



# U.S. VETERANS FRIENDS, GERMANY

## Remembrance - Honor - Friendship

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Dear Mr. Ellison,

it's a pleasure for me to send you a copy of the originally 327<sup>th</sup> Fighter Control Squadron Record. It should be a remembrance at your father who was a Sergeant in this unit who was attended at the liberation of Europe and Germany in 1945.

Your father passed our area in June 1945; he saw and met our people. And he saw the horror camp of Buchenwald too.

The War, the Holocaust and Buchenwald were terrible things of the German Nazi era. Believe me, I'm very unhappy about. I was born some years after the war but I know and learned many things about. Finally, it was a matter that Germans don't like to speak about. But I think that my generation is free to speak about every thing. I'm sorry that we can't change the time. Many Germans would like it. But we can save the remembrance for the next generations that this time never come back. I and some friends researched and research in the history to learn more about the past. We are proud to meet in the last years some of the liberators in Weimar. It was an emotional time for us and the veterans too.

I think that the small booklet of the 327<sup>th</sup> Fighter Control Squadron Record is value for you, because it's the originally version which was printed in Weimar but which no of the members of 327<sup>th</sup> could see it concerning the Cold War. This history is a part of your father too.

A long time I was in contact with Fenmore Seton of the 327<sup>th</sup> who was involved at this script. I send you some information about this veteran and his story in this letter.

But please not that the story of Mr. Zahn as a Young Pioneer is not true. In truth, the booklets were found during the destruction of the building were the booklets were printed. At this time the Americans had changed our area with the Russians quickly. Many Germans were unhappy about. So some workers of the Printing Company saved all this booklets in the hope that the Americans come back. Over the time the booklets were forgotten or the workers died. Nobody knows it. But it was luck that workers of the destruction company found this valuables in the old building. I'm sorry the untrue story of Mr. Zahn was printed and it was to late to change it.

We are not glad that we never had the chance to contact your father. We would like it. And I think your father too. But we will save him and his buddies in our hearts.

We would be very happy to know more about him to save it in our collection for our next generations too.

All the best for you and your family

Respectfully

Bernd Schmidt