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Hello to all from the local deep freeze. What is happening? We were down to 9 degrees last night and down in the really sunny south it was in the 20's. Doesn't someone up there understand that we live in the South in order to avoid the harsh winter temperatures of our Northern friends? It sort of reminds me of the fun that we all had in the Winter of 44-45.

REUNIONS

Make sure that you have marked your calendar for the August 13-17 Reunion in Columbus, OH. For details go to [Reunions](#).

ASSOCIATION DUES

For those of you who are members of the 63rd Infantry Division Association it is "Annual Dues" time again. Please make your dues payments on time to avoid being eliminated from the Blood and Fire publication mailing list. Payment of the \$5.00 annual dues should be mailed to Donna LaCrosse, Association Secretary/Treasurer at the following address: PO Box 86, Morocco, IN 47963. When paying your dues it wouldn't hurt to throw in a little extra money to help defray the expenses involved in publishing and mailing the Blood and Fire.

Did you know that it cost the 63d Infantry Division Association \$1.06 per copy to remail the Blood and Fire to a new address and the Association also must pay \$2.63 for each copy of the Blood and Fire returned because of wrong addresses.

So, in order to reduce overall costs of mailing the Blood and Fire and to make sure that you get your copy on schedule please inform the Association Secretary or Editor of the Blood and Fire when you change addresses. You

Former 253d Infantry Member purlishes a book about his World War II experiences

James Thome, formerly of C Company 253d Infantry Regiment at Camp Van Dorn, MS and L Company 315th Infantry, 79th Infantry Division in Europe has written a memoir that takes the reader back to the dark days of conscription, induction into the military, basic training and combat.

I found the book well written and interesting. I think any member of the Army during WWII will find that the book brings back many memories both good and bad.

You can order the book directly from James L. Thome at 15 Augustine Lane, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558 or from the publisher at TGrifford Publishing, Suite 6E, 2333 Government St. Victoria, BC, Canada V8t 4p4, Telephone toll free 1-888-232-4444.

Cost of the book is \$17.00 plus \$2.50 Postage and handling.

James can also be reached by e-mail at the following address: jthome@usit.net

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE CERTIFICATE

If you recall, in my last newsletter I mentioned that I would be getting ten (10) copies of the French Croix de Guerre Certificate for resale. I am happy to announce that nine(9) of the ten have been purchased by members of the 254th Infantry Regiment. Thanks for your support.

DELETION OF INQUIRY NOTICES APPEARING ON UNIT PAGES, MAIL

can contact the Secretary at the following address: hlacosse@netnitco.net You can contact the Editor of the Blood and Fire at the following address: julius63rd@erols.com

LIST OF HISTORY CD'S NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION HISTORIAN:

The following CD's are available from the Historian of the 63rd Infantry Division Association:

- 1- Wartime copies of the Blood and Fire Newspaper.- \$10 each CD
- 2- General Orders of the 63rd Infantry Division including other orders from some units. \$10 each CD
3. The 63rd Infantry Division Chronicles- A history of the 63rd Infantry Division with rosters, hundreds of photographs, awards lists and much more. \$15 each CD
4. Unit History CD's for each Infantry Regiment and the 263d Engineer (Combat) Battalion. \$12 each unit CD
5. A Pictorial History of the 63rd Infantry Division in World War II. Contains over 880 photographs of soldiers of the 63rd Infantry Division in Training, Combat and on Occupation Duty. Also includes a photo tour of Camp Van Dorn, MS. \$12 each CD

To order any of these CD's contact Bill Scott, Association Historian at e-mail address: wjs631@attbi.com

CALL PAGES AND BUDDY SEARCH PAGES;

This past month I deleted a number of personal inquiries appearing on the web site because the contact addresses given at time of entry were no longer valid. So as a reminder. If you change your e-mail address and I have placed an inquiry from you on the web site, please let me know what the new address is to avoid deletion of your entry.. In this connection you can check out the contents of Mail Call and Buddy Search by clicking on the titles below:

[Mail Call](#)

[Buddy Search.](#)

BULLETIN BOARD AND ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF INDIVIDUALS IN PHOTOGRAPHS:

Check for new entries on the [Bulletin Board](#) and on the [Alphabetical Listing of Individuals appearing in photographs on the web site.](#)

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION HISTORICAL FILES

Please don't put off checking your files for those old photos you made during your time with the 63rd Infantry Division. Send them to me either by e-mail along with captions or by regular mail to Fred Clinton 102 South Jenkins Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. After processing all photos sent by regular mail will be returned.

After processing they will be added to the historical files of the 63rd Infantry Division Association. As such they will appear on any unit History CDs, in some cases on the revisions of the 63rd Infantry Division Chronicles, on the 63rd Infantry Division Web site and on the Pictorial History CD.

Thanks for your support. See you in February 2003

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