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We are recording the interview of Anthony Barga. The interview, or I'm sorry Anthony

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Barga. The interview is the interview is being conducted by Adrian Hill and Jeffrey Briggs

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from Wright State University Veterans' Voices Project.

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Also in attendance is Colleen Hayden the interview is being recorded at the Dayton VA in Dayton,

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Ohio it is approximately 8:30 a.m. on June 25th 2015. Okay so Anthony when and where

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were you born? Frenchtown, Ohio, Frenchtown, Ohio. 1924, 1924 on the 24th day. Okay. December.

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December 24, 2000, uh, 1924. So who were your parents and what were their occupations? My

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parents Peter Jones Barga and Laura York. She maiden name York. And, they were farmers.

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Both of them? Yeah, I can't think of too much less you ask questions.

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Okay. Eighteen kids. Yeah, 18 in my family and there was three younger than me. So you

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had 17 other siblings? There were 17 other brothers and sisters? Yeah. Okay. Did any

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of them serve in the military as well? Yeah,
I had two brothers Noah Barga and Paul Barga.

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Noah was in New Guinea and Paul was in Europe.
During World War II? During World War II.

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Uh, Army? Army, both of them were Army. Yeah,
okay, as well as you correct? Yeah. So what

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were you doing before you entered the service?
I was, I worked alot on the farm. It was a

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\$30 a month and my, and my
board. Did you, did you go to school as well?

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I quit, I quit when I was in the 8th grade.
Oh, okay, to work on the farm? Yeah, to work

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on the farm. One room school house. One room
school house. Yeah, three years in a one room

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school house. There was three of us in the
first three of us in the second and

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three of us in the third. So what branch,
branch of the military did you serve? I served

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the field artillery battalion 176
field artillery. It was a lone battalion.

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We were under General Patton, was are... This was the Army then? You were in the Army? Army,

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yeah. So, Did you enlist or were you drafted? I was drafted. I got a letter from the President,

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"Greetings". Congratulations, right? So what your initial thought you got the

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papers saying you were drafted? Well I was tickled. I was glad because I got off the

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farm. Yeah. I had deferred, 6 month deferred because the guy I was working for on the farm

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had a sickness, so they deferred me for 6 months. Okay. Um, so would you, would you

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have picked another branch if you were to enlist

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yourself? Do you think. No I probably would have stick with the Army because I didn't

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care for the Navy and the Air Force, I wasn't smart enough. Okay. So do you remember what

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it was like leaving, leaving home to go to basic training? I was tickled to get out to

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away from home. So you were excited. Yeah,
I was 18 years old when I was drafted and

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just like a new occupation. So were you, I'm
sorry, were you. So, what year was this when

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you got drafted? November the 10th 1943. Where
did you depart from? I mean, where did...

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I went to Columbus. From Fort Hayes, Columbus.
I went from Fort Hayes, I went to Fort Sill,

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Oklahoma. Fort Sill. Artillery base. Oh, so
they signed you up right to begin with then.

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I went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, right away.
So you said, what was your, what was your

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what was your specific job? Your artillery?
All we did was get up in the morning and run

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for a
couple miles and eat and change and the one

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thing that was nice about it was every Saturday
they would give us about seventeen mile hike

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so we'd be too tired to go to town. Of course
they did. Do you recall anything thing else

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about your basic training? The only thing,

I got pneumonia, and I was in the hospital

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I fell when I jumped a creek, I fell through the ice. I was in the hospital for two weeks,

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with pneumonia, but outside of that. We went through the under-fire that was part of basic

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training we crawled on our bellies until we got to the fence then we rolled on our backs

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and hold our guns up and that holds the wire off us, so were crawl under the wire.

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Cause 30 inches above the ground they were shooting live ammo at us, across the top of

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you. Oh, wow. And one guy got killed two bullets must of hit and went down through him. That's

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the only thing. I can remember that. But, uh, twenty-five mile hike a forced march

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[inaudible] but I never fell out, but alot of them did. The adventures of being 19. Yeah.

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Do you recall, um, do you recall any of your instructors? Yeah, I can't remember, the one

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of the. He was Corporal, and I wouldn't say his name. I would always say PK. And he gave

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me 30 months KP duty. And I, and you may not
want this, but well anyhow they put me on

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KP duty. And the cook, and he is probably
dead now anyhow, the Staff Sargent, we would

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go to town and we take sugar with us and trade
the sugar for whiskey. That's the truth. What

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a deal! It sounds like a pretty good deal
on your part. Well, if we got caught, I was

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the one [inaudible]. Did you ever get caught?
No, never. So, did you receive any specialized

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training after? No, no special training. When
I went over seas, I was in service battery.

