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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,490

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00:00:06,490 --> 00:00:09,220
The following is the United
States Holocaust Memorial

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00:00:09,220 --> 00:00:13,780
Museum volunteer collection
interview with Alan Lukens.

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00:00:13,780 --> 00:00:17,710
It is being conducted by
Gail Schwartz on June 11th,

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00:00:17,710 --> 00:00:22,210
2013 in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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00:00:22,210 --> 00:00:26,130
This is track number one.

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00:00:26,130 --> 00:00:28,500
What is your full name?

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00:00:28,500 --> 00:00:31,260
It's Alan Wood Lukens.

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00:00:31,260 --> 00:00:34,500
The name comes back
from steel and iron

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00:00:34,500 --> 00:00:36,060
companies in Philadelphia.

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00:00:36,060 --> 00:00:40,950
There was an Alan Wood Company
and a Lukens Steel Company,

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00:00:40,950 --> 00:00:45,300
and about four generations
ago they kind of merged,

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00:00:45,300 --> 00:00:52,380
and a Lukens married a Wood,
and their first son, Alan Wood,

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00:00:52,380 --> 00:00:56,070
was an officer in the Civil War.

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00:00:56,070 --> 00:00:59,640
We have his uniform,
as a matter of fact.

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00:00:59,640 --> 00:01:02,430
And then he was the first.

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00:01:02,430 --> 00:01:08,430
The second Alan Wood
Lukens was my uncle,

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00:01:08,430 --> 00:01:12,480
and he was killed in the first
war, and I was named for him.

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00:01:12,480 --> 00:01:15,720
He and my father and their
other brother, Lewis--

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00:01:15,720 --> 00:01:20,130
all three went over in
the first war together.

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00:01:20,130 --> 00:01:23,940
They were all three Princeton
graduates, two years apart

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00:01:23,940 --> 00:01:25,780
from one another.

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00:01:25,780 --> 00:01:31,900
And as I say, he was a
captain killed in action,

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00:01:31,900 --> 00:01:35,560
where they got the Silver Star.

25
00:01:35,560 --> 00:01:39,680
And then my father and uncle
were in different outfits.

26
00:01:39,680 --> 00:01:44,500
But then I was born in 1924.

27
00:01:44,500 --> 00:01:46,330
Your date of birth?

28
00:01:46,330 --> 00:01:47,150
February 12th.

29
00:01:47,150 --> 00:01:49,270
I've always been
very proud of that.

30
00:01:49,270 --> 00:01:50,820
Same initials as Lincoln--

31
00:01:50,820 --> 00:01:57,420
A.L. And as a kid, I was
always very much of a Lincoln

32
00:01:57,420 --> 00:01:59,300
worshiper, as it were.

33
00:01:59,300 --> 00:02:00,440
Where were you born?

34
00:02:00,440 --> 00:02:02,830
I was born in Philadelphia,
Chestnut Hill Hospital.

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00:02:02,830 --> 00:02:05,680

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00:02:05,680 --> 00:02:09,669
My father was a lawyer after

the first war, my mother a Bryn

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00:02:09,669 --> 00:02:11,860
Mawr graduate, and they
actually met in London.

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00:02:11,860 --> 00:02:15,890

39
00:02:15,890 --> 00:02:17,410
What we they doing in London?

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00:02:17,410 --> 00:02:22,660
Well, I think he was there
with his family after the war,

41
00:02:22,660 --> 00:02:27,130
trying to go through the
various battlegrounds in France.

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00:02:27,130 --> 00:02:27,790
She was there.

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00:02:27,790 --> 00:02:31,240
Her father was a very well known
architect, Frank Miles Day,

44
00:02:31,240 --> 00:02:34,660
the President of the American
Institute of Architects,

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00:02:34,660 --> 00:02:41,980
who had built the whole campus
at Colorado, enormous amount

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00:02:41,980 --> 00:02:47,290
of construction at Princeton
and Yale, and died in 1918.

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00:02:47,290 --> 00:02:49,930
I never knew him,
but we have a letter

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00:02:49,930 --> 00:02:54,790
from Woodrow Wilson to
him, asking him to please

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00:02:54,790 --> 00:02:57,900
design a house in Washington.

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00:02:57,900 --> 00:03:02,790
He died in 1918, so of
course I never knew him.

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00:03:02,790 --> 00:03:05,640
But he's still quite famous.

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00:03:05,640 --> 00:03:10,500
His picture's at the
Octagon there where

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00:03:10,500 --> 00:03:14,320
the architects are in the city.

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00:03:14,320 --> 00:03:16,850
Let's talk a little
bit about your family.

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00:03:16,850 --> 00:03:18,190
Did you have any siblings?

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00:03:18,190 --> 00:03:20,420
Yes, I had two sisters,
and unfortunately, both

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00:03:20,420 --> 00:03:22,120
have died within
the last two years.

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00:03:22,120 --> 00:03:23,800
I was the oldest.

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00:03:23,800 --> 00:03:27,820
Next one, Ann, went to
Germantown Friends School

60
00:03:27,820 --> 00:03:29,740
and Vassar.

61
00:03:29,740 --> 00:03:32,710
Worked for a while
in the CIA, and then

62
00:03:32,710 --> 00:03:36,940
married an Englishman, Stuart
Saunders, who was a journalist.

63
00:03:36,940 --> 00:03:40,750
And they lived in various
places until he retired,

64
00:03:40,750 --> 00:03:43,030
and they lived in Rhode Island.

65
00:03:43,030 --> 00:03:47,470
She died two years ago,
and he died last fall.

66
00:03:47,470 --> 00:03:52,750
My other sister, Frances Hayes,
married a colonel in the army.

67
00:03:52,750 --> 00:03:56,530
And he was the defense
attache in Burma

68
00:03:56,530 --> 00:04:00,700
and then Indonesia, had a
very interesting career.

69
00:04:00,700 --> 00:04:05,260
And they ended up living
in Milton, Massachusetts,

70
00:04:05,260 --> 00:04:08,140
where he died about 3 years ago.

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00:04:08,140 --> 00:04:12,560
And then she lived there,
continued, has four children.

72
00:04:12,560 --> 00:04:15,750
And she just died
last summer of cancer.

73
00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:18,589
So I'm the only one
left in that generation.

74
00:04:18,589 --> 00:04:21,120
And your education?

75
00:04:21,120 --> 00:04:23,030
Well, I went to the
Episcopal Academy

76
00:04:23,030 --> 00:04:26,250
in Philadelphia, where
my father had also gone.

77
00:04:26,250 --> 00:04:32,260
And then I went to
Princeton in 1942.

78
00:04:32,260 --> 00:04:39,850
Princeton had a sped up
program where I did--

79
00:04:39,850 --> 00:04:42,970
and many others-- the first
half of freshman year the summer

80
00:04:42,970 --> 00:04:46,110
of '42 and the second
half in the fall.

81
00:04:46,110 --> 00:04:50,520
And then I volunteered
for the army.

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00:04:50,520 --> 00:04:53,290
I had been president of
the Princeton Ski Club,

83
00:04:53,290 --> 00:04:55,350
thought I was a great skier.

84
00:04:55,350 --> 00:04:59,430
And so I decided to volunteer
for the 10th Mountain Ski

85
00:04:59,430 --> 00:05:01,080
Troops.

86
00:05:01,080 --> 00:05:06,120
I went up there in March of
1943 to Camp Hill, Colorado.

87
00:05:06,120 --> 00:05:07,710
OK, let's back up a little bit.

88
00:05:07,710 --> 00:05:08,300
Yeah, sorry.

89
00:05:08,300 --> 00:05:12,660
No, that's wonderful what
you're talking about.

90
00:05:12,660 --> 00:05:15,810
When you were a teenager
growing up in Philadelphia,

91
00:05:15,810 --> 00:05:17,520
had you heard of a
man named Hitler?

92
00:05:17,520 --> 00:05:19,800
Were you aware of
what was happening?

93
00:05:19,800 --> 00:05:20,880
I was very aware.

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00:05:20,880 --> 00:05:21,850

My father was--

95

00:05:21,850 --> 00:05:23,980

Of what was happening in Europe?

96

00:05:23,980 --> 00:05:25,290

Absolutely.

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00:05:25,290 --> 00:05:29,850

I won the Time Foreign Affairs
prize at Episcopal two years

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00:05:29,850 --> 00:05:31,350

in a row.

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00:05:31,350 --> 00:05:33,990

My father and mother
were both anglophile.

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00:05:33,990 --> 00:05:37,590

They followed everything.

101

00:05:37,590 --> 00:05:40,720

And I was in debating
groups and all.

102

00:05:40,720 --> 00:05:42,610

No, I was very,
very aware of it,

103

00:05:42,610 --> 00:05:46,290

and I will never forget
having lunch on a Sunday

104

00:05:46,290 --> 00:05:50,070

when the news came in on
the radio of Pearl Harbor.

105

00:05:50,070 --> 00:05:53,070

And my father and
I both realized

106
00:05:53,070 --> 00:05:57,540
that we would both be
involved very soon in the war.

107
00:05:57,540 --> 00:06:01,160
Did you speak or understand
any German at the time?

108
00:06:01,160 --> 00:06:01,850
No.

109
00:06:01,850 --> 00:06:06,130
No, I had taken French
in school, and Latin.

110
00:06:06,130 --> 00:06:08,000
No, I didn't have any German.

111
00:06:08,000 --> 00:06:09,780
I wish I had later on.

112
00:06:09,780 --> 00:06:12,790
I learned some in the army,
but that was not very--

113
00:06:12,790 --> 00:06:15,855
So did you-- I'm talking
about as a teenager.

114
00:06:15,855 --> 00:06:19,590
Did you talk about Germany and
Hitler with your parents a lot?

115
00:06:19,590 --> 00:06:20,280
Yes, we did.

116
00:06:20,280 --> 00:06:20,920
All the time.

117
00:06:20,920 --> 00:06:22,860
All the time, yeah.

118
00:06:22,860 --> 00:06:26,370
Now we were pretty much
an international family.

119
00:06:26,370 --> 00:06:30,540
And we kids-- and he
immediately, almost too

120
00:06:30,540 --> 00:06:32,310
quickly, decided he'd get in.

121
00:06:32,310 --> 00:06:35,940
He was in the
Pennsylvania Home Guard,

122
00:06:35,940 --> 00:06:39,810
and then volunteered to go
back in the army as a captain.

123
00:06:39,810 --> 00:06:45,300
And ended up being overseas
for a year and a half in the--

124
00:06:45,300 --> 00:06:48,710

125
00:06:48,710 --> 00:06:49,700
well, I forget.

126
00:06:49,700 --> 00:06:54,050
It was basically a
military government.

127
00:06:54,050 --> 00:06:56,030
He studied first
at the University

128
00:06:56,030 --> 00:06:59,480
of Virginia in Charlottesville
before he left.

129

00:06:59,480 --> 00:07:03,440
And then he was wounded toward
the end of the war and '44

130
00:07:03,440 --> 00:07:07,340
and came home and ended up
teaching military government

131
00:07:07,340 --> 00:07:08,660
at the University of Virginia.

132
00:07:08,660 --> 00:07:11,300

133
00:07:11,300 --> 00:07:13,250
Were you and your
family aware of what

134
00:07:13,250 --> 00:07:18,740
was happening in the mid
to late '30s to the Jews?

135
00:07:18,740 --> 00:07:23,450
I think we were probably as much
as anybody from the East Coast,

136
00:07:23,450 --> 00:07:25,940
particularly
anglophiles as we were.

137
00:07:25,940 --> 00:07:27,050
I don't know.

138
00:07:27,050 --> 00:07:30,500
I can't remember
specifically, but certainly we

139
00:07:30,500 --> 00:07:35,060
followed the newspapers and
the radio as well as we could.

140
00:07:35,060 --> 00:07:38,550
And I'm sure we knew all

about what Hitler was doing.

141
00:07:38,550 --> 00:07:42,750
And I'm sure we didn't
and very few people did.

142
00:07:42,750 --> 00:07:44,930
Yeah, I meant the book
burnings, and the boycotts,

143
00:07:44,930 --> 00:07:47,570
and things like that in Germany.

144
00:07:47,570 --> 00:07:48,330
I think so.

145
00:07:48,330 --> 00:07:51,110
I don't specifically
remember all of that.

146
00:07:51,110 --> 00:07:53,120
OK, so now you're a
student at Princeton.

147
00:07:53,120 --> 00:07:54,106
Yeah.

148
00:07:54,106 --> 00:07:56,240
And December 7th--

149
00:07:56,240 --> 00:07:59,350
Yes, well that was before.

150
00:07:59,350 --> 00:08:01,238
That was when I was a
senior at Episcopal.

151
00:08:01,238 --> 00:08:01,780
Right, right.

152
00:08:01,780 --> 00:08:02,822
You were still too young.

153
00:08:02,822 --> 00:08:05,130
And my senior year, and
I knew that we'd get in.

154
00:08:05,130 --> 00:08:08,690
But then Princeton had
this accelerated program

155
00:08:08,690 --> 00:08:14,000
to try to get us through as much
as we could before we went off.

156
00:08:14,000 --> 00:08:18,860
But anyhow, like I say,
I was a ski enthusiast,

157
00:08:18,860 --> 00:08:23,390
and I decided along with another
whole group of Ivy League

158
00:08:23,390 --> 00:08:28,250
skiers that we would volunteer
for the 10th Mountain Division.

