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BATTLE ORDERS FOR REUNION NO. 11: Troops will be guided by and fully conform with the following directives to insure maximum fun and frolic effect during the forthcoming 1972 engagement:

1. Command Post - 107th N.G. armory in Gladstone, Mich. located just off US 2 & 41.
2. Expected Time of Arrival - on or before Friday, August 4, 1972.
3. Expected Time of Departure - Sunday a.m., August 6, 1972.
4. Co-ordinates of Bivouac Areas - refer to attached listing and select desired area therefrom for pitching tent (Note: garbage pits and slit trenches will be made available at all bivouac sites).
5. Transportation - none authorized; your problem.
6. Uniform - fatigues for "work details"; full dress for Saturday night review.
7. Sign and Countersign for Friday Reporting - HAPPYROCK/SEVENTY-TWO.

By Order of the Commander in Chief

Stephen J. Fraddo

Addendum No. 1: Brief "orders" indeed considering the magnitude of the forthcoming engagement. However, past experience has pretty well proven up the fact our well trained, seasoned campaigners have no need of details beyond the mere essentials. Two additional points. Gladstone is 9 miles (connected by a 4-laner) from Escanaba and the latter is a landing pad for North Central Airlines. The armory is a newly erected facility for the Company C 107th Guards. So new, in fact, their dedication ceremonies will be held in May - which combined with our reunion means the Co C gang will be hosting (and working) two major events in '72 - some grand opening! 1st Lt Merton J. Lambert recently took over the company and kinda "inherited" the Association's vice-president spot as an added bonus replacing

Capt Bernard J. Mainville our elected V.P. For the benefit of the out-of-staters and at the risk of sounding like a chamber of commerce promotional blurb, this is a prime tourist/recreational area with both towns located on the shores of Lake Michigan. So, the die is cast and the wheels turning in anticipation of yet another grand get-together. Hope you can join the gang!

- PAST & PRESENT UNIT PUBLICATIONS -

During Louisiana training days, the 107th was kept informed by means of 3 publications - the regiment's own weekly called "The Surveyor" (Maj Gustave Schellhase, Reg'l Chaplain in charge, Pvt Anton "Pops" Crnkovich, Co E, editor; a divisional daily entitled "32d Division News" and the Camp Livingston post paper captioned "The Communique" (our own "Pops" being sports editor thereof). On the continent the boys pursued the "Dozer Blade" distributed weekly out of 1121st Engr C Gp Hq and its own "Bull Sheet" published by the S-2 Section on a sporadic daily basis as the situation permitted (Capt Murray H. Cunningham in charge, Ed Vickstrom, editor). Continuing the long-standing tradition of keeping the troops informed, the "Snorting Bull Newsletter" has been started for the purpose of disseminating news items and info concerning the 107th Engineer Bn to its units in Ishpeming, Marquette, Calumet, Baraga, Gladstone, Ironwood, Iron River, Kingsford and Manistique. Under the direction of Maj Frank LaBelle (Bn Exec O), the first mimeographed issue was published in February. An excellent & informative publication - BULL SHEET compliments for its inauguration, to Maj LaBelle and to his supporting newsletter staff.

*** T A P S ***

JOHNSON, Hjalmar A. (Co B WWI), Centerline, Mi.; SHIELDS, Parker (1st Lt WWI), Hancock, Mich.; STRATTON, Charles V. "Volly" (Co B WWI), Germfask, Mich.; WEED, Stanley V. (Co B-C WWI), Lansing, Mich.; WEIDEMAN, Uno U. (Co E 107) Portage Entry, Mich.



FILM STAR REVIEWS OLD DRUM CORPS

A veteran of the First World War himself, Actor Pat O'Brien reviews what is believed to be the only remaining drum and bugle corps of that conflict in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The actor was on a four-day visit to Lake Superior State College.

