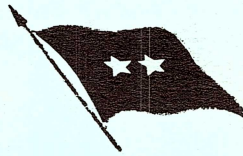


# **63 INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**



**Annual 1966-67**





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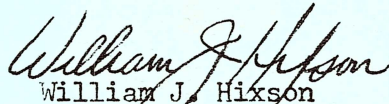
Greetings Fellow Reservists:

Thirteen months have passed since the deactivation of the 63rd Infantry Division, one of the finest Reserve Combat Divisions that ever existed in the United States Army.

In the past year I have met many former 63rd Infantry Division personnel, enlisted men and officers, under a variety of circumstances, during both inactive and active duty periods. Most expressed a wish that they were once again a member of the old Division where the requirements were often quite tough, but the individual had a feeling of belonging to an organization with a mission, through which he developed a personal sense of responsibility and accomplishment. Needless to say I became increasingly proud of my association with the Division.

Despite memories and wishes, however, our obligation is to the present and future. Time and Regulations take their toll. As the months pass, many of us will no longer be active participants in the Reserve Program. It is our duty to make certain that those who follow develop into competent and conscientious Reservists--true Citizen Soldiers. In each of our major wars, including the present one, the 'Non-Professional' has been in the majority in our active forces. Today, as in many past years, Army Reserve Officers outnumber their career counterparts on active duty.

Best wishes to all former members of the 63rd.

  
William J. Hixson  
Major General, USAR

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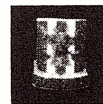


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## 63D INFANTRY DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON, JR., USAR CENTER  
MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90270

### ELECTED BOARD OF GOVERNORS

63d Infantry Division (USAR)

Officers Association 1966-67

#### Chairman of the Board

Walter B. Kroener	Lt Col Inf	3d Bn 15 Inf
3926 Hill St.	Phn: H 588-6823	
Huntington Park, Cal		

#### Secretary & Custodian of Records

Harold F. Pellegrin	Major Inf	Hq 2nd Bde
1404 Westwood Ave	Phn: H 543-2159	
Santa Ana, Cal	B 620-4480	

#### Members of the Board

Edward H. Ahlgren	Major Armor	7th Bn 40 Armor
William Boell	Major Arty	Div Arty
David L. Clayton	Major Inf	Hq 3d Bn
Salvador H. Dippollet	Major Arty	5th Bn 11 Arty
George L. Dutton	Major Inf	Div Hqs
James R. Helms	Major Inf	3d Bn 15 Inf
William E. Kuntz	Capt CE	Div Hqs
Noah F. Modisett	Major Arty	4th Bn 21 Arty
Alfred K. Rusk	Major Ord	763 Maint Bn
Gordon H. Wallace	Lt Col Inf	4th Bn 27th Inf



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of the  
63RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME. The name of this organization shall be 63RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE. The purpose of this association shall be to accumulate, hold, manage and disburse funds for the morale and welfare of the members of the 63rd Infantry Division Association.

ARTICLE III. ACCUMULATION OF FUNDS. The funds referred to above shall be accumulated through periodic assessment of the members of this association and by such other means as may be approved by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP. The membership of the association shall consist of those commissioned and warrant officers who have been or are presently or shall hereafter become members of the 63rd Infantry Division, USAR. The membership dues shall be established annually by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE V. GOVERNING BOARD. The governing board of the association shall consist of members of the association. It shall consist of twelve members and they shall be known as the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VI. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The Board of Governors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by the Association members with six (6) members being elected each year; of the twelve (12) members elected in 1967, as determined by lot, six (6) shall serve for 1 year and six (6) shall serve for two (2) years.

ARTICLE VII. FUND CUSTODIAN. The management of the funds shall be entrusted to the Fund Custodian, who shall be a member of the Association. The Fund Custodian shall be charged with the duty of accumulating, holding, managing and disbursing any and all funds entrusted to his care and shall maintain accurate records of all transactions involving the funds entrusted to his care.