159
00:08:28,250 --> 00:08:33,530
And so I arrived out there
in March of '43 at Camp Hale,

160
00:08:33,530 --> 00:08:35,350
Colorado--

161
00:08:35,350 --> 00:08:37,640
a camp that was set
up in the Colorado

162
00:08:37,640 --> 00:08:40,130
mountains, and an awful
place as it turned out,

163
00:08:40,130 --> 00:08:44,360
because they had
new barracks built,

164
00:08:44,360 --> 00:08:48,260
and it was all depended
on coal stoves.

165
00:08:48,260 --> 00:08:50,660
The railroad line
ran right next to it,

166
00:08:50,660 --> 00:08:53,810
and that all depended on
coal, and so half the people

167
00:08:53,810 --> 00:08:56,390
were sick most of the time.

168
00:08:56,390 --> 00:09:01,530
And then to shape up us
whiz kids, couple of us,

169
00:09:01,530 --> 00:09:03,620
they brought in some
tough army types

170
00:09:03,620 --> 00:09:07,570
from Hawaii who'd
never seen snow--

171
00:09:07,570 --> 00:09:10,520
to teach us the old army drill.

172
00:09:10,520 --> 00:09:14,330
We were still allowed to ski on
weekends at the nearby place.

173
00:09:14,330 --> 00:09:16,640
But it was a very
rugged training,

174
00:09:16,640 --> 00:09:23,810
and mountain climbing, and rock
climbing, as well as skiing.

175

00:09:23,810 --> 00:09:27,870

And that went on for
about eight months.

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00:09:27,870 --> 00:09:30,140

And then somewhere
along in there,

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00:09:30,140 --> 00:09:34,280

there was a kind of an
SAT quiz for one person

178

00:09:34,280 --> 00:09:36,290

to win and learn--

179

00:09:36,290 --> 00:09:37,790

go to a language school.

180

00:09:37,790 --> 00:09:41,660

And I won that, but
I didn't realize

181

00:09:41,660 --> 00:09:44,780

that I had until suddenly some
sergeant grabbed me and said,

182

00:09:44,780 --> 00:09:45,590

get on the train.

183

00:09:45,590 --> 00:09:49,700

You're going east
to learn Turkish.

184

00:09:49,700 --> 00:09:52,580

So I didn't go
very far, and I've

185

00:09:52,580 --> 00:09:54,470

met some other people
in the same boat

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00:09:54,470 --> 00:09:56,060

at the University
in Nebraska, where

187
00:09:56,060 --> 00:10:00,710
we had two weeks of great fun
going into the football games.

188
00:10:00,710 --> 00:10:04,352
And after that, we were
transferred to Indiana.

189
00:10:04,352 --> 00:10:05,810
As soon as we got
there, we learned

190
00:10:05,810 --> 00:10:08,090
that they'd canceled all
the language programs

191
00:10:08,090 --> 00:10:11,090
and that we would be engineers.

192
00:10:11,090 --> 00:10:11,930
And that program--

193
00:10:11,930 --> 00:10:14,090
Now we're talking about 1943?

194
00:10:14,090 --> 00:10:17,166
This is '43-- the end of '43.

195
00:10:17,166 --> 00:10:19,940
End of '43.

196
00:10:19,940 --> 00:10:24,260
So at the University of
Indiana in Bloomington,

197
00:10:24,260 --> 00:10:27,170
that lasted all of
two months, and they

198

00:10:27,170 --> 00:10:31,310
abolished the entire program,
which was called the ASDP.

199
00:10:31,310 --> 00:10:34,780
It was part of a
junior OCS idea--

200
00:10:34,780 --> 00:10:37,790
army specialized
training program.

201
00:10:37,790 --> 00:10:40,370
They were abolished everywhere,
because they needed,

202
00:10:40,370 --> 00:10:42,740
as you said, cannon fodder.

203
00:10:42,740 --> 00:10:46,250
And so all of us
there at Indiana

204
00:10:46,250 --> 00:10:49,520
were assigned to the
20th Armored Division

205
00:10:49,520 --> 00:10:52,270
at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

206
00:10:52,270 --> 00:10:55,405
So that's where we arrived
fairly early in '44.

207
00:10:55,405 --> 00:10:58,770

208
00:10:58,770 --> 00:11:01,870
So you just turned 20.

209
00:11:01,870 --> 00:11:02,816
Yeah.

210

00:11:02,816 --> 00:11:03,595

Early '44, OK.

211

00:11:03,595 --> 00:11:05,220

And then you stayed
there for how long?

212

00:11:05,220 --> 00:11:07,630

Well, we stayed there training.

213

00:11:07,630 --> 00:11:10,540

I was put in the
artillery, which

214

00:11:10,540 --> 00:11:14,320

I had a little taste of in
the first year at Princeton

215

00:11:14,320 --> 00:11:16,990

in the ROTC.

216

00:11:16,990 --> 00:11:20,890

And stayed with the
20th Armored Division,

217

00:11:20,890 --> 00:11:24,070

and we were very
itchy to get overseas,

218

00:11:24,070 --> 00:11:27,330

and finally didn't until
the end of the year.

219

00:11:27,330 --> 00:11:34,360

And we actually took a ship at
the beginning of 1945, which

220

00:11:34,360 --> 00:11:36,480

landed in France at Le Havre.

221

00:11:36,480 --> 00:11:38,320

You left from New York?

222
00:11:38,320 --> 00:11:39,520
We left from Boston.

223
00:11:39,520 --> 00:11:41,140
From Boston.

224
00:11:41,140 --> 00:11:46,180
And we did a long 10-day trip,
zigzagging to avoid submarines

225
00:11:46,180 --> 00:11:47,385
in the convoy.

226
00:11:47,385 --> 00:11:50,034
Do you know the
name of your ship?

227
00:11:50,034 --> 00:11:50,534
That's OK.

228
00:11:50,534 --> 00:11:51,860
That's OK.

229
00:11:51,860 --> 00:11:53,462
I forget the name.

230
00:11:53,462 --> 00:11:54,610
That's OK.

231
00:11:54,610 --> 00:11:57,200
I remember my birthday took
place somewhere on there.

232
00:11:57,200 --> 00:11:57,980
On the ship?

233
00:11:57,980 --> 00:11:58,930
Yeah.

234
00:11:58,930 --> 00:12:02,200

Yeah, and we had a
big celebration--

235
00:12:02,200 --> 00:12:05,890
mostly illegal, above
with my friends.

236
00:12:05,890 --> 00:12:08,200
Anyway, then we
got off at Le Have,

237
00:12:08,200 --> 00:12:12,070
and we were driven by truck
to a small French village

238
00:12:12,070 --> 00:12:14,560
outside of Rouen.

239
00:12:14,560 --> 00:12:17,590
That was a lot of fun, because
I was the only one that

240
00:12:17,590 --> 00:12:21,070
spoke French in
the whole battery,

241
00:12:21,070 --> 00:12:24,490
and made good friends with
the French people there.

242
00:12:24,490 --> 00:12:27,640
Now what were the
numbers of your unit?

243
00:12:27,640 --> 00:12:30,700
I was in the 20th
Armored Division,

244
00:12:30,700 --> 00:12:35,200
and specifically, I was in
battery A of the 413th Armored

245
00:12:35,200 --> 00:12:36,965

Field Artillery.

246
00:12:36,965 --> 00:12:38,590
They always had these
enormous numbers.

247
00:12:38,590 --> 00:12:42,430
That were supposed to
fill the enemy by the same

248
00:12:42,430 --> 00:12:44,260
as they did in the first war--

249
00:12:44,260 --> 00:12:46,930
80th Division and so on.

250
00:12:46,930 --> 00:12:49,470
I don't think they were fooled.

251
00:12:49,470 --> 00:12:50,770
So there was a lot of fun.

252
00:12:50,770 --> 00:12:55,420
I got to know the village,
and in 1995, my wife and I

253
00:12:55,420 --> 00:12:57,820
went back to the village.

254
00:12:57,820 --> 00:13:01,300
And I'd written ahead, and it
was a wonderful celebration.

255
00:13:01,300 --> 00:13:08,440
And the lady who I'd given
cookies to at 12 years old

256
00:13:08,440 --> 00:13:14,920
was now 62 and a big
matriarch of the village

257
00:13:14,920 --> 00:13:18,430

gave us a wonderful dinner with
her husband and everything.

258

00:13:18,430 --> 00:13:22,480
The lady who ran the barn
where we slept on the hay

259

00:13:22,480 --> 00:13:27,880
was still around,
and when I was there,

260

00:13:27,880 --> 00:13:34,480
the boulanger, the baker, whose
first name was Alan like mine,

261

00:13:34,480 --> 00:13:38,878
had grown up and taken the place
of his father, who I'd know.

262

00:13:38,878 --> 00:13:40,420
And so all of those
people were there

263

00:13:40,420 --> 00:13:45,490
for this celebration in '95,
on Easter Day as it turned out.

264

00:13:45,490 --> 00:13:48,860
So then anyway, we
finally got going.

265

00:13:48,860 --> 00:13:50,710
So this is February now.

266

00:13:50,710 --> 00:13:51,210
What?

267

00:13:51,210 --> 00:13:52,600
We're back in February?

268

00:13:52,600 --> 00:13:56,110
Yeah, OK, well February, finally
we got the word to move up.

269
00:13:56,110 --> 00:13:59,040
And we went up through--

270
00:13:59,040 --> 00:14:06,450
the division moved up
through Holland and Belgium.

271
00:14:06,450 --> 00:14:08,700
They had already been liberated.

272
00:14:08,700 --> 00:14:12,270
We got lots of cheers
from local people.

273
00:14:12,270 --> 00:14:13,980
And then suddenly
went into Germany

274
00:14:13,980 --> 00:14:16,530
where we didn't get any
cheers and people glared

275
00:14:16,530 --> 00:14:19,590
at us, naturally.

276
00:14:19,590 --> 00:14:21,630
So you never saw combat?

277
00:14:21,630 --> 00:14:22,750
Yes, we did.

278
00:14:22,750 --> 00:14:25,125
Not there we didn't, but as
soon as we got into Germany--

279
00:14:25,125 --> 00:14:27,330
[PHONE RINGING]

280
00:14:27,330 --> 00:14:29,210
I think I'll let that one float.

281
00:14:29,210 --> 00:14:30,150
That isn't my son.

282
00:14:30,150 --> 00:14:33,180

283
00:14:33,180 --> 00:14:34,960
Sorry, I could have
brought it in here.

284
00:14:34,960 --> 00:14:42,540
Well as soon as we got into
Germany, we were in combat.

285
00:14:42,540 --> 00:14:45,120
It wasn't as bad
as most people had.

286
00:14:45,120 --> 00:14:48,360
We drove quickly.

287
00:14:48,360 --> 00:14:53,430
We crossed the Rhine on
a pontoon bridge, and--

288
00:14:53,430 --> 00:14:55,490
is that going to--

289
00:14:55,490 --> 00:14:58,250
there, it's turning off.

290
00:14:58,250 --> 00:15:02,390
And we had quite a fight there.

291
00:15:02,390 --> 00:15:04,220
We headed south quite quickly.

292
00:15:04,220 --> 00:15:07,250
We were supposed to be
in the first army, which

293

00:15:07,250 --> 00:15:10,080
was in the northern
part of Europe--

294
00:15:10,080 --> 00:15:11,370
of Germany.

295
00:15:11,370 --> 00:15:14,240
We moved so quickly that
we became part of the Third

296
00:15:14,240 --> 00:15:16,820
Army, which was under Patton.

297
00:15:16,820 --> 00:15:17,740
And we kept moving.

298
00:15:17,740 --> 00:15:23,970
We took a Bahn and we
headed down to Frankfurt.

299
00:15:23,970 --> 00:15:25,980
You were in combat, as you said.

300
00:15:25,980 --> 00:15:27,590
Did you see any dead bodies?

301
00:15:27,590 --> 00:15:28,230
Oh, yeah.

302
00:15:28,230 --> 00:15:30,700
What was your reaction?

303
00:15:30,700 --> 00:15:31,780
Well, I think--

304
00:15:31,780 --> 00:15:34,150
Had you seen dead bodies before?

305
00:15:34,150 --> 00:15:34,975
No.

306

00:15:34,975 --> 00:15:37,430

So this was your
first experience.

307

00:15:37,430 --> 00:15:41,700

And we saw-- we lost
some of our own people.

308

00:15:41,700 --> 00:15:46,630

We liberated some camps.

309

00:15:46,630 --> 00:15:49,340

One was some American POWs.

310

00:15:49,340 --> 00:15:51,100

That was very exciting.

311

00:15:51,100 --> 00:15:54,604

Many more were
Europeans with French--

312

00:15:54,604 --> 00:15:57,590

Do you know the
names of anybody?

313

00:15:57,590 --> 00:15:58,090

No.

314

00:15:58,090 --> 00:15:58,590

Not now.

315

00:15:58,590 --> 00:15:59,230

OK.

316

00:15:59,230 --> 00:16:01,070

I really don't.

317

00:16:01,070 --> 00:16:04,120

I've got them somewhere,
and I have my--

318

00:16:04,120 --> 00:16:09,070
actually I kept a
diary the whole time.

319
00:16:09,070 --> 00:16:12,340
But anyhow, we went
along pretty quickly,

320
00:16:12,340 --> 00:16:17,980
and then the heavy fighting was
about the beginning of April

321
00:16:17,980 --> 00:16:20,545
as we got closer to Munich.

322
00:16:20,545 --> 00:16:23,650

323
00:16:23,650 --> 00:16:25,660
At that point, we
were growing so fast

324
00:16:25,660 --> 00:16:29,200
that instead of making us come
back to stick with the Third

325
00:16:29,200 --> 00:16:33,070
Army, we swapped with
another division that

326
00:16:33,070 --> 00:16:35,020
had gone in the other
direction and ended up

327
00:16:35,020 --> 00:16:38,485
being in the Seventh Army, which
is the one General Patton said

328
00:16:38,485 --> 00:16:43,000
he'd come up through
Marseilles and all.