The old saying "one picture is worth a thousand words" is aptly applied to the above photo. But to get in our two cents worth and just in case the full significance of this recent nationally published release escaped you, we'll give it the good ol' BULL SHEET coverage with a toot of the bugle and roll of the drum before proudly proclaiming the fact our own 107th has been prominently represented in this famed musical organization during its many years of existence - specifically by our present, departed and related-to WWI comrades. Active corps members include Percy Scott (Co A Mich. Engrs. - Mexican Border service) and Arago Guck (Co C 107), NO's. 2 and 8 respectively from left, and Business Mgr Oral "Moose" LaCombe (Co C 107) who unfortunately was promoting elsewhere when the picture was taken. Ages of the army, navy and marine represented vets ranges from 72 to 81. Finally conceding to the rigors of simultaneous marchin' & tootin', the corps nonetheless still assumes position in a limited number of appearances by "marching" along and playing from a specially constructed low-bed trailer on which each member is individually strapped upright. How about that for determination and ingenuity? Besides local appearances this year, the corps has accepted invitations to appear in the Naugatuk, Conn. Memorial Day parade and Milwaukee for the fourth of July. We'll never, never forget their "command performance" at our 6th Annual Soo reunion - sharp in performance and smart in their heavy WWI woolies - on, wouldn't you know, an extra hot August afternoon.

The prime mover for getting the "convoy" on the road, rolling and kept rolling was fueled by a great many acts of participation and support - all enthusiastically pumped in during our early organizational and formative years. One special group which has heretofore not been recognized or mentioned in any way whatsoever, individually or collectively, are those who evidenced early faith in the cause through their applications for Life Membership in the Association - whose tenure at that time was unknown albeit a challenge even for the 107th's well documented tenacity for getting the job done. Now finally a grateful Snortin' Bull salute to this group, however tardily, by exposing their unsung faith and support to our readers by calling them "front and center" individually as follows: Rans J. Blondo (H&S 107-112) Warren, Mich.; Edwin K. Kohn (Co F 107-Hq NG's), Calumet; Edward D. Krueger (H&S 254), Milwaukee; Allan F. Olson (Co D 107), Marquette; Alphonse R. Pegolo (Co B 254), Kensington, Conn.; Dr. Frederick J. Saam (Co E 107), Indio, Cal.; Elmer B. Scovill (Co C 107), Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; Jack Shank (Co B 254), Milwaukee; Donald R. Small (Hq NG's), Marquette; plus deceased members Joseph J. Bebeau (Co B WWI), Lansing, Mich.; Fred D. Gagne, (Co B NG's), Marquette; Austin E. Lindberg (Hq NG), Ishpeming; William E. Milford (Co E 107-Hq NG), Calumet; Lindsay C. Passano (H&S 254), Pasadena, Maryland. The roll also includes these honorary life members: Richard L. Pascoe (Hq NG), Ishpeming; Ralph A. Loveland (Hq 107 - deceased) Ann Arbor, Mich; and Floyd Wilson (Spanish American War - deceased), Saginaw, Mich.

If ye editor may venture a personal and very unofficial opinion, a continuing dues income on a year-to-year basis from this point forward will perhaps establish a more predictable and firmer stabilized financial base upon which to budget expenses and future activities. Also, the conveyance of annual stipends is our admittedly sneaky way to get as many as possible to "check-in" at least once a year.

A WORD ABOUT BUDDY PAGE

With the experience gained last year to guide them, our current officials and volunteer reunion committee decided we should again have a program book for Gladstone and print therein the names, present addresses and old/present unit of Buddy Page subscribers. Appears there are many who are eager to participate and pass along their "hellos" to buddies via this means. Same deal - two bucks and a mailed copy of the program book to all subscribers not present at the reunion.

NOT ACCORDING TO THE BOOK

Sappers, pioneers, engineers or whatever in any man's army since the beginning of organized warfare all have had one universal thing in common - especially those assigned to combat forces - unusual assignments! And one of the oddest is the long-term (10 years) project handed to our 107th Engr NG Bn this past winter - would you believe a mission with the unmilitary designation of "Deer Habitat Improvement"? Wielding axe & chain saw the troops invaded snow-covered cedar/black spruce swamps to cut browse, fall timber and otherwise improve deer areas in close cooperation with the Mich. Dept. of Natural Resources. Briefly stated, the project had the immediate objective of providing badly needed natural feed in over-browsed yards to carry deer through the severe 71-72 winter, and the long range goal of improving the habitat whereby new growth will be regenerated to promote the propagation of a larger deer herd meaning of course better hunting. From all reports the troops went into action with a great deal of gusto indicating Combat Engineers still prefer the stimulation of action over the boredom and polish of classroom and drill. Most interesting to the old 107th sweats of WWI and Snortin' Bullers of WWII. To further prove the point of the unusual assignment/Combat Engineer tie-in maybe the Guards will be just as interested in an oddball assignment befalling the 254 during the waning, rapid movement days of WWII, to-wit:

