

SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

DEAR SIR,

I AM A GARDENER AND WITH A BUSY SCHEDULE HAD TO DELAY MY REPLY I JOINED K CO. 80TH DIV.

JAN 18TH 1945 HOWEVER I WAS INJURED THE LATTER PART OF FEB. AND WAS SENT BACK TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A LITTLE OVER A MONTH.

I VAGUELY REMEMBER A FELLOW CALLED FRENCHIE BUT DIDN'T KNOW HIS LAST NAME.

I HAVE ENCLOSED A COPY OF A ROSTER BOOKLET THEY GAVE US AFTER THE WAR. YOUR GRANDDAD'S NAME IS NOT IN THERE BUT I KNOW THEY MADE SOME MISTAKES IN IT.

I REJOINED THE CO. IN APRIL AND BY THEN THE GERMANS WERE PRETTY MUCH ON THE RUN AND

THERE WAS NOT A WHOLE LOT OF FIGHTING. I KNOW THERE WERE SOME MISTAKES IN THE BOOKLET

AS I JOINED THE CO. IN 1945. THEY HAD ME LISTED AS 1944.

PROBABLY THE ONLY OTHER PIECE OF INFORMATION I MIGHT HAVE IS A MAP SHOWING THE 80TH

PATH THROUGH EUROPE WHICH IS ABOUT 31 X 22 IN.

I HOPE I HAVE BEEN OF SOME HELP.

P.S. EXCUSE THE PRINTER IT HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN
REGARDS,

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Name GEORGE E. MITCHELL Questionnaire

1. Background: Where did you leave from, when did you become part of 317th, what rank were you, and what company? I LEFT FROM CAMP SHANKS N.Y JAN 1 1945. ON THE QUEEN MARY. LANDED IN GLASGOW, SCOTLAND NOON JAN 5. I WAS A PRIVATE JUST OUT OF BASIC TRAINING. WE TRAVELED IN A REPLACEMENT UNIT THE NAME OF WHICH I DON'T RECALL. WE JOINED THE 317TH ABOUT THE 15TH OF JAN 1945

2. Did you know PFC Herman Robichaux? If so, could you tell me what you remember about him?

I VAGUELY RECALL A FELLOW NAME FRENCHIE BUT I'M NOT SURE WHETHER HE IS THE SAME MAN.

3. What was the most difficult part of the war for you? (Please include dates and places if possible)

AROUND THE 2ND WEEK IN FEB WE WERE DUBIN, IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION, TWO MEN IN A FOX HOLE, WE WERE ON THE RIGHT FLANK WITH 2 MEN IN A LISTENING HOLE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL FROM US. ONE OF US HAD TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THEM EVERY HOUR. IN THAT EVENT I WENT 4 DAYS WITHOUT SLEEP. WE THEN MOVED OUT TO ATTACK. I THEN SLEPT ABOUT 4 HOURS DURING ARTILLERY BARRAGE COMING AT US.

4. What is your best memory of the war? (Please include dates and places if possible)

MAY 9 1945

5. Do you know of anyone else from 317th that I can contact? If so, what is his address?

3 MEN THAT I REMEMBER, ALL PASSED AWAY ACCORDING TO 80TH DIV. NEWSLETTER

6. Could you please write about some of your memories about 317th in WWII? (Please include dates and places if possible)

IT WAS ONLY A SHORT TIME SO THERE IS NOT REALLY MUCH TO WRITE ABOUT