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It was a pleasure to receive your letter with enclosures in the morning mail. I would be happy to contribute in any fashion I can toward piecing together the TD story.

Your immediate question about the 601st's role in Sicily is that the bulk of two line companies went early to Sicily to assist in evacuating Axis prisoners to North Africa. The Battalion got a Campaign Credit for this operation, but it is news to me that it received an Assault Credit. The four D-Day landings

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in which the Battalion participated were North Africa, Salerno, Anzio, and Southern France.

I do not put much credence in General Lucas' observation. He was relieved at Anzio for lack of aggressiveness and replaced by General Gruscott. Since TDs were not employed in a combat role in Sicily, I question that he had a basis for making such a statement.

I will forward my comments on the ETO Study at a later date.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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