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ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW OF DANIEL LAWLER

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2 MR. RUSSERT: Okay. This is an  
3 interview at the New York State Military Museum,  
4 Saratoga Springs, New York. The 10th of January,  
5 2006. Approximately ten a.m.

6 Interviewers are Wayne Clark and  
7 Mike Russert.

8 MR. RUSSERT: Could you give me  
9 your full name, your date of birth, and place of  
10 birth, please?

11 My name is Daniel J. Lawler. I  
12 was born in Glens Falls Hospital on August the  
13 23rd, 1925.

14 Q. Okay. What was your educational  
15 background prior to entering the service?

16 A. I quit high school to go in the  
17 service. And I enlisted on November the 8th of '43  
18 of the Marine Corp.

19 Q. Okay. Do you remember where you  
20 were and how you heard about Pearl Harbor?

21 A. Yes. I was sixteen years old. I  
22 was at the Paramount theatre which is torn down  
23 now, in Glens Falls. About four o'clock in the  
24 afternoon the manager came down and he turned the

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2 lights on and they said they just bombed Pearl  
3 Harbor. We didn't know where Pearl Harbor was, but  
4 anyway.

5 But we all went -- the whole  
6 thing emptied out. And I ran home to ask my mother  
7 and father if they had a radio, there were no  
8 televisions at that time. So that's --.

9 Q. And what was your reaction and  
10 the reaction of your friends? Do you recall?

11 A. Excuse me?

12 Q. What was your reaction to this  
13 event?

14 A. Oh, it was something that --.

15 Q. I mean I know you were only  
16 sixteen but?

17 A. Well, of course don't forget that  
18 stuff that -- been in war. They started the whole  
19 thing the next day, Roosevelt started the next day.  
20 And so it was kind of different. We sat up all  
21 night listening to the radio. And it was something  
22 that was a complete surprise. It was the first  
23 time that we, you know, had done this since World  
24 War I.

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2 Q. Okay. Now, you enlisted into the  
3 Marine Corp?

4 A. Yes, I did.

5 Q. Through -- through the army.

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. Now, would you explain that? Why  
8 did that happen?

9 A. While I was in the hospital they  
10 dropped a can of powder in my left eye. I ended up  
11 cross-eyed. I couldn't play sports. I went to St.  
12 Mary's Academy and I couldn't play sports because  
13 of this.

14 Q. So, you said that you went into  
15 the draft boards and when you saw them --

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. -- they wouldn't accept you?

18 A. So I -- I went down to -- at  
19 seventeen years old, I went down to join the Marine  
20 Corp. And I was cross-eyed. And they said they  
21 couldn't use me. So I went -- went to the navy,  
22 and they couldn't use me. I went to the army they  
23 said when I become eighteen I would be 4F which I  
24 did -- which I was for it.

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2 I had the operation on the eye,  
3 they straightened it out, and then I went into  
4 the -- I enlisted into the Marine Corp.

5 Q. Now, why did you decide to go  
6 into the Marine Corp?

7 A. My brother was in the Marine  
8 Corp. It was the day after Pearl Harbor. He went  
9 into the Marine Corp and he ended up with a bad  
10 heart. He died when I was on Okinaw.

11 A. So I went because he was there.

12 Q. Okay. Where did you go for your  
13 basic training?

14 A. I went to Parris Islands, South  
15 Carolin.

16 A. It was rough down there. That's  
17 where you came from a boy to a man. They really pt  
18 you throught the mill. But everything they did  
19 there, we used in combat. If it wasn't for that, I  
20 wouldn't be here.

21 Q. Uh-huh. Did you receive any  
22 specialized training?

23 A. Yes. After that we went to North  
24 Carolin.

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2 A. And I received a machine gun. I  
3 went to machine gun school. And --.

4 Q. When -- did you specialize on any  
5 particular machine gun?

6 A. Yeah, the thirty caliber, the  
7 thirty caliber machine gun. The light and heavy.  
8 Now the light we used in the daytime that we could  
9 lay behind that one and lay down. But the heavy  
10 one you had to sit down. So we only used that at  
11 night.

12 The light machine gun you could  
13 only put three out at a time. One, two, three  
14 level, that's all. The other one was water-cooled  
15 so you could, fire it as much as you wanted.

16 Q. The thirty was air-cooled?

17 A. They both were air-cooled -- no,  
18 one was air-cooled the other one was water-cooled.

19 Q. Okay. Right.

20 Q. Did they take any other sort of  
21 crew like two or three guys to move the  
22 water-cooled around?

23 MR. LAWLER: No, no. The gunner  
24 and assistant gunner. We never used -- we never

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used -- we never used them together. The only time

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we used that was at night. So what we would do

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we'd come back into the CP, command post, and do --

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like runners on them, two men picked up the whole

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machine gun. That machine weighed ninety-eight

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pounds. The other one weighted thirty --

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sixty-three pounds.

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Q. So that was a pretty heavy gun?

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A. It was a heavy gun. The water --

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the water -- there was a five regular water tank

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went with it. And the -- the jet of the gun was

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about -- I think it was a two gallon tank.

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Of course that would make you so you could just

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keep firing that. But the other one you could only

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put two or three rounds at a time.

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Sometimes we see these movies and

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yeah, I get a kick out of them because you'll see

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they'll lay on them and you can't do that.

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Q. Did that water-cooled gun, did

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that have the cloth belt?

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A. These are all cloth belts.

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They're all cloth belts.

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Q. Oh, okay.

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2 A. They were -- you could call it  
3 cloths, yeah --

4 Q. Which did you prefer? Did you  
5 have a preference?

6 A. -- Well we did more damage with  
7 the smaller one because that was one where you --  
8 when you moved out -- that's what you moved out in.  
9 The only time we used the -- the other one was when  
10 they attacked us at night. Because you see we sat  
11 up behind that because you don't want to sit on the  
12 front line if you had nothing. So, we used the  
13 other one.

14 Q. Were there any problems with  
15 either of them mechanically or?

16 A. No, they were a very good gun.  
17 You could drop them in the water, you could do  
18 whatever you wanted to do. They were very, very  
19 good guns. As I said they were 1918 guns. They  
20 were from World War I. That shows you how prepared  
21 we were for World War II. We used these all the  
22 way through.

23 MR. CLARK: Okay. How long was  
24 your -- between your basic training and your



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2 specialized training, for approximately how long  
3 was that?

