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I: Say how many canteen books do you draw at the end of the month, do you guess?

All the way from two to three.

I: Two to three, well, sometime it oh five to six, uh do you ever get cold standing in the chow line waiting for the sergeant or mess steward to let you in?

Yeah, I've got cold several time.

I: Guess you throwed snowballs at each other when you was in line?

Yeah.

I: Have a lot of fun there, don't you?

Sure do.

I: Did you ever get extra duty for turning your plate over a little too quick?

No, I never did get no extra duty.

I: You ever throw a cigarette butt down on the ground and get extra duty for that?

No.

I: Did you ever have any extra duty at all?

No, I never did have no extra duty.

I: Didn't have no extra duty, didn't have a, didn't have a xx account?

No.

I: Didn't play no basketball?

No, I didn't play much basketball, now we didn't have much teams.

I: Did you play baseball?

Yeah, I played some baseball.

I: Who'd y'all play, what camp did you play?

Four eleven.

I: Play four eleven, did you ever beat them?

No, I don't think so.

I: Never beat them, well, you must not have had a good team to work.

No, I never did have much of a team.

I: Well now, how do they feed over there?

Pretty good.

I: Pretty good, huh? Y'all had, y'all have a chaplain in your company?

Yeah.

I: And you hold services every once in a while?

Yeah, once in a while.

I: Uh, y'all have a pretty hard time policing up in the morning, have police calls?

Yeah, a pretty hard time.

I: You didn't take exercise in the cold weather, though, did you?

Yeah, they didn't care for the cold weather.

I: Did they retreat too?

Yeah.

I: Well, hey, that's, that's pretty tough, we don't have to do that, uh what kind of a lieutenant do you have, pretty good?

Yeah, pretty good ones.

I: What's your lieutenant colonel officer's name?

Floyd.

I: Floyd?

Yep.

I: So he's pretty good?

Yeah, pretty good

I: Just tell about the time that xx, what'd he say to you about that car? Didn't you tell us some-, something about taking your car out?

Yeah, he told me to take my car out of there and I brought it in to come back in home in, I was a-getting discharged in about a couple of weeks and he told the sergeant to tell me to take it out, and I told them to

just let it be there for about three more days and I'd take it out and he'd never see it no more.

I: They say anything more about it?

No, he never did say no more about it.

I: Didn't say no more?

Nope.

I: Well, he knew you was going to take it out anyhow sometime, didn't he?

I don't remember about that, if it is.

I: What kind of sergeants y'all have over here?

Some pretty good ones.

I: Pretty good ones?

Yeah.

I: And mess stewards, was they all right?

Yeah, they're good stewards.

I: That reminds me, they feed y'all good scrambled eggs over there every morning like that?

Yeah, they sure did.

I: But you got that half pint of milk then?

Yeah.

I: That's, that's pretty good, don't you know it?

Yeah.

I: You get, you get a half bottle, I mean, bottle of milk, that's a half-pint, wasn't it? They, they ever give a pint away up there?

Yeah, they give a pint a few mornings.

I: Did they

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I: Tell about when you made music around here.

Well, we made some music over there one night and me and bunch of boys
and we'd just all sit there and we'd just passed the guitar around and
sang and picked and we sure had a big old time.

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