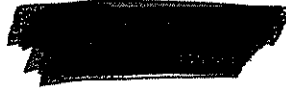


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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 [REDACTED]: Today is 19 October 2001. This is an
3 oral history interview with [REDACTED] concerning
4 the 11 September attack on the Pentagon. I'm [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED] from the 46th Military History Detachment.

6 If you would, state your name and rank for the
7 tape.

8 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] MDW Engineer
9 Company.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay, thanks. And you said your home
11 is Philadelphia?

12 [REDACTED]: Yes, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

13 [REDACTED]: Is that where your family still is?

14 [REDACTED]: Some of them. I have a brother, a
15 niece, a nephew and my grandmother is still there.

16 [REDACTED]: Are you married?

17 [REDACTED]: Single.

18 [REDACTED]: Single, okay. Oh, single parent?

19 [REDACTED]: Yes.

20 [REDACTED]: So when all this happened weren't
21 your family getting pretty anxious knowing you were up
22 here in the Washington, D.C. area? Were they

1 concerned?

2 [REDACTED]: Actually, my mother, she was at work
3 and she was locked in. I'm not at liberty to say where
4 she works. My daughters were in school that day. And
5 it kind of sort of was like a big headache because the
6 baby-sitter, she was locked down with the bridges
7 coming from Maryland into Virginia.

8 And the parents were instructed to come and get
9 their children from school. And I'm on my way to the
10 Pentagon. So what do I do? You know, no one is there.
11 No one's around and able to get my children.

12 So I talked to [REDACTED] at Belvoir Elementary and
13 I asked her if she would put the children on a school
14 bus because normally they would ride it there with the
15 before- and after- school program. And, you know, they
16 were on the other side of the bridge as well. So they
17 couldn't get through.

18 So I asked her to put them on the normal yellow
19 school bus and have them dropped off on the block and
20 I'll talk to [REDACTED] (phonetic). She lives
21 across the street from me and I just pleaded with her,
22 you know, "If you could just like retrieve them from

1 the bus stop and just like keep them."

2 And, you know, my family isn't nervous then and,
3 you know, my mother or the baby-sitter whenever they
4 can get across the bridge, they'll probably come.

5 Instead of going out and looking for them, we'll just
6 tell her that you have the children. My heart kind of
7 was in throat until they all --

8 [REDACTED]: Oh, no. Oh, I guess so.

9 [REDACTED] Yes.

10 [REDACTED] That would be awful.

11 [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

12 [REDACTED] Well, what did you learn from that?
13 I mean, not that you needed to know something before.
14 But, I mean, I would have never thought of that.

15 [REDACTED] Well, I had to pretty much think on
16 my feet, you know, because, like I said, we were on our
17 way to where we were going. And, you know, in order
18 for me to be able to be focussed, that's one of the
19 things that I needed.

20 Being a single parent in the military, you know, I
21 am supposed to have a active family care plan, and here
22 it is, and, you know, when I really need to activate

1 it, no one can get nowhere to activate it. So, you
2 know, it's like, "God, my children are on their own."
3 And, you know, my oldest is 12.

4 [REDACTED]: Oh, that's not bad.

5 [REDACTED] Yeah. My youngest is 6. But
6 they're my babies. You know, just to know that
7 they're out there, well, shoot, I don't know. You
8 know, [REDACTED]. I left a message for her. You
9 know, "Please get my children." So I really hope this
10 happens. And, you know, for about at least the first
11 three hours they were out there that's what was on my
12 mind pretty much.

13 [REDACTED] My goodness. And probably you've
14 told them over and over again, you know, "Don't accept
15 rides from strangers."

16 [REDACTED]: Oh, yeah.

17 [REDACTED] And, "Don't, you know, unless you
18 hear from me don't do this and that."

19 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

20 [REDACTED]: So wow.

21 [REDACTED]: And in lieu of everything, I was
22 acting on something -- they were out here by

1 themselves.

2 [REDACTED] Oh. Oh, that's terrifying. It
3 really is.

4 [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

5 [REDACTED] So your MOS is 77-W --

6 [REDACTED]: Fox.

7 [REDACTED] 77-F¹, okay, and that is a fueler?

8 [REDACTED]: Right.

9 [REDACTED]: And that's fuel.

10 [REDACTED]: Right, a fuel specialist.

11 [REDACTED] And has that been your MOS the whole
12 time you've been in the Army?

13 [REDACTED]: Yes.

14 [REDACTED]: What really is involved in that?

15 [REDACTED] Well, I'm qualified to fuel ground
16 and air vehicles. I handle all their oil and lube
17 cans, see, what they would need to, you know, I guess
18 replenish lubrications in their vehicles if they break
19 down and also to keep them rolling, keep them moving
20 along.

21 [REDACTED] So your operation is also mobile?

1 Did you actually take a fueler out to the Pentagon?

2 [REDACTED]: Yes. I have a 1,200 gallon fuel
3 truck that I drove over there and I have a trailer that
4 holds about 150 gallons of regular gasoline. And I
5 have oilers and, what do you call it? -- a Weedeater --
6 like oil, you know, so you would be able to put the
7 gasoline in and mix it and put it in their machine they
8 would need to cut, you know, metals and rock or
9 concrete and so forth. And that's how I keep
10 everything going.

11 [REDACTED]: It's not the traditional job for a
12 lot of ladies in the Army. Do you get some looks and
13 are people surprised sometime when you're the one that
14 comes out of the fuel truck --

15 [REDACTED]: Yes.

16 [REDACTED]: -- to take care of them?

17 [REDACTED]: Yes. It looks like a little thing
18 like you driving that big truck. That's pretty much
19 what they say. I said, "Well, you know, it comes with
20 the job. You know, I don't fear it" and everything.

21 I've been doing it for almost six years now. When

¹ Petroleum Supply Specialist

1 I first came in the Army, I couldn't drive a car, much
2 less a truck. I said, "You don't expect me to drive
3 this, let alone the HAZMAT material in it" and
4 everything. But, you know, I've been to some pretty
5 good units.

6 I was in the Army like six months before I
7 actually got to the actual active duty unit because I
8 had to go through my AIT and then I had to go through a
9 secondary AIT to learn how to drive the trucks at 88
10 Mike² school. And then when I got to Fort Carson, Fort
11 Carson really taught me what it was to do my job. We
12 had a whole platoon full of fuelers in the 4th ID.