329
00:16:43,000 --> 00:16:52,120

So we ended up with that, and
our big target was Munich.

330
00:16:52,120 --> 00:16:53,320
We were heading south.

331
00:16:53,320 --> 00:16:55,810
We were the only
Armored Division there,

332
00:16:55,810 --> 00:16:59,140
but there were two
infantry divisions--

333
00:16:59,140 --> 00:17:01,300
of 42nd in the 45th--

334
00:17:01,300 --> 00:17:03,520
that were near us.

335
00:17:03,520 --> 00:17:11,410
But we were shot
at by a German 88s.

336
00:17:11,410 --> 00:17:13,839
We lost some people
right along the line.

337
00:17:13,839 --> 00:17:18,760
Every night they had the
famous Bed Check Charlie,

338
00:17:18,760 --> 00:17:23,680
which was a German plane that
would come over every night

339
00:17:23,680 --> 00:17:24,819
and drop some bombs.

340
00:17:24,819 --> 00:17:26,530
And there were some 88s--

341

00:17:26,530 --> 00:17:31,120
the big German cannon
that were fired at us.

342
00:17:31,120 --> 00:17:36,090
What we had in our
artillery was called an M7.

343
00:17:36,090 --> 00:17:42,390
It was 105 tank mounted on a--

344
00:17:42,390 --> 00:17:47,530
well, the bottom part was a
105, and then a 105 Howitzer

345
00:17:47,530 --> 00:17:49,570
on top of this German tank.

346
00:17:49,570 --> 00:17:52,960
It was a very unwieldy weapon.

347
00:17:52,960 --> 00:17:56,050
We had four together
in a battery.

348
00:17:56,050 --> 00:17:59,110
I was the one that had
to do the trigonometry

349
00:17:59,110 --> 00:18:05,170
and deciding where
these four would aim.

350
00:18:05,170 --> 00:18:12,520
So we were, most of the time,
somewhat back in artillery.

351
00:18:12,520 --> 00:18:18,760
But then as things went fast,
many times we were up right

352
00:18:18,760 --> 00:18:22,240
on the front lines, and where

prisoners were coming out,

353

00:18:22,240 --> 00:18:25,870

I took some prisoners
actually along the line.

354

00:18:25,870 --> 00:18:29,080

Anyhow, this is all happening
toward the end of April,

355

00:18:29,080 --> 00:18:33,190

and as we got close
to it, we didn't know

356

00:18:33,190 --> 00:18:35,850
anything about Dachau at all.

357

00:18:35,850 --> 00:18:38,810

All we knew was we were
heading for Munich,

358

00:18:38,810 --> 00:18:43,810

and we knew the big SS
headquarters North of Munich,

359

00:18:43,810 --> 00:18:47,410

which later became
an American base,

360

00:18:47,410 --> 00:18:49,675

was very heavily fortified.

361

00:18:49,675 --> 00:18:53,530

And it was really the SS
headquarters in Bavaria--

362

00:18:53,530 --> 00:18:56,020

the whole area.

363

00:18:56,020 --> 00:18:59,640

So anyway, we were
heading along quite well.

364
00:18:59,640 --> 00:19:02,150
Is this on foot?

365
00:19:02,150 --> 00:19:04,160
No.

366
00:19:04,160 --> 00:19:07,610
We had these tanks--
armored vehicles.

367
00:19:07,610 --> 00:19:10,850
And those of us who were not
sitting inside one of those

368
00:19:10,850 --> 00:19:16,770
or driving them were in
things called half tracks.

369
00:19:16,770 --> 00:19:20,220
They had, what do you call it?

370
00:19:20,220 --> 00:19:20,810
Treads.

371
00:19:20,810 --> 00:19:22,130
Treads.

372
00:19:22,130 --> 00:19:24,830
And armor up to
about here, so they

373
00:19:24,830 --> 00:19:27,790
didn't do any good sitting up.

374
00:19:27,790 --> 00:19:30,380

375
00:19:30,380 --> 00:19:33,380
And so we all went with those.

376
00:19:33,380 --> 00:19:37,940

And with the bombing going
on or the shelling against us

377
00:19:37,940 --> 00:19:42,620
every night, we had to dig
foxholes and try to hide.

378
00:19:42,620 --> 00:19:47,250
Anyway, to come to
that, we suddenly

379
00:19:47,250 --> 00:19:51,970
were on the right hand edge
of flank of the 20th Armored

380
00:19:51,970 --> 00:19:52,470
Division.

381
00:19:52,470 --> 00:19:58,800
Most of the division was to
our left or east after the SS

382
00:19:58,800 --> 00:19:59,340
barracks.

383
00:19:59,340 --> 00:20:02,940
But all of a sudden, we came
to their camp of Dachau.

384
00:20:02,940 --> 00:20:05,580
We had no idea was there.

385
00:20:05,580 --> 00:20:14,670
Neither did anybody up through
Colonel in our line of command.

386
00:20:14,670 --> 00:20:20,250
But the people in the camp, of
course, were listening to BBC,

387
00:20:20,250 --> 00:20:22,910
and they knew how close we were.

388

00:20:22,910 --> 00:20:27,350

So anyway, all of a sudden we
come to this enormous camp--

389

00:20:27,350 --> 00:20:30,680

totally surprised all of us--

390

00:20:30,680 --> 00:20:33,650

where we saw these watchtowers.

391

00:20:33,650 --> 00:20:39,110

And the whole camp was ringed
by a moat, and a barbed wire

392

00:20:39,110 --> 00:20:40,490

fence.

393

00:20:40,490 --> 00:20:42,680

So we got that close.

394

00:20:42,680 --> 00:20:49,580

We used our tanks to
smash the barbed wire

395

00:20:49,580 --> 00:20:52,370

and to cross the moat.

396

00:20:52,370 --> 00:20:55,130

Just at that time, there
was one tall building,

397

00:20:55,130 --> 00:20:58,810

which was where the
German headquarters were.

398

00:20:58,810 --> 00:21:03,200

And they had a white flag out,
and we thought that was fine,

399

00:21:03,200 --> 00:21:04,910

we'd just go on in.

400

00:21:04,910 --> 00:21:08,270

But then despite the white
flag, they had snipers,

401

00:21:08,270 --> 00:21:09,770

and they started shooting at us.

402

00:21:09,770 --> 00:21:12,410

And they actually
killed our poor Colonel.

403

00:21:12,410 --> 00:21:15,878

He was, at that point, his--

404

00:21:15,878 --> 00:21:16,420

I don't know.

405

00:21:16,420 --> 00:21:19,780

His Jeep had broken down,
or he was standing up

406

00:21:19,780 --> 00:21:21,910

on another Jeep.

407

00:21:21,910 --> 00:21:25,680

And I didn't know him
well, but, of course, that

408

00:21:25,680 --> 00:21:28,050

was a shock for all of us.

409

00:21:28,050 --> 00:21:29,320

Later on in life--

410

00:21:29,320 --> 00:21:32,410

way much later-- I got to
know his son quite well, who

411

00:21:32,410 --> 00:21:37,380

was a West Point Colonel,
who helped me much later when

412

00:21:37,380 --> 00:21:40,020

I was head of the 20th
Armored Division veterans

413

00:21:40,020 --> 00:21:43,140

and we had a reunion
at West Point.

414

00:21:43,140 --> 00:21:46,340

But anyhow we--

415

00:21:46,340 --> 00:21:49,860

So what was the reaction of
you all when he was shot?

416

00:21:49,860 --> 00:21:51,780

Well, it was terrible.

417

00:21:51,780 --> 00:21:55,410

Then when he was shot, they
were also shooting other people

418

00:21:55,410 --> 00:21:56,160

from there.

419

00:21:56,160 --> 00:21:58,710

Then what we did was
get our artillery ready,

420

00:21:58,710 --> 00:22:02,790

and we shot a blast
at this building.

421

00:22:02,790 --> 00:22:04,740

And that was the end of that.

422

00:22:04,740 --> 00:22:07,930

After that, there was
no more resistance.

423

00:22:07,930 --> 00:22:11,880

So then we went on in.

424
00:22:11,880 --> 00:22:15,740
Now, I wasn't one of the
actual first ones that went in.

425
00:22:15,740 --> 00:22:18,150
What day was this?

426
00:22:18,150 --> 00:22:22,320
Liberation was the 29th
of April at 6:00 PM.

427
00:22:22,320 --> 00:22:26,340
Because when I went back
later on several times,

428
00:22:26,340 --> 00:22:28,890
I was in a ceremony
right at that moment.

429
00:22:28,890 --> 00:22:31,770

430
00:22:31,770 --> 00:22:36,780
But I was fortunate to be
chosen among a few early

431
00:22:36,780 --> 00:22:39,810
the next morning
to visit the camp.

432
00:22:39,810 --> 00:22:41,670
Where did you stay
the night that night?

433
00:22:41,670 --> 00:22:42,600
Do you remember?

434
00:22:42,600 --> 00:22:47,070
Oh, we still had to dig
our holes in the ground

435

00:22:47,070 --> 00:22:49,218
outside somewhere in the camp.

436
00:22:49,218 --> 00:22:50,127
OK.

437
00:22:50,127 --> 00:22:51,210
And then the next morning?

438
00:22:51,210 --> 00:22:55,710
It had been quite wet
and lousy weather.

439
00:22:55,710 --> 00:22:57,930
Then suddenly the next
day it was amazing,

440
00:22:57,930 --> 00:23:00,500
because the sun came
up over the Alps,

441
00:23:00,500 --> 00:23:03,120
and you could see
all the snow there.

442
00:23:03,120 --> 00:23:05,530
Reminded us of
being in Colorado--

443
00:23:05,530 --> 00:23:10,860
flat there and then suddenly
seeing all of the snowy peaks.

444
00:23:10,860 --> 00:23:15,790
So some of us were
allowed to go in--

445
00:23:15,790 --> 00:23:19,530
told we could, but they
didn't help us very much.

446
00:23:19,530 --> 00:23:23,670
So we just got a ride, I

guess, right to the entrance.

447

00:23:23,670 --> 00:23:26,010

And at that point, they
wouldn't let us in.

448

00:23:26,010 --> 00:23:30,240

But then there was a
Polish guy in our company--

449

00:23:30,240 --> 00:23:32,670

battery-- that
spoke Polish to one

450

00:23:32,670 --> 00:23:38,010

of the survivors, who
opened the gate for us.

451

00:23:38,010 --> 00:23:39,220

And then we walked around.

452

00:23:39,220 --> 00:23:47,860

We counted 37 of these cattle
cars full of dead bodies.

453

00:23:47,860 --> 00:23:51,330

These were what the French
used to call 40 and 8.

454

00:23:51,330 --> 00:23:56,320

In the first war, they were
made for 40 men or 8 horses.

455

00:23:56,320 --> 00:24:00,070

But actually, they had
something like 200 men in these.

456

00:24:00,070 --> 00:24:03,820

And the Germans Nazis
had the crazy idea

457

00:24:03,820 --> 00:24:08,890

that somehow if they

moved all of the prisoners

458

00:24:08,890 --> 00:24:12,340
from other camps, that
somehow they could congregate

459

00:24:12,340 --> 00:24:16,060
and there in Bavaria, and
that the world wouldn't

460

00:24:16,060 --> 00:24:17,800
know what had happened.

461

00:24:17,800 --> 00:24:21,790
And the other crazy idea was
that they would do a last ditch

462

00:24:21,790 --> 00:24:27,460
stand in Bavaria.

463

00:24:27,460 --> 00:24:31,840
So that was the reason for
sending people on the trains.

464

00:24:31,840 --> 00:24:34,330
There were very, very
few that made it.

465

00:24:34,330 --> 00:24:39,700
The ones that had gotten in
that day managed to get off,

466

00:24:39,700 --> 00:24:42,310
but there were only just a
handful really that were still

467

00:24:42,310 --> 00:24:44,860
living on those trains.

468

00:24:44,860 --> 00:24:47,320
The ones that were lucky,
like a couple of my friends

469

00:24:47,320 --> 00:24:50,530

that I got to know
later, were sick enough

470

00:24:50,530 --> 00:24:53,680

so they were put
into the infirmary,

471

00:24:53,680 --> 00:24:55,730

and that's what saved them.

472

00:24:55,730 --> 00:24:59,420

Because the train didn't
come all the way in.

473

00:24:59,420 --> 00:25:01,685

Those cars did finally--

474

00:25:01,685 --> 00:25:05,520

a lot of them stopped
a couple of miles away.

475

00:25:05,520 --> 00:25:07,640

The trains were broken
down or whatever,

476

00:25:07,640 --> 00:25:11,540

and then they had to
March in with dogs,

477

00:25:11,540 --> 00:25:13,940

and they would
sometimes often shoot

478

00:25:13,940 --> 00:25:16,460

the ones that couldn't
make it, or at least

479

00:25:16,460 --> 00:25:18,640

the dogs were snapping at them.

480

00:25:18,640 --> 00:25:23,300

481
00:25:23,300 --> 00:25:29,890
You are 21 years old,
and you see what you saw.

482
00:25:29,890 --> 00:25:32,260
Can you describe your
thoughts, your feelings--

483
00:25:32,260 --> 00:25:35,170

484
00:25:35,170 --> 00:25:37,990
as you say with no
preparation ahead of time.

485
00:25:37,990 --> 00:25:41,010
No, I think there were
two different things,

486
00:25:41,010 --> 00:25:43,000
and it's hard to
recollect what I thought.

