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El Guettar, Tunisia
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1.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a sketch of
an incident that took place
on the morning of March twenty
third nineteen and forty three.

That was the all out German
Panzer attack at El Guettar Tunisia.

The attack had started at day break
and had kept up all morning without
a let up. Most of our equipment had been
knocked out in the first encounter

2. The incident that I've attempted to portray is something that has stuck in my mind all these years.

It was about 10. AM when General Roosevelt of the first division came striding down the road tapping his swagger stick on the road as if he were on some quiet avenue.

His aid and his dog robber were trying to get him to return to the comparative safety of the sand dunes but he refused to go back until he had supervised

3. The replacement of a 37 m.m. anti-tank gun that had been hit earlier.

I never say much about the action I saw those days for I learned that anyone who wasn't there thought I was lying.

The figures in the M3 was from left - Sargent Fred E. Swartz, Tec 5 Theodore S. Kordana, Pfc. Charles M Hird and the figure with the 75 m.m. shell is me, Thomas E. Morrison.

About three P.M. we'd pulled our M3 back of the sand dunes

7. And resupplied it with Ammunition
and fuel.

I was in a hole making
Coffee for us when the M3 got
a direct hit with in the right
rear gas tank.

I doubt if Cordana or
Hird ever knew what hit them
Swartz was getting some instruction
from the Captain so he didn't
get hit either.

I was picked up by a vehicle
from headquarters and taken to the

5. near where we were bombed
and strafed all night long.

Early the next morning we
were replaced by the 899th

When I ask where the A Co.
area was the next day; I was
told to hang up my hat for
as far as they knew I was it.

Years later while working
for General Motors I heard a
fellow worker describing how
his outfit went in to relieve
another outfit that had been

6. Whipped out. It turned out he had been with the 899th that day at El Sultan. He let me understand that the 899th thought we were stupid to go up against a panzer with nothing but M3's

I hope you can get something out of this.

If it is of any use to you I have a few more.

Thomas E. Morrison

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