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CALUMET SITE OF 1990 REUNION

The 29th Annual 107th Engineer Association reunion will be held at the Calumet Garrison Training Center in Calumet, Michigan. The dates of 3-4-5 August 1990 were approved at the business meeting in Ironwood last year. Those of you who were lucky enough to make it to Calumet in 1981 know we can put on a re-Although we are still in the planning union. things seem to be shaping up nicely. We plan on opening our doors at 1200 hrs on Friday, 3 Aug and closing them sometime on 5 The registration desk will be open from 1200 to 2100 hours on 3 Aug (Friday). Also on Friday the usual Social Mixer will start at 1200 and go until ?????? - music will start at Music will be provided by the same 2030 hrs. band that played on Friday night in 1981, THE SOUNDS OF TIME. A light lunch will be avail -The registration desk will able at 1800 hrs. reopen at 0900 to 2000 hrs on Saturday, 4 Aug. Breakfast will be served starting at 0730 and On the menu will be eggs ending at 1000 hrs. to order, pancakes, bacon or sausage, toast, coffee, juice and of course SOS at a cost of Noon day mess 1130 to 1300, on Saturday, will be Cousin Jack pasties, sloppy joes, fries and coleslaw at a cost of \$3.50. banquet meal will consist of roast beef, turkey and ham with all the usual goodies at a cost of \$10.00 per plate. We ask that you send in the pre-registration form so that we can have an accurate count for the catered The music on Saturday night banquet meal. will be provided by WINDJAMMER, who play a The Memorial variety of music to please all. Service is scheduled for 1300 hrs with the business meeting to take place immediately following. We will have a History Room set up along with other displays around the armory. We are still in the planning stages for entertainment for those not attending the business meeting with details to be announced. On Sunday 5 Aug breakfast, will consist of the same

menu as Saturday and will be served from 0730-1030 hrs. On behalf of all the members of Co A 107th Engineer Battalion, Michigan National Guard, I cordially invite you all to come to Calumet and enjoy our beautiful area together with the friendship and camaraderie you will enjoy during the Association's 29th Annual Re - union.

TAMES R. ROWE SFC, MI ARNG Reunion President

CAUGHT-WITH-DRAWERS-DOWN SECTION

Proceeded to type in final form pages 2 thru 12 of "camera ready" copy while reserving the front page for our President's message. done but - what to do with this space left hanging? Maybe appropriately mention that 1990 will be the fourth time the Copper Country gang has invited us to maneuver in Calumet: time in 1964 when <u>John D. Morrison</u> (Co C 107 Regt-WWI) was Assoc. Pres.; again in 1971, Cpt Henry P. Ilenich (Co A-Bn CO 107 NG Bn), Presided; and lastly in 1981 when 1st Sgt John L. Calcaterra (Co A 107 NG Bn) commanded the stupendous 100th Anniversary extravanganza. hows about a quickie SHORT SNORT fill in?..... located in 1969, lost in 1980 and located again in 1990 is the record for LeRoy F. Gruber. Finally, thanks to joint effort of Clem Cassette (Co E 107-H&S 254) and Ed Kohn (Co F 107-postwar NG Bn), the 107th vet is again on the Association Duty Roster. Lee went to "Lousyana" as a member of Co F (Calumet) later transferring to H&S to clerk for Major Gustave A. Schellhase Regimental Chaplain. Leaving the 107th from Camp Livingston after qualifying for Air Cadet School, he began an illustrious AF career as a navigator in Air Transport Command. Lee retired from the USAF in 1965 with the rank of colonel and presently resides in Fallon, Illinois.