ARTICLE VIII. APPOINTMENT OF THE FUND CUSTODIAN. The Fund Custodian shall be elected by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE IX. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. This Constitution may be amended by secret written ballot by a majority vote of the membership voting.

ARTICLE X. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONSTITUTION. This Constitution shall become effective upon approval of the Board of Governors and ratification by a majority of the commissioned and warrant officers of the membership voting.

ARTICLE XI. ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS. The Board of Governors shall adopt by-laws at the first meeting of the Board.

LTC. WALTER B. KROENER  
President  
Board of Governors

By-laws

BY-LAW I. THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

SECTION 1. The Board of Governors shall not incur any debt or liability exceeding the net assets of the Association.

BY-LAW II. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The members of the Board of Governors shall, at a regularly-scheduled meeting, elect one of their number to serve as President of the Board, and one member of the Association to serve as Fund Custodian. The term of office shall be one year.

SECTION 2. The President shall conduct and preside at all meetings of the Board and over any meeting of the Association that may be held.

SECTION 3. The President shall appoint from time to time members of the Association to such committees as he shall deem necessary to conduct the business of the Association.

SECTION 4. The Fund Custodian shall be the Recorder.

SECTION 5. The Fund Custodian shall at each meeting render a report as to the financial condition of the Association unless such report shall be dispensed with by motion.

SECTION 6. Contracts and other formal documents shall be signed by the President and the Fund Custodian.

BY-LAW III. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

SECTION 1. Meetings of the Board of Governors shall be held at the call of the President, but not less frequently than four times each calendar year.

SECTION 2. The President shall give at least seven days notice to each and every member of the Board of the fact that a meeting of the Board is called and shall state the time, place and date of the meeting.

SECTION 3. Three members present shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of any business of the Board.

BY-LAW IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business for the Board shall be:

- a. Roll call.
- b. Minutes of the previous meeting.
- c. Reports of officers and committees.
- d. Unfinished business.
- e. New business.

BY-LAW V. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

These and any by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board by affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Board voting.



## 63d Infantry Division Officers Association

NET WORTH

12 July 1965

\$4,124.88

## INCOME

Dues	\$1,442.00	
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bills	78.10	
Tickets - Annual Dinner	585.00	
Transfer Decal Fund	823.85	
Transfer Banquet Account	587.37	
Miscellaneous	<u>6.50</u>	
	\$3,522.82	
One NSF Check	<u>12.00</u>	
	\$3,510.82	\$3,510.82
		<u>\$7,635.70</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Expenditures			\$3,176.56	
Distribution:	5th/8 Armor.	\$120.00		
	4th/15 Inf.	217.50		
	5/11 Arty.	195.00		
		<u>532.50</u>		
			\$532.50	
			<u>\$3,709.06</u>	\$3,709.06

NET WORTH

29 August 1966

\$3,926.64

Submitted by

Irving C. Myers, Lt. Col., Arty.  
Custodian

August 1966

\$3,926.64

This statement and supporting documents have been examined by the undersigned and the check book balance has been reconciled with the latest bank statement. The transactions reported were in accordance with the constitution and by-laws, and the net worth shown is correct as of this date.

Col., Arty.

Arthur T. Villanov

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Arthur T. Villanov  
1st Lt. FC  
USARV

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## 63rd DIVISION REUNION

### 'Blood and Fire' Unit's Veterans Meet Here

By WARREN HOGE  
*Star Staff Writer*

In the first weeks of the bleak wartime year of 1943, a fastidious, silk-scarfed general named Louis Hibbs was given command of a division of draftees and ordered to train them for combat in a dreary camp in Mississippi.

Hibbs—built like a fireplug but known as an officer with an eye for flair—was hard-pressed to grow the glimmer of esprit de corps in the snake-filled fields of the campsite.

Then in a statement of Winston Churchill's, he discovered the dash that was to carry his 63rd Division through the formidable Siegfried line in Germany and bring them back together each year after the war in reunion, as they are this weekend at the Washington Hilton.