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And, I laid alot of telephone wire and rolled
it up by arm. And that's what, and every time

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we moved from town to town, I'd lay telephone
wire. Then when we moved, we rolled it up

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by arm. So what was your, your specific MOS,
or your job, like what was your title? Artillery?

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Infantry? I took training man on the 105,
but when I went overseas, I, this old Virginia

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National Guard outfit, all of them in their 40s, one guy was in his 50s. So you know who

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had to the work and the running. The young guys. So you said you got attached the the

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Virginia National Guard? Is that? Virginia, that's the one we went overseas with. National,

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Virginia National Guard. That was the 176 Field Artillery Battalion. So you got, you

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got assigned as a replacement for them, for them. Yeah, yeah. They just transferred me

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cause I went over as a paratrooper they put in the field artillery. Alright. Then I went

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to the Service Battery. Did they, did they, were you originally assigned as the paratroopers?

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Or were you? No. No. They just asked you to do it? We was just there, more like training

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camp and they would take you out on the field and we would do hand to hand combat. And they

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said, don't worry that sands soft. When you went over a guys head. That sand it pretty

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hard. So I wasn't too encourage it, but I don't know how I got out of it. But, they

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sent me to the field artillery, up Camp Butler,
North Carolina. And that's when I got, I got

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and another thing there, when I got when I
left Fort Sill, Oklahoma, I was, ah, I had

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an 11 day delay in route. Eleven days to go
home on. And the captain says, "Here's your

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11 day discharge, but you got to get a haircut.
So I went and had my head butched. I had a

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butch and I went home and on the way home
I was wearing suntans and it got cold, and

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so I put another jean coat on and the MPs
arrested me for being out of uniform. I mean

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little things like that happened. Yeah. I
road the bus all the way from Fort Sill, Oklahoma

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to Sidney. And it was cold in May, in May.
So how do you think, how do you think you

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adapted to the military lifestyle? The food,
the physical aspect, and the barracks? Well

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I was young and everything was, I, I adapted
real good. Cause I was young and it didn't

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bother me. I'd eat K rations, C rations, they
learned me to smoke, they give me can like

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C rations and K rations was like three cigarettes
in every box. And the only think I really

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didn't care too much was their hash, can of
hash, it was like eating lard. So you said

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you picked up smoking when you were in the
army? Yeah. So you didn't smoke before you

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were? Well, I did. I think, I smoked home
grown tobacco and chewed it when we was kids.

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Got sick too. But they gave us, issued, us
free cigarettes. Then they, we bought cigarettes,

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we buy them. I think it was 5 cents a pack.
And, I bought alot of cigarettes then. And

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when I went to Paris, I went to Paris for
three days, my buddy stole all of my cigarettes.

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That's funny. After the war was over, I went
to Paris. I went to London for seven days.

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I went to, I think, them were the only two
places. But each time I come back, my outfit

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was gone. This was after the war was over.

And then I was transferred to Nuremburg. I

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was an MP in Nuremburg, guarding American
prisoners that was in there for rape and murder.

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But then first time, I was transferred into
prison camp with German POWs, the Hungarians

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was in there, and I was guard over there.
We would walk the fence during the day, and

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at night we'd walk up, no during the day we
was up in the boxes, towers, and at night

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we walk the fences. And make sure the Germans
didn't get out. And, I remember one time these

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two guys, shot, shot this one German when
he was inside the fence trying to get out.

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He was cutting a hole through the fence. So
they called Corporals, guards, and picked

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him up with a weapons carrier. Can you, um,
can you take me from like, so you went from

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Fort Sill to where? I went from Fort Sill
to Camp Butler, North, Carolina, Fort Bragg,

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North Carolina. Then when I got out of Fort
Bragg, they transferred me to Camp Butler,

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North Carolina. Then I went overseas. How did you get overseas? Huh? Did you take a

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boat, air? I went on a boat. I got on the boat July 1st 1944. That's when we left port,

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it's on that paper, got on the boat, there was 7000 men on that boat. And all we had

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was a little life belt with two little gas cylinders. They held you up for two hours.

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And, I think it took us 11 days to get across. And, huh, we got landed and I went to Wales.

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Landed in Wales and from Wales I went to, it's on that paper there, where we went from

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Wales and to back to England and then cross from England we went across the Ocean, the

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Atlantic, English Channel, English Channel. And I landed there, I forget what, it's on

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there, I went to Wales, South Wales, and from the I was at Dorset, and then I went August

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16th to Portland, England, and then from August 19th, I went to Normandy Beach in France.

