

TO MR MARTIN

IN JAN 45 I JOINED "C" COMPANY 410 REGT  
103RD AS A REPLACEMENT. BEING NEW AND  
THINKING I WAS A LITTLE SMARTER THAN I REALLY  
WAS A COUPLE OF OTHER FELLOWS AND I  
DECIDED TO GO FOR A LITTLE WALK. (MISTAKE #1)  
"C" COMPANY WAS IN RESERVE IN A LITTLE VILLAGE  
CALLED OBERSEE BACH OR OBERSUALZ BACH (NEVER  
COULD FIGURE THEM OUT) NOT FAR FROM A TOWN CALLED  
NIEFFERN. THE THREE OF US STARTED WALKING  
TO THE TOWN BEHIND US, JUST TO SEE WHAT  
WAS GOING ON. I DONT RECALL HOW FAR WE  
WALK'D BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL OF OUR GUYS,  
AND THERE WAS A BEER HALL OPEN. SO BEING  
PURE BLOODED AMERICAN BOYS WE DECIDED TO  
HAVE A FEW (MISTAKE #2) IT GOT DARK REAL FAST  
SO WE HITCHED A RIDE IN A JEEP AT THE OUTPOST  
THE TWO GUYS SAID THEY WERE GOING RIGHT PAST  
"C" COMPANY AREA. ON THE WAY UP TO OUR COMPANY  
OUR JEEP AND ONE GOING OPPOSITE DIRECTION /  
SIDE SWIPED AND BOTH LEFT REAR TIRES WERE  
BROKEN OFF AT THE AXELS, WE SLAMMED INTO  
A DIRT EMBANKMENT AND A COUPLE OF US GOT  
SLIGHTLY BANGED UP. WE HAD TO STAY AT THE  
HOSPITAL OVERNIGHT. WE ARRIVED BACK AT "C"  
COMPANY SCARED STIFFD FIGUREING WE WOULD  
PROBABLY BE SHOT, FOR BEING ABSENT. THE FIRST

SARGENT SAID CAPT NEELEY WANTED TO SEE US. HE PROMPTLY LET US KNOW WHAT HE COULD DO TO US AND THEN VERY EFFECTIVELY CHEWED US OUT, AND WITHOUT TAKING A SECOND BREATH TOLD THE FIRST SARGENT TO GIVE US K.P. FOR THE WEEK. WELL FOR THE WHOLE WEEK WE SCRUBBED, SANDPAPERED AND POLISHED THE FIELD STOVES IT WAS A LOST CAUSE. TO THIS DAY I CANT RECALL THE NAMES OF MY TWO PARTNERS IN CRIME. BUT I THINK WE WERE POSSIBLY THE ONLY ONES EVER TO DO K.P AS PUNISHMENT ON THE LINE. THIS I WILL NEVER FORGET. BUT AT LEAST WE WERE SPARED (MISTAKE #3) THANKS TO CAPT NEELEY

Howard Henning  
3RD PLATOON "C" 1ST CAMP

I DONT REMEMBER IF THE BEER WAS GOOD

P.S THIS IS ABOUT AS ACCURATE AS I CAN RECALL I WONDER IF IT WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY THAT THE OTHER TWO MEN ARE STILL HERE AND REMEMBER THIS ONE LITTLE INCIDENT