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The routine, the unusual, the unexpected and, yes, sometimes the crappy jobs are traditionally the lot of Combat Engineers. Perhaps the most unique mission assigned the 254th during the Bn's ETO combat tour occurred during the period 16 April 45 to 30 April 45 when the battalion repaired and operated a German railroad. Originally the line ran from KOLLEDA to NAUM-BERG (approx. 30 miles) which was quickly extended westward to MUHLHAUSEN and eastward to LEIPZIG, GERMANY, a distance of 134 miles. that time, late in the war, the FIRST ARMY'S main supply lines servicing the fast moving, hungry-for-victory front-line units were stretched to the utmost, so this particular stretch of rail was quickly utilized as a quick expedient way to move urgently needed bulk supplies forward. Humorously, the battalion proudly assumed for a brief period the unofficial designation as the "254th Engineer Railroad Operating Battalion." Emergency repairs to the lines included replacement of rails twisted by tank traffic or damaged by bombing, removal of straffed/bombed rolling stock, laying 1790 feet of track which had been destroyed by bombing. Also, stations at MUHLHAUSEN, KOLLEDA, NAUMBERG and LEIPZIG were repaired for use as railheads. Civilian laborers were used for much of the The following is found in the 21 April 45 issue of the DOZER BLADE, the weekly mimeographed newspaper put out by 1121 Engr Combat Quoted therefrom: "YOU LOAD 'EM! Group Hq. WE HAUL 'EM! IS NEW 254 SLOGAN." "The versatility of the Combat Engineers is again demonstrated through the medium of the latest mission assigned the 254; that of operating and maintaining a 28-mile stretch of railroad, promptly dubbed the 'Snortin' Bull Express.' Although it may not be as long as the Northwestern, the battalion men swear it's just as wide. And they get quite a kick out of the deal. Its a bit different from their usual stint of engineer work and they realize the importance of freighting the petrol up there where it's need-As this goes to press the groundwork is being laid to extend the line back another 47 miles or so, which will be a big proposition However, the answer to with plenty of work. this by the battalion is - bring it on! preliminary reconnaissance for this unusual operation was done under the direction of Major Albert S. Wynot, Bn S-3; 1st Lt Herbert Tompkins and 1st Lt Edwin Shaffer, Recon Officers, S/Sgt Edwin Kipina and Sgt Walter Fennell, Recon Sgts; T/4 Edward Kreuger, Bn Demolition Sgt; Pfc Steve Veninchek, Pfc Joseph Nichols, Pfc William Diesenroth and Pfc Antonio Raspa. A bit of good fortune was incurred during this phase when a box containing some 20 Luger and

P-38 pistols was captured. Preliminary repair work was initiated by German civilians under the direction of armed Polish ex-PW's. Station masters were alerted to get rolling stock ready for events to come. At one point midway on the line, 20 cars and locomotives had been shot up and deserted and these had to be removed before further progress could be made. The initial non-cargo run carried Lt Col Loren W. Jenkins, Bn CO; Maj Wynot and a platoon from Co A under the command of Lt Michael Cosella and S/Sgt Arthur Auno to test out the line, figure out the best course and to take care of numerous repairs. Cpl Raymond Deicher (Co A) with his knowledge of German, took care of liaison between the officers and the civilians at the controls. Also included in the party were four Co A civilian railroad men, Pfc Charles Peterson, T/5 Clyde Asplund, Pvt Owen Conway and Pfc Joseph Molchen to offer specialized advice when required. Now that the 'bugs' have been ironed out, a regular schedule is being inaugurated which will keep the petrol going up in a steady strem and PW's going back. Co A is billeted at the western end where the petrol is flown in by C-47's, Co B at the front ward terminus; and a platoon of Belgium troops is attached to act as security on the runs. The 100-ton engines, of which there are two at each end, alternate in making the trip, and several strings of cars have been formed to allow for shuttling and a faster turnaround. All in all it amounts to quite a deal. You just don't know what will turn up next in a Combat Engineer outfit."....related articles in old BULL SHEETS dated 25 April 1945 and 3 May 1945 historically informs us the "Snortin' Bull Express" which started out as a 30-mile run to haul gasoline to the front was rapidly extended eastward and westward until operations stretched over 135 miles of sacred German soil - st-retching deeper into Germany than any other Allied railroad then operating. Eventually a schedule was set up whereby the train hauled critically needed petrol and rations forward and returned with captured Germans and released Allied POW's on a two trains a day basis. German civilian railroad men were conscripted to operate the trains and furnish other essential skilled services as needed. Companies A and C filled craters, repaired road bed and laid over 1,700 feet of track. Company B worked in the The first order of business of course was the cruicial work of reconnoitering the bombed lines and shot-up rolling stock and determining routes and repairs that had to be done in order to get the wheels rolling. One such recon mission was described in this old BULL SHEET item: of locomotive and 8 cars that were shot up presented a problem to Lt Edwin Shaffer, S/Sgt Ed-

