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At 17:14:32 PST on 04-28-96, Luke Martin wrote:

> It has been suggested that there may be an interest in a  
> collection of informal individual experiences while serving in the  
> 103rd. Some memgers may have already written and/or compiled some of  
> their interesting or unique experiences. Others may wish to do so for them-  
> selves, their families and future generations.  
> Any format, whether first or third person or a joint endeavor  
> is fine. Copies of photographs, hometown newspaper articles, letters home  
> ect. are also welcome.  
> If interested, please send a copy of your material to:  
> Luke Martin  
> 75 Salty Way East  
> Selbyville, DE. 19975  
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> If there is enough response we hope to have a "103rd Scrapbook"  
> at the Ohio reunion.

Luke, first let me appologize for the first e-mail message...I think I sent you a blank page. I am very, very interested in the 103rd. My dad was the division surgeon, Lt.Col. James W. Easton. He died when I was just 6 yrs. old and my mother who died in '88, did not like to talk about his war years: Thus, while I have considerable memorabilia--alot of photos, newspaper clippings and such--I have never met or spoken to anyone who actually knew him. I would really like to correspond, or speak with someone from the Division concerning him (whether a "good" memory or not doesn't matter, honest!) You have my permission to pass on my name, address and phone #'s to anyone you feel might assist.

*Data given* } Additionally, if there is a Divison Association or organization I could be allowed to join as an associate, I would greatly appreciate it. When is the reunion? While I don't believe I could attend, I would like to keep up with it as best I can.

As for the "experiences" I can only share via Photos and articles I have. If you or anyone else would be interested in copies of them I

would be honored to share them with you/them. While I don't know alot about his war-time activities, I do know he was tremedously proud of the Division and those he seryed with. He was wounded twice, awarded the Bronze Star, and (here's one I need to verify) supposed to have been recommended for, then turned down, a Silver Star. As my memory of this goes... (this part is factual--I have news articles supporting) He and another Col. were being driven in a jeep when a farmer flagged them down. He told my dad that a german unit was held up in his barn. My father, the other Col. and the Sgt.(?) driver, "surrounded" the barn and demanded the surrender...armed with a carbine and a couple of .45's ...and it worked. Here's the part that I would love to verify..When all was said and done, he and the other officer found out they had been awarded the Silver Star but the E.M. driving the jeep was not. According to my mom, many, many years ago, both the Col.'s declined angrily. I would LOVE to know the truth.

A second mystery I need to solve...My mom told me, and my older sister has verified, that my father was apparently involved with the liberation, and/or treatment of prisoners, of a concentration camp. Both told me he would have reoccurring nightmares concerning this. I do have an original of a report concerning Buchenwald's liberation. This was written by the Doctors who entered and supplied treatment for the prisoners...While my dad is not listed on this report, I am quite certain it is not a copy and can't figure out his involvement with this camp. I haven't any info on which camp(s) he actually entered, when how, why etc. The Buchenwald report is all I have.

Well, enough...as you can probably tell, this is really exciting and important to me. Any assistance you can lend me would be deeply appreciated Luke. Thanks again!! and good luck with the column and the reunion!!

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