4 A. The basic training was thirteen  
5 weeks and the other training was about two or three  
6 months.

7 Q. All right. After you finished  
8 your machine gun training, where -- where did you  
9 go from there?

10 A. We went to -- we went to North  
11 Carolina, Camp Le Lejeune.

12 Q. Uh-huh. What did you do there?

13 A. But that was the machine-gun.  
14 And then from there we went to San Diego.

15 Q. Now when were you finally formed  
16 up into a unit?

17 A. Okay. The four of the guard. We  
18 went across --.

19 Q. Who four of you? You didn't  
20 mention them.

21 A. Jimmy Butterfield (phonetic  
22 spelling) lost his eyes in Okinaw.

23 A. And Harold Chapman (phonetic  
24 spelling) got killed. John Murray (phonetic

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2 spelling) from Hudson Falls got his kneecap blow  
3 off. And I got hit in the back. I broke four  
4 fingers, I broke my arm. And I received a little  
5 bit in the forehead and somewhere on the back.

6 Q. Was that schrapnel wounds?

7 A. They're schrapnel wounds.

8 MR. RUSSERT: Now all four of you  
9 went into together?

10 A. The four of us went together.

11 And I'm the only one who came back. Of course, we  
12 all -- we all got hit, and I was the only one who  
13 came back.

14 Q. Okay. Now, when you went up to  
15 San Diego is that where you were formed into a unit  
16 or?

17 A. Well, no. No, no.

18 Q. What was that?

19 A. No, we -- we went -- there  
20 were -- there were replacement battalions they  
21 called us.

22 Q. Oh, okay.

23 A. And then we went into -- we went  
24 into New Caledonia (phonetic spelling). And from

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2 New Caledonia they -- they we were shipped to  
3 Pavuzi Island (phonetic spelling) which was a  
4 stationary for the 1st Marine Division which just  
5 came back from Britain. They fought in China, they  
6 fought in the Guadalcanal and New Britain and then  
7 we joined them.

8 Q. Now, all four of you were signed  
9 there together then?

10 A. Yeah, with two different outfits.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. They -- two of us were assigned  
13 to the fifth regiment the other two were signed to  
14 the first regiment.

15 Q. Okay. How were you received as  
16 replacements? Did the --?

17 A. Well they -- they -- they -- we  
18 were -- we were -- we were boots more or less. And  
19 they were good -- they were good guys. You know  
20 we -- of course you always pick on the guys coming  
21 and we did do it too we they came in. But we are we  
22 got along.

23 Q. Did you get any specialized  
24 training while you were there, like some of the

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2 veterans and so on? Did they?

3 A. They always looked forward to  
4 anybody that was in combat, you looked forward to  
5 them because you figure that they came through it,  
6 maybe you had a chance to go through it so that's  
7 what we -- we always looked forward to the old  
8 guys. They told us to do something, we did it,  
9 because they've been through it.

10 Q. About how long were you there  
11 before you went out -- into the invasion of Peleliu  
12 (phonetic spelling).

13 A. We were there about three or four  
14 months. And I went -- then I was -- I went in -- I  
15 went into -- I got an LST an Landing Short Tank.  
16 And I was assigned to a tractor. And I was the  
17 first assault wave at Fort Peleliu. And it was bad  
18 going in there, yelling and screaming and  
19 hollering. And we moved out and paid dearly for  
20 moving out.

21 And then when we got to the  
22 airstrip, there was a tank there, a Japanese tank.  
23 And I remember I got up and I looked in there and  
24 what I saw you wouldn't want -- I wouldn't talk

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2 about that. I couldn't even put it on paper, it  
3 was real bad.

4 And so -- the next day about noon  
5 time, we started to cross the airfield. And there  
6 were machine guns firing and rifles, everything was  
7 real bad. We were receiving a lot of fire and. I  
8 was running and all of a sudden I just -- I just  
9 went forward naturally and the airfield and when I  
10 woke up I pulled my hand back and it was all  
11 bloody.

12 And a corp man and he took my  
13 hand up and -- then I started to get up, he said  
14 you've been hit in the back too so, of course they  
15 gave me morphine right off the bat. So they had to  
16 tag me and I went back to the hospital ship and  
17 went back to Guadalcanal. And waited until the  
18 first regiment came back to Pavuzi again. And then  
19 I rejoined them.

20 Q. How long were you in the  
21 hospitals?

22 A. Well, I stayed there a long time  
23 because we had to wait until Okinawa -- Peleliu was  
24 over and they'd get back there. So, I was in there

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2 about two or three months, maybe more. I -- I  
3 was -- I was better before that.

4 Q. Was that a mortar that wounded  
5 you?

6 A. No, no it was a -- I believe it  
7 was an artillery piece because I could hear -- I  
8 could hear just before I could hear it going over.  
9 And I think that's what it was because it -- that's  
10 kind of close, that's all I remember, just going  
11 forward. It hit behind me.

12 MR. RUSSERT: All right. What  
13 was your care like in the hospital?

14 A. Well, they were very good. The  
15 nurses were good. They -- we -- they were very  
16 good. Of course in the Marine Corp, we were  
17 attached to the neighbor, part of the navy so all  
18 the hospitals were navy, parts of the navy.

19 Q. Was your unit pretty well cut up  
20 by then?

21 A. Yes, we were all disbanded, I  
22 know, but I really can't think of it right now,  
23 five thousand wounded, two thousand got killed,  
24 probably out of twenty thousand men. We killed ten

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2 thousand.

3 We figured that Peleliu buried  
4 all of us, Americans and Japanese it was something  
5 else. Of course the navy did lose men too. It was  
6 bad.

7 Q. Okay. After your release from  
8 the hospital to rejoin your unit, what happened  
9 then?

10 A. Well, we trained there and then  
11 we got ready for Okinawa. And when we got to  
12 Okinawa then again I was in the first wave Okinawa.  
13 It was different. We hit the middle part of the  
14 island and we had no -- they weren't there. So we  
15 all marched right in it was perfect.

16 The marines swung north, the army  
17 swung south. We -- there was nothing in the north  
18 so we waited. And then the army ran into them  
19 going south. And so the -- they wanted -- they  
20 wanted our tanks, we said no. We go as a unit. So  
21 we went down and beefed up the army. And we had  
22 Shuri castle, the sixth division tried to go  
23 through Naha. Naha is a pretty, pretty big city.  
24 And we could see it from Shuri castle.