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And then from there I went to a transit area in France, then the 26th of August, I went

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to Landon, France. Want me to keep naming them? No, your fine. Your fine. We all get

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a picture of it. So we'll have it. That's what I thought. So, so, after, so after you

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get overseas, once you landed in Wales, you went to England, and then you got, so you

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said you landed Normandy on the mainland. Uh,yeah. Okay. Normandy, France. Yeah. Okay.

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So, um, what did you do when you were in Normandy? Were you just traveling through? Yeah, we

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just landed there. Okay. So we went. Where did, where did you end up, then? In uh,in

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camp area in France. Okay. And, then was is, what was your job assignment there? Nothing,

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just waiting till we got, get in battle. Okay. So we just stayed around and stood guard at

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night till we got ready to go to battle. Okay, um, so, so when was the first time actually

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did, besides, um just moving around and waiting. When was the actual time you did anything?

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As far as... We started right away. I mean,
I was in the Service Battalion, Service Battalion,

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and the first thing they did, if they need
ammunition, or gas, they send us to the depo

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area, we would pick up our supplies and then
we would go back to camp. And we drove on

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the left side of the road. I bet that was
scary. And, uh, but otherwise, I was just

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busy and time goes fast when you get up in
the morning and you eat and go through the

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line and they issue you a chow, of whatever
it is, otherwise they give you a can of rations,

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and you open the box and eat. And, uh, that
was about it. Time went fast, in fact, nighttime

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guard was crazy cause you didn't know whether
you were gonna get your throat cut or not.

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When you were going, when you were assigned
to Patton, right? Yeah. When you got there?

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So Patton was moving up pretty fast. We moved.
Early. We moved faster and we could catch

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up. Yeah. So you guys were basically playing
catch up to Patton's movement towards Germany.

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Yeah. Germany was retreating faster than we
could catch up. Yeah, right, right. And uh,

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Patton wanted all of the gas money for the
tanks, but we had a hard time getting gas

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money. Yeah. Not money, gas, gas from the
trucks. We had a hard time getting. But we

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travelled pretty fast across France. It looks
like, that the description, the description

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the list of places you ended up, that you
were just playing catch up more than anything

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else. Yeah, and every time we stopped, we
stopped, we were out in the country. Right,

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right. We wasn't in no town. Right. Yeah.
You set up a camp in a field. We set up on

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the ground. Yeah, yeah. Two blankets and half
a pup tent. Each guy got a half and tent and

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if you wanted to sleep with somebody you had
to get the other tent, half tent. And, mostly

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it was easier to just roll the blanket on

the ground sleep. Well it was August September

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so perfect. Yeah. So, um, when was the first time, it sounds like, when did you actually

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catch up to the front? Well you know that's hard to remember. I mean we were actually

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in the front the whole time. Okay. We was actually, Germans was retreating and we was

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advancing and we was catching up. Catching up. We actually never seen too much. We was

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in the Artillery, so we was 5, 6 miles behind the line. Well our guns were 4.5 guns, and

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there was only two outfits over there with 4.5 guns. And they kept us secret. We wasn't

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allowed to tell nobody what kind of guns we had. And my brother was in the Battle of the

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Bulge and I was too. And we never, he knew where I was, but I didn't know where he was.

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What did you brother do? He was a truck driver, in World War II, I don't know what outfit

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or nothing. I can't remember that. So did you, did you experience any combat while you

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were over there? Over, uh, did you experience
any combat when you were overseas? Spend some

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time what? Combat, combat? Did you see any
combat when you were overseas? No, well, we

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got air, we got bombed. Germans dropped, dropped
antipersonnel bombs on us and that there.

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But otherwise, we never, as soon as they shot
artillery shells at us we moved. So you can

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see how fast we moved. Cause we never really
got, one time we got bombed, but otherwise

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we didn't hardly see combat. Can you, can
you describe that to me? Like what it was

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like, to know what it was like? Well out in
the field, you are all by yourself out there.

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And, um, we troops, we would stand guard at
night, and the next day, we was in the Service

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Barracks, we had to travel. We laid telephone
wires, communication, mostly communication

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was the Service Barrack to Air Force Barrack,
and Air Force Barracks had linemen and they

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lay, took their gun placements. Everybody had their jobs. And, and we just night, I

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was alot of times on the switchboard. Was getting coming and outgoing calls. Oh, from.

