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As the 63rd Infantry Division Newsletter enters its third year of publication I find that the faster I go the behinder I get.

Not many new items this month, but I did manage to accomplish a few things that will add to our historical files. I hope you will enjoy the many new photos that now appear on the site.

NEW OFFICERS FOR THE 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

As is the custom, all new officers were elected for the 63rd Infantry Division Association at the Branson, MO reunion.

Also five (5) new members of the Association Board of Directors were elected to replace those whose terms of service had expired.

You can view the names of these new officers and directors by going to the [Association Page](#) and clicking on Association Officers.

263D ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION HISTORY CD:

As I mentioned in the last newsletter I was in the process of completing the History CD for the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHS APPEARING ON THE WEB SITE:

Since I last contacted you I have entered over 200 new photographs on the web site.

I am still amazed at some of the photos I receive from time to time, particular the combat photos. Where did these cameras come from and how were the films developed? I know that a few are official Signal Corps photos, but others like some of the ones I have of D/254th, were taken in the middle of complete chaos. How they survived is a mystery to me. They did however, and I am always thankful to those of you who are sharing with me and adding to the historic files of the 63rd Infantry Division.

To review the new photos go to the following pages of the Photo Sections indicated.

Pictorial History of the 63rd Infantry Division in Combat:

[Pages 24 thru 30 \(83 new photos\)](#)

The 63rd Infantry Division on Occupation Duty:

[Pages 14 thru 24 \(108 new photos\)](#)

Miscellaneous Photos and Memorabilia

That process has been completed, although I am still trying to get more photos to fill out the various Photo Sections. I was able to come up with a few combat photographs depicting the work done by the 263d Engineers, but I have absolutely no photos of the 263d in Occupation Duty or photos that might be appropriate for the Miscellaneous section (Training, on leave etc). I also have no Personal Experiences written by veterans of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion to include on the CD.

So, if you are a 263d Engineer Combat Battalion veteran or a family member of a 263d Engineer veteran, how about scouring those files for photos and personal experience stories to be included with the history of the unit that supported the 63rd Infantry Division combat units so gallantly and well during WWII.

Send them to me either by e-mail or regular mail. My regular mailing address appears on the Index Page of the web site

I will be sending the Master CD of the History of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion to the Association Historian within a few days. I guess the price of this new CD will be the same as for the Regimental History CD's- \$12 including shipping. If interested in purchasing this new History CD please contact Bill Scott the Association Historian at wjs631@attbi.com

PROJECTS ON THE BOARD IN COMING MONTHS.:

[Pages 26 thru 31 \(36 new photos\)](#)

Currently underway are projects to complete History CDs for Division Artillery, the 363d Medical Battalion and for the Division Special Troops.

When completed the 363d Medical Battalion History will be included on the CD now containing the History of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion and will be entitled The History of 63rd Infantry Division Support Battalions.

Also on the planning board is the scanning and placing on CD's of all photographs now in the 63rd Infantry Division Historical archives. From what I am told by the Association Historian this will be a monumental task and should produce many photos that haven't seen the light of day for many years. It should prove to be an interesting task. As usual all new photos will be placed in the appropriate sections of the website if deemed of historical interest.

I'll keep you informed of any progress made on any of these projects.

See you again in October. Keep an eye on the Reunion Section. I should have all the details for the 2003 reunion soon.- Fred

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