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## 1988 REUNION SCOOP

Tents will be pitched and foxholes dug at the NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY in the CITY OF MARQUETTE, COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, STATE OF MICHIGAN for work details lined up over the 3-day period July 29-30-31, 1988. Thats it - a simple order but one that covers lots of ground. Suggestions have been heard that it would be helpful if reunion programs were published in this rag particularly for the benefit of recruits coming in cold turkey. This, however, is usually impossible because at March/April press time the reunion committees haven't as yet finalized its plans, but the overall time and proven schedule, less minor innovations, is essentially as follows:

**Friday:** registrations commence in early afternoon; evening chow on your own; music-dancing and visitation in evening; dress is informal.

**Saturday:** Registrations continue all day; informal visitation during the a.m.; noon day mess at the armory; Memorial Service after noon chow call immediately followed by the fun-filled business meeting; spouses on own for shopping or planned tour, if scheduled, during the afternoon; formal banquet/dance in evening; military uniforms optional but encouraged for Guardsmen and ordinary dress-up for others.

**Sunday:** Breakfast at the armory; final visitations, choking adieus and departure for home stations. Housing is your responsibility per helpful listing of suggested housing furnished each year. Bare-bone charges for everything, Approximate total cost for a couple including a \$5.00 registration fee for everyone (individual or couple) optional noon day mess and banquet/dance tickets comes to about 25-30 bucks. Sunday breakfast and refreshment tickets also are optional out-of-pocket charges. This year is the sixth time that MARQUETTE has hosted the annual Association bash - the history making organizational get-together in 1961, 1965, 1969 (when we picked up the pieces after Detroit cancelled out because of the 1968 riots there),

1970 and lastly in 1980. Participants any of these years will recall MARQUETTE, the largest Upper Peninsula city scenically located on Lake Superior, as a classy reunion site. Lots of action, top-notch motels, eateries and shopping places as one would expect for a city servicing a college (Northern Michigan Univ), Marquette Branch Prison and K.I. Sawyer AFB located nearby. And the beautiful U.P. scenery is always as added bonus. No intention of sounding like a Chamber of Commerce rep because after all these are but secondary, however important, considerations. The real action is at the modern MARQUETTE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY which is home station for Detachment 1 of Headquarters & Headquarters Company (HHC), 107th Engineer Battalion (also for Det 1 1075th Maintenance Co). The Marquette gang is all pumped up planning yet another pleasurable, military-flavored event. Our 27th ANNUAL REUNION.

Important reminder again - even if you won't attend, or care to pay Association dues, please return the "Will or Will Not" notification slip. By doing so HQ can confirm/correct addresses and more importantly know that we are in good contact. Notes of personal nature and military experiences are encouraged and appreciated. Vital information needed to keep the BULL SHEET thriving, informative & hopefully interesting.

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GLADSTONE-A GLOWING MEMORY-NOT PAST HISTORY

The 26th Annual Reunion is now of course a glorious memory in the minds of those who made it and we dare say a wistful lost opportunity in the minds of many who missed out. Another proud page in the annals of Association history. A page written by the hosting Charlie Company, the City of Gladstone supported by neighboring Escanaba and the 185 registrants of official record. With spouses and friends the armory was jam-packed with over 350 people and to say the joint was hoppin' is no exaggeration. Just an outstanding turnout and an absolutely superb job by the reunion committee under the leadership of President Sgt Dennis M. Cummings. Great, great show! Every year ye' editor figures we've reached the ultimate but by golly they just get bigger and better by the year. Inspired new innovations and fresh enthusiasm no doubt contribute a lot towards the ever increasing number of "week end duty" volunteers. More and more every year - and isn't that what the reunions are all about? Lots of

new faces were again in evidence - from both the old WWII ranks and past/present day Guardsmen who, needless to say, were welcomed with open arms as past friendships and comradeships were renewed with rousing enthusiasm. The numerous "small reunions" under the umbrella of Charlie Company's well organized schedule were SOP as reunited comrades paired off or banded together in unit groups. The BS was flying and past events were relived with gusto. The sadness of seeing another grand weekend come to an end is always more than compensated for by the anticipation of the next one coming up in 12 months. Again, grateful thanks to the Gladstone crew responsible for ramrodding the 26th Annual. Another Engineer assignment dispatched in usual 107th style and efficiency.

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Recognition and a Snortin' Bull Medallion to (\*\* as indicated \*\*)

Sidney Allen (Co B 107 Bn-1937), Rt. 1, Box 458 Chassell, MI 49916 (\*\*himself\*\*); Abraham J. Horn (522 Engr Co), P.O. Box 305, Willimantic, CT 06226 (\*\*Vet Magazine\*\*); Earl E. Goldsworthy (Co B107 NG Bn), Rt. 2, Box 1025, Florence, WI 54121 (\*\*Harold Barber\*\*); William Rogers (Co C 107 NG Bn), 2012 East River St., Two Rivers, WI 54241 (\*\*Gladstone Reunion\*\*); Reino Hintsala (HHC 107 NG Bn), 137 Cambria Rd, Negaunee, MI 49866 (\*\*PRO Publicity\*\*); Raymond H. Hei (Co D 107 Regt), Rt. 1, Box 22A, Leesburg, AL 35983 (\*\*32d Div. News\*\*); William C. "Mickey" Frazier (Co B 107 NG Bn), 311 Altamont St., Marquette, MI 49855 (\*\*Ishpeming Armory\*\*); Patrick C. Pequet (HHC/Co B 107 NG Bn) 3413 Longview Dr., Flushing, MI 48433 (\*\*American Legion Mag.\*\*); John F. Edmondson (Maj AUS Ret.-HHC 107 NG Bn), 3785 Fresno Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005 (\*\*Veteran's Alert\*\*); Thomas R. Heslip (Co B 107 NG Bn), 131 Surrey Lane, Rt. 3, Marquette, MI 49855 (\*\*Harold Barber\*\*); Ronald A. Wicklund (Co B 107 NG Bn), 540 Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI 49855 (\*\*Harold Barber\*\*).

Do you REMEMBER when you had to MEMORIZE your GENERAL ORDERS?