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With guards. Right, right, right. But, outside of that time went fast. It was unbelievable

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00:18:59,799 --> 00:19:06,559
fast. Yeah. When we moved you'd went 10 minutes to get ready. They say CSMO. Close Station

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March Order. 10 minute. And there, and in 10 minutes they would roll into the next town.

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We had to get out fast cause the Germans had us zeroed in. How many times did you ever

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take a barrage from the Germans? Did you, I mean, did your unit ever get hit? I was

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in the Service Barracks. We never come close. They shoot at the guns. Okay. They shot at

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the Artillery Unit. We were maybe a quarter mile away from the. So you wouldn't get? No.

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Alright. We were away from each other. Yeah. I would lay wire, lay wire for a quarter of

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a mile down through the fields across, out across the roads, stuff like that. But time

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went real fast. And one time the Germans,
a couple of Germans, come out of the field,

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00:19:55,919 --> 00:20:03,679
out of the woods, and was gonna cut our wire
and we captured those two. And, I don't know

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what the captain did to them. So, um, did
you, um, did you have any like troubles, um,

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because you said, you saw them coming in,
but you were never too close, but do you think

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00:20:17,999 --> 00:20:23,009
that affected you, kinda seeing the aftermath
of the destruction or anything like that?

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00:20:23,009 --> 00:20:27,779
No, no, not too much we didn't see too much
destruction, except the houses and buildings.

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The town we rode through that was all damaged,
but we're out in the country. We didn't see

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00:20:34,029 --> 00:20:42,070
too much. When we moved, we'd go through towns
and they was all under battle, houses destroyed,

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00:20:42,070 --> 00:20:48,749
no windows, people all, when we went through
the, the infantry ahead of us would put all

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the civilians at one end of the town, maybe
in two, three houses. And, so that they wasn't

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00:20:54,980 --> 00:21:01,279
allowed to leave after dark and they stayed
in there. Now, I danced with girls, now this

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00:21:01,279 --> 00:21:07,659
is interesting, I carried an automatic under
my left arm and with a Carbin over my shoulder,

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00:21:07,659 --> 00:21:10,499
I danced with the girls. As you were coming
through the towns? As I was coming through

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00:21:10,499 --> 00:21:18,789
the towns. We wasn't allowed to talk to the
German girls, but the French we could. Yeah.

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00:21:18,789 --> 00:21:24,820
But that's unbelievable now. I was 19 when
I did this. I carried gun under my arm and

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00:21:24,820 --> 00:21:30,090
rifle over my shoulder and I dance with some
girls. I don't know what. Amazing. See, I

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00:21:30,090 --> 00:21:36,830
didn't have a worry in the world. I was in
when I was 18 and I got out when I was 21.

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00:21:36,830 --> 00:21:44,429
Did you ever, um... He slept on ammunition
one time. That's interesting. The outfit captured

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00:21:44,429 --> 00:21:51,600
two German 88s, and they had about 150 rounds
of ammunition and I was transferred to them

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00:21:51,600 --> 00:21:58,120
to help shoot them. Shells back at the Germans,
they called it the [inaudible] Battery, and

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00:21:58,120 --> 00:22:04,879
it poured down rain that day and I had my

tent all ready [inaudible] out bunk underneath

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00:22:04,879 --> 00:22:09,360

so I can go to sleep and that night it just pour down rain and I went to get in my tent

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00:22:09,360 --> 00:22:14,909

and I had 6 inches of water in the bottom of the hole. So I laid on top of the 88ths

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ammunition and went to sleep. Keeps you dry. I was dry. Dry. That's for two weeks that

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happened, but I couldn't tell you what month it was or days. That's fine. Was it cold out?

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It got cold in the wintertime, Battle of the Bulge. Was it cold when you were sleeping

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00:22:33,269 --> 00:22:38,220

on the ammunition? No, not really cold. So it was like, September, October. It was wet

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and damp. So, uh, you said you liberated a camp? Well that was at the end of the war.

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It was in Lewisburg, Germany. That was, uh, I forget the date. Uh. I will look it up.