From Churchill's wartime promise to make the enemy "bleed and burn," the division took its emblem, a bloody dagger against a background of licking flames, and the legend, "Blood and Fire."

Then Hibbs sent a courier to the Casablanca conference of allied heads of state with orders not to return until the new emblem bore the signatures of the conference principals. Days later the endorsed standard was enshrined in a glass case in the Mississippi bog, under round-the-clock guard at Hibbs' order. In the following years, it accom-

panied the division through its European campaigns.

Since then, the emblem—bearing among its 10 signatures of Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Chief of Combined Operations Vice Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten—has rested in the National Archives.

At the unit's reunion banquet tonight, replicas of the neglected document with the famous signatures will be passed out by the convention chairman, John Graves of 1255 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. who traced the standard to the Archives last October and arranged for its reproduction.

The unit also will make a presentation to Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who, as a lieutenant colonel, was Gen. Hibbs' chief aide with the Blood and Fire Division during the war.

The gathering of an estimated 500 former members of the 63rd is one of four similar reunions this weekend in Washington.

Meeting at the Sheraton is the 5th Infantry Division Association, at the Sheraton Park the 11th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Division Association and at the Statler Hilton the 25th Infantry Division Association.

Though labeled conventions, the meetings make little pretension at passing resolutions. "We're here to swing," said Graves in a Hilton hallway filled with delegates sharing GI humor and horseplay.

## Set First Reunion for 63rd Infantry Division Saturday

The first reunion of the 63rd Infantry Division is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hollywood Palladium.

The honored guests will be Maj. Gen. William J. Hixson, Brig. Gen. Stewart L. Hall, and Brig. Gen. Louis Kaufman. The 63rd Infantry Division commanders of brigades, battalions and companies also will be honored.

The expected attendance for the dinner-dance will be 300 officers and their ladies. The reunion committee is made up of the following officers of the former 63rd Brig. Gen. Louis Kaufman, Lt. Col. Milton Bremer, Lt. Col. Irving Myers, chairman, Lt. Col. Noel Pattinson, Maj. Michael Schirm and Maj. Dale Swanson. For information telephone the committee chairman at 624-8821 days, or 788-7259 evenings.

16 May 1966

Dear Pat:

I wish you would convey to all the members of the 63d Infantry Division Association Council my deep appreciation for the perfectly beautiful pen set presented to me at the Dinner Dance Saturday night. Its design is most appropriate, and the wood and color are a perfect match for my office desk. Needless to add, it has already created much comment and I assure you it will always be one of my most prized possessions.

I thought the dinner and dance were beautifully done too. The flower pieces, corsages, place cards and all were most thoughtful and thoroughly delightful. For me, of course, having retired, it was probably more significant than for the other General Officers, and I assure you I shall remember the event with some nostalgia and a great deal of pleasure.

Most cordially,

Stewart L. Hall  
Brig Gen - USAR (Ret)

Lt. Col. Noel B. Pattinson  
8635 Cherry  
Fontana, California

22 May, 1966

Dear Pat,

Mrs Kaufman and I would like to thank you, the governing board, and the Officers of the 63d Officers Association for the fine reception and party at the Hollywood Palladium.

The Pen Set, a fine piece of craftsmanship, presented to me at the party will always be cherished. It will be a warm reminder of the staunch friends I have made and the goals we achieved when we served in the 63d Infantry Division.

I would like at this time to commend you for the fine job you personally have done.

