

Ashton Idaho

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Dear Sir

I want to thank you for the day by day account of the 634th Tank Destroyer history. I didn't know such an account was kept.

Carl and I were the only drafters that went to Fort Hill in Oklahoma for artillery training from Fremont County. We spent all of our basic training there. We were sent from there to Camp Claiborne Louisiana. We had very little equipment as Uncle Sam had to start from scratch. We went from towed guns by pickups to half tracks to the final M100. We joined a bunch of Dups from Minnesota from a National Guard outfit. We got stuck a lot of times in the Louisiana mud. Was sent overseas to await D day in England,

We went to France shortly after D day with 36 M100 in the battalion. Very few survived the war. Most were destroyed by enemy tanks, some by mines some by mechanical failure, a few were destroyed by their own crews when they were captured.

Carl and I were in different Companies but saw each other quite often. I spent some time in a hospital in Aachen where Carl was killed. I want to thank you again for that history you gave me. Know you spent a lot of time and money getting it. You must be acquainted with some who has pretty good connections with the Army.

Am 80 years old so my
writing is to desired,

Yours Donald Sturm

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