487
00:25:43,000 --> 00:25:50,020
But the first is
the combat part,

488
00:25:50,020 --> 00:25:54,790
hiding from shells ourselves,
digging foxholes every night,

489
00:25:54,790 --> 00:25:59,320
seeing the wounded and
seeing prisoners coming out.

490
00:25:59,320 --> 00:26:03,450
That was the nice part--
seeing released prisoners.

491
00:26:03,450 --> 00:26:08,320
So the whole wartime part was

kind of in a different mode

492
00:26:08,320 --> 00:26:11,780
from Dachau.

493
00:26:11,780 --> 00:26:16,480
Dachau was a totally different
thing, because we had no idea.

494
00:26:16,480 --> 00:26:19,180

495
00:26:19,180 --> 00:26:23,860
Because even though
Buchenwald had been released,

496
00:26:23,860 --> 00:26:25,630
we didn't get the news of that.

497
00:26:25,630 --> 00:26:27,230
We didn't really
know much about it.

498
00:26:27,230 --> 00:26:28,930
It had been in the
Stars and Stripes.

499
00:26:28,930 --> 00:26:32,470
Eisenhower had very
gallantly, I thought,

500
00:26:32,470 --> 00:26:40,040
forced the local people to
fill in the graves and do that.

501
00:26:40,040 --> 00:26:41,200
And even though it was--

502
00:26:41,200 --> 00:26:42,970
I'm not sure of the
dates of Buchenwald.

503

00:26:42,970 --> 00:26:45,970
Early April, I think.

504
00:26:45,970 --> 00:26:47,120
We didn't know about it.

505
00:26:47,120 --> 00:26:49,070
Stars and Stripes
didn't get to us,

506
00:26:49,070 --> 00:26:52,810
and they eventually
of course did.

507
00:26:52,810 --> 00:26:56,320
So we had-- one thing was
the whole combat part,

508
00:26:56,320 --> 00:26:59,110
and the second was Dachau.

509
00:26:59,110 --> 00:27:01,885
So the few of us that
were lucky to get--

510
00:27:01,885 --> 00:27:05,500
not lucky, were fortunate,
I guess, to get in there--

511
00:27:05,500 --> 00:27:10,480
we counted these
awful 36 rail cars.

512
00:27:10,480 --> 00:27:14,940
And we were then
taken down a tour.

513
00:27:14,940 --> 00:27:19,150
There were, I think,
20 some barracks.

514
00:27:19,150 --> 00:27:25,540
Each originally for 200, each

one had about 2000 in it.

515

00:27:25,540 --> 00:27:29,230

They have still-- they've
kept one there as a souvenir

516

00:27:29,230 --> 00:27:32,050

and smashed the others.

517

00:27:32,050 --> 00:27:36,640

Inside the camp when
they knew we were close,

518

00:27:36,640 --> 00:27:39,810

the French
particularly led, well,

519

00:27:39,810 --> 00:27:44,020

what would have been a mutiny
headed by a French captain, who

520

00:27:44,020 --> 00:27:47,740

later became a general and a
friend of mine who just died.

521

00:27:47,740 --> 00:27:51,940

He was General [INAUDIBLE].

522

00:27:51,940 --> 00:27:55,450

At that point he was a
captain, and they decided

523

00:27:55,450 --> 00:28:00,130

to have kind of a mutiny--

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00:28:00,130 --> 00:28:04,840

kill their guards, but then
turn the camp over to us

525

00:28:04,840 --> 00:28:08,710

and keep these
distracted prisoners

526

00:28:08,710 --> 00:28:13,480

from killing every
German in sight.

527

00:28:13,480 --> 00:28:16,670

So they did manage to do this.

528

00:28:16,670 --> 00:28:22,550

But at the end, the German
guards were all the worst.

529

00:28:22,550 --> 00:28:28,820

They were called Kapos, and
these were German criminals who

530

00:28:28,820 --> 00:28:33,920

were told that in order to
avoid jail or execution,

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00:28:33,920 --> 00:28:36,800

they would have to be
guards at the camp,

532

00:28:36,800 --> 00:28:39,410

and they were really
horrible people.

533

00:28:39,410 --> 00:28:43,620

And so at the end, we
saw lots of their bodies.

534

00:28:43,620 --> 00:28:49,900

We didn't know whether they'd
been killed by our troops who

535

00:28:49,900 --> 00:28:52,600

were just there the day
before, or whether they'd been

536

00:28:52,600 --> 00:28:57,040

probably killed by the inmates.

537

00:28:57,040 --> 00:29:00,010
Anyway, by the time we were
there, we were led down.

538
00:29:00,010 --> 00:29:05,980
We saw the crematorium where
it had been decided to go ahead

539
00:29:05,980 --> 00:29:09,580
and, by the Polish
prisoners doing it,

540
00:29:09,580 --> 00:29:11,830
were ordered to
keep on using it,

541
00:29:11,830 --> 00:29:13,690
because they had to
do something with all

542
00:29:13,690 --> 00:29:20,530
the bodies from the trains
and those who had died.

543
00:29:20,530 --> 00:29:26,420
Well again, as a
21-year-old seeing this,

544
00:29:26,420 --> 00:29:30,090
not only the sites, but the
amount of evil that you were--

545
00:29:30,090 --> 00:29:32,670

546
00:29:32,670 --> 00:29:35,060
again, do you have any
memories of what went

547
00:29:35,060 --> 00:29:36,227
through your mind when you--

548
00:29:36,227 --> 00:29:38,680

I think if you think of some
of the prisoner, I mean,

549
00:29:38,680 --> 00:29:44,410
many I talked to later and
became close friends with.

550
00:29:44,410 --> 00:29:47,880
They were men who were
originally, say, 200 pounds--

551
00:29:47,880 --> 00:29:49,570
were down to about 80 pounds.

552
00:29:49,570 --> 00:29:52,570
They were just skeletons.

553
00:29:52,570 --> 00:29:55,930
Our first instinct
was to hand out

554
00:29:55,930 --> 00:29:58,480
food and candy we
were told not to,

555
00:29:58,480 --> 00:30:01,310
because their bodies
couldn't take it.

556
00:30:01,310 --> 00:30:07,040
And as soon as our
officers got in there,

557
00:30:07,040 --> 00:30:09,950
we were told to get
out, because they

558
00:30:09,950 --> 00:30:12,670
didn't want us to get typhus.

559
00:30:12,670 --> 00:30:14,860
Did any of the prisoners
come up to try to talk you?

560
00:30:14,860 --> 00:30:15,940
Oh, yes.

561
00:30:15,940 --> 00:30:16,720
Oh, my gosh.

562
00:30:16,720 --> 00:30:19,570
They came up and hugged
us and everything else.

563
00:30:19,570 --> 00:30:23,890
At that point, we didn't
have all these restrictions

564
00:30:23,890 --> 00:30:27,200
and our doctors hadn't
gotten there to get us out.

565
00:30:27,200 --> 00:30:29,440
And the other thing
was that we weren't

566
00:30:29,440 --> 00:30:32,590
supposed to be there very long.

567
00:30:32,590 --> 00:30:36,070
As soon as we had this little
tour, they said hurry up,

568
00:30:36,070 --> 00:30:38,290
we had to go continue to Munich.

569
00:30:38,290 --> 00:30:43,120
So it wasn't as if our
particular divisions stayed

570
00:30:43,120 --> 00:30:46,352
very long, and certainly
in the 20th Armored didn't

571
00:30:46,352 --> 00:30:50,020

When they came up to
you, how did you respond?

572
00:30:50,020 --> 00:30:52,230
Well, they came and
hugged us, really.

573
00:30:52,230 --> 00:30:56,050
And I was able--

574
00:30:56,050 --> 00:30:57,510
speaking French.

575
00:30:57,510 --> 00:30:59,020
A lot of the French
prisoners were

576
00:30:59,020 --> 00:31:01,330
in a little bit better
shape, because most of them

577
00:31:01,330 --> 00:31:03,220
had only been there nine months.

578
00:31:03,220 --> 00:31:08,290
Some of the Germans had
been there since 1933.

579
00:31:08,290 --> 00:31:10,810
It was an enormous
mixture of people.

580
00:31:10,810 --> 00:31:14,500
To our surprise, we
learned later that only 16%

581
00:31:14,500 --> 00:31:17,360
were Jewish.

582
00:31:17,360 --> 00:31:20,540
The camp is-- to go back,
as you probably know,

583

00:31:20,540 --> 00:31:26,620

but in back in '33, it was a
German Protestants originally,

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00:31:26,620 --> 00:31:30,220

various other kinds
of anarchist people.

585

00:31:30,220 --> 00:31:31,655

Political-- yeah.

586

00:31:31,655 --> 00:31:34,780

Yeah, political ones.

587

00:31:34,780 --> 00:31:39,370

And then the really
enormous increase

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00:31:39,370 --> 00:31:43,300

came after the Russian
front, and that

589

00:31:43,300 --> 00:31:44,810

was the worst horrible thing.

590

00:31:44,810 --> 00:31:48,370

They had about 4,000
Russian prisoners,

591

00:31:48,370 --> 00:31:52,720

and they still celebrated
or celebrated that.

592

00:31:52,720 --> 00:31:59,192

And the they were
all told at one point

593

00:31:59,192 --> 00:32:02,620

to race down the field, and if
they got down to the other end,

594

00:32:02,620 --> 00:32:04,170

they'd be free.

595

00:32:04,170 --> 00:32:06,770

And they were all
shot in the back.

596

00:32:06,770 --> 00:32:09,155

But when we got there,
the melange people--

597

00:32:09,155 --> 00:32:10,860

it was a little
hard to make out,

598

00:32:10,860 --> 00:32:13,400

but mostly were
Eastern European.

599

00:32:13,400 --> 00:32:16,190

600

00:32:16,190 --> 00:32:18,590

And the ones in
better shape a little

601

00:32:18,590 --> 00:32:21,620

were the French, because
most of the French

602

00:32:21,620 --> 00:32:23,870

had been in the
French resistance.

603

00:32:23,870 --> 00:32:27,950

And when we came in through
Normandy, what they tried to do

604

00:32:27,950 --> 00:32:31,610

was to turn over their
respective villages to us.

605

00:32:31,610 --> 00:32:35,510

And many got caught

doing it by the Gestapo.

606

00:32:35,510 --> 00:32:39,890

They were too eager, so they were then sent in to Dachau.

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00:32:39,890 --> 00:32:42,620

But because of that, they'd only been there nine months,

608

00:32:42,620 --> 00:32:46,460

compared to longer periods of most

609

00:32:46,460 --> 00:32:50,920

of the others, particularly the Eastern Europeans.

610

00:32:50,920 --> 00:32:57,770

And they were the ones that had sort of organized this mutiny

611

00:32:57,770 --> 00:33:01,100

to turn the camp over to us.

612

00:33:01,100 --> 00:33:04,940

What were the reactions of the other young men in there?

613

00:33:04,940 --> 00:33:07,790

Well, I think we all had the same reactions, pretty much.

614

00:33:07,790 --> 00:33:12,830

Curiously, there were really very few from the 20th Armored.

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00:33:12,830 --> 00:33:16,790

We were divided into what they called Combatant Commands.

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00:33:16,790 --> 00:33:20,150

Combat Command B,

which we were in,

617
00:33:20,150 --> 00:33:23,420
only had our-- we were the
only artillery part of that.

618
00:33:23,420 --> 00:33:26,280
It was a very small
part of our division.

619
00:33:26,280 --> 00:33:28,700
And that was just by a fluke,
because the division was

620
00:33:28,700 --> 00:33:33,590
heading South, and 3/4
of it were after the SS

621
00:33:33,590 --> 00:33:35,270
and going straight to Munich.

622
00:33:35,270 --> 00:33:38,030
So it just happened that
we were in the right fight.

623
00:33:38,030 --> 00:33:42,020
And then at the same time,
after we had used our tanks

624
00:33:42,020 --> 00:33:46,640
to open up the
barbed wire and all,

625
00:33:46,640 --> 00:33:49,580
then you had both the
42nd and 45th division

626
00:33:49,580 --> 00:33:52,820
that came in in strong numbers.

627
00:33:52,820 --> 00:33:55,250
And that became kind
of a hassle later on,

628

00:33:55,250 --> 00:33:59,030
because there were two colonels,
one from each division,

629

00:33:59,030 --> 00:34:02,000
that each thought that
they got there first.

630

00:34:02,000 --> 00:34:05,150
And then Marguerite Higgins,
who was the first correspondent

631

00:34:05,150 --> 00:34:10,080
came from The Tribune,
and she wrote in.

632

00:34:10,080 --> 00:34:14,150
And I think it was
the 45th, and they

633

00:34:14,150 --> 00:34:17,050
claim to be the first there.

634

00:34:17,050 --> 00:34:20,239
And so did the 42nd.

635

00:34:20,239 --> 00:34:23,270
We got very little
credit for a long time.

636

00:34:23,270 --> 00:34:30,350
When I went back in 1995 for
the 50th, there were only three

637

00:34:30,350 --> 00:34:33,350
of us from the 20th
Armored who sort of hooked

638

00:34:33,350 --> 00:34:39,889
on-- my great close Princeton
roommate I went back with,

639

00:34:39,889 --> 00:34:41,239
who'd been in the same outfit.

640

00:34:41,239 --> 00:34:47,179
Since he and I and one other guy
that turned up piggybacked on.

641

00:34:47,179 --> 00:34:50,120
The 42nd Division
really ran the reunion.

642

00:34:50,120 --> 00:34:52,420
There was a German American
who lived in Munich

643

00:34:52,420 --> 00:34:54,150
who did all of the work.