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2 And it was bad. So they pulled up I  
3 think it was -- roughly, I think it was about three  
4 battle ranges. They start about that. When they  
5 got done they leveled the whole city. They walked  
6 right across it.

7 Q. And you said there was a civilian  
8 population there. What -- how did they relate to  
9 the Japanese?

10 A. Well, there were Japanese.

11 Q. Right.

12 A. That's there mainland -- that was  
13 there --

14 Q. Yeah.

15 A. -- but what they would do, the  
16 Japanese -- we'll call them mainlanders, they took  
17 all of the -- they'd take the chickens and they'd  
18 take anything. They wouldn't pay for nothing.

19 Now what we did, we bought  
20 everything. If we took anything from them, we paid  
21 them. And they -- we got good with them. But they  
22 did not like the -- they were Japanese but they did  
23 not like army.

24 In fact there were so many on



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2 there, at one time we were thinking it was over.

3 They'd been -- that island was about -- that island  
4 was sixteen miles long and about three or four  
5 miles wide. Okinawa.

6 Q. How long were at Okinawa?

7 A. I fought -- I fought in Okinawa  
8 ninety-eight days. And we were out of there about  
9 two months after that. From there we went into  
10 Peking, China.

11 Q. Now, in Okinawa were you there  
12 any of the night attacks against your unit at all?

13 A. Oh yes. They -- they used to  
14 pull recon at night and everything. They -- they  
15 loved to -- they loved the night fighting. We  
16 could -- we could hold our own. Why do that when  
17 you got a rifle? So -- so when they pulled back we  
18 attacked -- we just fired them up because there was  
19 no reason for it.

20 Q. Now, just thinking about it,  
21 other than the machine gun, did you carry another  
22 weapon with you?

23 A. No -- yes, oh yes, oh yeah a  
24 carbine. I carried a carbine.

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2 Q. You did? Okay.

3 A. But if you became a sergeant you  
4 carried a pistol. A gunner assistant carried a  
5 pistol. And the three ammunition carriers carried  
6 a carbine.

7 Q. Okay. Are there any other  
8 remembrances you have from being in Okinawa that  
9 you want to talk about?

10 A. Yeah. When was over maybe.  
11 After it was over with, we set up a worship place  
12 and the Okinawa girls used to wash our clothes for  
13 us. And every time we walked by there they would  
14 holler. What the heck is that? So, I got a hold  
15 of an interpreter. And he laughed. He says, it's  
16 your curly hair, he says they've never -- they  
17 don't have -- men don't have curly hair. It wasn't  
18 curly, it was wavy but they called it curly hair.  
19 So I thought that was kind of funny.

20 Q. Now did you leave before or after  
21 the typhoon that struck?

22 A. No, we run -- we rode that out  
23 when the typhoon struck. Okay. I'll go back a  
24 little bit. While I was on Okinawa they bombed,

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they -- they dropped atomic bomb. This wasn't written up to us. It started -- it started a tidal wave. And when it hit Okinawa we were rocking pretty good. Oh, we were sitting -- I was sitting in the -- I was writing a letter home in the evening hours of the afternoon, and I felt oozy and I thought maybe it was my malaria coming back.

And I looked up and the lanterns are going back and forth. So this whole island's rocking. I thought when it got to Australia ten, fifteen -- fifteen foot waves came right up. They -- they didn't write too much about that though.

Q. Now, how did you feel when you heard about the dropping the atomic bombs?

A. Very good. We were scheduled to go into -- to the main land of Japan December the 25th (indiscernible) that's what we're going to do. But they dropped the atomic bomb, they dropped a second one and it was over.

When World War -- when the war was over in Europe we were on the lines. And they ended the war was over we felt pretty good. But

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2 that wasn't helping us too much. Until after the  
3 whole thing was over.

4 Q. Now, did you ever witness any of  
5 the kamikaze attacks on the ships?

6 A. All the time. All the time,  
7 yeah. They were -- they were -- they were real  
8 bad. They took an awful licking in the -- the navy  
9 took an awful licking there.

10 And -- oh by the way when we  
11 hit -- when they hit Okinawa, we went up onto the  
12 airfield and there was a kamikaze plane there that  
13 hadn't been taken off. I couldn't get into it. We  
14 had a little Italian guy, he was a short guy, he --  
15 he got into it through -- he was rolled up in it,  
16 so how they ever got into these I don't know.

17 They -- where -- where they took  
18 off with those, the -- the wheels stayed down. The  
19 wheels stay on the ground. There were no wheels.  
20 They had -- they had -- they were all gone.

21 If -- if they didn't hit a ship,  
22 they were gone anyway because there was no way they  
23 could land without the wheels. The wheels stayed  
24 down.

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2 Q. Oh really?

3 A. Yes. We looked at that, there  
4 was -- we figured how they -- well, we had a couple  
5 kids, they looked pretty good. And we figured out,  
6 they were very smart. The whole front of that  
7 thing was all solid shells. They hit one into  
8 the --.

9 But we were going on our way up,  
10 and the objection was we were in the middle of the  
11 course and they brought the -- they brought us out  
12 to ship not an aircraft carrier. The assistant had  
13 both sides taken it right off, the kamikaze planes.

14 MR. RUSSERT: Now your friend  
15 from Glens Falls that went in with you, Jim  
16 Butterfield, he lost his vision in Okinawa. Were  
17 you aware of that at the time --

18 A. No.

19 Q. -- I know he was in a different  
20 unit over there?

21 A. There were two different units.  
22 And after it was over with -- after it was over  
23 with I went to -- to see how they were. And so I  
24 walked up to Butterfield's chambers or where his

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2 place was and nobody said a word and I says, I just  
3 looked around he had both eyes blown out so -- so  
4 then I went to Chapman's I said take care of  
5 yourself so it was a pretty rough time.

6 Q. Okay. After you left Okinawa  
7 where did you end up?

8 A. Okay. Okay. While I was Okinawa  
9 the war was over. And I had enough points -- I had  
10 ninety, you had to have a hundred and ten -- you  
11 had to have ninety-eight, and I had a hundred and  
12 ten points so I was able to come home.

13 So they put a list up, I wasn't  
14 on there. None of us were on there. So what  
15 happened is, the guys that came over to relieve us  
16 had -- they had families with children, of course  
17 they -- they had more points than we did so they  
18 just put them -- went back. So we had to go to  
19 Peking, China after that. And we had killed -- we  
20 had people killed and they were the communists.