win Kipina and Pfc Wesley Winters when they were riding the rails in an effort to determine the state of disrepair of a proposed new route. There was no visible way of getting their rail scooter around the cars unless they pulled it around themselves and that idea did not appeal to them at all. It Shaffer cast his eagle eye around the area and spied a German plowing a field. He ordered the farmer to bring his horse over and pull their scooter around the obstruction which the frightened farmer hastened to do. As a parting warning, Lt Shaffer told this loyal Volkstrum to see the Burgemeister and tell him that in exactly 3 hours time there was to be another horse to pull them around the other way. His words had good effect because even though the recon crew was over an hour late returning, there was not only one, but two horses waiting for them.".... Another humorous blurb from the same vintage BULL SHEET. "One of the platoon officers in Co B had the mission to reconnoiter the railroad lines in his company area. Upon entering a station in a little town he found a beautiful fraulien confronting him. Asking for the 'bahn' master, she said he would be in shortly. Upon finding she could 'forstay' English he immediately said she could help him, but she quickly answered, "No, no, not now! Papa is upstairs.".....Just one more old B.S. anecdote before passing on to other things: "Pfc William Carter, a Co B man attached to Co C, has been putting his civilian occupation to excellent use much to the advantage of the battalion. He was a Section Foreman in civilian life and his previous experience has been most valuable. Carter says that section work is section work whether its in the army or civilian life except for the folding lettuce." From the record - according to the 254's "COMBAT OPERA-TIONS REPORT" covering the period 8 Dec 44 to 22 June 45 the railroad was operated by civilian personnel under the battalion's supervision. During the two week period 911,805 gallons of gasoline, 70,035 gallons of other POL products, 1,000 tons of Class I supplies, 13,325 German PW's and 2,000 released Allied POW's were hauled over a distance equivalent to 118,262 miles. Plus discharging all the administrative details included in hiring, paying and feeding several hundred civilian workers. No records to say so but it is assumed that operation of the railroad was turned over to a rear echelon outfit when the V Corps, to which the 254 was assigned, moved southward for a new assignment with Gen. Patton's THIRD ARMY for the invasion of Czechoslovakia. That's the story about the "Snortin' Bull Express - an un-"RECON INGENUITY! A string usual Combat Engineer operation well deserving a place in the pages of the 107's proud history.

IRONWOOD SMASHING SUCCESS

One word sez it all: OUTSTANDING! Heard it said by reunion committee members that Company B has a reputation to uphold and that they did A grand 3-day affair in no uncertain terms. no matter how you slice it. Enthusiastic praise was expressed by many registrants awed impressions conveyed by this thoughtful post-reunion letter sent to Co B by the thoroughly impressed Rans Blondo (Co F 107-112th "We have had 28 reunions in Michigan -Bn): always feel that the previous one will never You troops have proven that be surpassed. there is no end to your ability and accomplishments. A perfect reunion. Everything about the 28th reunion is an indication of many hours of planning and a desire to go just one better. The entertainment was just great, the food was super and the sanitary method of serving was commented on by all. decorations, the reception personnel, great bands, the Memorial Service which rain could not discourage, the very efficient serving of breakfast - there is just no room to find fault. It seems like such a small token of appreciation but all we can offer is THANK YOU ALL." Thoughts well and truly spoken, Rans, and equally shared by all in attendance. Under the obviously dedicated leadership of Past President, William J. Dowd, Past V.P., David J. Czerneski and James Sertich, the other committee members and all of Company B are highly commended for an exceptional effort.