Reprint from BULL SHEET dated 25 April 1945

"Snortin' Bull" Express Carries on - The battalion this past week continued to operate as the unofficially designated 254th "Engineer Railroad Operating" Bn. - even more so in fact because plans were being laid to extend the line considerably. And business was getting more rushing by the day as well as varied. One and sometimes two regular runs were made daily. As soon as it appeared likely the line would be extended further back from the combat zone, recon work commenced immediately. Inasmuch as there were several lines running back to the designated town a recon party consisting of Lt Edwin Shaffer (now of Worthington, Ohio), S/Sgt Edwin Kipina (still unlocated) and Pfc Wesley Winters (still unlocated), Recon Section, using a rail scooter they scrounged up, spent considerable time reconnoitering the situation to determine the best course to pursue. It finally boiled down to a choice between putting in a 41' railway bridge or filling craters and laying 200' of track. The former was eliminated and Co A then went to work on the craters. Several other jobs had to be taken care of also; removing a badly shot-up engine

and eight cars, removing and replacing tracks damaged or destroyed by bombing and enemy demolitions. When the two sections of line are joined the battalion railroad will be 95 miles long. German civilians had a hand in the repairs, too, being ordered to work on several stretches of track damaged by Jerry Panzers. Co B continued to work in the yards marking the terminus of the present line. This entailed numerous small jobs - none very spectacular but nevertheless essential. Co C spent the major part of the week filling craters and laying track - 1,000 feet of it! 1st Lt John Marten (now of Fairfax, Va.) used several pieces of heavy equipment for this task and his company was reinforced by four squads from Co B and 30 German Pee Wees. No unusual difficulties were encountered and the work progressed steadily.

Same Issue - "Recon Ingenuity" - the strafed and bombed train presented a problem to Lt Shaffer's recon crew when they were riding the rails in an effort to determine the state of disrepair of the proposed new route. There was no visible way of getting their "go-cart" around the train unless they manhandled it around the obstacle and that idea didn't appeal to them at all. The resourceful Lt spied a German plowing his field using a horse as the time-proved method of compulsion and thereupon ordered the farmer to bring the horse over and pull their motor car around the shot-up train. The farmer hastily unhooked, pulled the car across the field and then helped set it back on the tracks. As a parting warning, Lt Shaffer told this loyal Volkestrum to see the Burgemeister and tell him that in exactly 3 hours time there was to be another horse to pull them back the other way. His words had good effect because even though the recon crew was an hour and a half late returning, there was not only one, but 2 horses waiting for them.



An example of railroad demolitions (Belgium)
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More - from 3 May 1945 BULL SHEET: This week, as it must to all military operations, an end came to the "Snortin' Bull Express". Starting out as a 30 mile line hauling gas to the front, it was soon extended both east and west until it stretched over 135 miles of sacred German soil - extending deeper into Germany than any other Allied operated railroad. Eventually a schedule was set up whereby the train hauled gas and rations forward and returned loaded with German and released Allied prisoners of war. In order to put the railroad in operation, it was necessary for recon parties to cover large areas of the countryside searching out the lines that had not been too badly damaged by Allied bombing and enemy rear guard demolitions. Then the companies went to work filling craters, relaying track and removing obstacles. In this work they often had the willing co-operation of German civilians and slave workers. Civilian railroad personnel were also utilized to operate the trains. Then, when everything was running smoothly and efficiently, guess what - we were relieved from our unaccustomed railroading duties by another engineer bn for new assignments further forward. The railroad that we put back into operation will continue hauling much needed supplies. But, for us the "Snortin' Bull Express" has become history - just another unusual job successfully accomplished.

SHORT SHORTS

"Editor of the Bull Sheet: I am happy that you have caught up with me at this address in Alexandria, Va. Certainly happy to read the Sheet and recognize some names of Co C 254 men I served with. Please send me a photo of the Victor Bridge. I'm a teacher and football-baseball coach at Mt. Vernon High here in Alexandria. Sincerely, Mike Foglio.....after waiting for 10 years this short but, oh, so sweet missal:"Sir : I don't know how much back dues I owe - if this isn't enough let me know." Art Auno. "P.S. Hope I'm not late signing in for the banquet. " Happy to report that Art (Co A 254) wasn't the tail-ender in the Calumet chow line.....the address and record card on Horace O. France, St. Petersburg, Fla. was silent insofar as service information was concerned. Sent a special request for same and presto a nice dues check, information he is a Co C WWI vet plus this note in part: "Greetings: And very belated, which you are no doubt fully aware of. We don't travel much any more, so we don't expect to be present at your next meeting'of the clan'. Appreciate the BULL SHEET - keep up the good work, and my best to you all.....and a "rolling barrage" into the treasury all the way from Franklin, N.H. now called hom by Clarence W. LaCoursiere (Co B 254)