1. To take charge of this post and all-Government property in view.
  2. To walk my post in a military manner, keeping always on the alert and observing everything that takes place within sight or hearing.
  3. To report all violations of orders I am instructed to enforce.
  4. To report all calls from posts more distant from the guardhouse than my own.
  5. To quit my post only when properly relieved.
  6. To receive, obey, and pass on to the sentinel who relieves me all orders from the commanding officer, officer of the day, and officers and noncommissioned officers of the guard only.
  7. To talk to no one except in line of duty.
  8. To give the alarm in case of fire or disorder.
  9. To call the corporal of the guard in any case not covered by instructions.
  10. To salute all officers and all colors and standards not cased.
  11. To be especially watchful at night and during the time for challenging, to challenge all persons on or near my post, and to allow no one to pass without proper authority.
- In today's Army they only have these three GENERAL ORDERS for Guard Duty.
1. I will guard anything within the limits of my post and quit my post only when properly relieved.
  2. I will obey my special orders and perform all my duties in a military manner.
  3. I will report violations of my special orders, emergencies, and anything not covered in my instructions, to the commander of the relief.

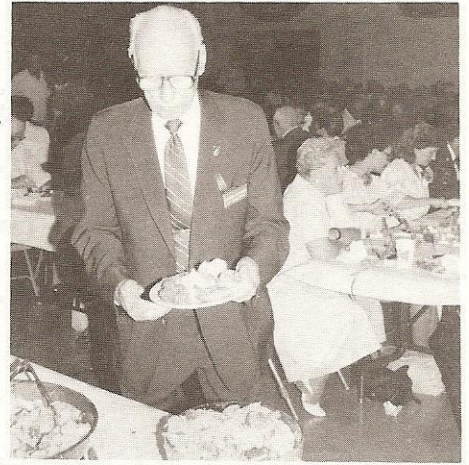
Not cross-eyed - yet! Just a perfect fit here.

## 107th NG CONTINGENT DEPLOYED OVERSEAS

From 23 Sept 87 to 20 Oct 87 a Bn Task Force of 82 officers and men deployed to TURKEY in support of DISPLAY DETERMINATION 87, a NATO war exercise. The men deployed in two lifts, one from K.I. SAWYER AFB (near Marquette) and one from SELFRIDGE AFB located near Battle Creek. C-141 Starlifter aircraft were used in both cases. Forty-seven pieces of Bn heavy engineer equipment, including dozers, backhoes, loaders, transporters and 5-ton dump trucks deployed via rail from CAMP GRAYLING to either BALTIMORE or SAVANNAH where they were uploaded on RORO (roll on, roll off) ships. The equipment departed in August and arrived back in the U.P. in November (during deer season). In TURKEY the Bn troops off-loaded their own equipment and after forming convoys started to work. Half of the contingent was located in ASIAN TURKEY, in support of the exercise main support base. The other half was in EUROPEAN TURKEY in support of the 24th Inf Div (Mech). The two Bn groups were 150 km apart by air, with a road travel time of 12-14 hours. At both locations, the engineer tasks performed called on the fullest skills and experience of the Bn personnel. Missions included: digging fighting positions for M-1 tanks, constructing bridge and culvert bypasses, upgrading main supply routes, constructing ford sites, digging in Division TDC and MAIN, digging sumps for field showers, kitchens, maneuver damage control, classification of bridges and other miscellaneous engineer tasks. A total of 146 engineer missions were performed. The lessons learned were many, and hopefully will be integrated into future deployments. The overall realization was that the Bn can do its wartime job, and do it very well. The Bn won high praise from the Commanding General, 24th Inf Div, stating that "-----in every instance the 107th met the challenge and demonstrated outstanding performance of duty." The men of the Bn did have an opportunity to visit the colorful City of ISTANBUL, and shop the famous Turkish Bazaars. Some were brave enough to sample the Turkish national drink, Raki (pronounced Rocky). It translates as "Tiger's Milk", and certainly has the kick of one.

Come reunion time, you owe Maj Frederick Stonehouse, Bn Exec O, a pepsi for his interesting, informative report covering the Bn's unique overseas deployment and operations. Our locked in Association Historian is recalled as the author of The History of the 107th Engineering Battalion 1881-1981. Copies of Fred's dedicated work are still available at all reunions or by mail for \$6.00 a copy (includes mailing).

Ever see a 92 yr. old chowhound? Here's Oral J. "Moose" LaCombe loadin' up at Gladstone. Maybe seconds even. "Moose" (Co C 107 Regt WWI) & Harvey Turcott (Co B) were the sole WWI registrants. Dearly cherished registrants to be sure - both front and center every year. (Photo by Maj Michael H. Johnson appropriated from his Sept. issue of Wolverine Guard). Only Mike was more respectful with his "hearty appetite" caption.



## SECOND HAND TOUR OF ENGLAND BIVOUACS

Kudos to Richard H. "Dick" Wills (Co D 107 Regt -Co B 254) for sharing some highlights of his recent jaunt to the 'ol sod (and Sweden) with focus on things still interesting to many WWII vets. The ex-command car and 6x6 jockey even had the guts to do his own motoring which he admits was kinda tough going some 45 years later. Unfortunately due to space limitations only a few of his photos but Dick will have his interesting album with him at the MARQUETTE RE-UNION. So, some ramblin' bits and pieces following ye' editor's talks with the traveler. A big disappointment was finding out HOPTON BARRACKS, the unusually comfortable regimental sized British Army encampment near DEVIZES, where the 112th Engr Regt was stationed, was then being torn down, but he was still able to locate some still familiar key features; drill grounds, Co E barracks and messhall, abolutions, etc. Downtown DEVIZES is relatively unchanged but lots of new building elsewhere. In NEWQUAY, CORNWALL, where the 254 marked "invasion time" for some 6 months or so, the ASTOR THEATRE located on the wind swept hill now houses a carpet shop, but the cinema downtown is still operating. Same for the PRINCE ALBERT PUB in the VICTORIA HOTEL which was a favorite 254 watering hole - when severely rationed spirits were available that is. NEWQUAY HALL, the one-time popular dancing spot, is gone - evidently torn down to make room for a large parking lot servicing downtown NEWQUAY. The old complicated monetary system has been somewhat simplified whereby florin and half-crown coins are practically non-existent as are half-pound and pound notes. A pound is presently represented by a coin worth about \$1.75 American (compared to \$4.04 in 1942-44) and 100 pence equals a pound.



