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Well it's been almost two (2) months since I last visited with you and for that I apologize. I was rather ill for almost all of the month of October, but am now almost normal again, whatever that is.

Not a whole lot has happened since I last wrote the newsletter because of my illness, but I will tell what has happened and things you should look for on the Web Site.

NATIONAL REUNION:

Although still a little early for firming up your plans for next year you should make sure you mark your calendar for the National Reunion to be held in Columbus, OH from 13-17 August 2003. Please go to the [Reunion Page](#) for details.

NEW ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF INDIVIDUALS APPEARING IN PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE WEB SITE:

I have just finished the first go around of placing an alphabetical listing of all named individuals appearing in photographs on the web site. Go to that list, check out a name, click on the name and you will go to the page on which his or her photo appears. Where a person appears in more than one photo on the same page their name will only appear once for that page. You can access this list from the [Index](#) page or be going to [Alphabetical Photo Index Page 1](#)

This is an ongoing project. In fact I have about 100 new names waiting to be added to the list. I expect to get these done within the next few days.

NEW ENTRIES ON THE WEB SITE

Check out the new photographs just placed on the Web Site since the last Newsletter

GOOD NEWS FOR FORMER POWS:

There have been dramatic changes in VA Medical services for former POWs. Check out the details on this new benefit as well as the new POW medal by going to the [Bulletin Board Page 9](#)

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALL VETERANS OF THE 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION WHO FOUGHT IN FRANCE ARE AUTHORIZED SEVERAL MEDALS ISSUED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT?

All veterans of the 63rd Infantry Division who fought in France during World War II are authorized the following commemorative medals:

1. Medaille Commemorative de la Guerre 1939-1945 with "Liberation" barrette. There is an application for this award which I hope to have available within a few days. (Cost \$18)
2. Medaille France Libre(Medaille Commemorative des Services Volontaires dans la France Libre)(Cost: \$23)
3. Medaille de la France Liberee.(Cost \$21)
4. French First Army Commemorative Medal. (This medal is authorized only for those individuals who were attached to the First French Army in the Colmar Area during Jan-Feb 45- Basically the 254th Infantry Regiment) (Cost- \$30)_

All of these medals must be purchased and to date I have only found one place for Medals #1, #2 and #3 and that is the American Order of The French Croix de Guerre. Unfortunately you must be a member of that

1. [Combat Photos](#)
2. [Occupation Photos](#)
3. [Miscellaneous Photos](#)

Don't forget to check out the consolidated listings on inquiries

1. [Mail Call](#)
2. [Buddy Search](#)

STILL LOOKING FOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION VETERANS IN COMBAT, ON OCCUPATION DUTY AND IN TRAINING.

You can help establish the historical record of the 63rd Infantry Division by digging out all of those old photographs of you or your relatives when they were in the 63rd Infantry Division. Once located send those photographs along with captions to me either as attachments to an e-mail or by regular mail. My Regular mail address is Fred Clinton 102 South Jenkins Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. All photos mailed to me will be returned.

Once processed these photographs will become a permanent part of this web site and will be included in the historical files of the 63rd Infantry Division. They will appear on the History CD's of the appropriate unit and some will appear on the 63rd Infantry Division History CD. This is a great way for those photos to be permanently recorded for history.

association to make the purchase. Only the 254th Infantry veterans are eligible to join this Association by virtue of their receipt of the French Croix de Guerre for Colmar.

Medal #4 is only available from the Rhin et Danube Association and again only to members. Again only members of the 254th Infantry Regiment are eligible to join that association.

I am actively searching for other sources and will keep you informed. I have also asked the two associations mentioned above if they would consider selling to other than members. I will let you know the outcome of that.

MEMORABILIA ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS:

Have you checked out the various memorabilia items that are available from the Historian, 63rd Infantry Division Association. There are hat pins, patches, printed histories of 63rd Infantry Division units and of course the History CD's. All of these would make great gifts for your veteran or for your grandchildren and children. A good way to preserve the history of your WWII service and of the 63rd Infantry Division. So go to the Memorabilia Pages of the web site and do your holiday shopping early.

[Click here to go the the Memorabilia Page.](#)

Happy Holidays. I'll be

back in January 2003

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