

“You got used to it,” Boyer said.

Boyer wasn't on the front line in the jungles, but he was as close as you could get without actually being involved in combat. He gave first aid to the sick and wounded and sent them to the field hospital farther behind the lines.

Considering all of the trauma he treated, Boyer says he was most affected when accompanying more than 400 sick and wounded troops on a hospital ship to Hawaii.

“The thing that bothered me the most were those who died on ship and were buried at sea,” Boyer, son of a country doctor from Arkansas, said. For a time after the war, he was also plagued by feelings of guilt when he slept in a warm, clean bed.

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