Here's a good shot of the SUTHERLAND HOTEL (a new floor has been added) where Hq Plat and First Plat, Co B was billeted in 1943-44. The picture brings to mind Edwin Ferguson's (compressor operator) not too brilliant brain storm that turned out to be a hil-

arious, expensive disaster. Picture the scene : hotel rooms each individually heated by small, wall-mounted fireplace grates venting into one of several chimneys; a far cry from central heating. Heat therefrom was further limited by rationed coal/coke issues - and by cold, damp temperatures driven by almost continuous Atlantic winds. Well, the uncomfortable Fergy being an experienced U.P. wood burner out of Bergland figured that he could increase the heat by cleaning the flues, so he grunted up the compressor hose, kicked 'er on and gave the chimneys a good blow. Good idea - but - what a back-blown, coal sooted mess in the rooms below much to Fergy's chagrin and rage of his fellow occupants - plus a hefty clean-up bill for the U.S. Army because the British Army billeting officials were so strict you wouldn't believe. An embarrassed but wiser Fergy somehow kept his job because he was a top-notch compressorman until war's end.

And a shot of the SAUNTON

SANDS clubhouse where elements of 2nd Bn, 112th Reg were billeted. At that point in time the 112th was split up and Reg'1 HQ became the 1121st Engr Gp Hq, the 1st Bn the 112th Bn and the 2nd Bn (the old 107th) was redesignated the 254th Engr Bn. Bn Hq and H&S Co of

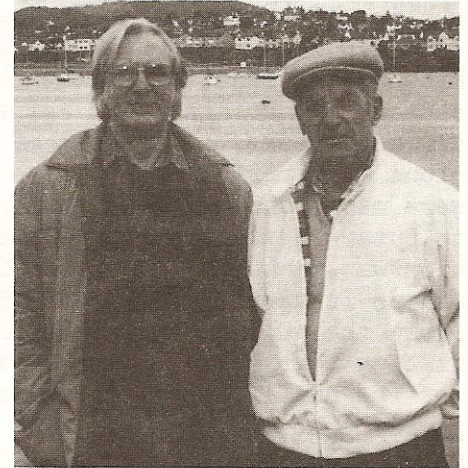


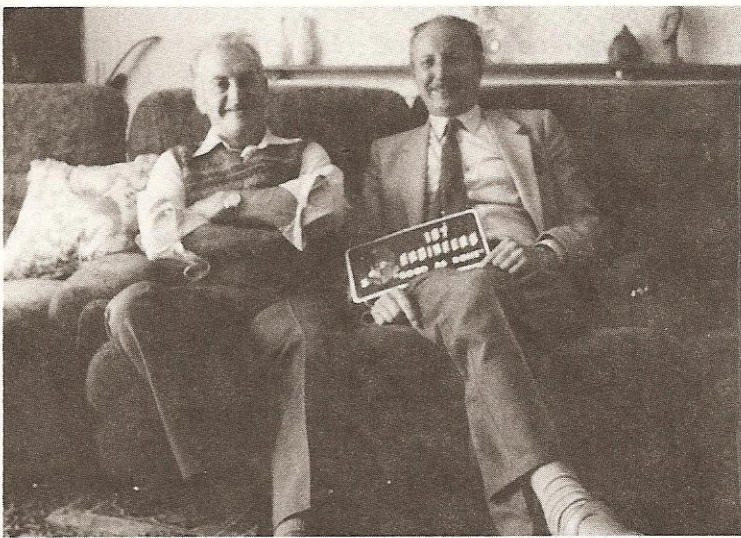
the new 254 occupied the clubhouse and Co's A and B remained in sand dune erected pyramidal tents. The Bn was then constructing the ASSAULT TRAINING CENTER on DEVON'S Atlantic coast. Because Co F 112th had been earlier moved for the NORTH AFRICAN INVASION, the reorganized 254 was less Co C. Charlie Company was subsequently formed at NEWQUAY via key-position transfers from the other companies and many EM and offi-

cer replacements. Observant eyes will detect porch and patio improvements made after the war. According to Dick's conversation with the golf pro, the property wasn't released from British Army control until 1951. Also, all the concrete poured for the ATC has been removed but some of the 254's constructed roads are still being used. The concrete work was mostly mock-up pill boxes (open, thin faced shells) strategically placed exactly to German Normandy Beach fortifications for U.S. pre-invasion infantry assault training exercises. Wonder what they thought when they tackled Co B's real McCoy poured for live ammo assault exercises - 5-foot thick walls and roof reinforced with railroad rails. Maybe blew it like the 254 did the massive SIEGFRIED LINE pill boxes in late 1944.

According to Dick, the sand dunes and golf course still look pretty much the same. Remember all the rabbits in the sand dunes? Great fun checking out pick handles from company supply, forming a big circle, closing in and then enthusiastically whacking away when the terrified bunnies made their escape runs. Even enough for a tasty company mess - until the game warden got wise and accused the well-fed Americans of unsportsmanlike conduct, and short-changing local butcher shops of essential meat supplies for civilian consumption. End of that release from all work and very little play; typically the lot of Combat Engineers.

A photo of Dick and his 2nd Plt buddy Rodney E. Blake a U.S. citizen entering U.S. service out of England who returned there after the war. Rod, a master carpenter, owns and operates a 12-apartment complex in CHESHIRE having done most of the remodeling/building work himself. Still a good Engineer apparently, or well trained in the 254, in spite of serious health problems experienced some years back. And another (next page) of Dick and Sid Green in Sid's GLOUCESTER home with some proudly displayed 107/254 memorabilia received from Association members with whom he maintains extensive correspondence. Sid of course is our revered English Historian as reported in past BULL SHEETS. Although now retired from his career job, Dick is up-to-his-ears in politics presently serving as mayor of his home town Negaunee. A BULL SHEET nostalgic tour - and it didn't cost you a tuppence. See Dick at MARQUETTE for further info.