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Lewisburg, Germany. There were American prisons, Italians, and French, and every kind of prisoner

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was there when we liberated them. We set up showers and issued fresh clean clothes to

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00:23:10,090 --> 00:23:17,409
them. And, I think it was like 20,000 prisoners
there and all we did was set up showers, and

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00:23:17,409 --> 00:23:24,879
clothes. Were the prisoners, um, Army? Or were
they? All kinds. No well, what I mean is,

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well okay. It wasn't a Luftwaffe run camp?
It wasn't an Air Corp. It was just a(right)just

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a camp where they killed prisoners. Where
they kept them. They have every kind, London,

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00:23:40,190 --> 00:23:45,200
uh, British, England, Indians, you name it,
they was in. And then when we liberated them,

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00:23:45,200 --> 00:23:51,740
these men went wild. They went to town, and
they drank anything they could get and they

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raped the women cause they was wild when they
got liberated. Do you, um, do they seem like

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they were mistreated, when you got them out
of camp? Were the malnourished? We didn't

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get to talk too them much, cause they was
busy. But they seemed like they were tickle

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00:24:08,830 --> 00:24:17,559
to death getting liberated. Yeah, I would
imagine so. That made their day. Yeah. Yeah.

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00:24:17,559 --> 00:24:23,929

Yeah. So, um, anything else that happened in Europe that you want to? I went through

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prison, death camp, and the bodies in the furnaces. Which one? Dachau, Dachau. Yeah.

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Did you um? I did see any, I seen parts of dead bodies in the furnaces. They didn't get

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them all burned up. Can you, you know, what was kinda going through you mind when you

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00:24:45,220 --> 00:24:48,559
were walking through that? Because did you know about the death camps before that? We

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knew what, we knew what we was gonna see. But that was about all. But actually, you

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just walked through a looked and you just walked on. We didn't actually realize what

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00:24:58,600 --> 00:25:03,169
was going on. Did they, did the Army have you do that intentionally? No (it's just)

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00:25:03,169 --> 00:25:11,499
no, they asked us if we wanted to do it. Alright, alright. And, I went up to Hitler's big house.

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We drive a truck up that way for sightseeing. Oh, up, ah. Up in the hills. Eagles Nest.

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Yeah. I can remember the name, it was up in the hills. Yeah. Up in the Alps. It was a

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big old circle drive. The 101st Airborne had gone up there first and ransacked the place.

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Yeah, but we went through his castle, his home. They had it all roped off. We could

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only follow the rope around through the building. It was all marble floor. They didn't want

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us to walk on it. But that, that was about all, actually time went fast. I went to London

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for seven days, and um, furlough, after the war was over. And my time, my seven days didn't

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start till I got to London. And I, I spent two weeks, two weeks in Lahore, France waiting

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for the English Channel to settle down, so we could get over to London. And when I got

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to London someone stole all my clothes. All I had was what I had on. See over there if

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you took your boots off you better hang on to them because somebody would steal them

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and sell them. But, I had seven days, and after I got out of there, I was a guard over

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German prisoners. And then I went to Switzerland
for three days and when I come back I was

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transferred to Nuremburg, Germany and I was
MP and I was guarding American prisoners in

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Nuremberg. And I have pictures of the Nuremberg
prison. But, just little things like that,

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it's hard to remember all that. That happened,
we're talking about 70 years ago. So it is

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00:26:54,629 --> 00:27:00,740
hard to remember everything 70 years ago.
Where were you, um, can you recall the moment,

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that, when the war in Europe ended, when you
found out? When, when um, the war ended in

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Europe everybody was happy. But I went to,
our outfit, but actually, our outfit when

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00:27:13,529 --> 00:27:18,749
to Munich, Germany. There was a big German
training camp there and we started training

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00:27:18,749 --> 00:27:25,789
for the South Pacific. And, right away, we'd
get up and walk, we didn't walk, we had to

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00:27:25,789 --> 00:27:29,980
run, 2, 3 miles and then we would come home
for breakfast. Training for the South Pacific.

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00:27:29,980 --> 00:27:36,389
And, we were just lucky the war ended in September.

So were you, were you fitting to go over there

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00:27:36,389 --> 00:27:40,860
then? Oh, we didn't, we didn't go then. Were
you, were you getting ready to go though,

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00:27:40,860 --> 00:27:45,480
like? We was training, we was training for
the South Pacific when the war ended. We didn't,

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00:27:45,480 --> 00:27:55,789
you see, the war ended in May, and was, and
the war ended in September. So they knew what

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was going on. So did they, they tell you that
you would not, not to the Pacific? No they

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00:28:03,360 --> 00:28:08,820
didn't tell nothing. They don't tell you nothing,
no. They don't tell you nothing. I see General

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Patton drive through town driving with behind
a machine gun. Oh, was he. The corporal was

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driving and he was behind the machine gun.
Oh, in Jeep or what? In a Jeep. A big old

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white pistol on his hip. It had a pearl handle.
On his hip, standing up. Do you think he was

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doing it for show? Yeah, he was. He was showing
off. He was showing off to the people. Was

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he doing it for your benefit or the people
in the town? I think he was traveling through

