 Speaker 2

Is you have to support he.

00:52:51 Speaker 2

Now if every English teacher in the state of Indiana.

00:52:57 Speaker 2

Retired or died?

00:52:59 Speaker 2

They still be to take his place. They.

00:53:01 Speaker 2

I think if I were you, I'd change my major right now.

00:53:06 Speaker 2

And he said because I know you have to support those people, your wife and the baby. And so I did that change of cytology.

00:53:16 Speaker 2

Then I went to Graduate School in State University of.

00:53:20 Speaker 2

That was in Indiana University. And then I went to State University of Iowa.

00:53:25 Speaker 2

And I majored in clinical psychology and.

00:53:32 Speaker 2

Was a minor in Penology and.

00:53:37 Speaker 2

I.

00:53:39 Speaker 2

Right.

00:53:40 Speaker 2

So in the clinical, let us take my, we're told I did an internship in the State University of Iowa Hospital and it's taken over and I couldn't make it.

00:53:48

Mm.

00:53:56 Speaker 2

I just.

00:53:57 Speaker 2

Just take it because it is true.

00:54:00 Speaker 2

I felt too.

00:54:02 Speaker 2

I never knew people who got.

00:54:03 Speaker 2

Sick as they get ventilate, but anyhow.

00:54:04

Mm.

00:54:10 Speaker 2

One in the Chamber of.

00:54:12 Speaker 2

Short and then I ended up retiring from the Chamber of Commerce, the United States.

00:54:15

U.

00:54:21 Speaker 2

But I did local chamber work.

00:54:22

I.

00:54:24 Speaker 2

About 20 years.

00:54:28 Speaker 2

Us Chamber of.

00:54:38 Speaker 1

We have 6 minutes left. Is there any any other topic?

00:54:42 Speaker 1

How many children do you have?

00:54:43 Speaker 1

Where are they?

00:54:46 Speaker 2

I am.

00:54:49 Speaker 2

My son is the oldest and he's the one that had a hip replace.

00:54:57 Speaker 2

Ment and he's in the hospital now.

00:55:03 Speaker 2

They he previously had the other hip replaced.

00:55:04

Replay.

00:55:08 Speaker 2

So it got to red pretty well.

00:55:12 Speaker 2

Umm, one of my daughters died.

00:55:16 Speaker 2

In cancer, she's 43.

00:55:20 Speaker 2

And the other one.

00:55:23 Speaker 2

Is is here in Sacramento?

00:55:25 Speaker 2

I have three children altogether.

00:55:29 Speaker 2

So I.

00:55:32 Speaker 2

I.

00:55:35 Speaker 2

I I had been planning killing all that.

00:55:38 Speaker 2

Too bad.

00:55:40 Speaker 2

If you want me to, I'll talk a little bit more about shorties.

00:55:45 Speaker 1

Anything you like? Shorty's fun.

00:55:47 Speaker 1

Ahead.

00:55:48 Speaker 2

At.

00:55:49 Speaker 2

One time.

00:55:52 Speaker 2

One day shortly, there were all those in this country and we came to a Cliff. He was driving.

00:55:59 Speaker 2

And they they came to a Cliff and we got out and looked on the edge.

00:56:04 Speaker 2

That was.

00:56:06 Speaker 2

And I.

00:56:07 Speaker 2

He said that.

00:56:08

Right.

00:56:08 Speaker 2

You think we can make it down down there?

00:56:10 Speaker 2

I said I know we can't.

00:56:12 Speaker 2

I said we're in that Cliff's too steep, but.

00:56:19

We.

00:56:20 Speaker 2

Yeah, back in. I thought he put in reverse.

00:56:23 Speaker 2

Away.

00:56:23

Replay.

00:56:23 Speaker 2

The cliffhanger so that he put a year in the water we went.

00:56:26 Speaker 2

Was trying to keep.

00:56:29 Speaker 2

My.

00:56:31 Speaker 2

Keep from going over the windshield.

00:56:34 Speaker 2

We live now, but that was Shorty.

00:56:38 Speaker 2

I you just couldn't figure out what he was going to do one time we ran.

00:56:44 Speaker 2

Between pull and Mussa in France, and Nancy, France and the London Moslem Germans run the other side of the river.

00:56:53 Speaker 2

And they saw our Jeep. They'd start using our Jeep and his retired practice, and to branch of it.

00:57:02 Speaker 2

And I said to Shorty, I was trying to crawl inside my helmet.