644

00:34:54,150 --> 00:34:57,350
So we found out about
it and hooked onto them.

645

00:34:57,350 --> 00:35:00,350
So we got into all
of that that way.

646

00:35:00,350 --> 00:35:04,460
But they were still arguing
about who got there first

647

00:35:04,460 --> 00:35:05,870
and who did what.

648

00:35:05,870 --> 00:35:08,120
But I was able
then, because I knew

649

00:35:08,120 --> 00:35:15,650
the ambassador and the Consul
General, to get them to agree.

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00:35:15,650 --> 00:35:17,670

They had no problem with this--

651

00:35:17,670 --> 00:35:20,030
that there would be a
plaque for the 20th Armored

652

00:35:20,030 --> 00:35:23,828
as well as the other
two that already had it.

653

00:35:23,828 --> 00:35:25,370
And that took a
while to get through,

654

00:35:25,370 --> 00:35:27,950
and eventually we put
the big plaque up,

655

00:35:27,950 --> 00:35:30,620
and I actually sort
of inaugurated it

656

00:35:30,620 --> 00:35:33,380
when I went back in 2010.

657

00:35:33,380 --> 00:35:37,310
Right at the gate square, it
says, "Arbeit macht frei,"

658

00:35:37,310 --> 00:35:40,070
the main gate.

659

00:35:40,070 --> 00:35:43,070
So that was all sort of
an ancillary part of this.

660

00:35:43,070 --> 00:35:46,350

661

00:35:46,350 --> 00:35:50,330
Did the officers, while
you were inside of Dachau,

662

00:35:50,330 --> 00:35:51,760

did they come over--

663

00:35:51,760 --> 00:35:54,334

the American, your officers.

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00:35:54,334 --> 00:35:56,330

Did they say anything
special to you

665

00:35:56,330 --> 00:35:58,890

about what you're looking
at, what you're seeing?

666

00:35:58,890 --> 00:36:00,570

No, because they were just as--

667

00:36:00,570 --> 00:36:02,860

I think they were just
as shocked as we were.

668

00:36:02,860 --> 00:36:05,343

When people walked around,
nobody really cared.

669

00:36:05,343 --> 00:36:06,760

When people hugged
us, they didn't

670

00:36:06,760 --> 00:36:09,310

care whether we were
officers or not.

671

00:36:09,310 --> 00:36:13,790

And I don't even remember when
we walked around, some of us--

672

00:36:13,790 --> 00:36:16,690

I don't think we had walked
around with any officers

673

00:36:16,690 --> 00:36:18,190

that I can remember.

674

00:36:18,190 --> 00:36:21,850

We went to this
crematorium, and then we

675

00:36:21,850 --> 00:36:24,040

kept talking to the
prisoners all the way.

676

00:36:24,040 --> 00:36:30,580

And then we were taken up to the
big building where the SS had

677

00:36:30,580 --> 00:36:32,140

had its headquarters.

678

00:36:32,140 --> 00:36:33,090

They were all gone.

679

00:36:33,090 --> 00:36:36,490

They'd either been shot,
or they mostly had fled.

680

00:36:36,490 --> 00:36:40,840

And that's where, for example,
I picked up that Nazi flag

681

00:36:40,840 --> 00:36:48,160

at the office and some
other souvenirs like that.

682

00:36:48,160 --> 00:36:50,400

But anyway, I mean,
all of this took

683

00:36:50,400 --> 00:36:52,800

about two hours running
around, and then

684

00:36:52,800 --> 00:36:55,140

after that, we had to leave.

685
00:36:55,140 --> 00:36:55,840
Keep going.

686
00:36:55,840 --> 00:36:56,340
Yeah.

687
00:36:56,340 --> 00:37:00,660
So that was our initial
feeling about it,

688
00:37:00,660 --> 00:37:02,070
as much as we could have.

689
00:37:02,070 --> 00:37:03,450
And then we went right ahead.

690
00:37:03,450 --> 00:37:06,720
When you left the camp, did
you and the other young men

691
00:37:06,720 --> 00:37:07,650
talk about it?

692
00:37:07,650 --> 00:37:08,310
Oh, yeah.

693
00:37:08,310 --> 00:37:10,460
And I had pictures,
but I don't know.

694
00:37:10,460 --> 00:37:14,140
I didn't really keep those.

695
00:37:14,140 --> 00:37:14,640
Oh, yeah.

696
00:37:14,640 --> 00:37:18,335
We were all shocked,
but then we went on

697
00:37:18,335 --> 00:37:20,460

and we thought there'd be
a big battle over Munich.

698
00:37:20,460 --> 00:37:23,580
There really wasn't.

699
00:37:23,580 --> 00:37:27,330
It was declared open city just
before that, so we drove right

700
00:37:27,330 --> 00:37:30,710
through it, and it was
mostly a smashed city,

701
00:37:30,710 --> 00:37:34,260
but there wasn't any
fighting to speak of there.

702
00:37:34,260 --> 00:37:37,740
And then we headed
towards Salzburg,

703
00:37:37,740 --> 00:37:41,520
and we had a couple
of big battles there.

704
00:37:41,520 --> 00:37:44,243
But then the Germans,
several days before the war,

705
00:37:44,243 --> 00:37:45,660
they began to give
up, and then we

706
00:37:45,660 --> 00:37:49,380
had these tremendous
lines of prisoners.

707
00:37:49,380 --> 00:37:52,020
Another guy and I were-- we
were all sort of fanned out

708
00:37:52,020 --> 00:37:55,980

as we were, and we ended up
taking a bunch of prisoners.

709
00:37:55,980 --> 00:37:57,960
And as we were
heading between there

710
00:37:57,960 --> 00:38:01,170
and Salzburg a couple of
days before the war ended,

711
00:38:01,170 --> 00:38:05,190
we saw all of the Hitler
Youth walking toward us

712
00:38:05,190 --> 00:38:09,000
from the village where
the previous pope was.

713
00:38:09,000 --> 00:38:10,860
And I'm sure we passed his--

714
00:38:10,860 --> 00:38:13,740
Feldhausen or
something-- his village,

715
00:38:13,740 --> 00:38:15,940
because we saw these kids.

716
00:38:15,940 --> 00:38:18,420
And we just made sure
they were disarmed

717
00:38:18,420 --> 00:38:21,580
and told them to keep walking.

718
00:38:21,580 --> 00:38:23,080
We didn't know what
to do with them.

719
00:38:23,080 --> 00:38:26,880
So anyway, we drove down, and
about two days before the end

720
00:38:26,880 --> 00:38:32,880
of the war, we were told
to stop briefly and no more

721
00:38:32,880 --> 00:38:36,360
firing, but keep
taking prisoners.

722
00:38:36,360 --> 00:38:37,240
And we did.

723
00:38:37,240 --> 00:38:42,630
And then so finally, we
arrived at Salzburg on May 8th.

724
00:38:42,630 --> 00:38:47,640
And it was a French
2nd Armored Division

725
00:38:47,640 --> 00:38:51,420
which were all clothed
in American uniforms

726
00:38:51,420 --> 00:38:55,260
and everything else,
except for the French thing

727
00:38:55,260 --> 00:38:57,960
on the shoulder--

728
00:38:57,960 --> 00:38:59,880
converged with us.

729
00:38:59,880 --> 00:39:01,470
And that was a
lot of fun for me,

730
00:39:01,470 --> 00:39:03,550
because I was able to speak.

731
00:39:03,550 --> 00:39:06,390

And they had liberated
a champagne factory

732
00:39:06,390 --> 00:39:10,410
and killed a lot of chickens,
so we celebrated VE Day together

733
00:39:10,410 --> 00:39:12,000
in Salzburg.

734
00:39:12,000 --> 00:39:15,660
When you left Dachau and moving
along and you saw Germans,

735
00:39:15,660 --> 00:39:19,170
did you have any feeling
of anger towards them

736
00:39:19,170 --> 00:39:20,380
after what you had seen?

737
00:39:20,380 --> 00:39:23,190

738
00:39:23,190 --> 00:39:24,985
Yeah, we certainly didn't--

739
00:39:24,985 --> 00:39:26,360
I mean, at that
point, we weren't

740
00:39:26,360 --> 00:39:30,253
going to go kill anybody,
but I mean, we certainly--

741
00:39:30,253 --> 00:39:31,920
I'm just asking about
your gut reaction.

742
00:39:31,920 --> 00:39:33,290
It was more disgust.

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00:39:33,290 --> 00:39:36,350

Yes, completely-- that
how they would do it.

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00:39:36,350 --> 00:39:40,010

And then some of these poor
soldiers, it was quite clear,

745

00:39:40,010 --> 00:39:42,590

probably later than
them, that they

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00:39:42,590 --> 00:39:45,650

were sort of poor Hungarians
who'd been drafted in,

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00:39:45,650 --> 00:39:51,470

this and that kind of a third
rate soldiers just thrown

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00:39:51,470 --> 00:39:53,540

into the Wehrmacht at the end.

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00:39:53,540 --> 00:39:55,740

So I don't think any of
us thought much about it.

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00:39:55,740 --> 00:39:58,430

We just kept taking
prisoners and disarming them

751

00:39:58,430 --> 00:40:00,470

and told them to keep walking--

752

00:40:00,470 --> 00:40:01,790

pretty much is what happened.

753

00:40:01,790 --> 00:40:04,330

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00:40:04,330 --> 00:40:07,430

Then a weird thing
happened right after that.

755
00:40:07,430 --> 00:40:11,940
Our 20th Armored Division
was told to go after Tito.

756
00:40:11,940 --> 00:40:12,440
Oh.

757
00:40:12,440 --> 00:40:13,340
Mm-hmm.

758
00:40:13,340 --> 00:40:16,400
This was absolutely crazy
because we'd been driving over

759
00:40:16,400 --> 00:40:22,100
the Alps in the narrow road
over these tiny bridges where

760
00:40:22,100 --> 00:40:26,030
any one bridge could have
stopped our whole progress.

761
00:40:26,030 --> 00:40:32,780
So we got all the way up kind
of to the divide over Austria--

762
00:40:32,780 --> 00:40:36,470
from Austria to
Italy, I guess it was.

763
00:40:36,470 --> 00:40:40,430
And we were told to stop.

764
00:40:40,430 --> 00:40:41,660
So we were way up there.

765
00:40:41,660 --> 00:40:43,490
I remember climbing
the highest mountain

766
00:40:43,490 --> 00:40:45,830

with some friends--
the Dachstein.

767
00:40:45,830 --> 00:40:48,560
And it was kind of a
little summer resort.

768
00:40:48,560 --> 00:40:53,130
So we sat there about two
weeks and had a great time.

769
00:40:53,130 --> 00:40:56,040
And then we were told
to come back down again.

770
00:40:56,040 --> 00:40:57,980
So we came back
down and were parked

771
00:40:57,980 --> 00:41:07,680
by the Chiemsee, a wonderful
lake between Munich

772
00:41:07,680 --> 00:41:14,100
and Salzburg, which later became
kind of an American rest camp.

773
00:41:14,100 --> 00:41:16,250
So we hung around there
for quite a while,

774
00:41:16,250 --> 00:41:17,090
and that was fun.

775
00:41:17,090 --> 00:41:19,460
And then we spread out
to different villages

776
00:41:19,460 --> 00:41:20,510
in the occupation.

777
00:41:20,510 --> 00:41:21,630
And that part we liked.

778
00:41:21,630 --> 00:41:22,790
We were here and there.

779
00:41:22,790 --> 00:41:25,400
I was sort of a
local burgermeister

780
00:41:25,400 --> 00:41:28,460
for a while-- we spread
to different villages,

781
00:41:28,460 --> 00:41:30,170
although I didn't
know much German.

782
00:41:30,170 --> 00:41:36,200
But that was interesting.

783
00:41:36,200 --> 00:41:37,180
Did you see any--

784
00:41:37,180 --> 00:41:39,770
That's when Jack Benny and
Ingrid Bergman came out

785
00:41:39,770 --> 00:41:41,930
in a USO show, and
I won a lottery

786
00:41:41,930 --> 00:41:45,530
to have dinner with Ingrid.

787
00:41:45,530 --> 00:41:47,390
I'll show you the
pictures here later.

788
00:41:47,390 --> 00:41:50,090

789
00:41:50,090 --> 00:41:50,780
That was fun.

790
00:41:50,780 --> 00:41:54,110

791
00:41:54,110 --> 00:41:56,720
What about the refugees
that you came in contact

792
00:41:56,720 --> 00:41:59,750
with while you were
being a burgermeister?

793
00:41:59,750 --> 00:42:01,160
Well, these weren't so much--

794
00:42:01,160 --> 00:42:04,310
most of the soldiers had gone,
and the refugees, there were

795
00:42:04,310 --> 00:42:05,780
some there, but not so many.

796
00:42:05,780 --> 00:42:09,390
These are mostly just Germans.

797
00:42:09,390 --> 00:42:13,130
A lot of them were
soldiers or kids

798
00:42:13,130 --> 00:42:15,650
that had taken off
uniform and come back.

799
00:42:15,650 --> 00:42:19,820
There wasn't really any way
we can tell what they were.

800
00:42:19,820 --> 00:42:22,850
And it was tricky, because
the people were suddenly

801
00:42:22,850 --> 00:42:25,010

trying to be very friendly
and this and that,

802
00:42:25,010 --> 00:42:30,110
and we had all taken over houses
so we can sleep in real beds

803
00:42:30,110 --> 00:42:32,630
and all that.

804
00:42:32,630 --> 00:42:34,040
It was an interesting period.