13 So, you know, we supported, you know, infantry,
14 engineers, you know, field artillery. There was like
15 at least five or six different types of, you know,
16 people that we had to support because we supported the
17 installation as far as the fuel pumps. We ran the fuel
18 pumps.

19 So, you know, coming up behind that is all I hear.
20 I thought it was, you know, a little one -- you didn't
21 think of like a 1,200 gallon fueler and I came home

1 driving a 5,000 gallon fueler, and, you know,
2 especially, at least a million a year --

3 [REDACTED]: Oh, my goodness.

4 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

5 [REDACTED]: And you have to be probably HAZMAT
6 certified too.

7 [REDACTED]: Yes. Through the state through
8 OSHA, RICO [?]. And what was the other agency,
9 probably -- Department of Transportation.

10 [REDACTED]: And do you have to get like
11 recertified periodically just to --

12 [REDACTED]: Yearly.

13 [REDACTED]: Yearly?

14 [REDACTED]: Yes.

15 [REDACTED]: Wow.

16 [REDACTED]: Yes.

17 [REDACTED]: Do you have to go back to the school
18 to get recertified?

19 [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm. We have a school at Fort
20 Belvoir that provides through EPA.

21 [REDACTED]: What made you interested in doing

² Motor Transport Operator

1 this?

2 [REDACTED]. Actually, you know, the first job
3 when I enlisted into the military I was supposed to be
4 a linguist. And they put me on a delayed entry program
5 enlisted in April of '96 and I wasn't supposed to start
6 basic until about September of that year.

7 And some circumstances at home as far as like my
8 children, I was going through a terrible break-up with
9 me and my daughters' father. And I just wanted to get
10 away! You know, I was ready to move on with my life
11 and so forth. And by the end I talked to the recruiter
12 and I said, you know, "I want to leave like today."

13 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

14 [REDACTED] "You know, so what do you have
15 that's leaving like today or within the very near
16 future?" And we sat down on the computer and he said,
17 "Okay, well if you enlisted under 77-Fox then, you
18 know, you can start basic next week." And this is like
19 the 7th of May in '96. And I left on the 15th of May.

20

21 So it was just that quick. And, you know, I never
22 really asked, you know, "What does the job pertain to?"

1 "It's just a petroleum, you know, specialist. And
2 you're going to handle bulk fuel and you may have to
3 lift a lot of heavy stuff. But that's pretty much what
4 you're going to be doing, you know, accounting for fuel
5 and oils and lubricants and issuing it, and that's it."

6 With AIT and then they sent me to 88 Mike school.
7 I was like, "Okay, so what is really going on here?"
8 So it's going to be an adventure. The military does
9 that to you.

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah, it sounds like it. When you
11 got to basic did you really think you'd lost your mind
12 for willing to do this? Was it really hard?

13 [REDACTED]: No. Actually, right before I went
14 to basic it was really hard. So basic training and AIT
15 and everything I'd been to like that up until that
16 particular day was a walk in the park. And so it was
17 very diverse in Philadelphia. And I came from a very
18 poverty stricken area in Philadelphia. And my daughter
19 and I were adjudicated dependents. And I was just
20 released from that at age 21. And here I am joining
21 the Army after that.

22 So I've pretty much been a part of some type of

1 system, you know, since I was age 15. You know, it's
2 actually a walk in the park. Life itself was hard
3 enough.

4 [REDACTED] Have you found the work really
5 interesting? Doing what you're doing in the Army now,
6 has it really become a part of you? Do you --
7 obviously, you see how you fit into the big picture
8 because everything stops if you're not where you're
9 supposed to be --

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

11 [REDACTED] -- or you're not there. So are you
12 really interested in what you're doing?

13 [REDACTED] Yes, very much so. I get other
14 people interested, too, and they -- we work this, you
15 know, all these switches and all these -- you know,
16 after you've done it for a certain amount of years it
17 becomes religious.

18 [REDACTED] When you were talking I kind of got
19 this flash of the "water boy," you know, there's water
20 out to the sea.

21 [REDACTED] Right.

22 [REDACTED] The "fuel lady" -- you know,

1 whatever.

2 [REDACTED] Exactly.

3 [REDACTED]: Is there a place that -- do the
4 skills you have translate into the civilian market? I
5 know HAZMAT is an area that is really marketable. But
6 are there other areas that you experience with, you
7 know, if you decide to hang up your combat boots and do
8 something else? Is there a market out there for what
9 you know now?

10 [REDACTED]: It pretty much would be with the
11 different airlines as far as fueling and refueling
12 aircrafts.

13 [REDACTED]: You got into that?

14 [REDACTED]: Right. And there are also jobs like
15 dispersal of the barges that came in from overseas and
16 stuff. With certain classes I was taking in college,
17 with certifications or whatever, I can be certified to
18 basically be an inspector of those barges as they come
19 in from overseas.

20 [REDACTED]: Hmm, that would be interesting too.

21 [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

22 [REDACTED] Well, when you first got the alert

1 were you already here at the company level?

2 [REDACTED] Yes. Yes. Actually, we were sitting
3 down about have sergeants' time training -- in the
4 middle of it, and actually everyone's pager went off.
5 And everybody looked, "Did you get the same thing?"
6 Said "Yeah." "Okay, well, let's get up. Let's go and
7 find the company."

8 At first we thought it was like routine because,
9 you know, the company periodically has these alerts and
10 everything to test its strengths and so forth to make
11 sure everybody knows where to be, you know.

12 We pretty much monitor, you know, as for effective
13 reaction times or whatever.

14 They want to be able to react within each 30
15 minutes, you know, have everything loaded up and be
16 ready to roll out and have everything together and
17 ready to go out within at least 30 minutes, regardless
18 of where you might be. You could be home. You could
19 be at a supermarket. You know, so they try to keep a
20 realistic, you know, views, you know, in sight and they
21 test it periodically to make sure that it's strong and
22 doesn't have any leaks.

1 [REDACTED] So you had not even heard about the
2 World Trade Center before you got your page? Had you
3 all heard about that?

4 [REDACTED] Before we got our page the phones
5 kept ringing. We kept getting interrupted and it was
6 like wives that were calling in. Somebody's wife would
7 be calling in. I think [REDACTED] (phonetic) wife
8 called in. They had just watched on television the
9 World Trade Center and everything had gotten hit and
10 everything. You know, pretty much we were still
11 continuing, you know, with sergeants' time training
12 until our pagers went off.

