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Dear Colleagues,

The Army's document-based research collections are the essential ingredient to preserving its past and guiding its future. Recognizing this fact, the Center of Military History has embarked on an effort to identify and then digitize certain of its research collections. This CD, produced by our Website Activity, is the first result of that effort. It contains our scanned copies (PDF files) of the Reports of the General Board U.S. Forces, European Theater of Operations. Our intention is to share the information we have with historians in the Army Field History Program to support local research requirements.

Accompanying these reports is a list of the Center's Digitization Plan in the approximate order we hope to complete our effort. As we digitize the remaining collections in our Plan, we hope to provide them to you on compact discs. In exchange, we urge you to examine the collections you maintain with the idea of sharing that information in a similar fashion. To further this effort, we will provide material and technical assistance, as we are able.

Our efforts to digitally preserve historical materials also led us to a cooperative arrangement with the USAREUR History Office. This project represents a combined effort of the Field Programs and Historical Services Division's Website Activity and its Field and International Branch.

Since it is the Army Field History community which provides the Army with the essential ingredient of its history and heritage, we will continue to look for ways to provide service to you. Although we might not be able to digitize all your research collections, we can provide meaningful support in other ways. Please contact Donna Everett and Bill Epley for more information.

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