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Hurst, far left, sits at a veterans reunion in this undated photo.

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some infantrymen and taken to a medic. He spent 17 days in a field hospital with internal injuries before returning to his unit. "I figured I got lucky," he said.

**CAPTURED:** Hurst was there when Hermann Goring, head of the Luftwaffe, was captured. He said Goring's wife said she would commit suicide by jumping out of a window. The men, not thinking that she was serious, told her to

go ahead. Later, she did. Hurst said he grabbed Goring's jacket to take home but it was lost later when his tank caught fire.

**SOUVENIR:** Hurst grabbed a homemade American flag made by a teenager as the Americans came through. It was stitched from cloth and he was impressed to see that it had the correct number of stars and stripes. He still has the flag.

**ITALIAN CRUISE:** Hurst was involved in ferrying captured Italian officers to North Africa, where they were put to work. He says the Italians thought they were going to the United States and were very upset when they were handed over to men he described as "African goons."