13 I didn't know anything as far as like D.C. and the
14 Pentagon until alert, you know? We all went into the
15 company to sign in, and you hear. The First Sergeant's
16 television is on and you can hear, "The Pentagon has
17 just been hit" and this, that and the other. And it
18 was like everybody just had this look like, "Oh my God,
19 you know, this is really going on."

20 You know, because at first, you know, you had
21 insight that okay it's just routine. So, you know, you
22 go through, you sign in. You go back and get your

1 stuff out, get ready to pack and get ready for this
2 alert, you know, react to this alert. But it was the
3 real thing.

4 [REDACTED] Can you remember how you felt at that
5 moment when you heard about the Pentagon?

6 [REDACTED] When I heard about the Pentagon the
7 first thing that I thought was, where are my kids?
8 It's not routine. Where are my kids? What are my kids
9 doing right now at this moment? That's the first
10 thing. Because, you know, I know I have to go, but
11 where are my kids?

12 And I've been like that since I've been in the
13 military. It's like, we have alerts. Where are my
14 children? If they're fine then, okay, from then on I'm
15 focused. I'll know what I have to do. I know what I
16 need to do and so forth.

17 You know, I can keep my mind set on what it needs
18 to be so I don't have to tarry into thinking about
19 anything else. I signed in and I went back down to the
20 motor pool. I threw all my bags and all that stuff in
21 the trunk. You know, I have a couple other jobs here.
22 I work como and NBC.

1 So I pretty much had to deploy that as well as the
2 rations, you know, because they're in my office. And
3 the person that is supposed to basically load them up
4 and get them ready. If he wasn't there yet, it's okay.

5 "Okay, what to do? She's not here but they have to go
6 and we have to eat. So, okay, put that on the truck
7 too."

8 You know, I had everyone from maintenance cycle.

9 "SGT Harrell, do you got everything?" It's like,
10 "I have to get this. I have to get that." I'm
11 grabbing the trunk. I'm throwing stuff in the trunks
12 and everything. It's like, okay, we'll go back.

13 The commander says that we need our Alice packs.
14 So I'm throwing them out the door. You know,
15 "This is medium, this is large, this is extra large."
16 You know, take them all. And they all jackrabbit and
17 everything and they're running down the stuff.

18 So, you know, once I got everybody else packed and
19 ready to go then I made the phone call, "What is going
20 on at the school? "Okay, well this is what's going on,
21 parents and coming to pick up their children now,
22 okay."

1 "Well, if that's what's going on, I'm not going to
2 be able to come. You know, I've contacted a baby-
3 sitter. She's on the other side of the bridge. She's
4 can't get through the bridge because of day care. The
5 van isn't even at the day care so they can't even pick
6 them up.

7 I just talked to [REDACTED] to let her know --
8 she knows that I am in the military and that, you know,
9 "Someone will be coming along and just make sure that
10 they're safe for me."

11 And she said, "Okay, fine." You know, they were
12 very, very supportive, they really were.

13 [REDACTED] Because there was a time after the
14 Pentagon was bombed that they had some airplanes
15 unaccounted for. I mean, I don't know about with you
16 all, but I know we were wondering if there wasn't going
17 to be still more attacks even on Washington.

18 [REDACTED] See, that was really scary. When we
19 found out about that while we were there. And going
20 into the building and stuff, there was a lot of
21 security, you know, over here with everything that's
22 happened. You know, what's going to happen the next

1 minute? Nobody knew who it was, why it happened.

2 I don't think at that point if they even knew when
3 we got there that it was like a terrorist attack or it
4 was just like a plane flew into the Pentagon. But, you
5 know, as far as the other information behind it, we
6 don't know but we have to get these people out.

7 And when it was absolutely certain that it was
8 like a terrorist action, it's like, my God, you know,
9 what in the world? You know, I was like, "Oh, my God."
10 Not the first day of the reaction, but the second day
11 that we were in there an air horn sounded because of I
12 guess a plane that was flying overhead that they
13 couldn't get communications with or whatever.

14 It actually turned out to be another FEMA [?]
15 plane. But at first they had no problems with this
16 plane and the sound of the air horn was like
17 "incoming." I was like, "Incoming?"

18 You know, everyone is like running out of the
19 building, saying "Drop everything you've got" and
20 you're running. You've got this big old boots on, you
21 know, you've got stuff in your hands. I had stuff in
22 my hands and first time it was like "Drop it, you

1 know, just drop it and run." I'm dropping something --
2 "drop it and run." You know, I ran out of the building
3 and I ran across the highways and stuff. It looked
4 like, God, you know, this is crazy.

5 [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

6 [REDACTED] You know, this is very crazy. And
7 at that point it was like, "Oh, my God. I may not be
8 able to see my kids again and my family. You know, it
9 was just overwhelming. All of it was just very, very
10 overwhelming.

11 [REDACTED]: When you actually got to the Pentagon
12 site and saw it for the first time do you remember how
13 you felt?

14 [REDACTED] My heart just dropped when I looked
15 at it. You know, when I saw the building and some
16 portion of it had fallen in and it was still burning.
17 And, you know, when you get people who are still in
18 there it was just -- my heart just dropped.

19 I found myself just sitting, not looking at stuff.

20 I prayed and stuff like that. And what really, really
21 got to me is when I saw my sergeant major, [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] I had went out to give some of the
2 guys something to drink, out to the Red Cross in the
3 trucks.

4 I happened to be coming back into the area and she
5 couldn't get into the area. She was in civilian
6 clothes and stuff like that. And I just walked past
7 her. I looked at her it was like -- and dressed in my
8 rescue uniform and everything, I knew who she was but
9 she didn't know who I was. She more or less was like,
10 "You are one of my soldiers, aren't you?" And I said,
11 "Yes I am serg^eant major." and she said, "It's okay.
12 You know, who's in charge?" And I said, [REDACTED]."
13 And she says, "Well, is he out here?" And I'm like,
14 "Yes." And, you know, at that point by her questions
15 you know, she seems to be (inaudible) her questions.
16 We're the only, you know, technical rescue, you know,
17 unit on post.

18 And she's asking me these questions. There's
19 something wrong, you know?

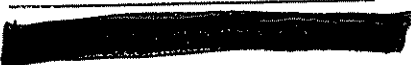
20 I looked at her and said, "Are you okay?" And she

3 [REDACTED], the Ft. Belvoir Command Sergeant
Major

1 was like, "I need to speak to him." So you know, I
2 showed the guards at the gates to the area my ID and I
3 told them, you know, "This is my sergeant major. I
4 have got to escort her to our area." And once I got
5 her over there, then I realized her husband⁴ was in
6 there and was still in there at that point.