ENGLISH HISTORIAL VISITS STATES

This is a brief after-action report to the #32 BULL SHEET article informing you that <u>Sid Green's</u> trip went off pretty much as he had had it laid out before leaving his Gloucester, England, home for the U.S. However, he didn't



anticipate being photographed by the Associated Press in Boston greeting Latri R. Johnson (Co C 254) upon landing or being interviewed for a big "Cleveland Plain Dealer" spread with this acc-

ompanying A.P. picture. Or being asked to speak at the 112th Engineer Associations's June reunion either. After seeing some historical places on the East Coast, sampling the joys of the 112th reunion and touring Lower Michigan with Rans Blondo (Co F 107-112 Bn), the stark beauty of the Upper Peninsula of

Michigan must have been in drastic contrast to preceding travels. Although keeping his camcorder in the ready position while motoring through U.P. moose country he unfortunately failed to catch one on film as hoped. arily though he did get to see the Ishpeming, Marquette, Baraga and Calumet armories - places and names that through the last several years have become very familiar to him. He met quite a few National Guard men on duty at the armories and ex-Newquay veterans Murray "Murf" Moon (Co D 107-Co B 254), Howard Davey (Co D 107-Co B 254), Paul Van Abel (Co E 107-Co A 254) and Johnnie "Kay" Kovachich (Co F 107-Co B 254) during some quickie U.P. trips. One of Sid's cherished objectives was to meet Oral "Moose" LaCombe and that he did but not in Sault Ste. Marie where our venerable Co C 107 Regt WWI veteran lives. Chauffered by his staunch wife, Elva, the LaCombes made a special side trip while enroute to American Legion doings in Escanaba for a quick coffee stop in Negaunee with Sid, <u>Dick Wills</u> (Co D 107-Co B 254) and ye' editor. Lots of planning, work, time and expense went into a dandy tape that our English Historian so thoughtfully brought with him for showing at Ironwood and future reunions - a present day look at old WWII haunts such as CORNWALL, NEWQUAY, DEVIZES, SAUNTON SANDS and PRINCE MAURICE BARRACKS. Sid reported back that he had a great trip and he is seriously thinking of another one this year to timely coincide with Calumet's reunion.

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ROSTER ADDITIONS

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REMEMBER FORT JENKINS?

Unfortunately most WWII era photos are of such poor quality or have deterioriated to the extent they are pretty much unusuable for publication purposes these many years later. This one is the rare exception, however. Taken in



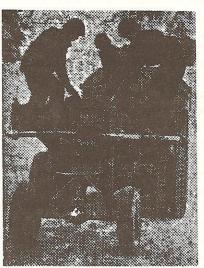
early 1945 at a captured German military camp near BRUCK, GERMANY, the encampment provided a welcome under-cover 254th bivouac for several Dunno what the Wehrmacht called the camp but our boys promptly dubbed it FORT JEN-KINS - in honor of Bn CO Loren W. Jenkins, of Believe it was here that a rock wallcourse. channeled stream ran through the camp; a creek the ever-active and enterprising scroungers discovered was loaded with trout. But not for long though because German "potato masher" stick grenades were used as "bait" to float some delectable beauties belly-up for impromptu fish frys all over the place. An appetizing change from the monotonous K and 10-in-one Posed by a wrecked Kraut military rations.

truck are four Co C 254 men: From the left:

Douglas H. Williamson (picture donor and retired dentist in Rockford, Mich.),

Burghardt (no information on him), Simon Vander Ploeg (Grand Rapids, Mich.), and John Elizeus (last known to be from Wilmerding, Pa)

ARDENNES FOREST WORK DETAIL



An old 1944 "Stars & Stripes" or "Yank" by-line: "Frontline Troops Fight Road Problems Always" and the article goes on "American to say: troops are learning fast to overcome the hazards of weather and terrain on the Western Front as indicated by an increasing number of hasty 'inventions' by the troops themselv-

Some of these devices are shown in the accompanying photos:.....sand-spreader to prevent GI vehicles from skidding. It was designed by the 254th Engr (C) Bn, Lt Col Loren W. Jenkins, commanding, from a salvaged German vehicle".....The severe transportation conditions presented by the snow/ice covered Ardennes roads were nothing new or different for the winter-conditioned boys from the U.P.or for Col Jenkins a U.P. City Engineer - who knew all about sand spreaders and quickly frabicated a few for road maintenance in the battalion's assigned areas. Admittedly crude by today's standards but the hand-shoveled spreaders effectively aided vehicle movement and the idea quickly caught the eye of Engineer and Quartermaster officials as proven by the military news recognition. The old faded clipping is very poor for reproduction purposes but hopefully good enough to pass along another example of Engineer ingenuity. And perhaps revive fading memories of those tough days; for working, fighting and living. is, if you need any reminding! Only wish the energetic workers manning SHOVEL, D-handle, round point, could be identified. Just maybe someone will remember and will report back.

