

(He doesn't say I've got an uncle in Oklahoma City that's a lawyer or I've got an uncle that's a doctor and I'm gonna try and be like him?)

HOWARD HAD A REASON FOR GOING BACK INTO U.S. ARMY

It's just like me, I set my goal for myself. And I went back into the army and I always thought, like I want into higher rank. Well, I came out, I just push hard, like I said I went into it as an individual, I began to learn my training, and get along with people, I began to go up in rank, I began to be in charge of 42 men as platoon sergeant, then all at once here I am in charge of 260 men as a first sergeant. And...

(Gives you a lot of confidence, doesn't it?)

Gives you a lot of confidence, and who am I in the command of 260 men with all kinds of education, with all kinds of backgrounds that they had. But I'm the one that, they had to come through me. And, who am I second in command to? The captain. I'm responsible to the whole 260 men, and whatever else the company does in a problem, whatever it does through all its training, it lies on me and the captain. He's responsible for the whole company. Who's his right-hand-man, it's me. And then here I am. I gotta do my best. With all this education that I stand before, this is something, when you reach for a goal, you gonna attain that goal, but it's gonna take a lot of hard training, take a lot of learning, it's gonna take a lot of communication, and like I said, I can get a boy, if a boy messed up some way, I could chew him out. I could get on to him and tell him just what he done wrong and why he done wrong. The way he is to me. All right, in the evening I could go around the corner and meet the same guy, just be friendly with him and everything, cause I'm off duty and he knows I'm off duty, and he's off duty. But going to town when we are on duty, I expect perfection from him as an individual, as a soldier. And think