805
00:42:34,040 --> 00:42:35,330
It didn't last very long--

806
00:42:35,330 --> 00:42:38,910

807
00:42:38,910 --> 00:42:42,360
through the month of June
and well into July, and then

808
00:42:42,360 --> 00:42:45,090
we were told to get
ready to come home

809
00:42:45,090 --> 00:42:50,010
to go to the invasion
of Japan, because we

810
00:42:50,010 --> 00:42:52,860
had had such a relatively
easy time compared

811
00:42:52,860 --> 00:42:55,910
to other divisions.

812
00:42:55,910 --> 00:42:57,710
So finally we took
this train ride

813

00:42:57,710 --> 00:42:59,810
across Germany and France--

814
00:42:59,810 --> 00:43:02,090
took about a week--
to camp Lucky Strike,

815
00:43:02,090 --> 00:43:07,710
which was near La Havre, where
that was the embarkation point.

816
00:43:07,710 --> 00:43:09,680
Sat around there
for a week or two.

817
00:43:09,680 --> 00:43:10,490
That was fun.

818
00:43:10,490 --> 00:43:11,880
We could swim.

819
00:43:11,880 --> 00:43:15,080
Went and met some French
people, and then finally they

820
00:43:15,080 --> 00:43:16,370
put us on the ship.

821
00:43:16,370 --> 00:43:20,210
What was your reaction when
you heard that Hitler was dead?

822
00:43:20,210 --> 00:43:22,290
We were all very
happy, of course.

823
00:43:22,290 --> 00:43:26,000
And what is very interesting--
when I went back each time

824
00:43:26,000 --> 00:43:28,580
on the I think it was the 29th--

825
00:43:28,580 --> 00:43:30,690
I'm not sure the day.

826
00:43:30,690 --> 00:43:33,560
But I think it was,
because we were there,

827
00:43:33,560 --> 00:43:35,480
or we could have been the 30th.

828
00:43:35,480 --> 00:43:36,690
They ring the bells.

829
00:43:36,690 --> 00:43:37,560
They still do it.

830
00:43:37,560 --> 00:43:40,040
It's 3:00 in the afternoon.

831
00:43:40,040 --> 00:43:42,230
And we were in downtown Munich.

832
00:43:42,230 --> 00:43:46,160
I think it must
have been the 30th.

833
00:43:46,160 --> 00:43:53,970
Not during the war,
but when we heard back.

834
00:43:53,970 --> 00:43:54,470
Hi.

835
00:43:54,470 --> 00:43:56,030
Hello, hi.

836
00:43:56,030 --> 00:43:57,903
Come say, hello.

837
00:43:57,903 --> 00:43:59,570
Wait a minute, we're

in the middle here.

838
00:43:59,570 --> 00:44:03,320

839
00:44:03,320 --> 00:44:04,460
I'll let you say, hello.

840
00:44:04,460 --> 00:44:07,580

841
00:44:07,580 --> 00:44:10,190
So long story
short, we got home,

842
00:44:10,190 --> 00:44:12,530
and we were all given
a month off, and then

843
00:44:12,530 --> 00:44:16,500
happened to be the months--
basically the month of August

844
00:44:16,500 --> 00:44:18,680
before we had to go to
Camp Cook in California

845
00:44:18,680 --> 00:44:22,400
to reassemble,
theoretically for Japan.

846
00:44:22,400 --> 00:44:27,240
Fortunately, the war came
to an end when we were home.

847
00:44:27,240 --> 00:44:30,320
My father was then teaching
military government.

848
00:44:30,320 --> 00:44:34,810
They'd been evacuated
from Europe,

849

00:44:34,810 --> 00:44:37,640
was a major in Michigan,
and my mother was there,

850

00:44:37,640 --> 00:44:42,070
and my two sisters had come
from Vassar for the summer.

851

00:44:42,070 --> 00:44:43,340
OK, you're 21.

852

00:44:43,340 --> 00:44:43,840
Yeah.

853

00:44:43,840 --> 00:44:45,890
You had seen death up close.

854

00:44:45,890 --> 00:44:46,520
Yeah.

855

00:44:46,520 --> 00:44:48,360
Terrible, terrible things.

856

00:44:48,360 --> 00:44:51,560
Did you feel like a
very old person, so much

857

00:44:51,560 --> 00:44:53,850
older than when you started?

858

00:44:53,850 --> 00:44:55,270
I guess so.

859

00:44:55,270 --> 00:44:59,190
After what you'd experienced,
the fighting and the past?

860

00:44:59,190 --> 00:45:01,140
I don't think I--

861

00:45:01,140 --> 00:45:02,060

I don't know.

862
00:45:02,060 --> 00:45:06,650
I was so glad to get
home, and I don't

863
00:45:06,650 --> 00:45:10,200
think I philosophized
about that too much.

864
00:45:10,200 --> 00:45:13,130
But had we had to
go on to Japan,

865
00:45:13,130 --> 00:45:15,995
I think it would have
been another problem.

866
00:45:15,995 --> 00:45:18,500

867
00:45:18,500 --> 00:45:24,290
But you had to have a
point system to get out,

868
00:45:24,290 --> 00:45:28,750
and the ones that had been
there longer had more points.

869
00:45:28,750 --> 00:45:30,230
It was really
based on the amount

870
00:45:30,230 --> 00:45:32,550
of time overseas and all.

871
00:45:32,550 --> 00:45:36,290
So some of us didn't have very
many, and they sent us out.

872
00:45:36,290 --> 00:45:38,670
After we had our
month off in August,

873
00:45:38,670 --> 00:45:40,610
we went out to Camp
Cook, California, which

874
00:45:40,610 --> 00:45:43,330
is now Vandenberg Air Base.

875
00:45:43,330 --> 00:45:44,793
And just fool around, really.

876
00:45:44,793 --> 00:45:46,210
There wasn't
anything to do there,

877
00:45:46,210 --> 00:45:50,730
but we had to stay in until
we had enough time to get out.

878
00:45:50,730 --> 00:45:53,310
So another guy just
spent the fall sort

879
00:45:53,310 --> 00:45:58,690
of hitchhiking around, visiting
California, reading a lot.

880
00:45:58,690 --> 00:46:01,770
And then, finally, he
and I and another guy

881
00:46:01,770 --> 00:46:04,740
sort of hitchhiked our way
back across the country in time

882
00:46:04,740 --> 00:46:06,360
to be home for Christmas.

883
00:46:06,360 --> 00:46:09,240
You were discharged by then?

884
00:46:09,240 --> 00:46:10,470

No, we weren't.

885
00:46:10,470 --> 00:46:13,793
I had to go back.

886
00:46:13,793 --> 00:46:15,710
We were just fooling
around, and we were given

887
00:46:15,710 --> 00:46:17,730
a big leave for Christmastime.

888
00:46:17,730 --> 00:46:19,500
Then I still had to
go back to California.

889
00:46:19,500 --> 00:46:20,940
Then you went back.

890
00:46:20,940 --> 00:46:23,520
Yeah, went back for another
two months, and then got back,

891
00:46:23,520 --> 00:46:27,860
and I was finally discharged,
actually on my birthday.

892
00:46:27,860 --> 00:46:28,890
In '46?

893
00:46:28,890 --> 00:46:33,330
In '46, and went right back
to Princeton two weeks later.

894
00:46:33,330 --> 00:46:35,622
How do you go back
to Princeton when

895
00:46:35,622 --> 00:46:40,020
you had walked around Dachau?

896
00:46:40,020 --> 00:46:45,240

Well, I think that I found that
my experience was that Dachau

897
00:46:45,240 --> 00:46:46,480
was a special thing.

898
00:46:46,480 --> 00:46:48,600
But I think that
many in my class

899
00:46:48,600 --> 00:46:50,490
had been in the
Battle of the Bulge

900
00:46:50,490 --> 00:46:53,790
and had a much tougher
time than I had.

901
00:46:53,790 --> 00:46:56,980
A great many had
been in the Pacific,

902
00:46:56,980 --> 00:46:59,220
but basically in the Navy--

903
00:46:59,220 --> 00:47:04,380
had missed most what
the worst part of it.

904
00:47:04,380 --> 00:47:06,750
Did you talk about
your experience

905
00:47:06,750 --> 00:47:08,470
with the other student?

906
00:47:08,470 --> 00:47:11,250
Yeah, some people
did, and some didn't.

907
00:47:11,250 --> 00:47:15,060
I did, and I didn't
mind talking about it,

908
00:47:15,060 --> 00:47:19,140
maybe because it was a
less brutal than something

909
00:47:19,140 --> 00:47:24,040
like the Battle of the Bulge,
where we lost so many people.

910
00:47:24,040 --> 00:47:26,820
I mean, we didn't have that
experience of losing so many

911
00:47:26,820 --> 00:47:29,600
of our comrades.

912
00:47:29,600 --> 00:47:34,190
We did have this Dachau
experience, of course.

913
00:47:34,190 --> 00:47:37,250

914
00:47:37,250 --> 00:47:38,180
It's very interesting.

915
00:47:38,180 --> 00:47:41,430
Some of my friends never
clammed up, and once in a while,

916
00:47:41,430 --> 00:47:44,510
we'd be in a bull session back
at Princeton, or many years

917
00:47:44,510 --> 00:47:45,830
since that at a reunion.

918
00:47:45,830 --> 00:47:47,540
And we'd get somebody
to start talking

919
00:47:47,540 --> 00:47:50,810

who never talked before.

920
00:47:50,810 --> 00:47:54,790
But Princeton was very good.

921
00:47:54,790 --> 00:47:58,020
They gave me and some of
the others credit sort

922
00:47:58,020 --> 00:48:00,960
of for the first
half of the sophomore

923
00:48:00,960 --> 00:48:03,520
year, because of being
in Indiana for a while.

924
00:48:03,520 --> 00:48:07,680
And so I went back for the
second half of sophomore year.

925
00:48:07,680 --> 00:48:14,247
And then finished the two
final years, junior and senior.

926
00:48:14,247 --> 00:48:14,830
What did you--

927
00:48:14,830 --> 00:48:20,590
What all did was basically
everybody that started in '42

928
00:48:20,590 --> 00:48:22,780
became members of
the class of '46,

929
00:48:22,780 --> 00:48:26,970
even though we didn't
finish until '48.

930
00:48:26,970 --> 00:48:28,630
Why did you major in?

931

00:48:28,630 --> 00:48:30,420

I was in the Woodrow
Wilson School

932

00:48:30,420 --> 00:48:32,070

of International Affairs.

933

00:48:32,070 --> 00:48:33,220

As an undergrad?

934

00:48:33,220 --> 00:48:33,892

Yeah.

935

00:48:33,892 --> 00:48:35,100

Oh.

936

00:48:35,100 --> 00:48:37,300

Well, I was an undergrad.

937

00:48:37,300 --> 00:48:41,370

And then although I taught
for a couple of years,

938

00:48:41,370 --> 00:48:43,950

and then I taught at St.
Albans the sixth grade,

939

00:48:43,950 --> 00:48:52,350

and when I was there, I
finished and MA at Georgetown.

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00:48:52,350 --> 00:48:56,220

And then I studied in Spain
and France, too, later on.

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00:48:56,220 --> 00:48:58,350

Did you want to study
International Affairs

942

00:48:58,350 --> 00:48:59,850

because you had
been in the service?

943
00:48:59,850 --> 00:49:01,920
Yeah, I think that's
very much what I--

944
00:49:01,920 --> 00:49:02,270
Did that influence you?

945
00:49:02,270 --> 00:49:02,770
Oh, yeah.

946
00:49:02,770 --> 00:49:04,300
Very much so.

947
00:49:04,300 --> 00:49:07,150
Well, maybe it's my family
upbringing and so on.

948
00:49:07,150 --> 00:49:10,620
But no, it really
inspired me-- the army,

949
00:49:10,620 --> 00:49:12,970
being overseas-- to get
into foreign service.

950
00:49:12,970 --> 00:49:14,550
That firsthand experience.

951
00:49:14,550 --> 00:49:15,800
Yeah.

952
00:49:15,800 --> 00:49:18,452
And I wanted to go back
and do more of that.

953
00:49:18,452 --> 00:49:20,480
I never had any particular--

954
00:49:20,480 --> 00:49:21,940
I taught for a
while, but I never

955
00:49:21,940 --> 00:49:25,510
had any desire to be a
lawyer or anything else,

956
00:49:25,510 --> 00:49:26,635
except the foreign service.

957
00:49:26,635 --> 00:49:30,200

958
00:49:30,200 --> 00:49:31,910
Did you think those
first few years

959
00:49:31,910 --> 00:49:37,010
after the war-- did you think of
your wartime experiences often?

960
00:49:37,010 --> 00:49:38,990
I think so, because
what I did was

961
00:49:38,990 --> 00:49:41,600
I scribbled the whole
thing, and my mother

962
00:49:41,600 --> 00:49:44,020
typed up the whole thing.

963
00:49:44,020 --> 00:49:45,573
We still have the whole--

964
00:49:45,573 --> 00:49:46,490
You kept the journals?

965
00:49:46,490 --> 00:49:51,760
Yeah, and when Susie
and I went over '95,

966
00:49:51,760 --> 00:49:55,700
we first went to

the French village.

967

00:49:55,700 --> 00:50:01,200

She was teaching and couldn't
do the part through Dachau,

968

00:50:01,200 --> 00:50:04,242

and try David [INAUDIBLE]
and Fred [INAUDIBLE]..

969

00:50:04,242 --> 00:50:06,230

But we did the
French part together.

970

00:50:06,230 --> 00:50:08,570

She had to get back to teach.

971

00:50:08,570 --> 00:50:11,180

So I went there that
year, and that's

972

00:50:11,180 --> 00:50:13,790

when I met some of these--

973

00:50:13,790 --> 00:50:16,580

mostly the French survivors--

974

00:50:16,580 --> 00:50:19,100

and got to know them very well.

