

Questionnaire

Name DANIEL R. FLEMING

1. Background: Where did you leave from, when did you become part of 317th, what rank were you, and what company? LEFT STATES NOV. 44 FT. MILES STANDISH, MASS. VIA UNESCORTED SHIP. 4000 ABOARD. ARRIVED ENGLAND - THEN ACROSS CHANNEL TO LEHARDE, FRANCE, LOADED ON KOF/8 BOXCARS TO Belgium - ON TO ANSEMBOURG, CASTLE, MERSH, LUX. WHERE ASSIGNED TO CO. K. 317th STRAIGHT TO FRONT LINE

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

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NO - BUT HE COULD HAVE BEEN IN SAME CO. - I KNEW NO ONE.

BUCK M.T. - GRUNT IN FOX HOLES - HEAVY SHELLING CONSTANT - GERMANS ON OPPOSITE HILL - CASUALTIES HEAVY - & NO OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOT FOOD, ETC. PLEASE SEE COMPANY ROSTER OF THOSE LEFT AT END OF WAR. HIS NAME IS NOT INCLUDED.

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

BATTLE OF BULGE - DEC 26 - JAN 30th - 45. OUR COMPANY KEPT IN OPEN TERRAIN - NOT ONE NIGHT IN SHELTER ENTIRE PERIOD. MANY FROZEN FEET EARS, ETC TOWNS OF HEIDERSCHEID, NIEDER JUELIN, BOCKHOLTZ, PINTSCH, WILWERWITZ WERE ALL "K CO." DEFENDED OR LIBERATED IN BULGE. (SEE MAP FOR LOCATION) YOUR GRAND FATHER WAS ALSO THERE IF IN CO. K. COLD WEATHER & SNOW TOOK AS MANY CASUALTIES AS GERMANS. THEIR ARTILLERY & INFANTRY WERE TOUGH TO FIGHT.

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

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED INFO

I WAS ADVANCED TO 'K' CO. FIRST SGT. DURING SUMMER OF 1945 DURING OCCUPATION & WORKED COMPANY DUTY THRU TENT CITY AT POINT OF DIVISION DEPARTURE TO STATES. THAT FALL THEN TRANSFERRED TO ENGR. BATTALION IN NURENBERG TILL NEXT SPRING 46.

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

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

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THESE MEN ARE ALL GOOD REFERENCES - BEST CALL - THEY MAY NOT WRITE REPLY. SUGGEST YOU TRY BOTH PHONE & LETTER.

ONE UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE OCCURED WITH ME AT PINTSCH - JAN 25 - 45 WE HAD FOUGHT HEAVY OPPOSITION ALL DAY - ZERO TEMP. EARLY MORNING AS WE TOOK WILWERWITZ. COMPLETED REMOVING WOUNDED MEN FROM FIELD THAT AFTERNOON, WERE TOLD HOT CHOW WOULD BE AVAILABLE THAT NIGHT - 2ND HOUSE ON RIGHT ENTERING TOWN, MY FOXHOLE BUDDY & I WENT TO THE HOUSE. AT THAT TIME, NO ARMS - JUST A GENERATOR TYPE FLASHLIGHT I HAD ACQUIRED. AS I OPENED THE DOOR TO THE DARK HOUSE, I HEARD A NOISE I PUMPED MY LIGHT & THERE STOOD AN ARMED GERMAN OFFICER. I USED ELEMENT OF SURPRISE. KEPT MY LIGHT IN HIS EYES & DISARMED HIM & TOOK HIM PRISONED. HE WAS CAPTURED WITH A FLASHLIGHT