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Well, it has been one busy and exciting month since my last newsletter. Groundhog Day has come and gone, Valentine Day passed without me getting any ugly valentines like I did when I went to elementary school, my wife and I (2d marriage for both of us- and they said it wouldn't last), President Lincoln's Birthday passed without incident and we even had a chance to celebrate New Zealand's Waitangi Day- whatever that is.

Probably the highlight of my month was my unprogrammed operation for an abdominal aortic aneurysm discovered by accident.

Other than a life saving experience, I learned several things during my recuperation.

1. The many friends made during my internet efforts were most generous in their expressions of care and encouragement.
2. Such messages do a lot to help someone who is depressed and trying to overcome an illness.
3. I should make a point to be as generous to my other buddies and friends in their time of need.
4. There are many people out there who are far more in need of cheering up and encouragement than me.

I have added Battle Campaign streamers to the Division History Page, in color. For a look at the new look check out the [Division History Page 1.](#)

I recently received a booklet outlining the history of Eschringen, Germany to include the period that the 254th Infantry Regiment captured that German village on 15 March 1945. The history, compiled by Mr Roland Schmitt of that village covers the war years and includes several photos in and around the village in WWII. One of the photos shows infantrymen of the 254th entering the village on 15 March 1945. I have no idea, at this time, where Mr Schmitt got the photo but I am sure it will bring back memories to the 254th men who were in that area. The photo appears on [Page 8, Pictorial History of the 63rd Infantry Division in WWII.](#) (Note: The booklet is in German. If I can find a translator near by I will have that portion of the booklet pertaining to the March 45 battles translated and included on the web site)

I received a message from Mr Harold Schmidt Sr that invited us to visit his web

Again I thank everyone for their help and words of encouragement.

In this connection I want to bring your attention to several 63rd Infantry Division veterans who could use a little cheer.

Cpl Irwin Gold, Antitank Company 253rd Infantry: e-mail: lgold@charter.net
Regular Mail at: c/o Lisa Gold 3955 E. 3rd Street, Long Beach, CA 90814.

Mike Myers, Platoon leader, G Company 254th Infantry Regiment: e-mail: mary653@mymailstation.com
Regular Mail at 8714 Curtis Ave, Alexandria, VA 22309, Telephone: 703-780-4930

George E. Murchio, Sr, D Company, 254th Infantry Regiment: e-mail: gmurchio@csc.com Regular Mail at: 21 Mandeville St. Pompton Lakes, NJ, 07442

MG Howard S. Wilcox, E Company and 2d Bn Hq, 254th Infantry Regiment: e-mail: srwilcox@hotmail.com Regular Mail: 8505 Woodfield Crossing Blvd #224, Indianapolis, IN 46240

If you want to see some true heroes, men who were deserving of the awards they received, take the time to read the citations for The Medal of Honor and The Distinguished Service Cross awards on the regimental pages. They are truly inspiring.

The 63rd Infantry Division Association (USAR) has announced that they will place a memorial plaque at Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA to honor all

site about the US Merchant Marine in World War II. So if you want to see how the men and boys of the US Merchant Marine fared in WWII to to this site ["American Merchant Marine Veterans"](#)

Shannon Lovell and her mother, Gayle Fitzmaurice (Associate Member of the Association) are trying to find a photo of Larry Saliba, B and E Company, 253rd Infantry Regiment. Pfc Saliba was KIA on 8 April 1945. The family has no photos of Pfc Saliba in uniform. So if you have any group photos that might include Pfc Saliba, please get in touch with Shannon at e-mail address: sflovell@aol.com

We had 20 new listings on the Newsletter distribution list this month and several new applications for membership in the 63rd Infantry Division Association.

The Association Members list has been updated as of 15 February 2001

I am still seeking photos and printed memorabilia to add to the web site. If you have anything you can send it to me as an e-mail attachment (jpg or GIF file format) or by regular mail. I will return all photos and printed memorabilia items after scanning.

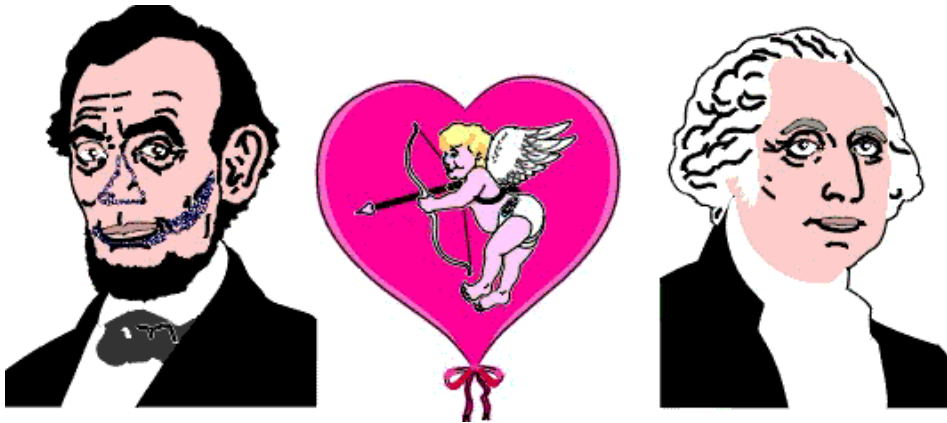
After several years of searching for relatives of the sixty-six (66) 254th men who were killed during the Battle of Jebsheim, I received two messages from relatives this past month. My purpose in trying to locate

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Infantry Division soldiers that served in WWII and its Reserve Division.

Dedication will take place on Armed Forces Day, 19 May 2001. Details can be obtained by contacting SGM Howard B. Eighmy, 6151 Inverness Dr, Banning, CA 92220-5311, Telephone: 1-909-845-4748

relatives was to let them know about the plaques dedicated and mounted on the Jebsheim War Memorial in honor of their loved ones who died in that battle. Messages came from relatives of Pfc Kenneth Buddle, E Company and Pfc John J. Pelarcik, K Company. If you have information about either Pfc Buddle or Pfc Pelacik that you would like to share with their relatives check out the Mail Call Pages 6 and 7



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