

M1 Member MEMORIES



Herman Bowers



My father, Herman Bowers, at basic training with his Garand. At 5'6" he was barely taller than the rifle and bayonet combination. He qualified as an expert with this weapon. After high school graduation, he worked in the carbine assembly area at Inland Manufacturing. He adjusted the sights of the carbines after range testing before final approval and shipping.

In January 1943, he was drafted and after a rather circuitous route became a member of the 65th Division, 261 Regiment arriving in France in January 1945. He served in the infantry fighting thru Germany and Austria till the end of the war and then served in the occupation army. Above is the only combat picture I have of the 261st fighting at Saarlouis in Saarbrücken. Most of these soldiers have Garands.

He never said much about his experience ...

Doug Bowers, Brookville, Ohio

GCA members are invited to submit photographs for this *GCA Journal* feature spotlighting member activities. These photos can be anything of interest: you at the range, your favorite M1, your collection, you and your buddies at CMP, the deer you got with an M1, your child holding or shooting an M1, or historical photographs. The Editor will publish these photos as space allows and will choose what to publish. Not all photos may be used.

Professionally-developed prints are preferred, however digital images can also be submitted. Digital photographs require high resolution for commercial printing. If at all possible, resolution should be 300 dpi or higher. Large digital photos at lower resolution can be used. Physical photographs can be

returned to you by sending a self-addressed stamped return envelope. Do not submit computer-generated digital photo printouts by mail.

Please include some details about the photograph: who is pictured, when and where it was taken, etc.

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