7 And you know I just felt so bad for her. You
8 know, I felt really bad because she was looking, she
9 was like, you know, "You all really, really look nice
10 in your rescue uniforms and everything" and she said,
11 "You know, I have respect for what you do" she said,
12 "but I'm going to need you all to do your job for me
13 this time." And so it was very personal, you know, for
14 her.

15 And I held her hand and, you know, I looked at her
16 and I said, "Well, you know, sergeant major, it's going
17 to be okay. You know, it really is. It's going to be
18 okay. You stay focused. We're going to do our job.
19 And you stay focused." And I talked to the First
20 Sergeant and let him know, "She's here. She wants to
21 talk. And from what I found out, her husband is here"

 was one of the casualties from ODCSPER

1 so, you know, they stopped their little meeting, the
2 commander, and went over and talked to her for a little
3 while.

4 And then they whisked her away and she really
5 didn't need to be out, because -- she didn't want to
6 look at the building, but she couldn't keep herself
7 from looking. So she would like, you know, like turn
8 real quick and peek. And I just felt very, very bad
9 for her.

10 [REDACTED] Was his office in the area that was
11 hit?

12 [REDACTED]: Yes. He was in the impacted area.

13 [REDACTED] I just can't imagine. At what point
14 do you think that everybody pretty much knew that no
15 one was going to come out of there?

16 [REDACTED]: After about a 12, in a timeframe
17 between 12 and 24 hours. You know, the building had
18 been burning for at least two days. And in certain
19 areas they did a lot to at least try to, you know,
20 build rafters and -- what do you call it? To level it
21 and keep it secure.

22 [REDACTED] It's shoring up they call it.

1 [REDACTED] Yeah.

2 [REDACTED]: Shoring up, yeah.

3 [REDACTED] Yeah. It needs two days. I mean,
4 it was burning. There was smoke and all that stuff.
5 You know, if he didn't come out, you know, at least
6 within that first 12 to 24 hour time period, you know,
7 I mean the chances, I mean it would take a miracle, you
8 know, actually a miracle for anyone to walk out of
9 there after that.

10 I actually saw her after that. She was there
11 every day. You know, every day she was out there. She
12 would come up, you know, and say -- each time I saw
13 her, you know, I saw her I really felt for her, you
14 know.


15 We had, you know, a couple of the people, you
16 know, [REDACTED]. It was very personal for him too.
17 His mother-in-law, you know, was in that building, you
18 know, and he had to go in there every day on rescue ops
19 and recovery and searching all the time and looking,
20 you know.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] his father --

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], his father. You know,

1 like I said, he was, you know what I'm saying? -- one
2 of the lucky ones, he's one of the fortunate soldiers
3 because his father was, you know, out of there within
4 the first couple of hours. He was just so shaken that
5 he didn't call anyone to let everybody know. He wanted
6 to get himself together first.

7 I could imagine the impact on his mind and
8 everything. He was really upset and I mean he's the
9 ops, one of the ops sergeants and everything. He was
10 just like devastated, you know, but he was still -- he
11 maintained, you know, he did his job, so that was very
12 brave, you know, because some people probably wouldn't
13 have been able to deal with that pressure, the pressure
14 of knowing that you possibly have to find them and then
15 you have to deal with this, you've got to deal with
16 other people all the time and you don't even know where
17 your own father is.

18  Did you know when you went out there
19 how long you could sustain the operation before you had
20 to get refueled yourself or whatever? I mean, do you
21 go out there with an idea that, you know, with the
22 amount of equipment I've got I can -- I've got enough

1 fuel now to last for two days? Or had you ever -- in
2 your training had it ever been like that to where you
3 had an idea of how long you could sustain out there?

4 [REDACTED] As far as for the engineer unit
5 itself, yes, because the majority of the time when we
6 have our fuel problems it's within the 72 hour period.

7 But when we got out there things changed a lot because
8 I'm a fueler for, you know, 77 personnel. I became a
9 fueler for the task force. You know, a lot of people
10 were getting out of hand. Gas was like when they --
11 "It's on my truck." They were saying "Okay, you know,
12 here's the fuel."

13 I found myself fueling the task force, the FBI,
14 the Secret Service, you know? You know, we had had
15 enough for our operations and normal operations when it
16 was just our team. But we had teams out here that were
17 looking for things, you know, as far as gasoline was
18 like gold out there. You know, I mean, the equivalent
19 of 150 gallons, you know, that's not for trucks and
20 cars like that. That's for your equipment in order to
21 get it running and, you know, if affected rods, and
22 metal and steel. I said, "So what to do now?" So we

1 found ourselves purchasing gasoline at the gas station
2 down the street with an IMPAC card, you know?

3 I was having to move the POL trailer to continue
4 the rotation. I was running to the gas station and
5 replenishing five gallon cans of gasoline to issue to
6 the Red Cross so they can eat, you know, get the food
7 done for everyone and for people's vehicles, people's
8 heaters. So it was something. It was a challenge to
9 do that.

10 [REDACTED] Was that kind of understood out there
11 that if anybody needed anything there was just a green
12 light to give it to them? Did someone come up and
13 specifically tell you, "Hey, these guys need whatever
14 you've got give it to them"?

15 [REDACTED]: No.

16 [REDACTED] Or did you just --

17 [REDACTED] Everybody just shared everything.

18 [REDACTED] Everything?

19 [REDACTED] Right. Because at one point they
20 had a fire truck and I think it was from Fort Belvoir,
21 a Fort Belvoir fire truck that needed to be refueled.
22 And my own hoses, the length could not come all the way

1 into the area. I couldn't drive it. You know what I
2 mean? This big, bulky fuel truck.

3 It was, how do I say it? We were pressed for
4 space as it was. So to try to maneuver it any get the
5 actual hoses to where it needed to refueled and
6 everything was virtually impossible. And we walked up
7 to one of the construction crews that were out there
8 and they had a small fuel truck that had longer hoses
9 and everything. And I coordinated with them. "Yeah,
10 okay. Let me back the truck up."

11 And we took the line underneath the fire truck.
12 Everybody was like sharing. You know, you go, "I need
13 this." "Okay, fine." You know, the only time we
14 needed bio filters we had to go back into the building.

