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Dear Mr. Miller,

Thanks a million for the 634th After Action Reports and other papers. I finally today sorted through the reports you sent and the few I had already accumulated through the years. Yours filled in several gaps I had. I'm now missing only the After Action Report for the month of December 1944. I intend to write to Mr. Singer at the National Archives and seek his help in obtaining the missing month.

I've enclosed a copy of the 1 June 1945 report, which covers May 1945. The report covers only six days of combat since the war ended May 7. However, there is a statistical battle and casualty record for the entire period of combat in the ETO for the 634th. You might find this interesting. We sure shot up a lot of ammunition.

Note that on May 3rd, just four days before fighting ceased, the Reconnaissance Company commander, Capt. Barrow, and two enlisted men were captured. All three were returned to the 634th a few days after the war ended. It seems some German general was concerned about the treatment he and his command would get as prisoners of the Americans, and had ordered that an American officer be captured so he could question him. Capt. Barrow was the unlucky officer. James Barrow was an attorney before entering the service. After his return to civilian life he eventually became a superior court judge in the Georgia state court system. He's still living.

When the war ended there was a fairly wide gap in Czechoslovakia between the American lines and the Russian lines. I'll never forget the sight of tens of thousands of German soldiers making a dash to surrender to us rather than to the Russians. We fenced in an entire airfield to use as a prisoner of war compound. I remember that our biggest concern was finding enough food for so many prisoners, thereby avoiding a possible riot.

I have tried several times over the years to obtain a copy of the book 'Tank Destroyers of World War II', but I always got the same answer - out of print. Do you know of a source? I realize you may have copied the page you sent me from a library book.

Let me know if there is anything more I can do.

Sincerely,



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