975

00:50:19,100 --> 00:50:29,910

Then I went back in
'05, I guess it was--

976

00:50:29,910 --> 00:50:32,100

yeah, with her.

977

00:50:32,100 --> 00:50:34,060

Now I went three times.

978

00:50:34,060 --> 00:50:38,940

Yeah, and then finally

in 2010 when I went back,

979

00:50:38,940 --> 00:50:44,460

I was the only American soldier
who had been there in '45.

980

00:50:44,460 --> 00:50:46,020

Let's talk about your career.

981

00:50:46,020 --> 00:50:48,510

So you finished the Woodrow
Wilson School, and you taught.

982

00:50:48,510 --> 00:50:49,010

Yeah.

983

00:50:49,010 --> 00:50:50,070

You said then you taught.

984

00:50:50,070 --> 00:50:51,900

Right after that, I went over.

985

00:50:51,900 --> 00:50:56,190

I spent a year studying
in France and Spain,

986

00:50:56,190 --> 00:51:00,450

came back from there
looking for something to do.

987

00:51:00,450 --> 00:51:04,470

Found, through Princeton,
a job in Arizona

988

00:51:04,470 --> 00:51:06,880

in a boarding school
teaching French,

989

00:51:06,880 --> 00:51:09,980

Spanish, Latin, and tennis.

990

00:51:09,980 --> 00:51:12,840

And then I did that for a year.

991

00:51:12,840 --> 00:51:16,230

And then I wanted to
be back in Washington.

992

00:51:16,230 --> 00:51:19,010

And I wrote to the
headmaster of St. Albans, who

993

00:51:19,010 --> 00:51:24,450

had been a chaplain at
Episcopal, Charlie Martin.

994

00:51:24,450 --> 00:51:26,100

And he wrote back
and said, yeah, you

995

00:51:26,100 --> 00:51:28,800

can come and teach the sixth
grade no questions asked.

996

00:51:28,800 --> 00:51:32,250

So I did that for a whole year.

997

00:51:32,250 --> 00:51:34,730

I would have stayed on.

998

00:51:34,730 --> 00:51:36,230

Very much they wanted me to--

999

00:51:36,230 --> 00:51:40,300

I loved that-- and
work on the MA.

1000

00:51:40,300 --> 00:51:44,330

But in the meantime, I'd gotten
involved in the foreign service

1001

00:51:44,330 --> 00:51:49,960

and was selected to go to
Turkey in the summer of '51.

1002

00:51:49,960 --> 00:51:55,690

And I got married to Polly in
June of '51, just before that.

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00:51:55,690 --> 00:51:58,110

So that started the
foreign service career.

1004

00:51:58,110 --> 00:51:59,580

And so you went to Turkey.

1005

00:51:59,580 --> 00:52:01,470

Yeah, I had two years
in Turkey, first

1006

00:52:01,470 --> 00:52:04,410

as an assistant cultural
officer in Ankara for a year,

1007

00:52:04,410 --> 00:52:08,550

and cultural officer in
Istanbul for the second year.

1008

00:52:08,550 --> 00:52:12,630

And I learned a lot of
Turkish, hoped to stay on.

1009

00:52:12,630 --> 00:52:19,740

But that was when USCIS was
established and dissolved--

1010

00:52:19,740 --> 00:52:20,740

very complicated.

1011

00:52:20,740 --> 00:52:24,010

Anyway, I couldn't
stay in Turkey.

1012

00:52:24,010 --> 00:52:27,900

And came back, and
they suddenly said

1013

00:52:27,900 --> 00:52:30,660
they needed a public affairs
officer in Martinique who

1014
00:52:30,660 --> 00:52:32,820
spoke French.

1015
00:52:32,820 --> 00:52:35,370
So I did that for two
years, and that was fun--

1016
00:52:35,370 --> 00:52:39,230
Martinique, Guadalupe,
French Guyana, whatnot.

1017
00:52:39,230 --> 00:52:41,070
Then I came back from there.

1018
00:52:41,070 --> 00:52:45,940
They put me in the news division
of the State Department.

1019
00:52:45,940 --> 00:52:46,780
I did that.

1020
00:52:46,780 --> 00:52:50,920
I accompanied Romanians
around the 1956 election.

1021
00:52:50,920 --> 00:52:54,850
I helped with the evacuation of
the Hungarians at Camp Kilmer.

1022
00:52:54,850 --> 00:52:58,870
I went up to the UN for
a while, various jobs.

1023
00:52:58,870 --> 00:53:04,760
And then at the
end of '56, I guess

1024
00:53:04,760 --> 00:53:08,180
it was, they wanted

somebody who was

1025
00:53:08,180 --> 00:53:12,730
bilingual on the international
staff of NATO in Paris.

1026
00:53:12,730 --> 00:53:15,450
So I got that job.

1027
00:53:15,450 --> 00:53:20,970
And then we were in Paris for
two years, and that was fun,

1028
00:53:20,970 --> 00:53:23,250
and we did well.

1029
00:53:23,250 --> 00:53:27,440
The job wasn't particularly
significant or world shaking,

1030
00:53:27,440 --> 00:53:29,460
bu life was nice.

1031
00:53:29,460 --> 00:53:31,740
And then at the end
of that, I suddenly

1032
00:53:31,740 --> 00:53:36,000
got a call from personnel
that the American consulate

1033
00:53:36,000 --> 00:53:38,340
in Brazzaville for
all of Central Africa

1034
00:53:38,340 --> 00:53:40,910
had died of a heart attack.

1035
00:53:40,910 --> 00:53:43,360
And they said you put down
you wanted to go to Africa,

1036

00:53:43,360 --> 00:53:46,060
so there you go.

1037
00:53:46,060 --> 00:53:47,740
So I did.

1038
00:53:47,740 --> 00:53:51,620
So we went down at
the beginning of 1960.

1039
00:53:51,620 --> 00:53:53,140
As ambassador.

1040
00:53:53,140 --> 00:53:53,830
No, no, no.

1041
00:53:53,830 --> 00:53:57,460
This is as consul, then
eventually consul general.

1042
00:53:57,460 --> 00:54:04,420
But I was the only American for
4 big countries at that point.

1043
00:54:04,420 --> 00:54:06,610
Then that was very, very
exciting that summer,

1044
00:54:06,610 --> 00:54:08,560
because that's when
the mutiny took place.

1045
00:54:08,560 --> 00:54:11,980
I was a member of the
delegation to the independence

1046
00:54:11,980 --> 00:54:17,710
of the big Congo
in June 30, 1960.

1047
00:54:17,710 --> 00:54:21,160
Five days later they had the
mutiny, and all the people--

1048
00:54:21,160 --> 00:54:24,740
the missionaries, everybody
had to get out and come in.

1049
00:54:24,740 --> 00:54:27,730
Air Force sent down two
planes with helicopters,

1050
00:54:27,730 --> 00:54:31,300
and we ran from my porch.

1051
00:54:31,300 --> 00:54:35,590
There was no communication with
the other side of the river

1052
00:54:35,590 --> 00:54:39,050
except by walkie
talkie at that point.

1053
00:54:39,050 --> 00:54:40,930
This is you and your family.

1054
00:54:40,930 --> 00:54:43,090
Yeah, we were all
there at the top floor

1055
00:54:43,090 --> 00:54:47,320
of this old bank,
which was curiously

1056
00:54:47,320 --> 00:54:49,690
where I went back 25
years as ambassador--

1057
00:54:49,690 --> 00:54:52,225
the whole bank building
was our office.

1058
00:54:52,225 --> 00:54:54,400
But in those days, the
office was downstairs

1059

00:54:54,400 --> 00:54:59,890

and the top floor
was where we lived.

1060

00:54:59,890 --> 00:55:01,920

Wasn't very fancy.

1061

00:55:01,920 --> 00:55:03,760

But that was very exciting.

1062

00:55:03,760 --> 00:55:07,080

We had the whole breakup
of the main Congo, and then

1063

00:55:07,080 --> 00:55:09,170

my friend--

1064

00:55:09,170 --> 00:55:11,420

I had to communicate
their request

1065

00:55:11,420 --> 00:55:17,170

for American assistance,
which turned out to the UN.

1066

00:55:17,170 --> 00:55:19,040

All of that took
place that summer.

1067

00:55:19,040 --> 00:55:21,260

And then right in the middle--

1068

00:55:21,260 --> 00:55:23,960

this is all in July, in
the middle of August--

1069

00:55:23,960 --> 00:55:26,780

suddenly de Gaulle decided
he would give independence

1070

00:55:26,780 --> 00:55:29,260

to all of those countries.

1071
00:55:29,260 --> 00:55:32,480
And so then I ended up
being the US representative

1072
00:55:32,480 --> 00:55:36,290
to 4 independences,
one every 48 hours--

1073
00:55:36,290 --> 00:55:39,330
to Chad, the Central African
Republic, Brazzaville,

1074
00:55:39,330 --> 00:55:42,940
the Congo, and Gabon.

1075
00:55:42,940 --> 00:55:45,870
And there I remained in
charge of those for a while

1076
00:55:45,870 --> 00:55:51,420
until eventually an
ambassador came for the four.

1077
00:55:51,420 --> 00:55:53,782
And the State
Department said, you

1078
00:55:53,782 --> 00:55:54,990
don't want to work under him.

1079
00:55:54,990 --> 00:55:55,980
You've been in charge.

1080
00:55:55,980 --> 00:55:58,770
Why don't you pick one of the
other places and be in charge?

1081
00:55:58,770 --> 00:56:03,160
So I picked Bangui, the
Central African Republic.

1082

00:56:03,160 --> 00:56:06,820
Moved up there at
the end of 1960,

1083
00:56:06,820 --> 00:56:09,130
got the embassy going
there in February.

1084
00:56:09,130 --> 00:56:11,410
We moved up from Brazzaville.

1085
00:56:11,410 --> 00:56:16,420
And then my mother came down,
and then they left for England

1086
00:56:16,420 --> 00:56:23,290
on the 10th of May, 61, which
is when the plane went down

1087
00:56:23,290 --> 00:56:25,240
over Algeria.

1088
00:56:25,240 --> 00:56:27,280
And who did you lose?

1089
00:56:27,280 --> 00:56:30,858
My mother, wife,
and the three kids.

1090
00:56:30,858 --> 00:56:32,650
They were supposed to
have headed to London

1091
00:56:32,650 --> 00:56:37,390
for the birth of the fourth,
because facilities probably

1092
00:56:37,390 --> 00:56:40,690
wouldn't have been good enough,
but that's another story.

1093
00:56:40,690 --> 00:56:42,720
And we never figured out why.

1094
00:56:42,720 --> 00:56:46,540
There was just
recently some Frenchman

1095
00:56:46,540 --> 00:56:49,420
who's been after
me trying to dig up

1096
00:56:49,420 --> 00:56:54,720
what he thought were some
kind of a conspiracy that

1097
00:56:54,720 --> 00:56:55,920
brought the plane down.

1098
00:56:55,920 --> 00:56:59,130
We don't know, and I wasn't
going to dig all that up.

1099
00:56:59,130 --> 00:57:03,240

1100
00:57:03,240 --> 00:57:09,130
I don't think-- it wasn't
shot down, obviously.

1101
00:57:09,130 --> 00:57:10,970
It could have been
a mechanical thing,

1102
00:57:10,970 --> 00:57:13,770
or it could have been the
pilot might have fallen asleep.

1103
00:57:13,770 --> 00:57:16,290
We don't know.

1104
00:57:16,290 --> 00:57:19,660
But I got some lawyers--

1105
00:57:19,660 --> 00:57:23,360

American lawyer friends to look
into it to see if anything,

1106
00:57:23,360 --> 00:57:25,660
but I finally decided
I wasn't going

1107
00:57:25,660 --> 00:57:28,440
to have lawsuits for years.

1108
00:57:28,440 --> 00:57:34,610
And at that point, they handed
out, I think it was \$8,000.

1109
00:57:34,610 --> 00:57:38,010
It was a very small amount
compared to what they do now.

1110
00:57:38,010 --> 00:57:41,580
But anyhow I decided,
I think wisely,

1111
00:57:41,580 --> 00:57:45,010
I wanted to get on with my life.

1112
00:57:45,010 --> 00:57:48,260
And then I met her
quite soon after that.

1113
00:57:48,260 --> 00:57:49,550
You met you second wife.

1114
00:57:49,550 --> 00:57:51,470
In Paris.

1115
00:57:51,470 --> 00:57:52,930
You went to Paris?

1116
00:57:52,930 --> 00:57:53,430
Well, yeah.

1117
00:57:53,430 --> 00:57:56,480

They offered me a job
at the UN or in Africa

1118
00:57:56,480 --> 00:57:59,750
with Adlai Stevenson, which
was tempting, or going back

1119
00:57:59,750 --> 00:58:03,860
to Paris, where I had so many
friends, and I preferred that.

1120
00:58:03,860 --> 00:58:09,690
So when I went back
there, my closest friend

1121
00:58:09,690 --> 00:58:14,550
there turned out to be our best
man later-- was there in Paris.

1122
00:58:14,550 --> 00:58:17,220
And she was over as a student.

1123
00:58:17,220 --> 00:58:21,270
Her brother-in-law was
working in the embassy,

1124
00:58:21,270 --> 00:58:26,450
and I was then General
Gavin's personal assistant,

1125
00:58:26,450 --> 00:58:28,240
which was an interesting job.

1126
00:58:28,240 --> 00:58:34,560
He was Kennedy's new appointee,
and I was introducing people

1127
00:58:34,560 --> 00:58:39,610
into a protocol line
when she came through.

