

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR C. H. Mc BRIDE

Q: What is your name? When and where were you born?

A: My name is C. H. McBride. I was born in Chesterfield County, here in Cheraw, South Carolina

Q: What were you doing between the years 1939 and 1945?

A: Um, I finished school in 1939, [High school?] highschool, and I went into the service in 19..., the Marines in 1942 stayed in there for four years. Got out in 1946.

Q: What were you doing on December 7, 1941?

A: I was here in Cheraw, doing nothing in particular as I remember.

Q: What were your feelings about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor?

A: Well, I thought as everyone else did. I thought it was awful. Pretty hard to describe.

Q: How did WWII change your life?

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A: Well it changed my life right much during my years in the Marine Corps, cause it taught me a lot that, um, I didn't wasn't accustomed to such as, discipline on time, and regular and dedicated, and all the things that go with the US Marines, which later on in life were a great help to me.

Q: How did the Marines change your life?

A: Things that I learned in there carried on over as I became an adult such as the discipline, and being on time and every thing else that goes with the Marines. Taught you so many things, such as morals and things like how to treat people and how to get along with people and how to be a team during the war which all later led over to life later on.

Q: What are five events you can remember about WWII?

A: Well I remember very vividly about my two months as a recruit at Paris Island. The most vivid memory was the battle of Iwo Jima. That was the only time I was in combat while in the service. Then after that, everything speaks for itself.

Q: Have you ever experienced an air raid?

A: Yes, yes. At Iwo Jima, on two occasions.

Q: What was it like? I'm sure it was frightening.

A: Well, it's hard to describe. One was at night, the whole sky was lit up. All you were wondering was whether or not the next one would land on you or not. As you said, it was very frightening.

Q: Was the aide of Japanese during WWII justified? Why or why not?

A: Do you mean during or after the war?

Q: During.

A: Well I guess it was justified. Immediately after, I guess it would be hard to justify because everything was so real in the minds of all the people that were over there fighting, as well as the ones who lost loved ones. But now, it seems, that we are on a good trade mission with the Japs, the Japanese, its been very beneficial for us in the past.

Q: During the war what was your opinion of the Japanese people in general?

A: Well, uh, they were hard fighters, tough fighters, uh, that's they really went at it. They had a lot of people who lost their lives, but they were really dedicated fighters. From what I could see they were smart, there was no question, uh and they still are uh as the trade relations with the United States. They've been far ahead in many of the manufacturing things that have taken place. So they were energetic, dedicated, and smart.

Q: What are your current opinions about Japan , as you stated in that last question, and Germany?

A: As a whole, I I, you know, would not would not make a judge... uh decision rather about Germany, but they've been aggressive people also, and still are. And we have good relationships with them now. Good trade relationships, good work relationships. So they're good people also.