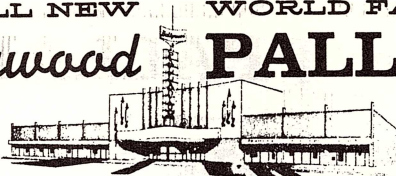
Sincerely,

LOUIS KAUFMAN  
Brig Gen, USAR

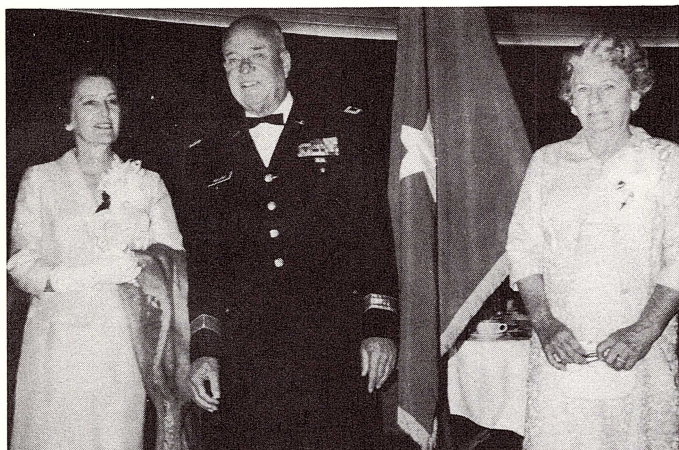
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AND MRS HENRY KELLOGG



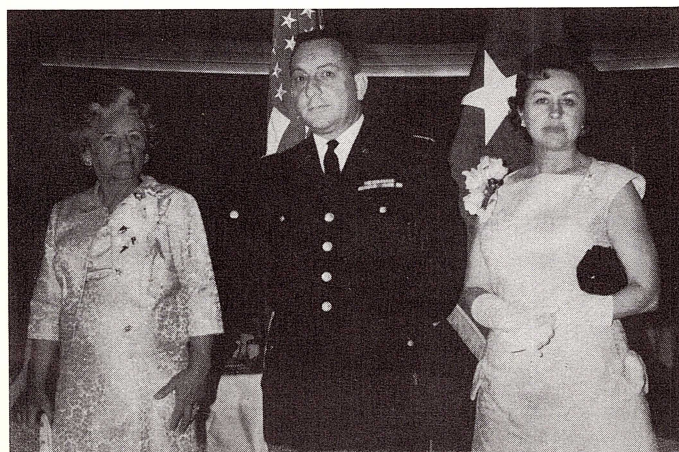
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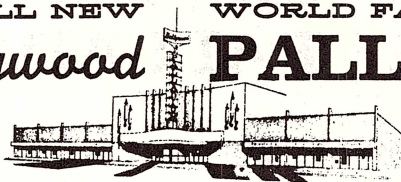
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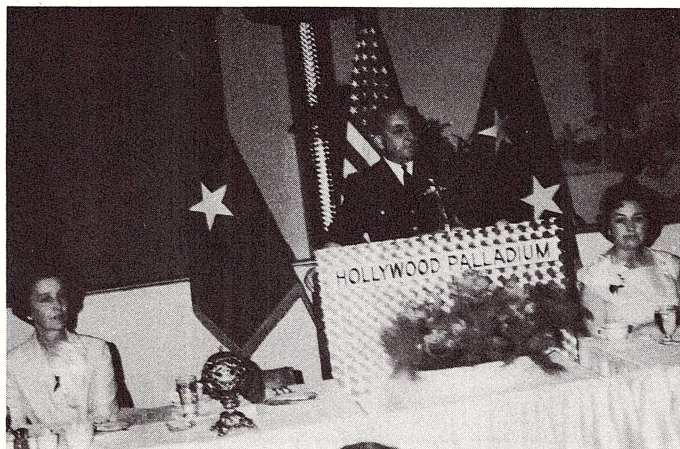
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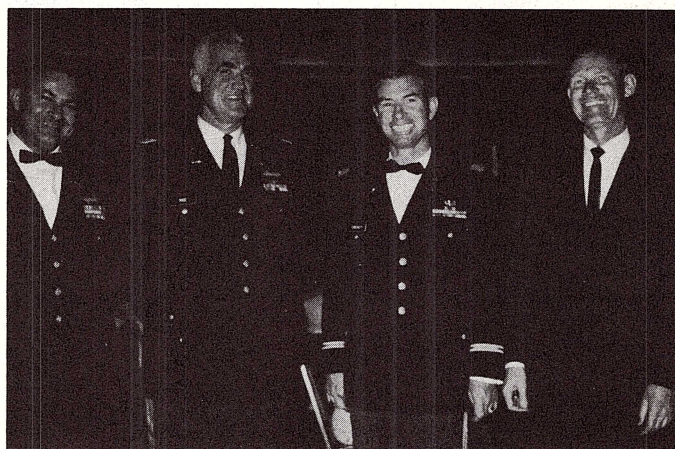
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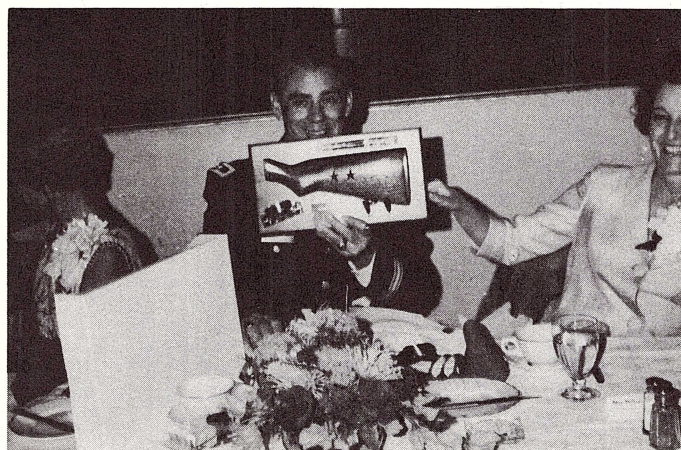
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Lt Gen KAUFMAN M-C