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00:28:39,999 --> 00:28:47,169
towns and he was, suddenly, watching everything.
He didn't want to be... A sniper would shoot

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00:28:47,169 --> 00:28:53,850
you, shoot you, yeah. And, outside of that,
time went fast. You didn't have time to mess

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00:28:53,850 --> 00:29:01,129
around, I mean, we move alot. We was on the
go everyday, every week, 2, 3 days on the

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go, on the go. You said food was, was... It
was C rations and K rations. Did you ever

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find anything to supplement your like, farms
fields? No. What was the best stuff... No,

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we didn't get, uh, one of the guys shot a
deer over there and one of the captains confiscated

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it. Oh, okay. We better not shoot animals.
Alright, alright. For food. But I didn't care

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for the C rations. But K rations. We had to
eat, so everything was good. The food was

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00:29:38,059 --> 00:29:47,239
good. Except the hash. Yeah, except the hash.
So when you found out the war in the, in the

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00:29:47,239 --> 00:29:54,309
Pacific was over, do you know where you were?
Um. When you found out? Um, I don't know.

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Um, I, I was still, I think in Munich. I'm not sure, we was training for the South Pacific,

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in Munich, when we was in Munich. And, I don't know how true it was, and I shouldn't even

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be saying this. But, there was an MP out there guarding the traffic, these towns all tore

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up, this was in Munich, and buildings torn, and one way traffic through the streets and

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00:30:24,129 --> 00:30:29,879
the rubble was in there. And this MP was in there guarding, and I, maybe you shouldn't

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put it on there. Go ahead. Okay. It's fine. This colored guy, was walking down the sidewalk

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with a blond woman. And this MP didn't care too much for it. And this colored guy said,

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don't worry about it, when I get back to the States, I'll date your sister. So the MP,

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pulled his 45 out and shot him. Oh. So he killed him. Yeah, he killed him on the sidewalk.

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00:30:49,830 --> 00:30:58,700
That why I said I didn't know if I should say that. That's over and forgotten. I don't

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00:30:58,700 --> 00:31:05,649
even know who he, I don't know what happened. Wow, a little surprising. But when he said

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his sister, that was the end. So can you talk about, you said you guarded prisoners in Nuremberg

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can you go into that a little bit like maybe what happened on a daily basis? Well, the

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prison, they had us down in the hallway, at each end there is a gate and I down here walking

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here, and then at each end there is another guard. He's walking this way, and this way

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00:31:36,749 --> 00:31:42,619

and your down here in the middle. And no guns. And every time you walked by you had to look

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00:31:42,619 --> 00:31:49,220

in the cages and see make sure the guys don't commit suicide. But there were all American

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00:31:49,220 --> 00:31:54,659

prisoners in there for death. Some of them for murder, some rape. And most of them for

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00:31:54,659 --> 00:32:01,109

death. And, when they murder and rape, it's death. I was guard there for not too long.

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And I, that when I come home then. It was in February of 45. It was cold weather then.

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And, the Battle of the Bulge, we had guys froze to death. It was, with 4 weeks time,

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20,000 men died. And alot of them froze to
death. Infantry. Not us now. Yeah, yeah. But

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that's hearsay too. Well. But outside of that,
time went fast for me. How did you, um, how

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00:32:31,830 --> 00:32:42,129
did you get home? Um, I got back, landed in,
past Pearl, Statue of Liberty, and then we

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00:32:42,129 --> 00:32:48,989
got on this ferry and went over to New Jersey
and then we got on a train and went to Indian

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Gap, Pennsylvania. And, that's when I my,
got out, February 26, 1940. Six. Yeah, 46.

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Forty-six. And I got, left Indian Gap, Pennsylvania,
and drove the Grey Hound bus all the way,

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all the way home to Sidney. Where did you
leave from in Europe? You know I... Did you

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leave from England or France? You know I can't
remember? Just glad to be gone. So how were,

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how were you received by your family and community?
How did, how did they treat you when you got

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back? Oh, they was, nobody knew I was coming
home. I didn't tell nobody. I, I got, I come

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in on the bus and I called my sister and she

come out, come to the, to the bus station

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00:33:39,700 --> 00:33:46,019

in town and picked me up and took me out to her farm. They ran the farm. And the, and

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the, they had three kids, no bigger than that. It's unbelievable. I was back in 46. Yeah.

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So um, I forgot to ask you, when you were overseas how did you stay in touch with your

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family? Did you have any way, V-mail? V-mail, and the captain hollered at me because I didn't

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write home enough. And when I did write, he would cut the pictures out, every time. I

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wasn't supposed to tell them where I am or what outfit I'm in, or nothing like that.