00:57:08 Speaker 2

And I said surety, you know those.

00:57:10 Speaker 2

I can hear that shrapnel that come my clothes.

00:57:13 Speaker 2

He said.

00:57:14 Speaker 2

No, he.

00:57:15 Speaker 2

You can't possibly because of that other Rd.

00:57:21 Speaker 2

S were two levels, he said.

00:57:23 Speaker 2

Other Rd.

00:57:24 Speaker 2

The other side is higher than this one.

00:57:27 Speaker 2

Can't possibly inhabit.

00:57:30 Speaker 2

We got to where we were.

00:57:32 Speaker 2

He didn't even try to put his head down.

00:57:33

We.

00:57:34 Speaker 2

Got to where we're going and I went.

00:57:39 Speaker 2

To the canvas over this Jeep. It looked like somebody taking a knife and sweating.

00:57:44 Speaker 1

Mm.

00:57:45 Speaker 2

It Stratton was just chilling that way.

00:57:49 Speaker 2

Because I was Shorty.

00:57:50 Speaker 2

He was a great guy.

00:57:52

Yeah.

00:57:53 Speaker 2

He wasn't afraid of anything.

00:57:56 Speaker 2

I think he figured he had.

00:58:00 Speaker 2

A.

00:58:00 Speaker 2

A charmed life.

00:58:01 Speaker 2

Really. Do I think she's heard of nothing to hurt him?

00:58:05 Speaker 2

The boy, when he got that toe, was broken.

00:58:08 Speaker 2

You know what hurt?

00:58:10 Speaker 2

Because this hurts when you I've had it done.

00:58:12 Speaker 2

Mm.

00:58:13 Speaker 2

Pelvis and that hurts but.

00:58:18 Speaker 2

He he was trying to die one time. He.

00:58:25 Speaker 2

Went off accidentally the pistol and it went right over his shoulder.

00:58:30 Speaker 2

Bullet did and.

00:58:34 Speaker 2

The first first Sergeant had had shot the gun, but accidentally.

00:58:40 Speaker 2

And I said the short of here is the shell casing. I said sharding.

00:58:44 Speaker 2

Why don't you have a drill? When you put a string through it but around your neck?

00:58:50 Speaker 2

Work for a necklace? He said.

00:58:52 Speaker 2

If I have every.

00:58:55 Speaker 2

Time. If I do that every time done was James Bullock came close to me, he said I wouldn't be able to raise my head.

00:59:05 Speaker 2

But he he.

00:59:08 Speaker 2

I just never have found whatever happened to my marriage.

00:59:12 Speaker 2

They should have.

00:59:13 Speaker 1

Mm.

00:59:13 Speaker 2

Have we got any more?

00:59:16 Speaker 1

Well, we're about down to almost down to one minute. You mentioned here about going home.

00:59:22 Speaker 1

You have anything special to say about going home from Germany?

00:59:26 Speaker 1

This is your last topic in your book.

00:59:29 Speaker 1

About one minute's worth.

00:59:31 Speaker 2

It took me.

00:59:35 Speaker 2

It took me a long time to get from well from I.

00:59:40 Speaker 2

Left my office.

00:59:43 Speaker 2

At the.

00:59:47 Speaker 2

September 7th.

00:59:50 Speaker 2

And it took me till December 5th to give back to where they discharged me.

00:59:58 Speaker 2

Now in that time I rode 40 and made the old 40.

01:00:04 Speaker 2

Atrial wouldn't seem to me that they had square wheels on those railroad cars, but.

01:00:13 Speaker 2

It took me all that time.

01:00:16 Speaker 2

For my records to catch up with good faith, I got into Lahar.

01:00:22 Speaker 2

Going to pull us out and take us out of Lahar.

01:00:22

Replay.

01:00:24

Run.

01:00:25 Speaker 2

Then it's crossed when they didn't.

01:00:30 Speaker 2

A little hard.

01:00:32 Speaker 2

The the ocean was terribly rough.

01:00:36 Speaker 2

In November.

01:00:38 Speaker 1

Mm.

01:00:39 Speaker 2

And everybody at CC there was a terrible cruelty.

01:00:44 Speaker 1

Sort of like going seasick again.

01:00:46 Speaker 1

Well, I think that's probably all the time we have.

01:00:50 Speaker 1

I know the Veterans History project thanks you very much for your story.

01:00:56 Speaker 2

What?

01:00:57 Speaker 1

Thank you for your stories, for your, for your participation.