

## **ALABAMA VETERAN WILLIAM C. HARRIS:**

"Hello folks, lots happening here in Germany, as you can imagine. The boys in the crew are all holding their heads high as we've come here to help bring a close to this war. Several days ago we bombed a place called Brunswick, Germany. When I say things got really rough, I have to tell you, I ain't kidding. The fire from the ground was intense as the German troops are not going to go without a fight. It was our 13th mission and I sure didn't think we were going to make it through. On our next flight we hit one of Hitler's oil refineries. On this one we got the honor of leading the formation to the drop sight. Things went pretty smooth 'til we got over the target, then we caught flak like you wouldn't believe. Lt. Col. Miller met us as we landed and was congratulating our pilot on a fine job. The pictures they showed us indicated we really tore up the place. But if you think that was scary wait until I tell of our next mission. It was May 29 and we were scheduled to hit an airfield in Germany. As we approached I could see that this was going to be a tough fight. Flak everywhere and then came the enemy fighters, about 100 of them. We managed to shoot down two of them but Lt. Forsyth's ship got shot up pretty bad and had to land in Sweden.

"Today we were briefed on the big invasion on June 6. It's going to be a big job and I imagine we will see a lot of resistance. I'm glad to get to go on this crucial mission. If we do our job it really means a lot to the landing forces on the ground. Well, that's all for now, I'll let you know how it goes. Love, Bill"

*William C. Harris died on "D" Day, somewhere in England.*