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Well, here it is almost the end of October- Winter is fast approaching and Halloween is just around the corner. Where does the time go and why does it have to go so fast? I bet our Servicemen and women who are in Iraq are wishing it would pass so fast and that they were out of that quagmire.

REUNIONS:

Don't forget to mark your calendars with the dates of the 56th annual reunion of the 63rd Infantry Division Association to be held in Falls Church, VA (Washington DC area) from 11 to 16 August 2004. Go to the [Reunion Page](#) for details.

NEW PHOTOS ADDED:

Check out the new photos added to the [Pictorial History of the 63rd Infantry Division in Combat Section](#) and the [Occupation Photos Section](#).

Don't forget that I am still looking for new photos and memorabilia images to add to the Web Site Photo sections and to the Historical files of the 63rd Infantry Division Association. So check out those old photo albums and submit all of your 63rd Infantry Division photos to me either by e-mail or by regular mail. If you send them by regular mail send them to Fred Clinton 102 S. Jenkins Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. After I have scanned and processed the photos they will be returned to you.

COMBAT BUSINESS CARDS:

Looking for something to give that veteran or perhaps a gift for yourself. Don't forget that I am offering Combat Business Cards that save a lot of words when someone asks you what you did during the "big one". Go to the following pages to see samples of cards that can be produced. ([Combat Business Cards](#)) The cost of ten (10) cards is only \$10.00 including

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN AND COMBAT MEDICAL BADGES:

Based on our request the Department of the Army has issued orders awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medic Badge to men of the 254th Infantry Regiment who were killed in action. This singular action did not include the men from the 253d or 255th Infantry Regiments because it appears that such orders were issued by those units when members of their regiments were KIA.

The order, DA Permanent Order 224-25 dated 12 August 2003 is available to family members of those men listed on the order. Just send me a letter or e-mail requesting the order and I will mail it to you. This order can be used to apply for a Bronze Star Medal Conversion award as outlined on [Page 2 of the Bulletin Board](#)

If you are a relative of a member of the 253d Infantry Regiment or 255th Infantry Regiment who was killed in action and don't know if your relative received the CIB or CMB please contact me and I will check our files to see if we have a record of those awards.

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE AND COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE CERTIFICATES:

The Historian of the 63rd Infantry Division Association is making available a Combat Infantryman Badge and Combat Medical Badge Certificate to those individuals who have received that award.

Size of the certificate is 8 1/2" x 11" and is printed on heavy stock paper. A sample of the certificate can be seen by [clicking here](#).

postage. All funds received will be sent to the 63rd Infantry Division Association treasury.

ARMY FIELD RATIONS

Have you taken the time to check out the Army Field Ration Section of the web site? If not go to [Army Field Rations](#) where you will find a comprehensive view of what soldiers were eating in the field during WWII.

If you have already visited that section you might want to take another look since I have placed new photographs of the rations and the P38 can opener on [Page 4](#) of the Army Field Ration section.

SECTIONS OF INTEREST

If you have the time I suggest you check out the following items on the web site. You might find a buddy or relative:

1. [List of individuals seeking information about 63rd Infantry Division members.](#)
2. [63rd Infantry Division veterans looking for their buddies.](#)
3. [An alphabetical listing of names of individuals appearing in all photographs on the web site.](#)
4. [Listing of all photos appearing in the Pictorial History of the 63rd Infantry Division in Combat section. Thumbnails of all photos appearing in this section.](#)
5. [Listing of all photos appearing in the 63rd Infantry Division on Occupation duty. Thumbnails of all photos appearing in this section](#)
6. [Listing of all photos appearing in the Miscellaneous photos section. Thumbnails of all photos appearing in this section.](#)

NOTE: If you go to the Thumbnails, unless you have high speed internet access, it will take a very long time for the photo pages to appear.

Cost of the certificate is \$5.00 including postage.. Requests for this certificate must be accompanied by a copy of the order making the award or a copy of your discharge paper showing the award of the CIB or CMB.

Submit your request to me, Fred Clinton 102 South Jenkins Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. Make sure that you include a check for at least \$5.00 made out to the 63rd Infantry Division Historian and a copy of the orders/discharge certificate indicating that you were awarded either the Combat Infantryman Badge or the Combat Medic Badge. Please include the period covered for the award.

MORNING REPORT PROJECT:

I am happy to report that I have completed the scanning, processing and recording of all 63rd Infantry Division unit morning reports for the combat months. The last section of this project was completed just a few days ago and included all of Division Artillery, the Engineer Battalion, the Medical Battalion and all of the Special Troops units.

I am now in the process of preparing three (3) new CD's to be made available by the 63rd Infantry Division Association Historian. They will be Morning Reports for Division Artillery, Morning Reports for Support Battalions (Engr and Med) and Morning Reports for Special Troops. These are added to the already available CD's of Combat Month Morning Reports for the three regiments.

These new CD's will be priced at \$10 each and will be available from the 63rd Infantry Division Historian, Bill Scott. See the [Memorabilia Section](#) for details and his address.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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