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Hello again from the cold, wet, very wet area of Northern Virginia. When will it ever get to be warm and sunny again? Well at least I am still breathing, more or less.

HISTORY CHANNEL PRESENTATION:

The History Channel will present a program on 9 June 2003 entitled "Blood from a Stone". The showing will start at 2100 (9 PM) EST.

The story is about two 254th Infantry Regiment soldiers who acquired a large amount of diamonds and other valuables, buried them and 50 years later they were uncovered.

I mention this showing because it may be of interest to 254th Infantry and 63d Infantry Division veterans. But, more importantly I have been contacted several times by writers, reporters and the like concerning the authenticity of this story. There are a number of things that just don't ring true as to dates, areas of events, etc.

I will watch tomorrow evening with anticipation. If you have the opportunity to view this film, please let me know your thoughts on the events. If you happen to have been in F Company 254th Infantry at the time of the alleged events and could further confirm or deny them, that would be also be good to know

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Since I was last with you I have received a number of new photos and they have either been entered on the web site or in process of being entered.

I even have some photos of Camp Shanks, NY our port of debarkation for Europe. I have also

MORNING REPORT PROJECT:

Well I finished the December 1944-May 1945 Morning Report project for the 254th Infantry Regiment.

Bill Scott, 63rd Infantry Division Association Historian, and I hesitated to go further with the project until we could assess the value of the copies that appear on the 254th Infantry Regiment Morning Report CD.

While some of the images are not very clear due to the poor quality of the copies that were obtained from the National Records Center, we have determined that the results are still very useful in looking up data relating to men of the 63rd Infantry Division.

I have used the 254th Infantry Regiment Morning Report CD several times to verify dates and degree of seriousness of wounds of 254th Infantry veterans.

So I am going ahead with the project and have already starting scanning Morning Reports for the 253d Infantry Regiment. I hope to complete all three regiments and some supporting units prior to the Columbus, Ohio Reunion in August.

Although these CD's are not being prepared for sale but for use in historical research they will be offered for sale for \$12 each. As in the case of the other historical CD's prepared by the 63rd Infantry Division Association Historians, they are formatted to be read with Acrobat Reader which will be included on the CD.

REUNION:

Another reminder to make your plans to meet with us at the Columbus, Ohio 63rd Infantry

included a couple of photos of well know German weapons, the Nebelwerfer (Screaming Meanie) and the Panzerfaust. Also being added are photos of a Nazi Flag, signed by a number of 255th Infantry troops during the war , that is now on display in a museum.

So please take the time to check out these new photos. They will always be in the last few pages of each photo section of the Web Site.

Don't forget that I am still looking for photos and memorabilia images to add to the web site and to the historical CD's of the 63rd Infantry Division.

Send them to me by e-mail attachments along with captions or by regular mail to Fred Clinton 102 South Jenkins Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. Once received I will scan them and return all photos to you, if desired.

MEMORABILIA ITEMS FOR SALE:

Please don't forget to check out all of the Memorabilia Items for sale by the 63rd Infantry Division Historian. Any profits from the sale of these items are used by the Associaion for History and Operational expenses. [You can find the Memorabilia items for sale by clicking here.](#)

Division Association Reunion. It promises to be a great reunion. [Please go to the Reunion Page for details.](#)

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Requests for information relating to 63rd Infantry Division Veterans were somewhat slow for a couple of months, that is until Memorial Day. Since that time the Association Historian, Bill Scott and I have been very busy researching and answering inquiries, mainly from children or relatives of 63rd Infantry Division veterans.

As I process these requests I am amazed at the amount of information that we have available and how much we can tell someone about each veteran of the 63rd Infantry Division.

Much of our information has come from official records, but a lot of information in form of photos, personal experience writings, etc has come from our veterans. For this Bill Scott and I thank you.

In this connection, if you are a veteran of the 63rd Infantry Division please consider sending us your personal experiences and photographs for file in our historical records. Remember, if you don't record those experiences now, they are lost forever when you die.

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