63d INF DIVISION (RTU)  
CO Col GILLIAM, Deputy CO Col B. RICE  
G3 Maj J. CREACY, G1 MAJ H. PELLEGRIN



DIVISION GIFT TO  
Maj Gen WILLIAM HIXSON



Lt Col Bill PIERCE  
Maj Basil WORTHEN



DIVISION GIFT TO  
Lt Gen STEWART L. HALL



Lt Col Charles BENNETT G2  
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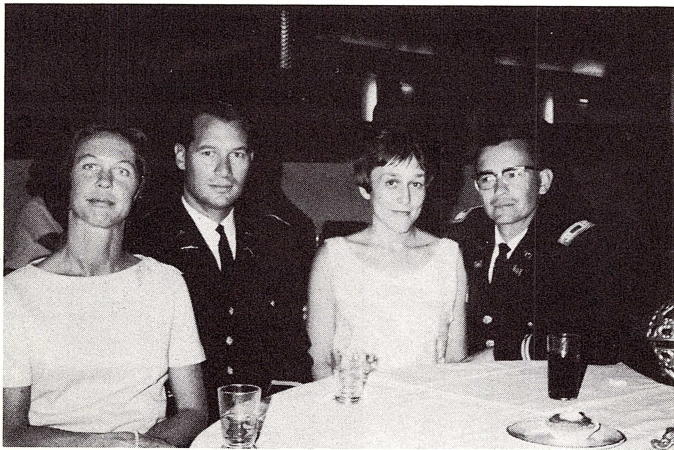
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MAJ & MRS BASIL WORTHEN  
LT COL & MRS RALPH HIPPERT



MAJ DONALD M GUSTAFSON  
VISITS THE HEAD TABLE



MAJOR DONALD GUSTAFSON AND WIFE  
CPT WILLIAM KUNTZ AND WIFE



MAJ CLAYTON CPT BRUNKER MAJ MITCHELL  
LT COL BREMER CPT MUHLETHALER  
AND WIVES'