21 We ran into Kanchun. The first  
22 regiment went into Tuisett. The fifth regiment  
23 went into Peking which was the capital. It was a  
24 pretty big -- pretty big place there.

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2 But the communist would bother us  
3 pretty good. But Okinawa -- we got out at Peking  
4 the airstrip. We lined up the planes on the air  
5 strips, straight line one time but they started to  
6 attack us. We could hear them coming. So they  
7 lined them up, it was at night. And -- so the  
8 pilots got into them, they started them up. And we  
9 put the tails up and there's fifty caliber's --  
10 there were three -- there were six fifty caliber's,  
11 three in each wing. They were just traversing. We  
12 picked them up because they were on the ground.

13 We picked them up we just kept  
14 traversing we figured we killed about fifteen  
15 hundred more. And they never bothered us after  
16 that. There were no problems. That took care of  
17 that. Of course I came home a short time after  
18 that.

19 Q. So how long did you spend in  
20 China approximately?

21 A. I spent about -- let's see, I  
22 went in there in -- five, six months something like  
23 that. And I come out -- in January I come out.

24 Q. How were you accepted by the --

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2 the Chinese people?

3 A. Very good. Oh yeah. Of course  
4 they were -- they were in a civil war, you know?  
5 We went in to get rid of the Japs too, that's  
6 another thing. So they had -- the Japanese they  
7 had Stukas. That was part of the -- the deal. Of  
8 course we had get off Guam so we went in.

9 As a navel officer whose coming  
10 down the street and he walked by me and I hollered,  
11 "Do you speak English?" "Yes." I said, "Get back  
12 here." I said you didn't salute me. So he pulled  
13 up his saber. So I didn't answer him. So he's got  
14 this saber so reached for the saber and he jumped,  
15 I said I have --. You've got to stay there until I  
16 do.

17 So I took the saber and I took it  
18 off, and I ran out to a Catholic University there,  
19 it was about four or five miles outside the city so  
20 I took that out and I gave it to one of those guys.

21 The next day the officer came  
22 into our barracks he said -- of course that's why  
23 I -- And he said he's the one who took my saber. I  
24 said, I don't know what he's talking about, they



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2 couldn't find it. The Captain says you got it?

3 Yes, I have. So I carried that home and on a clear  
4 slip he said if somebody's got more seniority than  
5 I have, Captain. He says they can take it.

6 So he had the Lieutenant Colonel  
7 sign it for me. So sure enough when I got on board  
8 ship I had it wrapped up so they couldn't see it  
9 while I was carrying it. And the port ship captain  
10 said show it to him you better read the clear slip,  
11 sir. I said, you've got more authority than that.

12 Q. When were you discharged?

13 A. I was discharged on February  
14 14th, 1946.

15 Q. And do you ever make use of the  
16 G.I. bill?

17 A. Yes, I -- I finished high school.  
18 I went back, finished high school. I was very  
19 proud of it. I was thirty -- I was twenty-three  
20 years old.

21 Q. How did you feel being in there  
22 with all the young kids?

23 A. It was all right. We -- we got  
24 along. Of course they all -- they thought we were

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2 God I guess because you see World War II, let me  
3 back over a little bit about this war business.

4 World War II, the American  
5 suffered gasoline was rationed. You got three  
6 gallons a week. Tires were rationed. Cigarettes  
7 were rationed. Meat was rationed. Eggs were  
8 rationed. Everything was rationed so the American  
9 people fell a little bit.

10 That's why when we came home we  
11 were treated like Gatsby because they knew what war  
12 was. But in Korea and Vietnam, I was here and I  
13 didn't know there was a war on. And I don't think  
14 anybody else did either.

15 That's why I think the guys when  
16 they came back were treated the way they were.  
17 This is the answer I give to the guys. I believe  
18 this is true. Since -- since World War II nobody's  
19 saw it talk to people now. If you were rationed,  
20 you couldn't get this. Forget it. It was  
21 rationed.

22 Q. Okay. Did you ever make any  
23 other use of the G.I. bill?

24 A. Yes, I used it for my taxes at my

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2 house. I -- I -- when I came -- I came down and I  
3 went into the what do you say -- I probably could  
4 have gotten a pension but I wouldn't do it. These  
5 things don't bother thank God they don't. To this  
6 day I'm eighty years old, it's never bothered me  
7 and I did not receive a pension. I didn't want  
8 one. I still don't want one.

9 There were too many guys that  
10 didn't deserve it that got it. So I never applied  
11 for a pension but I could have. But why should I?

12 Q. Did you ever make use of the  
13 52-20 club?

14 A. Yes, I did in high school. A  
15 year and a half -- a year and a half in high  
16 school. But with the 52 --.

17 Q. Now, was that unemployment?

18 A. Yeah. I -- I had some fun with  
19 that one, yes. I did use that. I filled out the  
20 application and it said what did you earn in the  
21 previous year? And I said killed Japs. And he  
22 said well you -- didn't do anything so he tore it  
23 up. I said I wouldn't tear it up, that's a  
24 Government paper you're tearing up. Unless you're

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2 going to make another one, you better not tear it  
3 up. Well he said we haven't got to accept --  
4 that's your problem. I'm ready, willing, and able.

5 So I got all of it. Jimmy Butterfield came home  
6 so -- I said come on Jimmy, we'll get you  
7 unemployment. I can't do that. Yes, you can. So  
8 he came in and he asked -- he asked Jimmy about the  
9 same so he says, well I says he paints. I walk in  
10 and I put Jimmy to help out. I said well, Jimmy  
11 get over here, you're blind. I said are you ready,  
12 willing, able to work? Well, he paints houses. He  
13 what? I said he paints houses. Show him how, Jim.  
14 Oh he says, I -- I take the paint brush and draw a  
15 line, put my finger there, and I go on. He says,  
16 we won't -- we can't hire you we'll pay him. So he  
17 got his fifty-two too.

18 Q. Did you join any veterans  
19 organizations?

20 A. Yes, I brought -- I bought -- I  
21 was a Charter member of the Marine Corp league.  
22 I'm a -- I belong to the commandant of that. I  
23 belong to the VFW and American Legion. Both of  
24 those, active in both of them.

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2 Q. How do you think your time in the  
3 service changed or had an affect on your life?

