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HAMMELBURG RESCUE

I came to the Hammelburg POW Camp from Oflag 64 in Poland. When the rescue attempt was made I elected to go out with Captain Baum's task force. I was on a half-track until we met resistance and lost tanks and people. We turned around to go a few miles to regroup on a wooded hill.

My half-track was not far from the cement building when the Germans attacked and blew us away. I took off back through the woods. A short while later I was bagged again by a group of Germans spraying BRRRP guns all around me.

I was then marched back to the village where the task force was fired on and held in a garage or similar shelter. Later in the day I was taken back to the place of the attack. On the side of the road I helped bury the Americans who had been killed there.

Later I was marched back to the camp at Hammelburg and late that night or early the next morning was taken to the railroad station and shipped to Nuremburg. In Nuremburg I was marched past the Nazi Stadium where we had a break and on to the POW camp.

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