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DEAR CAPTAIN DOMINIQUE:

1. I enlisted in the US Army 19 July, 1942 at Pittsburgh Pa., left Pa and was assigned to K company, 317 InfantryBtn, 80th Division where I attended Basic Training and Advanced Training at Telahoma, Tenn. From there I went to OCS at Ft. Momonouth , New Jersy, Signal Corp, in January 1943. I was comissioned 2/Lt. in May 1944 and never returned to the 80th Divison.

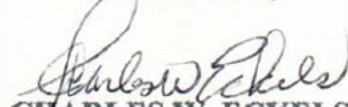
2. Unknown. I have had 2 strokes and a lot of my memory is gone.

3. What was the most difficult part of the war?

Being in France and Germany and STAYING ALIVE. I was in France when the war ended.. OUR MOTO "KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN AND YOUR POWDER DRY".

4. Enclosed is all the information my wife could find. Also Tom Brokaw the news comentator wrote two books : THE GREATEST GENERATION, AND AN ALBUM OF MEMORIES. His website is www.bantamdell.com.

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