4 A. Well, as I said before, unless  
5 you're over there, thank God what we've got here.  
6 If you see what I see, you'd -- you would argue  
7 about nothing. So I think that -- that part did  
8 good for me.

9 Q. Okay. You have some things that  
10 you brought to show us?

11 A. Okay. Now, how do you want to do  
12 this?

13 Q. Okay, just you know, pull out  
14 each item one at a time.

15 A. Okay. Are you sure about these?  
16 Okay.

17 Q. Yeah, you can talk about them.

18 A. Okay. These are Japanese flags.  
19 They weren't folded like this but they were folded  
20 at an angle. It was -- there's a little string  
21 here. It was tied around their necks. They all  
22 wore these around their necks, the Japanese  
23 soldiers did.

24 MR. RUSSERT: Now, where did you

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2 get these?

3 A. I took them off of them.

4 Q. Where? Okinawa?

5 A. Oh, all of this is Okinawa.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. It was ---.

8 Q. That's right. I just wanted to  
9 make sure.

10 A. This is another one. I --  
11 this -- this poor guy, they made this one, as you  
12 can see they sewed a service to it. This is  
13 something sewed to it.

14 Q. They actually had those tied  
15 around their necks?

16 A. They had pull -- you know, they  
17 could pull them. They -- they did pull -- they had  
18 a pullover on and they had these tied around their  
19 necks.

20 Q. Oh that one -- those are --  
21 that's blood stains and everything?

22 A. These -- I just --

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. -- these are bloodstains, I

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2 couldn't get them out. This is -- let's see here.

3 Now this is my uniform here. I  
4 have another.

5 MR. RUSSERT: If you'd hold them  
6 up?

7 A. Okay.

8 MR. RUSSERT: A little longer so  
9 that Wayne can focus on them.

10 A. This was the -- this was the --  
11 is that right there?

12 Q. Yeah, that's fine.

13 A. This was a display at the  
14 American Theater -- the -- the American Legion in  
15 Hudson Falls. They did the upstairs over  
16 and they they call it the Pearl Harbor. So this is  
17 on display there. I had this. Now this is a  
18 larger picture that I had.

19 MR. RUSSERT: So, what is the  
20 sword on the top?

21 A. This here is army Summari's  
22 Saber. I took this off of a Japanese officer at  
23 the lines. They used -- they actually used these  
24 in combat. This is a twenty-five caliber rifle.

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2 The serial number is four on it. It's been stamped  
3 but I was told by experts. It's worth quite a bit  
4 of money. The -- the -- because they only made  
5 four of them.

6 If they used -- in which they did  
7 later, because they went from thirty caliber to a  
8 twenty-five caliber, so the rest of them were  
9 machine guns because this was four because there  
10 was only about four of these made.

11 This is a Japanese Naval Officer  
12 Saber I picked up in Peking, China. This one  
13 looked like when I first got out.

14 MR. RUSSERT: So that's in 1945?  
15 1946?

16 A. I think that's '43.

17 MR. RUSSERT: '43?

18 A. -- in '43.

19 MR. RUSSERT: Oh, okay, I'm  
20 sorry, sir.

21 MR. LAWLER: Want me to flip it  
22 around?

23 Q. Yeah, maybe. Maybe do like a  
24 highland fling.



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2 MR. RUSSERT: Okay.

3 A. Now we be, horn have to start on  
4 this.

5 Q. Yes. Yes.

6 A. These are just -- these are post  
7 cards sent from Parris Island, just a bunch of post  
8 cards.

9 This was -- this is when I was  
10 down on Parris Island. This was on Okinawa. This  
11 is on Parris Island. These two are Parris Island.

12 This was in Life Magazine.  
13 Written by Thomas Lee 1944. This is another  
14 picture -- this -- this guy here was shell shocked.

15 MR. RUSSERT: Now, what's the  
16 story behind that?

17 A. Okay. This -- this was a  
18 Christmas card given to me -- given to us on  
19 Peleliu Island in 1944. Christmas card and it was  
20 given by the general. And this was the menu.

21 These are Japanese soldiers but I  
22 took them off the -- do you notice one thing about  
23 these? They're never smiling. None of these are  
24 smiling. Just very -- very strict.

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2 This is the only marine I got.

3 He got a -- anchor on his head so I could  
4 distinguish.

5 Q. Now, these were taken off dead  
6 Japanese soldiers?

7 A. Dead soldiers, right. This  
8 was -- this -- this was Okinawa kids in training.  
9 You see, school.

10 Q. You took that off the wall in  
11 school? You said wall of a school?

12 A. A kid must have did this with  
13 crayons. But I did it because of the flag, the  
14 Japanese flag. These are civilians. These are  
15 Okinawa civilians. They were Japanese a hundred  
16 percent because Japanese.

17 The people from the mainland, the  
18 soldiers didn't treat them very properly, so they  
19 didn't like them.

20 Q. Now, how did you get those  
21 photographs?

22 A. I found them -- I found them in  
23 houses and things like that.

24 Okay. This is a -- this is a

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2 girl's school. This is a -- this is a Japanese  
3 Okinawa map, a military map. I turned it in and I  
4 put my name on it, that's why I got it back. These  
5 were recon a sources so they could use them, I took  
6 them off at one of their headquarters.

7 This is the same thing. Ernie  
8 Pile killed right there.

9 Q. Now, what was the story you had  
10 about this Bernie Pile?

11 A. Okay. Ernie Pile, we were going  
12 from the north to the south. There was an old man  
13 standing -- or sitting at a wall and he was writing  
14 on a pad. And I said to him, are you writing a  
15 book old man? He said yes. He says, what's your  
16 name? I said Daniel Lawler. He says where are you  
17 from? He says Glens Falls, New York. So somebody  
18 asked me who it was, I said oh, some old guy.

19 So, that night the sergeant said  
20 to me do you know who that guy was? I said no.  
21 Ernie Pile. Of course he was a War corresponded he  
22 always wanted to be in the Marine Corp. But two  
23 days after that he got killed. As a matter of fact  
24 we took that back.

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2 This is -- these are some of the  
3 souvenirs I got.

4 Q. Now those are the two flags?

5 A. Those are the two flags I  
6 referred to. The two flags. There's a rifle for  
7 with this stuff.

8 Q. Now tell us how -- how did you  
9 get all this back? Back to the states?

10 A. Okay. We got -- we got along  
11 pretty good with the Seabees so I went over to them  
12 and I said can you build me a box to put all these  
13 rifles and stuff in? He said yes. He went back so  
14 he did.