### NEW NATIONAL GUARD BATTALION IN U.P.

With the formation of U.P.'s new 117th Quartermaster Bn some changes occurred which has impacted on both 107th personnel and certain armories. Here's a capsuled summary of the situation of interest to many still retaining fond memories of reunions past in most of the armories mentioned. The new 117th is headquartered in KINGSFORD under the command of LTC Michael L. Paluda, a former 107th officer. John L. "Jack" Calcaterra, formerly Co A's Top Kick and Reunion Chairman for the 107th's stupendous 100th Anniversary Calumet reunion in 1981, is now the 117th Bn Sgt Major. And by a strange quirk of fate the Association's top officials for 1987-88, Thomas G. Beard, Jr., President, and Robert F. McCormick, Vice President, also transferred as have a number of other 107th people. Many understandably made the move for promotional opportunities but whatever the losses have negatively affected 107th T/O's. Several armories now house both 117th and 107th units and exactly how this dual occupancy will affect those facilities as future reunion sites is unclear at this time. Present 117th station assignments are as follows: HHD 117th QM Bn is stationed at KINGSFORD; 1075 (-) Maintenance Co, MANISTIQUE; 1075th (Det 1), MARQUETTE; 1171th (-) Petroleum Co, MUNISING; 1171th (Det 1), KINGSFORD;.....107th Engr Bn posting are still the same, to-wit: HHC (-), ISHPERING; HHC (Det 1), MARQUETTE; Co A (-), CALUMET; Co A (Det 1), BARAGA; Co B (-), IRONWOOD; Co B (Det 1), IRON RIVER; Co C, GLADSTONE; Co D (-) KINGSFORD; Co D (Det 1), MENOMINEE.

### SHORT SHORTS

Where was it when the combat tested, veteran 254 dismantled? Truly a heart-breaking occurrence for many of its start-to-finish men nonetheless it was the joyful first step in returning home - finally! That took place

at MAILLY-le-COMP, FRANCE where the 254 was then building one of the so-called redeployment camps; after a hastily ordered 3-day route march PILSEN, CZECHOSLOVAKIA-REIMS, FRANCE just a week after the cessation of hostilities. One thing certain - the brass always finds ways to keep Combat Engineers busy. The camps were crash projects urgently needed yesterday for rotating high point men Stateside and low pointers to units earmarked for continued Far East duty. Evidently the 254 was Japan bound because the envious low point "rookies" stayed or were assigned from other Engineer outfits. Question: What was the magic dividing number - 85 points? Recall, perhaps in some error, that points were earned on this basis: one point for each month of active duty and for each month overseas, 5 points for each campaign, purple heart or other decorations. Believe too that dependents, and maybe still other considerations were good for additional point accumulations. So, what with 56 months active duty, 39 months overseas and 5 battle stars the veteran 107/112/254 battle weary campaigners had accumulated far more than the required minimum - for example ye' editor had 131 points which was a ball park number. Accordingly the old 107th Reg'l vets entering Federal Service on 15 Oct 40 were amongst the very first shipped home for long awaited discharge. Some only 2 months or so after war's end. Another question: Was the 254's project at MAILLEY-le-COMP named CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, CAMP PHILIP MORRIS or what? The several hurriedly erected camps were all cigarette identified. All, or most anyway, of the 254 high pointers went to the 234th Engr (C) Bn also assigned a cigarette camp project near CHATEAU THIERRY. All battalions so engaged utilized German PW labor and displaced men (mostly Poles) for guards. Again, the 234th interestingly was combat commanded by our own Philip C. Satterthwaite (HQ 107 Regt-254). Phil, according to our records, transferred out in NEWQUAY probably direct to the 234th.....great having Maj Michael E. Johnson and his ever ready camera at GLADSTONE. Mike, an ex-Co A-B-C 107th Guardsman, is the Editor, "Wolverine Guard", the official publication for the Michigan National Guard. His photos, Association assistance and promise to make MARQUETTE if possible are all much appreciated....."Sorry we can't make it to the reunion this year. Here's a contribution towards expenses knowing that the reunion will be as great as its always been. We have recently retired from our Greene, NY business of 32 years so we have many loose ends to get together. If Sgt Joseph W. Kolb, 3rd Plat Co B 254, comes this year tell him I said hello." This from Alexander J. Macinsky.....helluva time keeping up with Joey what with 4 Illinois address changes after initial Chicago then to Casa Granda, AZ where he is presently

warming his mid-West chilled bones.....happy to relocate Alvin L. "Lee" Taggart (H&S 107 Regt-H&S 254) now in Avon Park, FL and Floyd J. Taggart (H&S 107 Regt-1121 Engr Gp Hq) in Tucson, AZ both lost for mailing purposes because of unreported address changes. Thanks to perpetual Association promoter Rans Blondo (107-112) for that nice piece of work.....again the please let HQ know if you have an address change.....a thoughtful, much appreciated, post reunion report from Louis S. Barraza (Recon Sgt H&S 254) after Lou's first reunion from far off Bakersfield, Cal. in the words of his wife, Jessie: "Great to have met you at last. Louie always talks about you and all those years over seas; lots of respect and the care for one another like brothers. All the way home we talked about the wonderful time we had and if God is willing the trip again in 1988. Beautiful country and wonderful people. We thank you all for the time and effort put into the reunions and making it possible to meet old comrades again; a very important part in Louie's life.".....from the desk of William H. Masters, Germansville, Penn.: "I am in a quandry! Not sure of my dues situation but must be OK because I'm still getting the BULL SHEET. Enclosed are more dues and if insufficient, please advise. Hope to be at the '88 reunion." Bill was in the Air Force then transferred to the Army and H&S 254 at Litchfield, England. Subsequently to the 1121st as Chaplain's Asst..... sad but important information from Clarence G. Broberg (Co E 107 Regt-Co C 254): "Just a line to let you know that my friend Leonard Lampela of the 254th Medics passed away on 6 Nov 87 in Calumet, Mich.....and several reports and newspaper obituaries regarding the death of Philip S. Satterthwaite (Capt and S-3 in 1940, overseas with the 107th Bn, 254 and later CO of the 234th Engr (C) Bn were greatly appreciated..... first time since 1945 and a special personal thrill seeing L.V.E. Smith (thats right - no names, only initials which drove the company clerk nuts when Smitty transferred in at Camp Livingston from the infantry. And naturally being infantry trained he was promptly assigned to a Co D weapons squad. Reminiscid and now laughed over the unusual Bn order at violently contested, flattened ST. LO (vital German communications center in NORMANDY) which finally after 8 days of fierce fighting was taken by the 29th Inf Div, of directing .30 caliber Browning water-cooled MG plunging fire on certain key road intersections. The Bn CO, Lt Col Loren "Jiggs" Jenkins, ordered Smitty and ye' editor to position the pieces and figure out varying trajectory angles. Never did find out if the periodic pulled-off rounds were anywhere near the devastated area, no-mans land targets but it was an interesting problem typical of unexpected tasks assigned to Combat