1128
00:58:39,610 --> 00:58:42,580
And that's when I

actually matter.

1129

00:58:42,580 --> 00:58:43,850

And your wife's name is?

1130

00:58:43,850 --> 00:58:44,350

Susie.

1131

00:58:44,350 --> 00:58:46,930

1132

00:58:46,930 --> 00:58:48,490

Her maiden name?

1133

00:58:48,490 --> 00:58:50,050

Atkinson.

1134

00:58:50,050 --> 00:58:56,000

And her brother-in-law, Will
Staver, was in the embassy.

1135

00:58:56,000 --> 00:59:00,630

And we've been very close
to them over the years.

1136

00:59:00,630 --> 00:59:03,580

The oldest daughter--
there were four daughters.

1137

00:59:03,580 --> 00:59:06,150

There's Emily, who
is still around here.

1138

00:59:06,150 --> 00:59:08,620

Her husband, Wells, died
a couple of years ago.

1139

00:59:08,620 --> 00:59:11,430

He was ambassador to Spain.

1140

00:59:11,430 --> 00:59:15,090

And she actually played

golf today was with Emily,

1141
00:59:15,090 --> 00:59:17,100
so we see her a lot.

1142
00:59:17,100 --> 00:59:19,860
So you stayed in Paris?

1143
00:59:19,860 --> 00:59:24,470
So we stayed in Paris,
and that was in--

1144
00:59:24,470 --> 00:59:32,150
and we got engaged in the summer
of '62 when I came back home.

1145
00:59:32,150 --> 00:59:35,970
She had finished studying
French and was home.

1146
00:59:35,970 --> 00:59:38,900
And got married and
back in Greenwich

1147
00:59:38,900 --> 00:59:44,490
at her house, 29th
of December, '62.

1148
00:59:44,490 --> 00:59:50,020
Went right back to
Paris, or to France.

1149
00:59:50,020 --> 00:59:57,650
And then we were there,
I guess, not that long,

1150
00:59:57,650 --> 00:59:59,360
until that summer
when I had the chance

1151
00:59:59,360 --> 01:00:02,100
to go to a good job in Morocco.

1152

01:00:02,100 --> 01:00:04,250

So then we went there.

1153

01:00:04,250 --> 01:00:08,560

We had two years there,
three children born,

1154

01:00:08,560 --> 01:00:09,920

boy and the two girls.

1155

01:00:09,920 --> 01:00:15,970

And then back to
Washington fairly briefly.

1156

01:00:15,970 --> 01:00:19,330

And then I ran
African personnel,

1157

01:00:19,330 --> 01:00:24,260

and then suddenly a chance to
go and be number two in Senegal.

1158

01:00:24,260 --> 01:00:30,460

So we did that for three
years, and 45 years later

1159

01:00:30,460 --> 01:00:31,750

is when we went back.

1160

01:00:31,750 --> 01:00:33,640

Our son was there.

1161

01:00:33,640 --> 01:00:36,450

Three years as number two
there, and then three years

1162

01:00:36,450 --> 01:00:39,580

as number two in Nairobi.

1163

01:00:39,580 --> 01:00:41,620

And then Kissinger
mixed everybody up,

1164
01:00:41,620 --> 01:00:47,200
so I went back
suddenly to personnel.

1165
01:00:47,200 --> 01:00:49,150
Did that for about a
year, and they suddenly

1166
01:00:49,150 --> 01:00:53,530
moved me into being in
charge of Spain and Portugal.

1167
01:00:53,530 --> 01:00:55,790
That was fascinating.

1168
01:00:55,790 --> 01:00:58,160
Franco was dead
or dying in Spain

1169
01:00:58,160 --> 01:01:01,850
in the Portuguese revolution.

1170
01:01:01,850 --> 01:01:04,360
And had a big fight.

1171
01:01:04,360 --> 01:01:06,430
Not personally as
much with Kissinger,

1172
01:01:06,430 --> 01:01:13,550
but he tried to ruin the
Portuguese revolution himself,

1173
01:01:13,550 --> 01:01:17,570
and I ended up with my
friend, Ambassador Carlucci,

1174
01:01:17,570 --> 01:01:21,390
saying that the way was
that the socialists were

1175

01:01:21,390 --> 01:01:26,492
the hope over there, not
the old line right wingers.

1176
01:01:26,492 --> 01:01:27,950
Anyway, to make a
long story short,

1177
01:01:27,950 --> 01:01:31,470
that annoyed Kissinger--
that and other things.

1178
01:01:31,470 --> 01:01:34,740
And he decided that Portugal and
Spain should be under France.

1179
01:01:34,740 --> 01:01:39,860
So he abruptly moved that
section of the State Department

1180
01:01:39,860 --> 01:01:41,990
under northern Europe.

1181
01:01:41,990 --> 01:01:44,420
My boss, the assistant
secretary, called me in one day

1182
01:01:44,420 --> 01:01:46,460
and said, I'm sorry
you haven't got a job,

1183
01:01:46,460 --> 01:01:48,020
because it's been abolished.

1184
01:01:48,020 --> 01:01:52,460
But I need somebody good to
be number two in Copenhagen.

1185
01:01:52,460 --> 01:01:55,910
So we did that for three
years, and that was fun.

1186
01:01:55,910 --> 01:01:59,270

At the end of that, again,
there was sort of a hiatus,

1187
01:01:59,270 --> 01:02:03,680
but then they said,
we need a good guy

1188
01:02:03,680 --> 01:02:07,400
to be a consul
general in Cape Town.

1189
01:02:07,400 --> 01:02:10,890
So we had three fascinating
years down there.

1190
01:02:10,890 --> 01:02:12,660
Came back for two
years when I was

1191
01:02:12,660 --> 01:02:17,890
in charge of Western Europe
for intelligence and research,

1192
01:02:17,890 --> 01:02:22,110
and at the end of that, named
the ambassador to Congo.

1193
01:02:22,110 --> 01:02:25,220
Did that for three years
until we retired in '87.

1194
01:02:25,220 --> 01:02:28,650
So from '84 to '87 you
were the ambassador?

1195
01:02:28,650 --> 01:02:33,770
Yeah, back in the same
place, of all weird things.

1196
01:02:33,770 --> 01:02:35,270
But then you retired
from the state?

1197

01:02:35,270 --> 01:02:38,160
I had to retire, because I
didn't have another post,

1198
01:02:38,160 --> 01:02:39,870
and I was almost 65.

1199
01:02:39,870 --> 01:02:40,990
Oh.

1200
01:02:40,990 --> 01:02:42,990
You had to get out
at 65, unless you

1201
01:02:42,990 --> 01:02:45,780
had another presidential post.

1202
01:02:45,780 --> 01:02:48,300
But then for six years I worked
for the State Department.

1203
01:02:48,300 --> 01:02:51,570
I went around to the embassies
in Africa and the Far East,

1204
01:02:51,570 --> 01:02:56,580
teaching them about crisis
management, counter-terrorism.

1205
01:02:56,580 --> 01:02:58,680
Until they decided
they didn't have

1206
01:02:58,680 --> 01:03:01,350
money for that operation,
which was stupid.

1207
01:03:01,350 --> 01:03:05,700
They abandoned that, and
then they started up again

1208
01:03:05,700 --> 01:03:09,450
after the attacks in Nairobi.

1209
01:03:09,450 --> 01:03:11,970
But then I did other stuff
for the State Department.

1210
01:03:11,970 --> 01:03:14,400
I did a lot of teaching classes.

1211
01:03:14,400 --> 01:03:18,350
I did the declassification.

1212
01:03:18,350 --> 01:03:20,360
I got involved in
other things here--

1213
01:03:20,360 --> 01:03:27,480
the head of the Explorers Club,
head of the American Legion

1214
01:03:27,480 --> 01:03:31,710
post, President of
my Princeton class.

1215
01:03:31,710 --> 01:03:35,780
So I kept busy.

1216
01:03:35,780 --> 01:03:36,510
Sounds like it.

1217
01:03:36,510 --> 01:03:37,010
Yeah.

1218
01:03:37,010 --> 01:03:41,780
Can we talk just a little bit
about how your war experience

1219
01:03:41,780 --> 01:03:42,810
influenced you?

1220
01:03:42,810 --> 01:03:45,500
You said it inspired you
to go into foreign service.

1221
01:03:45,500 --> 01:03:46,430
Yeah, it did.

1222
01:03:46,430 --> 01:03:48,090
I think there no
doubt about that.

1223
01:03:48,090 --> 01:03:50,210
I think I was predisposed
to that sort of thing

1224
01:03:50,210 --> 01:03:52,700
anyway, because of my
family's general interest

1225
01:03:52,700 --> 01:03:56,870
in foreign affairs and being
anglophiles, as it were.

1226
01:03:56,870 --> 01:04:01,320
And so I've never had
any regrets about that.

1227
01:04:01,320 --> 01:04:05,590
I mean, some people
jump faster than I did.

1228
01:04:05,590 --> 01:04:07,480
I don't know.

1229
01:04:07,480 --> 01:04:09,550
You never can tell.

1230
01:04:09,550 --> 01:04:12,100
But at the same time, I was
offered a job in Morocco.

1231
01:04:12,100 --> 01:04:13,960
I was offered a very
good one in Vietnam,

1232

01:04:13,960 --> 01:04:16,210
but we had just got married,
and I didn't particularly

1233
01:04:16,210 --> 01:04:17,620
want to do that.

1234
01:04:17,620 --> 01:04:21,280
You never know with all
these forks in the lives,

1235
01:04:21,280 --> 01:04:23,640
but I can't complain.

1236
01:04:23,640 --> 01:04:26,460
I had a very interesting
time all the way along.

1237
01:04:26,460 --> 01:04:31,480
I think the foreign service is
still a wonderful way of life.

1238
01:04:31,480 --> 01:04:35,320
It's much less exciting, in
some ways, than it used to be.

1239
01:04:35,320 --> 01:04:38,100
People don't do it
as a longtime career.

1240
01:04:38,100 --> 01:04:41,470
Many people just do it to see
what it's like for a while

1241
01:04:41,470 --> 01:04:44,390
and then jump into
something else.

1242
01:04:44,390 --> 01:04:45,980
Sorry to see that happen.

1243
01:04:45,980 --> 01:04:46,585
But anyway.

1244
01:04:46,585 --> 01:04:49,450
What are your feelings when
you walk inside the Holocaust

1245
01:04:49,450 --> 01:04:50,770
Museum in Washington?

1246
01:04:50,770 --> 01:04:55,230
Well, I've done it, I
guess, a number of times.

1247
01:04:55,230 --> 01:04:59,110
Probably not as-- five or
six times, maybe not more.

1248
01:04:59,110 --> 01:05:04,080
Incidentally, one of the people
that I met the first time--

1249
01:05:04,080 --> 01:05:05,830
he'd been locked up in Dachau.

1250
01:05:05,830 --> 01:05:12,340
He was a major
picked up as a boy,

1251
01:05:12,340 --> 01:05:15,920
and eventually was a
major in the Belgian army.

1252
01:05:15,920 --> 01:05:17,380
We got to be very good friends.

1253
01:05:17,380 --> 01:05:22,570
I went to see him
in Belgium twice.

1254
01:05:22,570 --> 01:05:26,080
He wrote a very long
paper in French,

1255

01:05:26,080 --> 01:05:29,620
sort of an autobiography.

1256
01:05:29,620 --> 01:05:31,930
He wanted me to translate it.

1257
01:05:31,930 --> 01:05:34,330
Well, I couldn't do that.

1258
01:05:34,330 --> 01:05:37,840
But I said look, they can do
that at the Holocaust Museum,

1259
01:05:37,840 --> 01:05:41,170
so I will give it to them.

1260
01:05:41,170 --> 01:05:41,830
And I did.

1261
01:05:41,830 --> 01:05:43,090
I took it over.

1262
01:05:43,090 --> 01:05:46,300
I'm manufactured or
helped him write a thank

1263
01:05:46,300 --> 01:05:48,550
you note to him-- did all that.

1264
01:05:48,550 --> 01:05:51,280
And they seem to be happy
to have it, I don't know--

1265
01:05:51,280 --> 01:05:53,120
reuse it again.

1266
01:05:53,120 --> 01:05:54,160
But he was happy.

1267
01:05:54,160 --> 01:05:56,830
And then one of the times
I went after, not only

1268
01:05:56,830 --> 01:05:59,960
did I get a letter
to him from them,

1269
01:05:59,960 --> 01:06:02,770
but then I went to
one of these stores

1270
01:06:02,770 --> 01:06:05,110
and picked up some
medals for him.

1271
01:06:05,110 --> 01:06:07,420
And I went over at one
time, we had a ceremony,

1272
01:06:07,420 --> 01:06:12,270
and I handed him a
couple of American medals

1273
01:06:12,270 --> 01:06:15,160
and made him happy.

1274
01:06:15,160 --> 01:06:16,150
He has since died.

1275
01:06:16,150 --> 01:06:17,710
I was on the phone
with him a lot.

1276
01:06:17,710 --> 01:06:20,850

1277
01:06:20,850 --> 01:06:23,880
But then we go back into some
of the people I've kept up with,

1278
01:06:23,880 --> 01:06:25,620
perhaps that--

1279
01:06:25,620 --> 01:06:30,250

I don't know how much time
you want to talk about that.

1280
01:06:30,250 --> 01:06:34,890
But it was basically
when I went back in '95

1281
01:06:34,890 --> 01:06:42,000
that I heard some of the stories
of the extraordinary stories

1282
01:06:42,000 --> 01:06:44,960
of the prisoners.

1283
01:06:44,960 --> 01:06:46,239