again the "grapevine produces: "I have a BULL SHEET sent to me by Max Closson and now write to see what the dues are to join. I don't know if you ever had my address or not but I was from Kenton, Ohio. The Carl W. Hoffman you are looking for in Mansfield isn't listed in that phone directory. Also, the John B. Deaton of Houston is actually Heaton - don't know what his address is. Sure would like to receive the address of George Youren if you have it." - from John Reed, Jr., Lexington, Ohio. All former members of H&S 254 - and the Marquette, Michigan address for "Bones" was forwarded promptly. Max, incidently and at last report, runs a jewelry store in Manistee, Mich. - quite a switch from Motor Sgta well known fact the 254's high-pointers were transferred to the 234th Engr C Bn stationed at Chateau Thiery (busily engaged constructing a redeployment camp as was the 254). Did you know the 112th Engr C Bn high-point vets went to the 291st Engr C Bn stationed at Munich which outfit was assigned the post-war task of cleaning up the city using German PW's?..... on many occasions HQ has been the clearing house for reuniting old buddies and this is a typical example: "It has seemed like some sort of a miracle to hear from Frank Battisti (Co C 254) after 25 years and to learn of his professional achievements and success. Often wondered where he was located and how he was doing but never imagined he had become a Chief Federal Judge. He contacted me back in March by phone with little or no trouble. It was a wonderful surprise. Thank you for sending me all the copies of the BULL SHEET - I found them most interesting and informative and am looking forward to receiving future copies." This from George E. "Finny" Finlayson (Co C 254) out of Stratford, Conn..... and continuing on the Co C 254/Connecticut theme a most welcome report from (Lt) Robert G.W. Brown, Rockville, Conn. who located for us the long-time missing (Capt) Sanford F. Hall (one-time Co A 254 CO) with an Elmwood, Conn. address and now a colonel in the Reserves. Bob further informed us: "I'm married and have 5 boys - the oldest is an ROTC scholar at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. I am also a colonel in the Reserve and at present the Commandant of the 1050th USAR School in Hartford.".....another example that our annual reunion notices in the "American Legionaire" pays off from time to time. This time the reader and checker-inner was Charles H. Peterson (Co A 254) another of our AWOL's. Nothing AWOL, however, about Chas showing up at Calumet on short notice all the way from Clovis, N.M.....if in Negaunee, Mich. and hankering for a cold one, George A. Lafkas (Co D 107-1121st Gp Hq) will be happy to host you at his Olympia Bar located on the main drag-worth a free one but afraid to ask ex-1st Sgts.

Sometimes confused and bewildered over backlog of unacknowledged responses, acts of participation et al and coping with limited space in which to operate - plus the increasing complexity of recollecting names and news items run or not run in prior issues (now numbering 11 over some 6 years). We can only ask your patience and indulgence for overlaps, omissions, failure to acknowledge, etc. etc. etc. So, with a fairly healthy treasury at present we'll risk the expenditure of an extra 45 bucks printing cost for this page 3 in an attempt to do some rectifying and catching up.....Fletcher W. "Bill" Brodt (H&S 254) is a banker in Fennimore, Wis. & musta floated a loan the way he slugged the treasury - and then snuck into Calumet for his first reunion besides.....as did (Capt) Jack Faries (Hq 254) who engineered his absence from opening of fall term at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Ky. in order to make Calumet his first over-nighter - Jack is Director, Audio Visual Service Center for the University..... we'll admit to a wee bit of plagiarizing from time to time. Example: "Dad's Road Job Goes to Son - William J. Karas, 60, (Co A 107) has retired as superintendent-engineer of the Delta County Road Commission. Karas will be succeeded by his son, Robert, 30, who will be responsible for 985 miles of state and county roads." The WWII era boys will better recollect Bill as the Captain Karas.....another father-son combo by name of Sapino holds forth in Co A, Calumet NG company wherein Plat Sgt Lawrence P. Sapino is outranked by son 2nd Lt Russell L., Ex O of the company.....dunno if the generous buddy page stipend from Roger D. Phillips (Co C 254) was a late one for the '71 reunion or an advance one for '72 but gratefully accepted all the same - and applied to dues to settle the uncertainty. Roger has maintained contact in spite of a series of moves from Ohio to Illinois to Powell, Wyoming.....tagging an active member's address with the hated "Moved-Not Forwardable" notation is a depressing part of processing Association mail. Such was the case in 1970 for Carl Wosnak (Co A 254) as pertaining to his Ohio address. But all's well again cuz Carl routinely checked in with a new Glenwood, Maryland address whence he was transferred by his home building employer for whom he is associated as a construction suptreminder again - if you have an address change and your Association mail stops coming you are der dummkopf not HQ. Temporary AWOL's "enroute" are excusable but not total desertionnever know where the next "field report" from William G. "Tony" Farrand is coming from but he faithfully kept the line open to HQ during series of moves from Evansville, Ind. to