Engineers. Captured German infantrymen disclaimed any knowledge of its effectiveness so that slightly unusual action remains forever a "wonder what happened" minor episode like so many combat actions.....But Smitty was on target with his "typewriter" during the Bn's determined, and successful, defense of the 254's constructed WALLENDORF bridges where he was evacuated, but later returned for duty, due to mortar wounds suffered during the engagement. A Wehrmacht expert or sheer luck because the mortarman's first round was right on Smitty's gun position.....dunno if all the claims made in this Gladstone Reunion Program Book ad

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are legitimate or not but we can most definitely confirm the "Super Catering" part of it - great chow catered by owner, Walter A. Mokszycke, appropriately the ex-Mess

Sgt of Co C NG Bn. His Friday evening hors d'oeuvre gourmet spread was a new innovation greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the early-birders besides being a mouth-watering indicator of Wally's banquet menu. And Saturday's noon day mess featuring barbequed meats and corn on the cob was something else. Even Joe DeSantis, himself an ex-Mess Sgt of Co B NG Bn, was professionally impressed. But, Joe, your Italian sausage at Ironwood's 1979 reunion is a fond memory hopefully repeated soon..... current day and action report from Joseph R. Nicholes (Co A 254). "Although retired in '86 we are unable to attend the reunion. Full time camping now after selling our house in N.J. and spent last summer camping in the Pocono Mtns. in Penn. We camp in a 5th wheeler/crew-cab PU and now headquarter in Dunedin, Fla. Joan and I enjoy this lifestyle very much. (Editor's note: Joan was a London war bride). I was sorry to read about Capt Ware in No. 30 B.S. I was in the group the day we were ambushed in Germany. There were 8 of us (4 in each jeep) and were about 5 miles past the WALLENDORF bridges (Luxembourg/Germany border). A German soldier ran into a house and we stopped to take him prisoner but it was a trap. Capt Ware, Joe Pataconi, 1st Sgt Augie Gagnon and Nick Leslie were in the first jeep. Lt John Davis, Ed Rokos and myself in the 2nd jeep. I don't remember the driver - either Gabby Walters or Burkett Hardenburgh. We stopped, got out and Capt Ware order@d the Jerry to surrender in German. Then all hell broke loose; they hit the jeeps and then we got it. Capt Ware, Lt

Davis, Pataconi and myself were captured. The other 4 got away. Lt Davis was hit the hardest and I learned later he died that night. The Germans had us about 4 hours. Then our boys came up and got us out; they came up with a tank and 2 half-tracks. We were all wounded. I was with Ed Rokos in the field hospital the next few days. Concussion got him. Regards to all.".....on display at GLADSTONE and donated to the NG Bn were 2 complete German WWII uniforms carefully preserved souvenirs of Edward D. Krueger (Bn Demo Sgt, H&S 254). In excellent condition too. Wonder what stories they could tell.....carrying on the family tradition and in case you are wondering, Thomas G. Beard, Jr. is the son of Thomas G. Beard, Sr., sadly reported in this issue's TAPS, (Co D 107 Regt) who left the 107th in N. Ireland. Tom, Sr. enlisted in Co D (Marquette) in July 1940 where Tom, Jr. is presently putting in his NG time - and this year's Association President.... To Whom it May Concern: "It has been 7 years since the death of Sam Cimino (Co B 254) on Jan. 13, 1980. I am very sorry that I did not write you sooner. The past years have been very tough. Sam did so much want to come to one of your get-togethers, but somehow time ran out for him." Thank you so much, Mrs. Sam Cimino....."I want to tell you how the BULL SHEET gets around. Hope you can follow what I write. Last July I received a letter from a cousin who lives in Flushing, Mich. She sent the page of the April '83 B.S. that had the 3rd Plat Co A 254 picture in it. That's where I was in the 3rd Plat. And I was recognized by someone - I don't know who. She got it from another cousin of ours who got it from his brother-in-law who was the hospitality chairman for the 32d Division reunion. How is that for coming down the line when someone recognizes you. I was thinking about all the men who went to CAMP BEAUREGARD in 1940. Maybe you could ask us to identify ourselves as members of the 107 Regt at that time on the annual "Will or Will Not" attend reunion notice return slip." All that plus lots of other news from Herbert S. "Herb" Bastion who also expressed the hope of making this year's reunion.....a post-reunion note from an old Co A 254 GI who rarely misses removed puzzled thoughts why he failed to show up for GLADSTONE'S maneuvers: "Just a sad note - I was unable to make the reunion this year. Made it to Appleton, Wis. from Mercedes, Texas where Marie broke her hip and landed in the hospital. She came out of the hospital on Aug. 6th but has to learn how to walk again. I celebrated the reunion in Appleton the best I could. This now-we-know report from Raymond E. Deicher.....another n6-show explains why: "Betty had surgery 2 weeks ago so we no go. She is healing well. Best wishes to all and maybe see you next year." Lawrence R. "Larry" Ellen-

ich (Co A 254).....and while in Able Company: "Unable to make it this year but see you next year for sure." Clyde C. "Babe" Asplund..... also this flash from Ludwig B. "Hoppy" Hofmann a NEWQUAY replacement now in Warwick, R.I.: "Thought I would make it this year but my No. 3 daughter had a new baby and the christening falls on reunion weekend so what can you do? Got a new car too and hope next year."..... Vick: "Sorry to be late with this. Can't make plans too far ahead anymore. Went down yesterday to see Bill Smith (H&S Mail Clerk) in Venice, Fla. only to be real shocked. He passed away Oct. 15, 1986. I was at the 112th reunion in Cleveland and will do my best to see you at Gladstone." Kenneth R. Dykes (112th-H&S 254). And Dykes made it OK all the way from Zephyrhills, Fla.....a cooked-up Co C 254 deal: "I have contacted Ivan Gonyeau in Vermont and we have planned on making the 1988 reunion." That welcome news from Leland A. "Moe" Moses, Binghamton, NY. Moe was a 254 replacement in Germany and this will be his first reunion - Ivan made Menominee in '82 for his baptism of fire. ....sure encouraging getting some out-of-the area Association recruits who are now responding to reunion notices published in various Veteran's publications such as this one from John F. Edmondson (Maj AUS Retired): "I was attached to the 107 Hq & Hq Co in Ishpeming from the U.S. Army Reserve while I lived there during the middle 60's. Austin Lindberg was commanding and Sam Dubow from Sault Ste. Marie was the Exec Off. I would be interested in hearing about the reunion of these great soldiers and whether or not my status would preclude my attendance." Happy to put you on Association active duty status, John, the administrator of F.A. Bell Memorial Hospital while on 107th duty.....another checking in on his own initiative with Life Membership dues after seeing a reunion notice is Patrick C. Pequet (HHC & Co B). Pat's 107th service time in 1948-9 was terminated when he transferred to active USAAF duty. This interesting bit of historical information from Pat: "Marquette nearly lost its guard unit at the end of 1948 due to lack of suitable armory space and secured quarters (the long gone Palestra ice skating facility where Co D 107 Regt drilled in 1940) but in early '49 a unit swap was arranged with Ishpeming, and they assumed the role of HHC while Marquette was redesignated Co B. Co B's CO at that time was Capt Carlton W. Babb." Thanks too, Pat, for '48 identified H&S Co photo at Camp Grayling - maybe next issue..... ever wonder how come the 254th finished the war in Gen Patton's THIRD ARMY, after going all the way in the FIRST; mostly in V Corps? This from "A General's Life", an autobiography by General of the Army, Omar N. Bradley throws some light on the subject: "To join with the

