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Dear Friends of the 63rd Infantry Division: Just a short Newsletter to bring you up to date on the latest happenings relating to the 63rd Infantry Division.

SEARCH FOR ORDERS RELATING TO THE 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION.

Due to the efforts of many of the members of the 63rd Infantry Division Association I have been able to collect a great majority of the orders issued by the division and subordinate units during our combat days.

Unfortunately there are some gaps in our historical files that we have been unable to fill because the files do not exist in the National Archives.

So, I am asking that all of you look through your old military records and those of your parents or grandparents to see if there are copies of orders relating to their service with the 63rd Infantry Division. I am particularly interested in orders from the 253d Infantry Regiment that award the Combat Infantryman and Combat Medical Badge to members of the regiment. There are no such orders in the National Archives or my files. Evidently they were not sent to the Archives when the regiment was deactivated in September 1945. Also I am looking for 254th Infantry Regiment General Order #1 that awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge to members of the regiment. That order was issued on 1 February 1945 and included awards to every unit of the regiment, but by companies.

Should locate such orders please copy them and send them to me by e-mail:

MEMORIALS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED FOR THE 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION.

If you recall, in Newsletter #60 I provided a image of the Bronze Memorial Plaque that will be installed in the Camp Van Dorn WWII Museum in Centreville, MS.

Since that time we have completed arrangements with The US Army Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, Ga to have a Memorial Bench installed on their Walk of Fame. We tried to have a plaque installed in the Museum similar to the one at the Camp Van Dorn WWII Museum, but at this time there is no plan to install such plaques in The Infantry Museum. I am maintaining contact with them so that if they ever do decide to accept Memorial Plaques for installation the Museum I will see that one for the 63rd Infantry Division is dedicated and installed.

If you would like to see an image of the Memorial Bench and its location at the US Infantry Museum please [click here](#).

MEMORIAL BRICKS AT THE US ARMY MUSEUM AND THE FREEDOM FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE:

Action is underway to request Memorial Bricks at the US Army Museum and the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. Final recommendations should be forthcoming soon. I will let you know the outcome.

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Orders for the Combat Infantryman
Badge or Combat Medical Badge are
required documents if an individual is
applying for the award of a Bronze Star
Medal for Meritorious Service based
on earning the CIB or CMB. Without
the orders or separation papers
showing the award of a CIB or CMB the
Awards and Decorations Branch of the
US Army will not authorize the Bronze
Star Award.

Have a Happy Halloween!!



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