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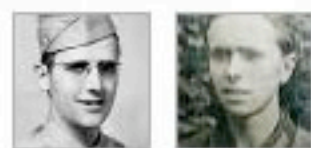
Sons have overcome fronts

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The Second World War, a front line in the Ardennes: Somewhere in the woods are in 1944 against the German army medic from Oberauesem William Weiss and U.S. infantryman Ralph Watson of Iowa.



In the Ardennes: A U.S. medic helping a German. The father of William White and Warren Watson were deployed there. (Repro: White)



BERGHEIM - whether they have ever met is, nobody knows. But 60 years later, in 2006, are the descendants of the two happens to be another: William Weiss, son of William Weiss researched on the Internet through the Ardennes fighting to bring about his late father in experience - and winds a forum at Warren Watson, who also conducts research about his father.

"We exchanged e-mail addresses, and soon found out that our fathers were in the same sector of the front," says Weiss. The interest in the history of the fathers was a new project: A year ago, Weiss and Watson released a website. "We do there experiences and individual stories of German and American soldiers available, which were gathered in painstaking search of us," says Weiss. Mainly it related to the combat zones in the Ardennes and the

Rhineland.

A few months later received hundreds of emails from veterans' children who are asking for help or just want to communicate. From this there came the loud Weiss' first German-American forum in which children can share and grandchildren of German and American veterans. "

To glorify war, it will not go to them. "The old enemy has no business being in this forum, it is not glorified or debased," says Weiss. After the war, the enemy would have been enough of old hands in reconciliation, in this forum should be continued. "We want the history of our fathers, whether worked up German or American, and keep for future generations." And Warren Watson adds: "We hope that we can tell a small part of the history of men who all have sacrificed I hope to return safely to their families. "The 54-year-old Weiss, as he says, has always been interested in the life of his father and is already in childhood went with him on battlefields in Belgium and France. Meanwhile, White has so far found out about the Second World War in the Rhineland and the Ardennes, he has plenty of material for books.

In the next few weeks will appear in the Helios-publishing his book "Ardennes 44", later to be followed "The battle for positions Erft 1945".

While probably not the father nor the sons of Weiss and Watson met, but that should change soon. Weiss plans for the summer to visit the United States. Then there will be a large meeting with many veterans' children. In a sign of reconciliation.

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