15 So I took over to the post  
16 office -- you can't ship that on the boat, you've  
17 got to have clear slips and everything else. I  
18 said, well there's the clear slips and I'll put  
19 them right in with them. And he says I guess we  
20 can do it. So I shipped them all by freight. The  
21 whole thing. Parcel Post.

22 Q. So you sent out two rifles, two  
23 swords --?

24 A. I had two rifles, I had one saber

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2 in there and the two flags were in there. Three or  
3 four pads were in there. And just about everything  
4 but that one saber I carried home.

5 Q. I imagine the post office must  
6 have been cursing you after having to carry that to  
7 your house?

8 A. Yeah, I imagine. They were  
9 pretty heavy.

10 This was a picture of China, this  
11 was -- this is the cemetery on Okinawa. When we  
12 came -- when we got -- the four of us made a peace  
13 pack that if anyone else got killed we'd go to the  
14 parents. John Murray didn't want to do it. So, I  
15 go to the funeral myself, we went to see Chappy's  
16 mother and father.

17 And they -- they wanted to bring  
18 him home, I said, no, because he was pretty rough  
19 shape. So I said, I talked them into leaving him.  
20 But then they moved him from here to -- to Pearl  
21 Harbor so they brought him home, so they did bring  
22 him home and bury him, he was buried in cemetery.

23 These are -- these are Gods.  
24 This was in here. This was in here. Now, to us

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2 this is a medal but to them this is God. There was  
3 a difference you know? You know, there was no  
4 heaven no hell, this was -- this was it. This is  
5 another religion. They -- they can -- this they  
6 carried, they were all in their pockets.

7 These are just -- these are  
8 Japanese post cards.

9 Q. Again you got these off dead  
10 Japanese?

11 A. Japanese, yes.

12 That's a war bond. It must have  
13 been a pretty big city.

14 Q. Did most of the soldiers in -- or  
15 marines in your unit collect souvenirs?

16 A. Yeah, we did, we did. Some  
17 collected more, some collected things that I  
18 wouldn't collect, teeth and stuff like that.  
19 I didn't like to do that. This must have been a  
20 pretty big city.

21 This is -- these are Japanese.

22 Now, this is Japanese war bond.  
23 I've been going to three or four meetings and  
24 nobody's ever seen one. That's what it is, a

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2 Japanese war bond.

3 Q. Now did you -- did you pick that  
4 up in Japan or in Okinawa?

5 A. No, in Okinawa. This is all  
6 Okinawa. This is all -- this is money -- now, this  
7 is Japanese money but it was written in English so  
8 we think that these people must have been on -- on  
9 the -- the Philippines. Not sure.

10 This is China money. This is a  
11 thousand dollars. At one time it was equaled to  
12 twenty-five cents, maybe the next day it's fifty  
13 cents. Change a five dollar bill you couldn't put  
14 it in your pocket. I sent a guy back with this,  
15 and they keep changing their minds so much, they  
16 wouldn't take it because they thought it was  
17 counterfeit.

18 This is China money -- this is  
19 China money but this is -- this is I don't know.  
20 This is our money. They paid us this way. But  
21 because they didn't want our money floating around.  
22 But they didn't take it so they took it back from  
23 us. But I kept one.

24 MR. RUSSERT: It's what they

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2 called military payments?

3 A. That's right. That's right.

4 MR. RUSSERT: MPC's.

5 A. Yeah. But they had to take them  
6 all back because they wouldn't take it. Even the  
7 let there own was gone. No because this is -- this  
8 is another story itself. This is a Bed Island.  
9 This is where the American's first met the Japanese  
10 was an island just off of Okinawa and I was on the  
11 island. The Japanese colony coming in with the  
12 stripes with the marks on it. They had army with  
13 communists you know.

14 This right here is when they  
15 first came, right here. I was set up with the  
16 machine gun over here. And my captain says one of  
17 these guys officer Brigadier, we figured they were  
18 all officers. So that's why we did that. So --  
19 but they weren't so from here they got onto this  
20 plane. This is -- see him signing the peace treaty  
21 when he committed Hari Kari got back. And here he  
22 is getting onto our plane, right here.

23 Q. Oh these -- now this is in China?

24 A. This is on Okinawa. Okinawa.



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2 I'm talking about Okinawa.

3 Q. Oh, they're surrendering there?

4 A. They're surrendering --

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. -- this first place -- this is  
7 the first place Okinawa this is the first we've  
8 got. They never post this anywhere. I found it in  
9 a -- I found it in a tape and I've got them all  
10 about this. But before I heard only once or twice,  
11 it's sensitive. I don't know why they've kept it  
12 quiet but they never post it too much. So it's  
13 kind of different.

14 Here's your -- here's your clear  
15 slips though. When I -- when I got into -- when I  
16 got into New York City with this Japanese saber two  
17 New York police got me at the train station, they  
18 put me in this room and there was -- there was a  
19 chief of -- the New York Chief of Police was there  
20 and about five or six officers.

21 The state was there, the state  
22 was there, Major Don O'Brien and they opened it up.  
23 And they said you can't have this. They said, you  
24 can't have a weapon over something. I said, I got

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2 a clear slip. What do you mean and I showed them  
3 one of these. They called, oh you can't touch it.  
4 It's a good thing because they would have taken it.

5 This was when we got to China.

6 This is China pictures. I got some of these trucks  
7 and everything. That's a Japanese truck.

8 MR. RUSSERT: So you used some of  
9 the Japanese equipment?

10 A. Yeah -- yeah, they are of China.  
11 China.

12 MR. RUSSERT: Now, did you ever  
13 hear of Japanese soldiers being rearmed to help  
14 against the Communists?

15 A. Oh yeah, well yeah. They took  
16 off -- well, what happened was, when we first went  
17 in there, that night two marines got killed. So,  
18 we took off. And we took care of quite a few of  
19 them and the rest of them took off to the hills.  
20 But they were frightened of Chinese Communists all  
21 the time, in the hills, of course they were leaving  
22 us alone. So, they were -- they were -- so --. Of  
23 course then they didn't go home. Because they  
24 stayed over there.

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2 This was on the front lines.  
3 That's me. You see I dressed up as a Chinese gear  
4 just to be funny.

5 These -- oh this -- this is a  
6 Catholic University in Peking, China. They were  
7 about eight or nine miles outside of the city.  
8 This fellow here, his father and mother went to  
9 China was in the Communist territory so he was --  
10 had to leave the school.