MAJ DONAL GUSTAFSON LEADS THE  
LAWRENCE WELK BAND



UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING



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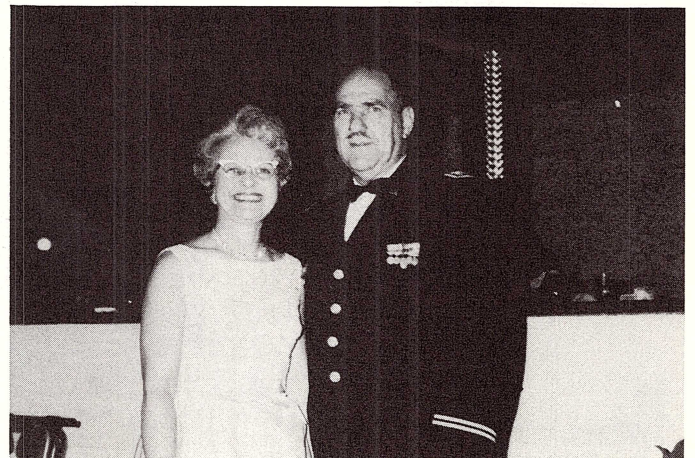
OUR FOUR GENERALS  
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MRS & LT COL ROBERT B DAVIS  
CO 63d ARTILLERY



LT COL WILLIAM WALSH DIV G4  
LT COL MILTON BREMER 3/31 INF  
LT COL WALTER MAXWELL 5/19 ARTY



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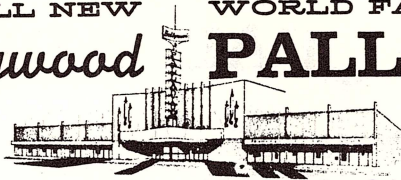
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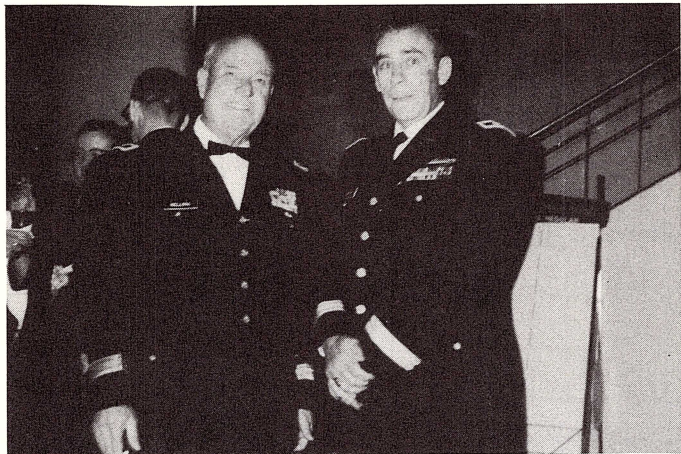
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OUR TWO TOP GENERALS  
KEELOGG & HIXSON



LT COL DURWOOD 'WOODY' HICKS  
AND DATE



MRS & LT COL IRVING MYERS G5  
MRS & LT COL WILLIAM WALSH G4



THE RECEIVING LINE



THE DIVISION GIFTS TO  
EACH OF THE GENERALS



CPT & MRS WILLIAM SIMPSON, AID



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THE 63d INFANTRY DIVISION ANNUAL DANCE AND GET-TOGETHER IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 20, 1967 TO BE HELD IN THE IMMEDIATE LOS ANGELES AREA.

INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED TO EACH 63d OFFICER WHO RETURNS THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW WITH HIS DUES OF ONE DOLLAR FOR THE 1967-68 YEAR.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NO LATER THAN APRIL 2nd, 1967 TO:

MAJOR HAROLD F. PELLEGRIN  
Custodian 63d Inf Div Asso.  
909 So. Broadway, Rm 230  
Los Angeles, Calif 90015

Phone No. 620-4480

CUT HERE AND MAIL APPLICATION BELOW

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63d INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Membership dues 1967-68