15 We ran out of ours. We went to the Secret Service,
16 you know, "I need so many filters for our, you know,
17 respirators and everything." "Here. Here they are.
18 Take the boxes."

19 [REDACTED] Wow.

20 [REDACTED] There was the Red Cross, Salvation
21 Army had loads of stuff. So it was more or less like
22 family. If you needed it, you had it. No one really

1 had to say anything. We're out here. We're all trying
2 to complete and accomplish the same mission, so
3 therefore by all means necessary -- if you have it and
4 I need it, then fine, go with it. And it was pretty
5 much like that.

6 [REDACTED] Did you have to remind yourself that
7 this was really happening?

8 [REDACTED] No, I didn't have to remind myself
9 because I could see that building. I saw that building
10 every day while I was out there. It was just like
11 unreal. You know, I had never seen anything like that
12 other than like in movies, you know, in movie theaters,
13 you know, sitting facing the screen. But to actually
14 be facing, you know, facing and looking in, this is
15 real.

16 [REDACTED]: Did you have people helping you? I
17 mean, could you just work like a 12-hour shift and then
18 you go home, rest and --

19 [REDACTED]: No, the first day was like 24.
20 Everybody was non-stop doing everything. And then by
21 the second day they tried to work out, you know, the
22 plans for, you know, down time to keep us focused and

1 not be stressed out and overly tired and everything
2 like that.

3 So we started on the 12 on and 12 off. And I
4 pretty much started my 12 on, 12 off shift with the -
5 HERP [?] platoon, because of [REDACTED]. On her first
6 day she came in there, you know, she was kind of
7 stressed out because around that time her sister was on
8 levy for Korea and she was supposed to be flown out
9 that week, you know?

10 In view of everything that happened the last thing
11 that anybody wanted to hear is that they had a family
12 member flying anywhere at that time. You know, she
13 went in the building, she came out and she was talking
14 sad and she was talking to me about what she saw.

15 And she just looked really, really bothered and
16 then she started talking to me about her sister. "I
17 was supposed to spend this time with my sister and
18 she's back in Virginia on leave and spend time with her
19 before she leaves and I can't do that and this building
20 and so forth, and, you know, after a while I told her,
21 "Well, I'm going with you." She said, "Okay. My sister
22 was calling me on the cell phone. She said my mom is

1 worried." I said, "Tell your mom she's fine." She
2 said, "I did. I called mommy and I told her, you know,
3 [REDACTED] is with me and best friends and
4 everything, so if anything happens to me, okay, mom,
5 Sergeant Harrell would know and she'll be there to make
6 sure she's all right and vice versa."

7 So we set up like, more or less like a buddy
8 team -- you know, if I went in the room, she went in
9 the room. If she came out, you know, I was behind her
10 and so forth. And when we came out of the room, then
11 we got on the phone with her sister. So it was a buddy
12 team, because I knew that if her sister was able to be
13 out there she would be right beside her sister.

14 So it alleviated her sister's mind and her family
15 members' minds and everything about it and so forth.
16 And it alleviated her mind a little bit because, you
17 know, she is the one female in a heavy platoon --
18 heavy, you know, heavy equipment platoon and, you
19 know, not to say that it has anything to do with
20 gender but men have a different outlook on things.
21 They may want to do it they feel in a certain way and
22 their experiences and opinions may be different from

1 hers.

2 It could be felt that maybe they wouldn't
3 understand how I felt. So more or less I was walking
4 side by side with her because I can relate to what
5 she's talking about, you understand, and talk her out
6 of it and talk her through it.

7 [REDACTED] Yeah. She needs to talk to somebody
8 about it later. You've had the same experience.

9 [REDACTED] Right.

10 [REDACTED] One of your fellow soldiers was
11 telling me you did that.

12 [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

13 [REDACTED]: He was telling me -- we were talking
14 about heros when he was telling me -- he said, "We have
15 some heros in this unit." And he told me your story.
16 And I'm glad I got to talk to you. How did you feel
17 going in that building?

18 [REDACTED]: Well --

19 [REDACTED]: You were in danger, no doubt about
20 it."

21 [REDACTED]. Initially, yeah. Initially I was
22 afraid. Beside the building itself, I have always have

1 a fear of death, period. I have had family members die
2 and I didn't go to funerals and stuff like this, so,
3 you know, I believe -- this is what I believe, right?
4 I explained this to one of the chaplains that came over
5 to talk to us.

6 I said, well, you know, my body was taking me
7 somewhere that my mind really wasn't ready for.

8 So, you know, as far as like my defence
9 mechanisms, how my mind dealt with it, in the building
10 nothing I saw was real to me, you know? Nothing inside
11 was real. It's not that I, you know, said this to
12 myself, like, "I'm going to go in here and nothing I
13 see is real." No. I knew it was real.

14 But in looking at it my eyes didn't allow me to
15 see anything actually be real, you know? It looked
16 more or less like one of our field problems. You know,
17 we had dummies and everything but they placed to teach
18 me, you know, the holes and everything. They looked
19 like those dummies. You know, not saying that they
20 were dummies but that's basically what, you know, my
21 eyes were seeing, that nothing was real.

22 They were basically placed for us to go out there

1 and find and so forth, as happens when we do a field
2 problem. There was always someone there -- "Are you
3 okay, are you fine?" I'd say "yeah" -- you know, mostly
4 because, you know, I would stop and then I would close
5 my eyes and then move on. Then it's off to work --
6 "Okay, let's get to work, you know. Get in here and do
7 what we have to do so we can get outside." You
8 understand? So that's pretty much how I dealt with it.
9 [REDACTED]. And how did [REDACTED] do? Was she okay
10 with what she saw?
11 [REDACTED]. She would seem kind of, sort of
12 nervous. Once in a while, you know, if she would come
13 across a casualty she'd look somewhat shocked.
14 Sometimes it was more or less like "C'mon, [REDACTED]."
15 "Okay, Sergeant, where are you going now? Okay
16 (inaudible) --well, okay, let's get to work here."
17 Busy your hands. Busy your mind, you know. Keep your
18 mind off of it. Do what you've got to do and when we
19 get outside, then we'll sit and talk. You know, so as
20 long as you keep busy, you know, I didn't want her to
21 be standing there and, you know, just gazing and, you
22 know, contemplating and going over this stuff in her

1 mind because then you won't be able to stay focused
2 anyway and that's how you begin to break down.