11 So I went to the school and I put  
12 him through high school, through college, his last  
13 college, everything, his food, the whole thing.  
14 That cost me six dollars.

15 This is what -- these are just  
16 pictures of myself.

17 MR. RUSSERT: Now, where were  
18 those taken?

19 A. This is -- this is taken here,  
20 this is home. This is home.

21 MR. RUSSERT: Oh, that's your  
22 scene?

23 A. Yes. Okay. This is home right  
24 here. He was in the fifth regiment and we were

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2 coming home together.

3 This is -- this is the forbidden  
4 city of Peking China. Back in the olden days this  
5 is where -- okay. Back in the olden days way  
6 before we got -- I got -- we got there, a man could  
7 have as many wives and girlfriends as he wants.

8 And so they were never allowed to  
9 work with them. A woman in China in them days were  
10 nothing. The wives were -- the wives walked behind  
11 them. And the girlfriends walked on the left. The  
12 husbands walked on the right. And then he could  
13 have -- what happened is he couldn't afford them so  
14 he had this home. China's got so many people but  
15 this is what's started the whole thing.

16 MR. RUSSERT: Now, were you able  
17 to purchase these?

18 A. Yes. Yes, I purchased these.  
19 These were post cards. Oh yes, I did see the big  
20 wall. I got to the big wall. It was quite --  
21 quite a thing too in China.

22 This is just a -- this is from  
23 the Catholic University, just a -- a -- Okay. Here  
24 we go. Two bucks, I can't read it but anyway the

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2 whole thing came two vodka one orange three hundred  
3 and seventy-five dollars. Their money. Not ours.  
4 This is something that they taught. This is a  
5 marching song with the fifth regiment. It was a  
6 very good marching song. And this guy just died  
7 here not too many years ago.

8 These are my dog tags. When you  
9 die what they usually do, the government keeps one  
10 and they send one home.

11 This is my pass in China. This  
12 is a write-up in the paper in China when I came  
13 home.

14 Do you know what that is? You  
15 probably do. You see what happened was, when we  
16 got discharged there were so many going and so many  
17 coming, that we put this on a uniform so that they  
18 would know that we're discharged and they'll ask us  
19 for papers, that's why we kept them out. So, this  
20 is a first marine division pass.

21 This is another story. Paul  
22 Douglas. This is my discharge. Here's my --  
23 here's my draft card papers, draft cards.

24 When I was up at Okinawa, the

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2 captain sent me up with an old guy. He said, I'm  
3 setting you up with an old guy, take it easy on  
4 him. So, this guy come up, he's fifty --  
5 fifty-seven years old. And I go, gee old man, you  
6 being a father, picked on him. So he stayed with  
7 us. And so he'd get his mail -- we used to get his  
8 mail I used to get his mail and all this stuff from  
9 his wife.

10 So, one night -- so he's writing  
11 one time, he's writing a letter. And he said to  
12 me, he said Danny, what do you want to tell the  
13 president? I said president who? President  
14 Roosevelt. He was alive at the time. You tell him  
15 we are over here tell him this and this and that.  
16 You know he's writing it all down.

17 And I asked Messini what he  
18 thought, well, he don't know how to make spaghetti.  
19 And so he asked somebody else. So, he folded the  
20 thing up, put it in an envelope and walked away.  
21 What's a matter with him? He said, he's getting  
22 even with us because we were kidding about the wife  
23 and all that stuff you know.

24 The guy come up real angry a

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2 couple days after that or a week after that he says  
3 where's Douglas? The old man's right there, sir.  
4 He had water. So he opened the water and he said,  
5 "Damn." The president said he's sorry and put this,  
6 that, and the other thing. Come on over here. You  
7 ain't got no letter from the President. Yes, I  
8 have. And he says no.

9 Later the President of the United  
10 States "wholly dip." He said you guys are pretty  
11 stupid. I said what's the matter? He says, "I'm  
12 fifty-eight years old, what am I doing in the  
13 Marine Corp?" I says, "That's right, how could he  
14 be in the marine corps at fifty-seven years old."

15 He's Senator Paul Douglas of  
16 Illinois and I wrote Roosevelt's speeches, I could  
17 have gone right to the bookies. He's lieutenant  
18 colonel bookies table.

19 And so my wife and I went down  
20 there to see him. We went down -- we were going  
21 to -- I was going to Florida. We stopped down and  
22 this is his card he gave me. He signed it. And we  
23 all went to see him. He took us out -- he took us  
24 all over. We did everything down there.

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2 This is my Alfie pack in here.

3 This is the paper of what we came in the first  
4 division and sixth division. We came back to the  
5 states.

6 That was the paper from the first  
7 and sixth Division. This is a write-up in the  
8 paper I believe. Yeah.

9 This is a write-up that was in my  
10 father's City Hart Brass Works he worked for them  
11 and this is a write-up. I wrote my -- I went over  
12 to the chapel one time and I sat down. And I'm not  
13 very good at the writing but I sketched -- etched  
14 this out. And that was a poem. And my mother was  
15 pretty bad she more or less did a lot of work at  
16 it. So she didn't use it, but this is what  
17 happened. And I said I would never do another one.

18 And my wife had -- But that was  
19 dedicated to him. And when I wrote it at his grave  
20 and I took pictures of that grave and brought it  
21 home to his mother and father too.

22 When -- when -- when we -- the --  
23 all these guys got killed over there. We still had  
24 our honor guard. That was in China. This is a --



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2 one I still got this uniform on.

3 These are just -- this is the --  
4 this is the people that were -- that's the a --  
5 this is the MIA -- that was the amount of people  
6 that were missing after World War II. If you  
7 receive -- if you receive a purple heart, the state  
8 of New York also issues you another -- this is a  
9 medal. Okay.

10 Right after the war -- right  
11 after the war was over, we -- they started the New  
12 York State Guard. So I tried it. And this is my  
13 discharge from the state guard. They -- they --  
14 they came in the next day and they were gone, right  
15 out of here. The next day they were gone. So we  
16 started the state guard. So I got discharged from  
17 the state guard. This is discharged, I was  
18 seventeen years old. This is just like a regular  
19 army. The dates are in there somewhere.

20 This is Walkly, Jimmy Butterfield  
21 signed that. It's blank but he signed his name to  
22 it. These are just -- these are citations I got.