Enclosed \$1.00

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Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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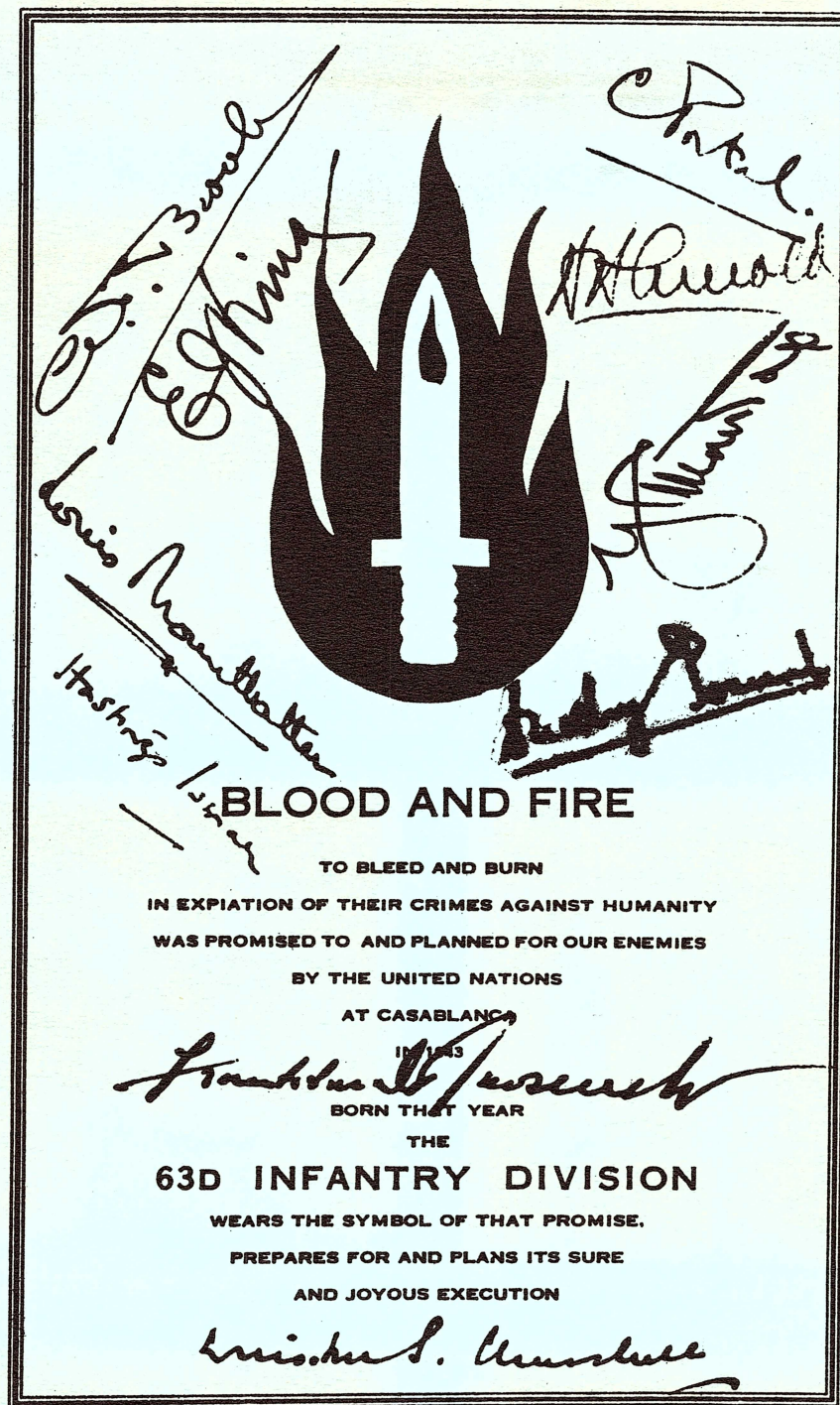
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Present military organization to which you now belong

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THE 63d INFANTRY DIVISION ACTIVATION  
CHARTER AS AUTOGRAFTED BY ROOSEVELT  
CHURCHILL AND OTHER GREAT MEN ATTENDING  
THE CASABLANCA CONFERENCE IN 1943



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**TASK FORCE HARRIS**  
Advance elements  
of 63rd Division  
Fought scattered  
battles in Northern  
ALSACE Jan-Feb 1945

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helped to eliminate  
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COLMAR POCKET  
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# World War II

### Highlights of:

# The "BLOOD & FIRE" Route-

# 63rd INFANTRY DIVISION

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STUTTGART  
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