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Dear Fellow Ex-Kriegie:

Rereading correspondence, I just reread your letter of September 15 in reply to my query about the Belgian posing as an American Kriegie. Although only 80 years old, I'm getting senile. I can remember things that happened years ago but not what happened last month. So I'm not sure if I answered your letter or not.


Anyway, your letter does answer my question. The Belgian apparently was what he claimed to be: a civilian who put on an American officer's uniform just before capture.

Since I was a member of the 36th Division, Texas National Guard, during World War II, I write articles for the division's publications, "The T-Patcher," and "The Fighting 36th Historical Quarterly."

As I probably mentioned earlier, I was one of the last Kriegies to be returned to U. S. control. I was among those who went to Stalag III-A, Luckenwalde, and was there when the Russians arrived on April 22nd, 1945. Twice the Americans sent convoys to evacuate us and both times the Soviets refused to let us go. Most American Kriegies "escaped." We were guarded only loosely and they didn't seem to care if we walked off on our own. They wanted to exchange us for Russian PWs liberated by the Allies and who didn't want to return to Mother Russia. I was there on May 20th, twelve days after the war ended, when they loaded those of us who were left into trucks and took us to the Elbe River, where an American convoy was waiting for us.

The possible forthcoming unification of the two Germanys brings back memories.

Fraternally yours,

  
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I socialized with Frank Atan, our premier escape hound, who lived here when he died. Have lost track of Roy Chappell. Still correspond with Harold D. Craft, of Barracks 3-B.