3 So let's not do that. We saw it. You know, let's
4 pray for that person. Let's pray for that person's
5 family and now let's get to work. Let's get what we
6 have to do done, you know, get up out of here and start
7 our next shift.

8 [REDACTED] Do you think that we were -- we were
9 obviously surprised by the attack -- but do you think
10 we were just too lax in our security? I mean, I've
11 been at bases where they're checking my ID and I watch
12 a pizza truck, you know, pull on by. Have we just
13 gotten too secure, thinking it wouldn't happen here?

14 [REDACTED]: I keep thinking a number of things.
15 I have this thing where I'll say to my mother
16 sometimes, you know, I befriended a lot of people, you
17 know. When you befriend people, you think that, you
18 know, that in essence they are you allies, you know,
19 but sometimes you don't actually look at this world
20 picture to see who is actually a friend and who is
21 actually a foe.

22 And the United States is a very friendly country.

1 You know, you can come from just about anywhere in the
2 world. You can come here, get accepted in society, you
3 know, and pretty much just disappear and do whatever
4 you want and make whatever you want of your life.

5 So we have a very free nation. And we take it for
6 granted, you know, that sometimes that these people
7 that we allow in our country are actually our friends.

8 You know, not everybody is a friend. And sometimes we
9 have to be watchful of that.

10 I'm not saying that we should not trust or be the
11 trusting nation that we are. But there are some
12 people, you know, within this world that don't agree
13 with the same lifestyle, you know, that we have here in
14 the United States.

15 And, you know, I think it's more or less like, you
16 know, the United States is a victim of circumstance.
17 We thought we had a friend. Now we see we don't have
18 one and they probably somewhere along the line that way
19 back then showed us that they really weren't, you know,
20 our friends. You know, being the friendly nation that
21 we are, you know, they are pretty much overlooked it.

22 But we're for bad guys. You know, the underdog

1 and stuff like that, you know? When they were fighting
2 with Russia we'd see these little people that live in
3 caves, you know, that pretty much live medieval. And
4 then you see this bigger picture, you know, they're
5 beating up on us. Okay, we're going to help out the
6 little guys. You know what I'm saying?

7 [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

8 [REDACTED] So therefore, we had a friend. And,
9 actually, no, we were used. That's how I look at it,
10 we were used. "Okay. Well, we need you. So as long
11 as we need you we're your friends. And now we don't
12 need you any more. And these are our true feelings,
13 you know, about you."

14 And that's how I feel as far as what's going on
15 with the countries and everything. Now, as far as the
16 security, I think that we misjudged because we have
17 security that can tell us if, you know, if a ship is
18 wandering into our zones and a helicopter or plane
19 that's flying down low in a no-fly zone.

20 We're always looking for something outside coming
21 in and we never really thought about it's already
22 inside but hasn't really shown its true colors yet.

1 I'm not going to say that they were too lax. No, I'm
2 not going to we were lax. I think we just misjudged.
3 We're always looking for something to come in here, you
4 know?

5 And you need to broaden the scope a little bit
6 because there are certain things you are allowing to
7 come in your home. But you don't really know what's
8 going on up in those people's heads that are trying to
9 come in here.

10 So as far as security, you know, I wouldn't know.
11 We have some sophisticated, you know, security and
12 communications and so forth. And, you know, even in
13 orbit if a satellite just moves, or whatever, you know,
14 we know that it happens.

15 But, you know, we don't know exactly what we're
16 letting in our home. You know, who we're allowing to
17 violate our space and whether or not they are truly
18 here and believe in the same things that we believe in
19 as a nation.

20 I think we should, we need to look into that a
21 little bit more because we have freedom. We give
22 freedom to people that come over here. And, you know,

1 they take advantage of that and then, you know, we're
2 unaware of what they're doing while they're here.

3 [REDACTED] Are you a different woman than you
4 were 10 September?

5 [REDACTED] I believe that spiritually I not,
6 you know, spiritually. As far as everything that I've
7 seen and everything that I've seen happen, I would say
8 yes. I was going to say in what way. More or less
9 what I see, it kind of sort of desensitized me a little
10 bit because I'm a very emotional person and everything
11 and emotions, I don't have time for them right then
12 and there, you know?

13 I had time enough to pray, to ask the Lord to have
14 grace and have mercy on the family and the person who's
15 concerned and all -- you know, the emotional part is
16 more or less, I feel as though I can actually deal with
17 it a little bit more now.

18 You know, I don't have the same fears that I had
19 before, you know? If I had to do it again, if I come
20 up on another service here, then I know that I could
21 complete it now.

22 I went into it really not even knowing myself

1 (inaudible). If anyone ever told you a year or two ago
2 that I would have been walking into the Pentagon, you
3 know, removing rubble and looking for bodies, I'd say,
4 "You're crazy."

5 [REDACTED]: That was going to be my next
6 question. Had you ever in your life had to be that
7 brave before?

8 [REDACTED]: No, not at all. Not at all.

9 [REDACTED]: I think it's always good, you know,
10 when we get tested like that and we pass the test.

11 [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

12 [REDACTED]: You know, obviously you overcame a
13 lot of fears and anxiety to go in there and be with
14 her.

15 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

16 [REDACTED]: And I know she appreciated that.

17 [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

18 [REDACTED]: So you finally get back to your kids.

19 [REDACTED]: Yes.

20 [REDACTED]: How did that go? I mean --

21 [REDACTED]: My mother called my cell phone,
22 "I've got them."

1 [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

2 [REDACTED] And I'm like, "Okay." Even
3 though -- and it was like, we were out there like
4 about, it was close to 10:00, quarter to 10:00,
5 something like that. And so I didn't really get the
6 message until like 4:00 or 5:00 that evening. And it
7 was like, "Whew -- okay."

8 So I can do what I have to do. You know, my
9 mother is like, "Okay, I have them. They're fine.
10 Don't worry about them. I don't want you out there
11 worrying. You need to be out there looking around and
12 making sure that you're okay. They're fine."

13 So, you know, from that point on it's, you know,
14 this is what I have to do. So that was a big load off
15 of my mind. I just did a lot of stuff, kept my hands
16 busy, you know, keep my mind from wondering about
17 things.

