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Dear Major Baum:

I probably owe my life to you. I was one of, I believe, 25 "Kreigy's" who made it safely back to the American lives after your gallant attempt to free the camp at Hammelburg, March, 1945.

Consequently, I'm extremely grateful to you and your men for the tremendous effort and sacrifice to achieve that goal.

I've just finished reading "Raid," your book outlining that action. I've also just finished "48 Hours to Hammelburg." "Raid" is a much better depiction of what happened. It was much more factual and less political. It also opened my eyes to the magnificent and heroic acts you and your men executed to reach us and attempt to free us.

I'm sure one can second guess General Patton's decision to undertake the mission. If I understand the epilogue in "Raid" it may have allowed U.S. forces to move forward faster and with less resistance than they might otherwise have encountered.

In closing, I will always be indebted to you and your men for helping me to safely and successfully complete the most defining experience of my life.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Corbin".

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