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Dear Gentlemen of the 94th Infantry Division,

Since 2007 the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia, has been working with David Mitchell, president of M.H. Mitchell, Inc to build a collection of documents and materials which will tell the story of the 94th Infantry Division and the men who made up the 94th from the beginning of the Second World War to the end of the war and beyond.

To this point we have succeeded beyond our wildest dreams. The 94th Infantry Division collection now consists of over eighty boxes containing letters, photographs, diaries, memoirs, official documents, maps, books, recollections, reunion information and artifacts detailing the history of the 94th Infantry Division.

While we have been successful in this endeavor we are not finished. There are still stories untold and lives which must be remembered. Until we can collect everything we can possibly gather we cannot rest in this mission. We cannot allow men who sacrificed everything to be forgotten and ignored.

This collection will allow researchers to study the 94th both broadly, across many different kinds of documents, and deeply, reading the thoughts and memoirs of many men involved in the same battles, for the duration of the war. More than that, because we are collecting materials about the reunions of the 94th researchers will be able to better understand the strength of the bonds forged in wartime.

However, we cannot do this without your help. Without your help the remaining uncollected stories and materials will remain at best dispersed and at worst lost to history. We do not want this to happen, but you cannot allow it to happen. Your experiences and your memories of your former compatriots are too valuable to lose.

Researchers at the Hargrett Library include historians, students, documentary film makers and others who are serious about history. As a state institution, we cannot exclude potential researchers; thus, we impose tight controls on their access to the materials and their behavior with the materials; they are watched as they use research materials to make certain they do not mishandle the documents.

As with other research materials, we would expect that the 94th Division materials will be used by researchers such as those listed above and the end result of this research will be papers in school, theses and dissertations, published articles and books and possibly documentary films. Scholars will better understand the Second World War because of these materials.

As I said, we cannot continue to build the 94th Infantry Division Collection without your assistance. Please help us in this.

Sincerely,

Chuck Barber
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