

FREDERICK O. SCHEER

Frederick Scheer is known to his friends as Fred. He was born to the single Jewish family in a small town in Georgia in nineteen twenty four. Fred attended local schools and the University of Georgia. In nineteen forty two as a freshman at the University of Georgia he joined the enlisted reserves of the U.S. Army and was called to active duty in the spring of the next year.

Along with thousands of other young men Fred went through basic training, shipped over to England and Northern Ireland to wait to take part in the invasion of France. As a member of the Fifth Infantry Division he landed on Utah Beach on the west coast of France on July tenth of nineteen forty four.

After a short experience in combat Fred was captured by the Germans. Nine months of German captivity, a large part of this spent in a German labor camp, was ended when he escape seven day before the war was over on May eighth nineteen forty five. Discharged from the Army in November of that year he returning home and entered the University of Georgia. This led to a family agro business in his home town of Eatonton, Georgia. Fred was married to Gerry Kessler of Atlanta, Georgia in nineteen forty seven. Fred and Gerry moved to Atlanta five years later where they raised their three children. Fred went into the commercial real estate business and after a very successful career retired forty years later. It's noted that as a professional Realtor he was president and part owner of Haas & Dodd Realty a company that dated back to the year 1891. Fred was voted Realtor of the year in 1970 by the Atlanta Real Estate Board and served as president of that organization in 1975

Fred, authored a biography of his experiences during World War II, titled "A European Sojourn 1943-1945." The book was well received. Readers continually asked question especially about his experiences as a prisoner of war. There seem to be so much interest in the subject even after sixty plus years that he decided to find other former American Prisoners of War from World War II who had been captured by the Germans. After much research Fred has assembled a collection entitled "American POW Stories Of World War II" and they were published as a collection. Publishing the collection was a joint effort of Fred and his friend Narayan Sengupta.