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And, I didn't know what to do, I put some in there and he'd cut it out. So then I started

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writing on both sides and he'd still cut it out. I tried to get word home about where

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I was at. The names of the towns and stuff like that, but he would cut it all out. But

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everything was copied and sent microfilmed home. And then V-mail, V-mail. Those envelopes

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about 3 by 3. Okay. Um. And, I got some of
them too. Not from me, but from my father-in-law.

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Oh. My mom's father was in World War II too,
also. She got little letters from her dad.

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So did you make any good friends while you
were overseas? Did you make any good friends

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while you were overseas? No. No. You just
stayed to yourself? The guys in our outfit

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00:35:14,940 --> 00:35:21,890
is all. Were not real good friends. We didn't
communicate too much. I mean, you did you

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00:35:21,890 --> 00:35:27,650
job the next morning we'd move, the next day
we'd move. You didn't get to talk to them,

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or play cards, or nothing like that. You just,
in the daytime you were moving, or doing something,

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and at night, you sleep and guard duty. That
was it. Time went fast. Did you stay in touch

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with any of them after the war? No, no I didn't.
I didn't associate with too much over there.

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We were moving around, and I didn't make too
many friends over there. And, uh, except,

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well I shouldn't say, um, Marlene Dietrich was the girl of my heart. I seen her in London.

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When I went to London for seven days. I seen her on the, I didn't talk to her or nothing,

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don't get me wrong. But, she was beautiful. Of course she was. Me, 19 years old. So how

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did you readjust back to the civilian life? Well I got home, well, we got, at that time

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there was unemployment. Ah, what was it, 5220. You'd get \$20 a week for 52 weeks. But the

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unemployment office was bound and determined they were gonna get me a job. So I wouldn't

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get that \$20. They didn't want to pay \$20 and I was wanting to take life easy. So then

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they said, I had to do this, I had to do that. So, so I got a job, and you know where they

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went? Foundry, [inaudible] iron foundry. That's where I got my first job. When I got back,

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and I was making, I got up to 90 cents an hour. And, I was supposed to get a nickel,

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and I told the boss that I didn't get that nickel the next payday. He put me off a couple

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of weeks and I said to him, if I don't get that nickel on the next, on the next Friday,

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I'm quitting. So around 2 o'clock they come around given my checks and I quit at 2 o'clock.

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00:37:17,650 --> 00:37:22,260

He said you can't quit now, you got to change weights on these bowls. I said, I quit as

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of right now. And I walked out. And, I was getting 90 cents an hour and I quit and I

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went over to Stolle's and worked for 82 1/2 cents an hour. But, I made more money cause

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I got overtime. Right. Yeah. Yeah. That's about all I can think of to say. Did you join

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and veterans' organizations? I, I helped. Like the VFW, Amvets. I helped get the FVW

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started. In Sidney? In Sidney, Ohio. I was commander in 81. When we got the legion, I

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was the commander in the legion in 80 and 81. I was VFW 81 and 82, I think. But um,

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but um, the building we're at right now, there was uh, there was 5 of us that went and signed

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a note. We brought in \$50,000 to First Federal
Bank. And, there was five of us that signed

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the note and they're all dead but me. I'm
the only one living out of the five. Out of

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00:38:33,510 --> 00:38:38,840
the five. But anyhow, now the thinking about
closing it up, think about closing up Shelby

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County and call it Shelby County Veterans.
Oh, really. Okay. They'd call it Shelby County

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Veterans. Um so what have you done since,
you um, besides, you just worked at the iron,

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00:38:58,310 --> 00:39:03,190
the iron? The foundry. Yeah, I quit the foundry
and went to Stolle's. And then I worked 11

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years at Stolle's. Then I quit Stolle's and
worked at Omar Bakery for 10 years. Sold house-to-house

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and then they went bankrupt. And I lost my
retirement. Oh, no. I lost my retirement at

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Stolle's so then I went to Baumfolder's. I
worked at Baumfolder's for 21 years. I retired,

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00:39:28,680 --> 00:39:36,490
I retired in 88. 1988. What did you do for
them? I started out with a drill, a drill

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00:39:36,490 --> 00:39:42,660
press, then I went to the, the, I put the

machines together. Assembly. I had a little,

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00:39:42,660 --> 00:39:47,370

uh, a little incident there. One of the guys was jealous of my work. He wanted my job.

