

66. Fatal Decision (2:05)

Well, there were three stations in a chain and the master station was in the middle. I was out on the northern one and Murdoch was on the bottom. That's where my classmate got murdered.

Oh whoa. By a native?

No, it was one of these situations where they had natives on the island. The chief on this island, this particular LORAN station, had a chief who was fooling around with one of the natives and so was a brand new seaman fooling around with some of the natives. The seaman got a little bit jealous of this guy and he went to stick a knife in this chief one night.

The CO had moved to that guy's bed that night because the wind - the breeze - was coming from that direction. The chief was off that night in the village with probably the women and then the guy stuck a knife in the CO.

So the guy got murdered with no intent - just by mishap. And that was a classmate?

His name was Roger Devan. One of the nicest guys - he never would hurt a flea. He didn't run his station as firmly as I did mine or he wouldn't have had this problem.

I wouldn't have tolerated any of this. I didn't have any indigenous.

There was no room for natives on your island?

Well, I wouldn't allow them on the island even when they would come by and they would want to land. I'd say no no no. You can't land here. They would say, "Well we need water!"

We'd give them water but we wouldn't let them land.

"So you were you were going to tolerate a monkey but no natives?"

No natives.

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