18 [REDACTED] Did it seem different when you
19 finally got to see them? Did they look just --

20 [REDACTED] They were so happy to see me. They
21 were so happy to see me, "Oh, mommy." And my baby
22 girl, I got to see them for a little bit and then I had

1 to go back to the site. My baby girl was crying, "I
2 don't want you to go." "I'm going to be back."
3 They're saying, "Now" -- you know. "Mommy will be
4 back."

5 [REDACTED] Did they express some fears and
6 concerns to the neighbor that was keeping them and your
7 mother? They probably were worried about you.

8 [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

9 [REDACTED] Did they allow them to watch
10 television and all? Did they know what was going on
11 and know you were a part of it?

12 [REDACTED] Yes. My oldest daughter knew
13 exactly what was going on. And at one point my mother
14 said to them -- they were watching television and
15 [REDACTED] -- and [REDACTED] got up and went to the bathroom,
16 that's my youngest one, she's 6.

17 And [REDACTED] went into the bathroom with her and
18 then when they came out the bathroom they had a visual
19 of the Pentagon on the television. And my baby girl
20 said, "My mommy's out there, isn't she?" You know, "My
21 mommy's out there, right?"

22 And so my mother looked at my oldest child and she

1 said, "Yeah, your mother's out there, but she's fine.
2 She's okay. She's fine." You know? And I think the
3 Secret Service gave us cell phones and everything. And
4 they actually had a number they could call me, you
5 know? "Hi, mom? You okay?" "Yeah, I'm fine. How are
6 you?" So, you know, they kept saying "she's okay,
7 she's fine." You know, just to hear my voice and
8 (inaudible).

9 [REDACTED] Just whenever they needed that
10 reassurance they could get it.

11 [REDACTED]: They could get it, right.

12 [REDACTED]. They didn't have to wonder or wait
13 for you to call --

14 [REDACTED]: Right.

15 [REDACTED] -- and wonder is she going to call?
16 Is she hurt?

17 [REDACTED]: Right.

18 [REDACTED] Any time they needed that --

19 [REDACTED] They actually had something they
20 could actually put their hands on. "Momma?" "Yes?"
21 "How are you?"

22 [REDACTED] I've heard the support was good out

1 there.

2 [REDACTED]: Yes.

3 [REDACTED] What was your take on the people that
4 came out to help the soldiers?

5 [REDACTED] Oh, it was wonderful. What is it?
6 The Christian Baptist Alliance in North Carolina, I
7 mean, they cooked, you know, we had home-cooked meals.
8 We're not talking about no T-rations and MREs or
9 anything like that. I mean, they had massages. And
10 you know, they had -- what did they have?

11 Like I told you, the Secret Service gave us cell
12 phones to keep in contact with our families with
13 unlimited access or whatever. As far as the -- it was
14 the Red Cross and then the Salvation Army, you know,
15 with breakfast in the morning and pillows. They had
16 blankets if you were cold.

17 They had sweatshirts, you know, to put underneath
18 the rescue uniforms and socks and underwear, you know,
19 anything that you could possibly need. I'm not going
20 to say that they made it home, you know, but it was
21 home. You get what I'm saying?

22 [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

1 [REDACTED] It wasn't home but it was home
2 because anything and everything that you needed was at
3 your disposal. You know, and that's the same feeling
4 that you would get when you were in your home. You
5 know, they tried to make it as comfortable as possible
6 for us. I think it was wonderful. I've never -- there
7 was a chaplain in the Navy, a Navy chaplain. I was
8 sitting out on the side of the building.

9 I was escorting some of the Old Guard soldiers to
10 where the entrance point was or another portion of the
11 building. And he came out and he had chow and he said,
12 "Sarge You want some of this? You know, I've got some
13 beef stew." I was like, I looked at him. I said,
14 "Where are you getting this beef stew from?" "We went
15 to one of the dining facilities." I said, "I
16 appreciate it. But I know where there's something
17 that's a lot better." He looked at me and he was like
18 what in the world and I started telling him about it.

19 And I was like, "Yeah, that's a good thing." You
20 know, whole chickens that they're putting on the grill
21 and you've got jambalaya. Around the time I was
22 discussing it with him -- it's time for my shift to get

1 off? So he said, "Well, where is it?" I said, "It's
2 over there in the parking lot." He was like, "Oh, it's
3 so far. Are you walking all the way over there?" I
4 said, "Sometimes you have to walk to get to what you
5 need." I said, "Is the walk worth it? Yes. I tell
6 you that it's worth it."

7 So you know, he hemmed and hawed a little bit,
8 and, you know, we had started walking. And then he
9 came walking up here, running up holding his hat and I
10 was -- he was like, "You have got to go and check this
11 out."

12 So we get all of them there and he was walking
13 around and you just see everybody, you know, giving
14 people stuff. You know, McDonald's is out there.
15 Burger King. I forget the name of the steak place. I
16 wish I could remember the name of it -- Outback Steak?
17 Yeah, they were out there. Everybody was out there,
18 so, you know, when he walked up, he was looking
19 around -- "I can't believe this."

20 And he deviated from this a little bit, and then
21 when I was on my way back to the site he walked up.
22 He said, "I really want to thank you." And I said,

1 "Okay." I said, "But for what?" He said, "For
2 introducing me to a world that I did know existed. I
3 did not know that people really cared about other
4 people --"

5 [REDACTED] Oh.

6 [REDACTED] "so much." And he thanked me for
7 it. You know, I said, "Well, you don't have to thank
8 me. You thank God or you thank your two little feet
9 that you weren't too lazy to come over here" I said,
10 "because if you were lazy you may not have never seen
11 it." But, you know, he saw it and he was happy to be
12 able to see it. He really was.

13 [REDACTED] I think when I see those Santa
14 Clauses on the corner during Christmas I'll put some
15 folding money in there instead of some change after
16 hearing how good they were to our soldiers.

17 [REDACTED] They were wonderful, they really
18 were. And they were so helpful, you know, anything
19 they just, anything you wanted, anything you needed,
20 you know? Whatever it is, you know? I mean, I
21 couldn't walk past the Salvation Army. "You need some
22 socks?" "I got some socks yesterday, thank you though."

1 Thanks a lot." "If you need some more, you know where
2 to come." You know, washcloths. I mean, everything,
3 anything you needed.

4 [REDACTED] Did this really seem to bring
5 Americans together --

6 [REDACTED] Yes.

7 [REDACTED] -- in a close way? I mean, I think
8 we all felt so close to each other. I know your unit
9 had to just feel really close --

10 [REDACTED] Yes.

11 [REDACTED] -- during that.

