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Greetings again from sunny, balmy
Northern

Virginia. Here it is mid-February and I
have
seen about 2 inches of snow all winter, the
daffodil bulbs are coming up and except
for
a brisk wind today we are having
beautifully
sunny weather.

A lot of things are going on with the Web
Site at this time and I also have other
news
items that may be of interest, so here we
go.

REUNIONS:

Here is a recap of 63rd Infantry Division
reunions that I am aware of. You can
check out the details by clicking on the
reunion entry:

[National Reunion at Branson, MO 13-18
August 2002](#)

[Philadelphia Chapter Spring Mini-
Reunion
at Annapolis, MD 4-7 Jun 2002](#)

[F Company, 253rd Infantry Regiment
Mini-Reunion at Baton Rouge, LA 18-22
Mar 2002](#)

[Upper Midwest Chapter 2002 Reunion at
Grand Rapids MN 3-6 June 2002](#)

Got some time on your hands? Plan on
attending at least one of the reunions

DIVISION GENERAL ORDERS AND AWARDS:

During the past two or three weeks I have
spent some 70-80 hours in the presence of
true heroes. It was my pleasure to be able
to scan and place on a single CD all 674
General Orders issued by Headquarters
63rd Infantry Division during the period
1943-1944 and 1945.

I also included all citations for awards of
The Medal of Honor, The Distinguished
Service Cross, The Presidential Unit
Citations and the French Croix de Guerre
with Palm. I have also included an
alphabetical listing, by name, rank, SN,
unit,
type of award, authority, date and area of
event and home town of each individual
listed in the General Orders. We have Bill
Scott, our Historian, to thank for this
comprehensive listing of the awards
earned
by men of the 63rd Infantry Division.

Truly
a wonderful condensed history of their
heroic accomplishments.

Since the scanning process took several
minutes for each page, I used the time
waiting to read as many of the award
citations as possible. The awards covered
by the General Orders included the Silver
Star, the Bronze Star, the Soldier's Medal
and the Air Medal

I sat at my desk in awe at some of the
heroic
accomplishments of our division's
soldiers.

listed.

All 63rd Infantry Division veterans and Associate members are invited.

AUTHORS LOOKING FOR WARTIME STORIES

Mr. William Ripley is looking for stories from 63rd Infantry Division veterans detailing their wartime experiences.

[Check out the Bulletin Board entry for details](#)

Mr John D Lukacs is looking for wartime information about the 255th Infantry's role in the battle for Bitche and the assault on the Siegfried Line. [Check out the Bulletin Board entry for details.](#)

Mr Michel Knittel of Alsace , France is looking for testimonies from 63rd Infantry Division veterans as relates to what they knew or heard about German "wonder weapons" such as jet planes, death rays, etc. [Check out the Bulletin Board entry for details.](#)

63RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION (RESERVE) ANNUAL SUNDAY BRUNCH

You can get the details relating to the 63rd Infantry Division Association (Reserve) Annual Sunday Brunch to be held on 21 April 2002 at the Four Points Hotel in Fullerton CA by going to the Bulletin Board. [Click here.](#)

PHOTOS FOR THE WEB SITE PHOTO SECTIONS

As you recall I have been asking for photos to add to the three photo sections of the Web Site. Recently *Thomas Glunt* of Hq 2d Bn, 254th Infantry Regiment sent a CD to me with 70 wartime photos. I will, in

One might think that such awards go only to frontline Infantry troops and for the most part that is correct, but I found cooks, drivers, linemen, Engineers, Artillery crewmen, headquarters personnel and many other types who unhesitantly performed heroic feats beyond your imagination. I was particularly impressed and appreciative of the Medical Aid Men who risked their lives , over and over again, under the worse combat conditions to tend to the wounded.

My hat goes off to them.

Many of the copies of orders that were scanned were in poor condition, but I think that I was able to get a legible file for each order.

There is no plan, that I know of, to sell the CD, but I am sure that if you wanted a copy the Historian would make one available for about \$10.

REQUESTING MILITARY RECORDS

I have updated the Bulletin Board entry relating to the requesting of military records with some additional information relating to the millions of records that were destroyed by fire in July 1973. [You can check out that notice by clicking here.](#)

COMBAT BUSINESS CARDS

While requests for the Combat Business Cards mentioned in the last Newsletter haven't been exactly brisk, I have received \$80 in donations which will be divided

the
next few days place 59 of them in the
photo
sections, with most going into the Combat
Section.

I want to add a special thanks to Thomas
for his generosity in that he had to have
each
photo scanned and placed on the CD by a
professional photo shop.

I am still looking for photos to add to our
already large collection. So if you have
any
wartime photos of 63rd Infantry troops in
action, training or occupation duty, please
send them to me along with captions.

Another planned project for the
Association
Historian includes placing all photos
currently in the hands of the Historian on
CD
for historical purposes

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PEACE MEETING AT THE CROSS OF THE JEBSHEIM MILL.

Mr Hugues Peche, President of the
Association La Croix du Moulin de
Jebnheim, has sent a message to me and
advised that the International Peace
Meeting
at The Cross of the Jebnheim Mill which
is
usually held on the second Sunday of
each
year will not be held until **30 June 2002**
this year. The reason was that French
National elections are being held on the
2d
Sunday of June this year. So if you are
planning on attending the International
Peace
Meeting this year make your plans
accordingly. I refer you to **The Cross of**
The Jebnheim Mill for information about
the
meeting

between the 63rd Infantry Division
Association Treasury and maintenance of
Division Memorials. [For details on the
Business cards click here to see some
samples.](#) I have also made some to order
so
if you want a card that is a little different
all
you have to do is let me know what you
want.

MEMORABILIA ITEMS FOR SALE

Bill Scott, our Association Historian tells
me
that the sale of hat pins and bolo ties is
brisk. Check out what's available by
going
to the [Memorabilia Page](#) of the web site.
You might find something you need or a
gift
for a friend.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

After spending several weeks trying to get
my High Speed Cable operating correctly
I
finally have a new e-mail address. It is
joyclint@comcast.net

It seems to be working well for the time
being.

NEW INQUIRIES

Don't forget to check out the new entries
for
people looking for information about 63rd
Infantry Division veterans. Go to

Mail Call Consolidated list

Buddy Search Consolidated list

I'LL BE BACK TO YOU IN MARCH

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