Russians in that area (PILSEN, CZECHOSLOVAKIA), two days after the official linkup at BORGAN, I ordered (Gen) Hodges to move (Gen) Huebner's V Corps south to the 1937 Czechoslovakian border on a line Karlsbad-Pilsen. Since this was more properly Patton's area of command, a few days later, on May 4, 1945, I officially transferred V Corps to the THIRD ARMY. This gave Patton a total of four corps, comprising eighteen divisions, in all some 540,000 men. Patton was bitter that Ike held Huebner at Pilsen. Patton wanted desperately to liberate Prague.....an enthusiastic response from Leo P. Schiltz (3rd Plat Co C 254) after relocating his old outfit in 1986 via the "V.F.W. Magazine": "Many thanks for all the information on our old 254 Bn. I discovered several of my old buddy's names in the roster and plan to write to them soon. Anyone coming through LaCrosse, Wis. is welcome to give me a call or stop at our house. Just now I cannot plan ahead far enough to say if I will be able to attend the reunion, but I do hope it will be a happy occasion for those able to make it." P.S. "The Trelawney Hotel was Co C's home in Newquay while we were there." .....,dedicated and greatly appreciated input by Association P.R.O., C. William "Bill" Hager (HHC NG Bn) comprising post-reunion news releases and 1988 reunion notices in major Veteran publications; very effective promotional efforts by the Bn's Head Recruiter.....an unexpected and most welcome phone call from Roger Phillips, Bridgeport, Ill. just before locking up this issue in rough draft form. Happy to send Rog #2 and #30 issues to complete his set; issues evidently never received because he was on the move a lot. Also the good news that he is sending in some historical BULLIGEN and BATTLE OF THE BULGE material that sounds like great stuff for future newsletters. Further reported that he has been in recent contact with Andy Willenborg, Bradley, Ill., Phil LaMancusa, Tonawanda, NY and Bob Perry, Phoenix, Ariz.(all Co C 254) with the very good possibility they will form a patrol for a reunion.....thats what we like to hear.....dunno what to do with another 522d ITALY roster received from Abe Horn; a post-war roster we think. Any suggestions?.....Dear Friends: "This will be my first reunion. Had a bout with cancer in 1972 but carried on and retired from U.S. Civil Service, Dept. of Justice, in 1979. Want to make at least one reunion. Enjoy the BULL SHEET. Hoping to see Joe Clabots, John Kovachich and many other Co B 254 guys. Is Maury Syrjala still living?" A joy seeing Robert D. Ruhl reunited with Clabots and other surprises at Gladstone... ..End of 1988 report..... Hope you can make the 27th Annual Reunion in MARQUETTE.

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Paul Allen (Co B 107-522) Sault Ste. Mar, MI  
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Raymond A. Anders (Medics 254) Bellevue, Mich.  
George C. Anderson (Co A 254-NG Bn) Escanaba, MI  
James E. Anderson (522) Southfield, Mich.  
Harold L. Barber (Co B NG Bn) Marquette, Mich.  
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Bennett K. Dondlinger (522) Darien, Conn.  
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George J. Hansen (HHC NG Bn)	Marquette, Mich.	Charles N. Orrand (Co A 107 R.)	Redford, Mich.
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Painter J. Harris (107-Co C 254)	Negaunee, Mich.	Joseph Paraventi (522)	Iron River, Mich.
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## HISTORY OF THE 522d ENGINEER COMPANY

By: Capt Willis R. Hale, CO

As a memory refresher, the 1987 newsletter, BULL SHEET No. 30, informed its readers that HQ is the proud possessor of a handwritten 522d history from the hand of the Company's CO, Capt Willis R. Hale, along with the promise to publish same piecemeal in future newsletters. So here goes with Report No. 1 for the general interest of all and as a memorial to Capt Hale who answered to eternal roll call on March 8, 1972. We'll push off with Capt Hale's own introduction to his invaluable work:..... In the eyes of this historian the 522d Engineer Company is the direct descendant of Company C, 107th Field Artillery of World War I. at the end of WWI Co C of the 107th F.A. was commanded by Capt (Ralph A.) Loveland and its 1st Sgt was (Arthur) Knowles. The unit was deactivated after the war but in the late 1930's the 107th was reformed as the Engineer Regiment of the 32nd Division, Michigan (and Wisconsin) National Guard. The regiment was under the command of Colonel Loveland and his executive officer was Lt Col Knowles and these officers considered Company C as the successor to the company in which they served in WWI. As explained in the following History, Company C (Detroit) was joined with Company B (Sault Ste. Marie) in forming the new 107th Engineer Battalion. This then became Company F of a reorganized 112th Engineer Regiment. Company F left the regiment and went to AFRICA on detached duty and then was redesignated the 522d Engineer Company. This History is necessarily only the skeleton of our activities in WWII but it is the record of our youth and it is fitting and proper that it be the History to which the youth of a new day adds its own accomplishments until the standard is passed in time to younger men to continue our service to the National Cause. We salute you who have succeeded us and wish you success and pride in your service. /s/ Willis R. Hale, Captain WWII.