Oklahoma City, 1969, Tulsa, 1970, and at last report, Dallas. Says his family is beginning to get a complex. Also reported he was the recipient of Christmas cards from Bob Driscoll, Milwaukee; Andy Simonis, Vesper, Wis.; Bill Kessler, Onalaska, Wis. and Richard Kazda, Wauzeka, Wis. and promises to make a sashay to Covington, Texas to dig out Ray Forston if possible. All being identified as 522d.....nice report from Pete Zdybel (Co A 254) out of Lansing, Mich. (actually by the missus as is frequently the case for those blokes having devoted or well-trained wives - suspect no brownie points from lib advocates for that crack) wherein they cancelled out for Calumet because of family obligations; also extended regrets because they had such a good time at the '63 reunion and further extended greetings to the gang. Pete has 31 years in with Oldsmobile & is anticipating retirement in a couple years.....orders for the bridge picture keep trickling in (and honored) including Herb Bastion's (Co A 254) postmarked Clawson, Mich. Herb's accompanying note described a post-reunion trip to Calumet area during which he had some good gab sessions with Clem Cassette (Co A 254) at Clem's postoffice in Mohawk and Bing Boberg (H&S 254-Co A NG)..... Bing and Dick Wills (Co B 254) are both recuperating nicely from heart-artery surgery as is "Johnnie Kay" Kovachich (Co B 254-Hq NG) who suffered a stroke - all three reported to sick call in late '71.....the active file contains a number of 1121 Engr C Gp Hq men having a 107 background and surprisingly several simon-pure 112th vets also two being Henry L. Frischkorn, Wickliffe, O. and the recently added Roland Kruetzberg, Cleveland (at Hank's request) - the more the merrier we say so keep them coming.....grand opportunity for Victor J. Stevens to return to old 1940 home town of Gladstone (a hint there, Vic) when serving in Co A 107th. An Association regular, Vic did some reminiscing with info he was the divisional sign painter in La., one-time motorcycle rider, etc. in between much K.P. duty for goofin' off - like the time he went OHIO from Walt Kierczak's (H&S 107) water point and walked back 35 miles from St. Charles. He transferred out of the 107 in Ireland to 2nd Corps for the Africian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns - now how about a battle star for Gladstone?.....a long overdue expression of thanks to Alex Wojciechowski (Co C 254) Milwaukee, for some hot tips received way, way back.....can you imagine what the tough ex-weapons sgt Warren "Marty" Romain (Co B 254) has been up to? Instructing Milwaukee Boy Scouts in the safe and proper use of firearms thats what! Word has it he has even been promoted to Scout Master - a long dormant desire to be a Platoon Sgt we suspect but for that we'll even promote him to Platoon Commander. Marty has been a tower of strength researching addresses in "Sudsville"

somewhat chagrined to learn after several years of mailing that the cleric prefix of "Reverend" as applied to Mr. Eynon S. White, Corona Del Mar Cal. was an error that in some unknown way got into our records. Thankfully one worried "Co. Clerk" wasn't busted by our ex-captain and Personnel Adjutant of the WWI 107th. Appreciate the diplomatic reminder of error plus dues all the way thru '77 to further soften the embarrassment.Francis J. "Chief" Shawa (H&S 254) threat - ens to bust a reunion out of Lansing, Mich. but nuthin' doing yet although we do pick up his "smoke signal" right on schedule every year. Maybe in '72, "Chief", seeing Gladstone is on line with old hometown of Eckerman?.....our many readers who have come to know Bn CO Don Small as a reunion buddy will be delighted to learn of his recent promotion to Lt Colonel.....



