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MR Robert Thompson

I UNDERSTAND you ARE Collecting
MEMOIRS OF THE HAMMEBURG RAID, and
Tributes to MAJ. BAUM.

I Wrote A book, "COUNTRY BOG IN PANTRY"
Which I sell For 10⁰⁰ + 2⁰⁰ POSTAGE handling.

I HAVE MAJ BAUM - book -

I DO wish To EXPRESS my THANKS
TO MAJ BAUM.

I TELL ABOUT THE HAMMEBURG RAID
IN my book.

I CRAWLED ON A HALF TRACK AND STAYED
ON IT UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING WHEN WE
PULLED BACK ON HIGH GROUND. WHEN COL GODE
LEFT WITH OTHERS AND WALKED BACK TO
THE CAMP AND THREE OTHER GUYS LEFT AND
HID OUT IN THE WOODS. ABOUT THAT TIME
ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE WHEN THE GERMANS
SHELLED BAUM'S VEHICLES.

WE STAYED HID ALL THAT DAY.
THAT NIGHT WE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE OUR
WAY TO THE AMERICAN LINES. THE FOLLOWING
DAY WE WERE IN THICK WOODS AND THE
GERMANS CAPTURED US AGAIN. THEY
MARCHED US TO A SMALL HOUSE WHERE

They were collecting other prisoners.
They marched us back to our
Camp at Hamelburg - They put
us on a TRAIN About midnight.
The TRAIN proceeded to Nurnberg.
From there they put us on another TRAIN
to Moosburg. STALAG 7A.

The BN Commander of the unit
THAT liberated me AT STALAG 7A HAD
TAUGHT me in Highschool.

Small world indeed.

I wish I could HAVE MADE IT
TO your Reunion.

Sincerely

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