### UNIT HISTORY OF THE 522d ENGINEER COMPANY TO 6 JANUARY 1946

Having seen action in FRANCE during WWI as horse drawn Field Artillery Captain Loveland and 1st Sgt Knowles of Company C formed the nucleus of veterans about whom was formed the 107th Engineer Combat Regiment of the 32nd Division, Michigan (and Wisconsin) National Guard. The 522d Engineer Company traces its history to B and C Companies of the 107th Engineer Regiment. B Company was stationed at SAULT STE. MARIE and C Company at DETROIT. On 15 October 1940 the 32nd Division was called to active service pursuant to Presidential Order of 25 September 1940 and moved via train movement to

CAMP BEAUREGARD, LOUISIANA pending construction of its quarters at CAMP LIVINGSTON. On 19 January 1941 it moved to CAMP LIVINGSTON and began to receive personnel to enlarge it to war strength. The regiment engaged in training, received and trained Selected Service (draftees) men and participated in Field Exercises of the Second US Army and the Third US Army. After PEARL HARBOR the Regiment was moved to FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY for shipment to IRELAND as part of an Advance Party for the 32d Division. While awaiting transport the 32d Division was triangularized (from the old square division T/O) which reduced the Engineer contingent to a battalion. Personnel of Company B and Company C were merged to form Company C of the new battalion. At this time Company C consisted of: Capt Cecil Clark, MNG; Lt Charles Hanover, MNG; Lt Willis Hale, ORC; and Lt J. Jarvin Coon ORC. On 18 February 1942 the Battalion boarded the USS GEORGE F. ELLIOTT (a U.S. Army troop transport ship - later the only ship sunk in a Jap air attack on the ships at GUADALCANAL with the loss of only one life - the Engineer Officer). The convoy of 1942 sailed to mid-ocean where one contingent and all U.S. Navy ships turned north for ICELAND the remainder under British Navy protection proceeded to BELFAST, NORTH IRELAND; landing there 3 March 1942. The Battalion engaged in training and construction. The British Bailey Bridge was introduced and a large supply depot and camp was built at MONEYMORE. The 32nd Division and the 37th Division (Ohio NG) having been reassigned to the Pacific Theatre the 107th Engineer Battalion and the 112th Engineer Battalion were relieved of duty as "advance parties" of their divisions and were merged into a new 112th Engineer Regiment (Corps) and Company C became Company F of the new regiment. At this time the Company F officers were: Capt William J. Karas, MNG, Commanding; 1st Lt Willis R. Hale, ORC; 1st Lt J. Marvin Coon, ORC; and 2nd Lt "Red" Nulty, ORC. On 17 Sept 1942 Company F was detached and moved to SHRIVENHAM BARRACKS, SHRIVENHAM, ENGLAND to form the engineer contingent of a small Combat Team to guard the Headquarters of General Eisenhower. The other elements of the Allied Force Security Command were a battalion of infantry and a squadron of cavalry. While training at SHRIVENHAM BARRACKS Capt Karas was transferred to Headquarters Security Command and 1st Lt Hale was assigned to command Company F. Replacement officers were assigned and the company officers were: 1st Lt Willis R. Hale, CO; 1st Lt J. Marvin Coon; 1st Lt Russell Metzger; 2nd Lt Timothy D. Nulty and 2nd Lt Joseph Peterson. On 23 November 1942 Company F moved to GLASCOW, SCOTLAND and boarded the Polish ship BATORY. The BATORY had been at sea when GERMANY invaded POLAND and had taken refuge in ENGLAND and served the Allied cause throughout the

war. Disembarking 6 December 1942 in ALGIERS, FRENCH NORTH AFRICA Company F was first billeted in a school building in the heart of the city. The company was moved to an orphanage (vacated for the purpose) in EL BIAR known as the ECOLE des ENFANT en PLIEN AIR. On 24 December 1942 Admiral Darlan - an officer of the Vichy government caught unexpectedly in NORTH AFRICA - was shot and Security Command was alerted for possible civil uprising but none occurred. On 26 December the Company saw its first enemy action by bombing. Three bombs landed on the approach road (where the vehicles were not) and the fourth was placed in an open field where the vehicles were. Although this immobilized every vehicle it did not hit the large theatre-type building in which the Company was sleeping. There were four casualties. Pvt Delbert E. Gunderson was killed by flying fragments while he was standing guard by a small building in which the company officers were sleeping about 50 yards from the impact point. Three men sleeping in the "lobby" area about 20 yards from impact were wounded. Sgt Paul R. Vreeland had fragments in the left side of his chest one of which was considered inoperable as too close to his heart. He was invalided home. Sgt Harry Y. Scott had fragments in his back and suffered a long cut through his cheek but missed his teeth and passed on. T/5 Leonard F. Colwell had fragments in his right shoulder, right leg and buttocks. The Company was temporarily removed to the ECOLE NORMAL in EL BIAR while the theatre building was checked for danger. After a few days the Company returned to the theatre. All vehicles were towed to a garage building in ALGIERS and the Motor Pool personnel under Motor Sgt Vern Cartwright began repairs. Trucks were returned to the Company Motor Pool as repaired. Parts were drawn from ORAN and in a month every vehicle was again active. During the absence of vehicles the Company was assigned guard duties. An augmented First Platoon with Lt Metzger and Lt Coon was assigned Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters at the ST. GEORGE HOTEL. Lt Nulty and the Second Platoon was assigned the guard of RADIO ALGIERS transmission equipment near EL BIAR. Lt Peterson and the Third Platoon guarded the radio equipment at EV ALYPTUS. Company Headquarters, including Motor Pool, Mess, Radio and Supply remained at the ECOLE des ENFANTS in PLIANE AIR. On 25 January 1943 the 522d Engineer Company Combat was activated by the War Department and the men and equipment of Company F 112th Engineer Regiment were assigned to it. Company F 112th Engineer Regiment less personnel and equipment was transferred back to NORTH IRELAND. Whether this was accomplished by mail or radio was not revealed at that time. At this time the Company - with whatever men and equipment