Reminiscing- Capt Henry P. Ilenich, (left) and Anton "Pops" Crnkovich (center) of Detroit, and Frederick J. Saam of Indio, Cal. talk about the "old days" during our 10th Annual Reunion at Calumet. While serving in the Rangers, "Lt" Saam was written up in "Life" for

having the longest mustache in the Army. Now sporting the chin foilage and a distinguished looking dentist, Freddie left the 107th Bn in Ireland for volunteered training and duty with the famed and rugged Rangers.....the Ishpeming armory has been "invaded" by Boy Scout Troop 326 & the troop is progressing nicely under the sponsorship and guidance of the NCO Club of HHC - certainly a commendable community-youth servicethe B.S. staff has no knowledge about unusual assignments performed by either the 522d Co. or the WWI 107 Engr Regt nor would it be qualified to report on same unless some accurate and factual details were known - anyone for a go at it?.....units of the 46th Engr Group going to Camp Grayling, Mich. for the 10-24 June summer encampment session include our 107th Engr NG Bnwho would ever dream the dirty ol' ditch diggers would ever become sophisticated enough to warrant helicopters as authorized engineering equipment - well, they are now....."Sorry I neglected to get this back to you in time to be listed in the Buddy Section. Keep scheduling the annual reunions - one of these years I am going to make it." Albert "Al" A. Tomassetti (Co B 254), Anchorage, Ky.....on a City of Sturgis, Mich. letterhead: "This year I really had made plans to be at the reunion. We com-

pleted our summer street program the 1st week in Aug., but now I am loaded up with work again on extending sewer and water to new areas. So there goes the ball game." Homer J. Fisk (Co A 254)... "Dear Sirs: I'm writing to let you know that my husband, John B. Trussell, (Co B 254) died April 8, 1971. He has enjoyed your paper so much. If I send you \$2.00 for my husband's dues will you please send the paper for awhile as my son, now serving with the 34th Engr Const Gp in Vietnam, and I like to read it. Mrs. John B. Trussell.... from Anthony M. "Tony" Shooks, Ellsworth, Mich.: "I sure would love to attend the reunion, but I'll be winging my way to Scotland with wife and youngest daughter. My wife is from Scotland and she hasn't been home for 25 years. Say hello to George Lafkas, my 1st Sgt (both 1121st Gp Hq).... "Hi Vickstrom: Kuinka se menee! Enclosing another donation in behalf of the old outfit. Oliver Virmala was passing thru here on business lately and said he had attended a reunion. Interesting to recall the experiences gone by. Yours truly, Finnlander." Who else but Howard R. Anttila, Eben Junction, Mich., Co B 254 - same company for Oliver as well.....nothing more nothing less than check and card with name, address and notation "For membership card for 1971" which decoded becomes Herbert W. Tompkins, Jr., Miami, Fla. - concise and to the point like his recon reports as one-time 254 Recon Off. Must say HQ had a helluva time reconnoitering "Woodys" own route from old home town in Va. to a good Miami address.....SOS! Charles Stephens (Co A 254) was in Manistique at least up until 1967. Anyone know where he is now? Our several attempts to dig up something have been fruitless.

* * OFFICIAL OPERATIONAL REPORT OF 254 * *

Continuing the slow process of relaying accumulated historical information by means of attachments to each issue of the BULL SHEET, the supplement to this Issue No. 12 is the first installment of the official report covering the unit's combat operations. The report (classified as a SECRET document in 1944-45) was prepared in the field as a summary and evaluation of the battalion's operations for transmittal to its next higher headquarters including: Engr First U.S. Army, Engr V Corps and CO 1121 Engr C Gp. Naturally it is written in a militarily concise manner - quite detailed in some areas and matter of fact in other respects. The first section alone covering period 8 June 44 to 8 Dec 44, is 15 pages long meaning it will take several issues to pass it along on a 4-6 pages-each-issue schedule. Suggest you accumulate the pages as received with the objective of eventually ending up with a complete copy. Hope you find it a worthwhile addition to the newsletter. Credit given to the files of Hq 107th Engr Bn - Mich NG for this historical material. "Lights out"