12 [REDACTED] We really were. I can't really say
13 it was like that (inaudible). It was and it wasn't.
14 You know, it was more or less like, "We're human
15 beings. We're all here together and we want to all
16 come home together." I believe we bonded, you know,
17 more so than what we were. We're further than that. I
18 feel that.

19 [REDACTED] Do you think that over -- are people
20 just trying to put it behind them and forget about it
21 in their own way, rather than talking about it or
22 saying, "Hey [REDACTED] remember when we were in that

1 building?" or "Hey, let's talk about it." Are they
2 talking about it? Or is it something that everybody's
3 just trying to put behind them?

4 [REDACTED]: Well, when we got back we had about
5 I'd say about a week and a half or nine days that the
6 higher echelon allowed us to be home. So I think it
7 probably more or less came out then. You know, at
8 least nine months (sic) away from each other.

9 Then upon coming back, you know, we had a
10 psychiatrist who came up to the hospital and the
11 chaplain. The chaplain came out. And as far as
12 talking, you know, actually talking about it, it was
13 like the first time that I knew of, you know, actually,
14 conversing about the actual happening and how you felt
15 and so forth.

16 So I don't think that anyone was trying to forget
17 it. I believe that everyone -- it would leave an
18 imprint on everyone's mind that was here. Will you
19 allow it to consume you in your life?

20 No, I don't think that no one is allowing that to
21 happen because it was very, very unfortunate
22 circumstances that has happened. And I believe that

1 everyone recognized that they had a job to do. They
2 accomplished it, you know, but you don't want it
3 lingering.

4 (Interruption to the proceedings.)

5 [REDACTED] Lingering too long so as to --
6 [REDACTED] Some of the solders have expressed
7 that --

8 (Off the record.)

9 [REDACTED] Some of the other soldiers I've
10 talked to seemed to be hurting over the fact that they
11 didn't get to rescue anyone. And that seems to be the
12 thing that is really hard for them to let go of that
13 they --

14 [REDACTED] Wanted to go out there and do
15 something or they're focussing on that they didn't do
16 enough. I feel as though the fact that we deployed --
17 because each person here, that's what their part in --
18 that's what we do, you know, and if one person --

19 (End of tape 1, side A.)

20 [REDACTED] -- (inaudible) he's not able to
21 actually do his mission. So as far as anyone having
22 that type of anxiety, like you said, it's more personal

1 because it's not that they didn't do anything. It's
2 obvious that they did. It's not that they didn't do
3 what was expected for them to do because, you know, it
4 was a successful mission for us.

5 So it's more or less personal, you know, "I could
6 have did more.", And, you know, that's something that
7 they will have to come to terms with when you actually,
8 you stay focused on what you are supposed to do and how
9 your part plays a role in everything that went on.
10 Then you can more satisfied than looking at, you know,
11 what everybody else was doing.

12 You know, I know what was expected of me. I did
13 what was expected of me to do. So therefore, I should
14 feel whole with myself. You know, and then pretty much
15 they need to stop looking at what everybody else would
16 see because what everybody else was doing wasn't meant
17 for you to do, you know? You did your part and that's
18 what was expected. And, you know, I wouldn't do that
19 if I were them, I really wouldn't.

20 [REDACTED] I think that some of them maybe have
21 run across people that by the way they were positioned,
22 the way they were laying or whatever they surmised that

1 they had survived the initial explosion and then maybe
2 tried to buffer themselves with furniture and get
3 behind it and that they survived after the explosion.
4 And had they gotten to them sooner --

5 [REDACTED] Right.

6 [REDACTED] -- you know? But with the fire it
7 probably was hopeless to get in there.

8 Is there something that just kind of sticks in
9 your mind that you saw that maybe when you looked at it
10 you said, "How is that possible?" Or "How did that
11 survive?" I've heard so many different stories about
12 everything being melted in the office and there's a
13 bowl of M&Ms and not an M&M melted.

14 [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

15 [REDACTED] Or the clock that half of it was
16 melted and the other half looks fine. Was there
17 anything that you ran across when you were in there
18 that just stopped you and you said, "Oh, wow"?

19 [REDACTED] I can't remember actually what
20 corridor we were in. But we came up through some steps
21 and I know it was on the second floor.

22 When we got up to the second floor from the point

1 of the door that we entered all the way to my left was
2 just like charred and, you know, just tore up, a mess.

3 And to the right was another door. The door itself
4 was brown and hanging off and everything. And once we
5 stepped through that door there was an office. And, I
6 mean, it still had the paint.

7 You know, it looked just like this room. It
8 looked like someone may have gone in and maybe took a
9 tantrum and like threw a couple of things around. But
10 pretty much everything was intact. You know, nothing
11 was burned. Nothing was nothing.

12 So it was like if you stood in the door it was
13 like on this side, you know, is life and on this other
14 side of this door is death. You understand what I'm
15 saying? That you were that close -- whoever was in
16 that room, you know, probably felt that you were that
17 close to death had you just stepped over your doorsill,
18 because just beyond the door was wrecked. And on the
19 other side, like I said, was just intact. A couple
20 cameras fell down or whatever, you know, but nothing
21 had been touched or even remotely singed or melted or
22 nothing.

1 [REDACTED] You're forty years older and your
2 girls are both married to wonderful men and starting
3 their families and your grandchildren come over and
4 say, "Grandma, what did you do in the war?" what are
5 you going to tell all your grandchildren about what
6 happened here on 11 September?

7 [REDACTED] I was a nice lady that helped
8 another soldier.

9 [REDACTED] It sounds good to me.

10 [REDACTED] Yeah.

11 [REDACTED] That's all my questions.

12 [REDACTED] Okay.

13 [REDACTED] Do you have anything you want to add
14 onto the tape before we turn it off?

15 [REDACTED] I'll be leaving and, you know,
16 moving on to some other things. I guess another
17 region, I think Korea.

18 [REDACTED] I'm not a big fan of Korea. I've
19 been other there three times on very short tours. And
20 I'm not a big fan. But the shopping is fabulous.

21 [REDACTED] Yeah, I've heard that.

22 [REDACTED] But I just want to tell you it's a

1 pleasure to have met you and --

2 [REDACTED]: Thanks.

3 [REDACTED] -- I like shaking the hand of a hero.

4 [REDACTED] All right.

5 [REDACTED] I'm very proud of you.

6 [REDACTED] Thank you.

7 (The interview was concluded.)

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