

Saving Private Ryan

Captain Miller Monologue

[Seeing his men argue Captain Miller decides to interject]

Mike, what's the pool on me up to now? What...what's it up to? Wh-what is it, \$300? Is that it, 300? I'm a schoolteacher. I teach English composition in this little town called Addley, Pennsylvania. The last 11 years, I've been at Thomas Alva Edison High School. I was the coach of the baseball team in the Spring time. Back home, when I'd tell people what I do for a living, they'd think, "Well, that figures." But over here, it's a... a big... a big mystery. So I guess I've changed some. Sometimes I wonder if I've changed so much, my wife is even gonna recognize me whenever I get back to her. And how I'll ever be able to... to tell her about days like today. Ah, Ryan... I don't know anything about Ryan. I don't care. The man means nothing to me, just a name. But if... if going to Ramel finding him so he can go home, if that earns me the right to get back to my wife me get back to my wife, well, then... then that's my mission. You want to leave? You want to go off and fight the war? All right. All right, I won't stop you. I'll even put in the paperwork. Just know, every man I kill, the farther from home I feel.

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