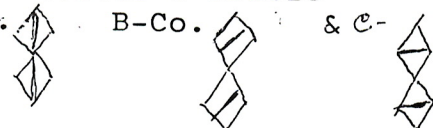


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Dear Mr. Miller,

I want to thank you so much for the informative documents and photos you sent to me. It brings back memories of some of the battles we were in. Also, thanks for the nice poems written by Earl Miller. He was quite a poet. My wife also writes poetry. She wrote a complete history of our old church in Chicago, in poetry, and also wrote another poem about the history of the church we presently attend in Downers Grove for their 25th Anniversary.

I have a copy of the book: "Tank Destroyers of World War II". The T.D. was very vulnerable to enemy action, with no hatches on the turret. I drove the M-10 from England to Czechoslovakia. I was the lead tank, 3rd Platoon, A-Co. If you notice a double diamond on the front of the tank--this is A-Co. B-Co. & C-Co.



All the tanks were numbered, and I think this is Earl's Platoon in the picture. If you will notice, there are a lot of spent shell casings on the ground.

I don't remember any of Earl's crew, or how he was wounded. The platoons worked with the three regiments, so we rarely saw the other platoons. The 3rd Platoon worked mostly with the 26th Regt., the others with the 16th, 18th & 745th Tank Bn., and also was attached to the 1st.

My tank was the one that made it all the way. A-Co. lost 27 tanks. At the War's End, we were in Cheb, Czechoslovakia.

I wish I had more information about Earl. I remember he was always cleaning the breech block on the big gun (76.2 MM). He was nice and very well liked.

Thank you for all that you sent.

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