23 Okay. This -- this is my Purple  
24 Heart. I -- when I was at -- when I was in -- in

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2 between, there was like thirty-six of wounded us so  
3 we came back. So they presented -- they presented  
4 us with thirty-six of these. They were given by  
5 the first division. It 1st Div. General of the  
6 first division.

7 This is my discharge. This is  
8 draft requirements. Tells you where I was, what I  
9 did. That's -- that's a copy, I kept the original.

10 This is stuff over here  
11 (indicating) over here. When I got into China I  
12 went into a -- to a cattle shop, and I see these  
13 pictures. They were horse marines. They did away  
14 with the horse marines in 1932. And I said did you  
15 have these during the war? He said yeah I didn't  
16 sell them. But these were the marines back in  
17 those days.

18 So what I did, I sent a couple of  
19 these pictures to -- this is all volunteer now.  
20 now these are the Horse Marines. And this is these  
21 are of the Rose Bowl parade every year. But these  
22 are all volunteers so they send me the letters --  
23 they sent me just to have for -- for sending these  
24 pictures here.

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2 I went to Parris Island to -- to  
3 pass through the gates. This is onon Horses I was  
4 talking about. This is CooCoo Island there was a  
5 little island. I was stationed there. This is  
6 just a citation I guess of fifty years ago.

7 I did -- I did have the graves  
8 registrations and I did all the flats out and all  
9 and I did it for over forty-five years. It got to  
10 much I couldn't do it anymore.

11 This is -- okay, this is the  
12 three of us here. Of course the other guy was  
13 dead. And Jimmy's got a picture of me, he put it  
14 in here. But this is the three of us. He died,  
15 like I said. This is Jimmy Butterfield, my self,  
16 and this is John Murray. This is Okinawa.

17 They went to Peilleu or this girl  
18 did, and she went but she sent these back. This is  
19 just the way she found it. This is the only place  
20 over there they said that they'd never -- they  
21 never touched it. This is the Japanese tank. This  
22 is a Japanese artillery piece. This is the piece  
23 here -- see the tanks are still there.  
24 Everything's left there, sixty years some odd years

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2 ago.

3 This is of course we put this up.  
4 This is some of the people.

5 MR. RUSSERT: Did you ever want  
6 to go back and visit there?

7 A. I never -- I was afraid, I didn't  
8 want to go back to meet the Japanese people. I  
9 just query of that time. I've got used to it but  
10 it's still there.

11 Okay. You saw that.

12 Now, this is my wife she saw that. That's where I  
13 got them. My brother belonged to the -- my  
14 brother was the first one served for a long time  
15 belonged to the Marine Corp league. And he was  
16 inducted in 1942 and that went in '43.

17 This -- this here is -- these  
18 here I was Grand Marshall of Glens Falls parade  
19 three years ago. Last year I was in the Grand  
20 Marshall Hudson Falls Parade. This was in the  
21 Chronicle when we go there. This is just another  
22 write-up.

23 That's a -- that's a -- do you  
24 want that? That's the marching song.

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2 MR. RUSSERT: Oh yes.

3 A. Okay.

4 MR. RUSSERT: Now I noticed on  
5 those you met Swage that wrote the book?

6 A. Okay. Gene Swage.

7 He was a norris and I was a in machine gun, so he  
8 was right across -- he lived right across the  
9 street. I remember we teased him. Of course he  
10 was from Alabama and he was always -- we called him  
11 a rebel. As a matter of fact we called him rebel  
12 because he called us the Yankees.

13 So anyway, he was just a regular  
14 guy. So when we came back he finished school, he  
15 ended up as a -- a teacher at one of the  
16 universities in Alabama.

17 So, I get into this stuff. I  
18 rent the book, I see the picture, so I called him  
19 and I said, do you remember me? He said no. He  
20 said what's your name? I said Lawler. He said  
21 Lawler? I said you were a rebel. I remember you  
22 now because you were teasing me. So I know him  
23 well now. I've got letters from him. So they  
24 heard about that at school. Okay.

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2 MR. RUSSERT: That's another copy  
3 of the map.

4 A. Okay. Now, this is something.  
5 This is a copy of the Horse Marines, see which  
6 is -- which is -- this is 1945. But this was taken  
7 before 1932, how long before. So, this is pretty  
8 good history. Here, I'll give you this one too.

9 MR. RUSSERT: Oh, okay.

10 A. Now these are pictures I gave  
11 you. Did you get one of these?

12 MR. RUSSERT: I don't think so.  
13 No.

14 A. Okay. This is -- okay. This is  
15 the -- this is cool. That's myself. Gary  
16 Russept -- Gary Westcan and Bob Eddison. They were  
17 in my battalion.

18 Our port was at Iwo Jima and  
19 that's me. And I was on -- this is Jimmy  
20 Butterfield. This is when we went to school.

21 MR. RUSSERT: We've interviewed  
22 several gentlemen there.

23 A. Probably did, yeah. Probably  
24 him. What's his name? This guy was writing a

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2 book. Anyway he wanted a picture of this stuff and  
3 that's where that was taken.

4 Now I thought -- I looked through  
5 it and I thought I could belong to the for war.

6 The V.A. I said yes, I can. Make the papers out.

7 MR. RUSSERT: Now what are these?  
8 You brought these.

9 A. That's -- that's the machine gun.  
10 That's the thirty-caliber machine gun. That's the  
11 light machine gun. You lay down behind it. That's  
12 the one put it right through. The -- the gunner  
13 carried the tripod and the assistant gunner carried  
14 guns.

15 MR. RUSSERT: And this is the?

16 A. That's the thirty caliber heavy  
17 machine gun. You want to notice the date up in  
18 there, the nineteen --

19 MR. RUSSERT: Seventeen right?

20 A. -- 1917, I think it was 1918 in  
21 World War I. We used to look through catalogs.

22 Q. We're down to about fifteen.

23 A. Well it's been -- it came out  
24 pretty good today.

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MR. RUSSERT: All right. Let me  
go down and get a copy.

(The interview concluded)

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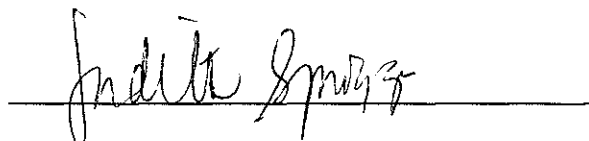


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4 skill and ability. The transcript consists of  
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