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00:39:47,370 --> 00:39:56,110

So he went to the boss and she's still, [inaudible], I can think of her name right now. He went

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00:39:56,110 --> 00:40:03,020

to her and told her that I was stealing from the company. Oh. And, so she did take his

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00:40:03,020 --> 00:40:07,820

word too much cause she she came up and ask me since she heard I was stealing stuff. And

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I told her what I was doing. I'd put these motors on, you know and I cut maybe 4 foot

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of wires off the motor and then I would rewire them up here, you know. Now the 4 foot of

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wire we would throw in the trash can. Well, I was taking my knife and putting them in

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a vise and stripping them, taking the, taking the insulation off and taking the copper home.

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Maybe a pound a month or something like that, or a week. Not too much. And, so everyday

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she passed me, she called me the stripper. And she is still boss at Baumfolder's, it's

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a, not Baumfolder's anymore its a... Heidelberg.
Heidelberg. And she's still there. Janice

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Bonanzer. Janice Bonanzer. Bonanzer That's
her name. And she is still boss there. I should

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tell you, but Colleen's over here, but I'll
tell you anyhow. Cover your ears. So, I went

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to see her about my retirement. You see, I
got \$5,000 life insurance when I die. And

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I went to see her and she said Tony that do
you remember Pete [inaudible] don't you? Yeah.

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She said come in here I want you to see him.
So I went in there and he was about 450 pounds.

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And he sits about this far away from the table.
And he's like this you know. I said Janice,

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Pete here, I said his dad, I always told his
dad that he had the biggest Peter in town.

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She got a kick out of that. She did, she really
did. Pete [inaudible] was his name and he's

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still living there. But he weighs about 400
pounds. So were going to go into some reflections,

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um, were going to go into some reflections,
so, yeah. Um, what, how did, the um, the wartime

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experiences affect your life? I actually,
I took it just like a grain of salt. Nothing

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affected my life. I just, just went, knew
I had to do it. I knew I had to stay. So I

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just did it to the best of my ability and
hoped I got out. Um, so what are some life

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lessons you learned from the service? Life
lessons? Life lessons. Life skills you gained

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from the military. Actually, I didn't gain
no skills. Cause all I did was guard and lay

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telephone wire and anybody can lay wire. And
answer the switch box. And actually there

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was no skills to learn. Are you sure? Okay.
Yeah. Yeah. There wasn't. So how was your,

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uh, how was your service, your service in
World War II affected your feelings of the

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war, uh, war in general and the military?
It didn't hardly affect me at all cause, actually

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I was still young. And it didn't bother me,
I was just glad to get out. But it didn't

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affect me none and I just got out. And the only thing that really affected me was they

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took away my prime life, from 18 to 23. Yeah. Yeah. That was my life, and I enjoyed going

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out with the girls and dating girls. And when I came home from the service I didn't know

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nobody. Yeah, that the only thing. But otherwise my life was pretty nice. So this is going

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to go to the Library of Congress and be stored there for people to view it the future, if

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they want to learn more about World War II veterans. Is there any message that you want

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to leave this for anybody that going to end up viewing this, um, recording? Well, I don't

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know what to say. Well there are no messages, I wouldn't have any. Just all I know, if you

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get to service do what they tell you whether it's right wrong. It the Army way and the

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right way and the wrong way. And you had to do it the right, the Army way. That's what

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they told us, the wrong way, the right way,
and the Army way. You got to do it the Army

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way. Whether it was right or wrong. That's
what you had to do. Sounds about right. But,

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that's, pretty good. The wrong way, the right
way, and the Army way. Yeah. And that's the

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way it worked. Jeff, did you have any more
questions? Um, yeah. You got out in 46 and

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you were 23, when the Korean War started...Yeah.
Did the threaten to take you back in or anything?

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Well, when I got out, they wanted me to join
the Reserves. Yeah. And, I wouldn't join the

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reserves. If I would have, I would have went
to Korea. I was gonna say. Cause you were

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only, when Korea started you were only, um,
28 or 29. Yeah, something like that. But I

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if I would have joined the Reserves which
alot of people did, they went to Korea. And

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some of them lost their lives, I know some.
My wife's cousin out in Arkansas, and he went

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to Korea and he was in the Army and uh he's

in Arkansas now. But, uh, he had to go to

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the Army as a Reserve. And he wished that he never joined the Reserves. But he's got

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three kids and they joined the Reserves. Down in Arkansas. Yeah. Yeah. Can you think of

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anything else? Um, did you have anything you want to add? No. That's it. Okay, great. Cool.

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Thanks for doing this interview and thank you for your service. Yeah. Thank you very

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