were available from time to time - became associated with the BRITISH DISTRICT ENGINEERS and participated in their construction work. Working with a Field Company - later designated the 697th Artizan Works Company - under Maj Roberts under D.C.R.E. (West) - District Commander of Royal Engineers - the Company first "assisted" in the conversion of a villa on the edge of town to receive German and Italian officers for questioning. Allied intelligence directed the preparations. Basically the prisoner's quarters consisted of a set of rooms separated from and not visible to each other. Each was wired for recording and the basic plan was to house one German and one Italian in each cell. They would only see each other and the housekeeping personnel. Even the exercise yards were lined with burlap. Whether this Intelligence Interrogation Center was subsequently useful we were never informed but the end of the TUNISIAN CAMPAIGN brought prisoners in such numbers as to glut rail transport and so many had to walk west as to have many columns miles long blocking roads. The Company received orders to build a prefab on the roof of the ST. GEORGE HOTEL for British Navy office expansion. A group of Nissen huts were built between the RUE MICHELIT and a building requisitioned by AFHQ. A wooden structure was built in an open field to house the Anti-aircraft Control Center while the Center was in operation. The large table holding the map showing Anti-aircraft batteries could never have gotten through the door anyhow. The Center was in communication with all Anti-aircraft installations except for a ship run aground on the invasion. Personnel of this ship had grounded three aircraft - all Allied. Six Nissen huts were built at the ECOLE NORMALE for officers of a headquarters of a Staff designated only by a number. This was the Planning Hq for the group which later invaded SOUTHERN FRANCE. As units were released from guard duty more men became available for use as engineers. Late in February 1943 the entire Company was moved to CAP MATIFOU. The eastern horn of the BAY OF ALGIERS to relieve an American Engineer Construction Company constructing a hospital which was being filled as fast as beds could be made available. The 2½ hour transfer of Company Headquarters was the only time in 15 months that the Radio Section was out of contact with Security Command Headquarters. The Radio Section in addition to Security Command traffic often filled a request for high volume "dummy" transmission while field units were maintaining radio silence during a move. The Company also engaged in Mine Warfare Training for other units and in training units of the FREE FRENCH ARMY as they were being equipped with American military equipment. During one such training exercise with live ammunition over the heads of men on a night field clearance one of the men

was hit by a stray bullet and died. On 18 Feb 1944 the Company was reassigned to MEDITERRANEAN BASE COMMAND and sent to the CHELIF RIVER east of MOSTAGENAM to set up a Bailey Floating Bridge School under the command of Maj Worley. Units newly arrived from the States were introduced to the Bailey Bridge equipment - a British design for fixed or floating use which was available in large quantities in the area and was generally conceded to be superior to any American design then available. On 9 July 1944 having closed the Floating Bridge School the Unit was embarked in ALGIERS for shipment to NAPLES, ITALY. On arrival the Unit was moved to a school of the Training and Replacement Command near the VOLTURNO RIVER about 15 miles east of AFHQ in CASSERTA. The school, under the command of Lt Col Bush, was giving training in mines and booby traps and Bailey Floating Bridging. At this time Lt Nulty being transferred to Engineer Section AFHQ and Lt Metzger to O.S.S. replacements were Lt William Gates and Lt Kinkaid. Lt Peterson was hospitalized from wounds from a booby traps demonstration accident. Sgt Campbell died in hospital from wounds received in this accident. Lt James Hjelm was assigned to replace Lt Peterson. In March 1945 the Headquarters of Training and Replacement Command was moved to ROME and the First Platoon was moved to the site of ancient OSTIA at the mouth of the TIBER to set up a Floating Bailey Bridge School. As the bulldozers were constantly turning up ancient artifacts permission was obtained to move the location downstream to an abandoned seaplane landing strip. At this time the Second and Third Platoons were engaged in camp construction for AFHQ in CASSERTA. Forty-seven Nissen and one Romney huts were built. In May 1945 the Company was assembled near NAPLES at a pre-war exposition fair grounds vacated by a hospital unit and began altering the buildings to establish the 7th Replacement Depot. As the depot facilities were completed the 522d assumed operations of the depot utilities. With the cessation of hostilities 7 May 1945 the role of the 7th Replacement Depot became that of a staging area for troops being returned to the US. Within a few days a POW compound was erected and German prisoners were assigned for work units. At the same time all Michigan National Guard men called to active service 15 October 1940 were relieved of duty and moved to the Depot for return to the US. This removed practically all NCO's. Replacements by qualified men of long service were immediately found for all positions and the ranks were filled from Replacement Command. 2nd Lt Sheridan Crumlish was received and assigned in Company Headquarters. 1st Lt William Gates, Jim Hjelm and Kinkaid commanded the platoons. On 15 August 1945 Capt Hale was relieved and command passed to Lt Gates. On 6

January 1946 the Unit was deactivated in ITALY. Up to this time the Unit had received the Meritorious Service Unit Award for the period from 1 January 1944 to 1 August 1944 and Silver Banner on the guidon for the ROME-ARNO CAMPAIGN.

#### Epilogue - by Captain Willis R. Hale

It cannot be too highly stressed that the contributions of the NCO's enabled the 522 to carry out its missions with great efficiency. The air attack of 26 December 1942 had immobilized every Company vehicle with such damage as welding pistons to engine block by the penetration of bomb fragments. Motor Sgt Cartwright was able to return every vehicle to duty in a month by requisitioning a garage in ALGIERS, drawing on parts supplies from ORAN and rebuilding each vehicle. Mess Sgt Bernier maintained Company morale by exchanging snuff supplies for cigarettes, augmenting Army Issue by bartering with adjacent units and civilians for onions and local condiments not on Government issue, converting condensed milk to ice cream, discovering new and palatable ways to use Spam and other ways to enliven the standard food issue. Sgt Langstaff organized and trained a baseball team during a period of relative inactivity that overcame all available units and materially raised unit pride. Supply Sgt ? found a way to "borrow" two American flags and "return" one that gave the unit a national flag that few units possessed and gave the unit a dignity in "unit pride" that touched all hearts especially at times of isolated service. Corp Oakes kept the flag in such constant repairs that it outlasted the normal service life by many months. Supply Corporal Gerzanics was able to gather such evidence of P.X. cost and sale as to stop a senior officer profit operation that threatened morale. Weapons Sergeant Alleman organized a training program and range that brought unit weapons and operating crews to a high level of proficiency. These and many more instances of superior NCO leadership more than offset expectable individual instances of misbehavior so that particularly in ITALY the unit was generally accepted as a superior unit. These had much to do with the selection of the unit as desirable for training other units in areas of Engineer Responsibility.

Editor's note: Piecemeal distribution did we promise? Got carried away once into this interesting document and consequently figured it best to disseminate the material with a single salvo. Not only for reminiscent and memory benefit to 522d vets but also for the education and heritage value to Guardsmen in their continuing pursuit for Engineer Excellence - and to the memory of a fine, dedicated Combat Engineer officer, Captain Willis R. Hale.