OLD CALUMET ROSTERS DUSTED OFF

A Snortin' Bull Medallion with cluster award to Edwin K. Kohn (Co F 107 Regt) for his patient researching effort on former WWII Calumet based outfits resulting in additions to the active Association roster (see "Roster Additions") plus other valuable updating information for the records. A task that he took

upon himself no doubt with the forthcoming Calumet reunion in mind. Ed made up and is diligently working over 3 different rosters: one of Co A 107th Engrs for the years 1937-38-39 (before the 107th Regiment was fully organized in 1940), another covering Co E (redesignated such from Co A), Co F and Medical Detach men that went to Camp Beauregard, La. in Oct. 1940. and the third which lists the men of the 3 units that did not go to Louisiana for enlistment, disability or dependency reasons. Ed was one of the many unfortunate 107th casualties who were home or enroute home on Christmas furlough when Pearl Harbor was bombed By mail or telegram they were on 7 Dec 41. hastily ordered back when the regiment was alerted for movement. Some made it back in time but unfortunately many key, trained Engineers Ed himself pulled into Camp Livingdid not. ston a scant couple hours after the regiment, then hurriedly beefed up via compensating transfers from the 127th and 128th Inf Regts, 32d Inf Div, had departed by rail; both men and equipment. Memory tells ye' editor that departure from Livingston was on New Years Eve A tedious anxiety-filled 3-day rail trip followed during which time the new experience of censored personal mail became a hard fact much to the chagrin of the troops and somewhat initial embarrassment of the censoring offi-Slowly but surely the cruel but excitcers. ing realization that the U.S. was indeed under wartime conditions was slowly sinking in. Totally train-bound with kitchens set up in baggage cars and under complete blackout conditions, the troops knew from nothing until finally detraining at Fort Dix, N.J. on a dark cold night. After a long march carrying personal pieces, full packs and duffle bags, they were finally guided to the regiment's assigned area only to be greeted by the sight of bare prymidal tent frames which had to be covered before moving in. Tents, cots, stoves and coal in snow covered piles were thoughtfully provided. And the cold pushed by brisk Atlantic Ocean winds didn't help much either. The ice-covered wood tent floors were still ice covered some 4 weeks later when the regiment finally moved into recently vacated wood barracks. What a luxury! This was about 2 weeks prior to the 19 Feb 42 BROOKLYN NAVAL YARD embarkation on the USS GEORGE F. ELLIOTT which then formed into convoy at HALIFAX, NOVA SCOT-The ELLIOTT docked at BELFAST, N. IRELAND on 3 March 42. But back to the unlucky ex-2nd Bn Sgt Major, Kohn. Field commissioned a 2nd Lt, INF, in 1942, Ed's entire war service was with the 127th Inf Regt, 32d Div, in AUSTRALIA PAPUA, NEW GUINEA, PHILIPPINES and OCCUPATION OF JAPAN until separation from service as a 1st Lt in March 1946. Kohn and Johnnie "Kay" Kovachich (Co F 107-Co B 254 - postwar NG Bn)

were instrumental in reorganizing today's Calumet based Co A 107th Engr Bn in December '46 and he subsequently served as it's company commander for a record 14 years followed by assignments to various Bn staff positions and finally as Bn Exec Off until separation from active National Guard duty with rank of major in 1967 (shortly after the Bn, under the command of LTC Austin Lindberg, was Federally activated for Detroit riot duty). Great effort, Ed, and may you wear your well deserved Snortin' Bull Medallion with honor and distinction.

MORE ABOUT POINT SYSTEM

Preceding BULL SHEETS refreshed old memories on details of the so-called Point System: the guide lines applied after Germany surrendered to determine who was to go home and who was to be kept in service; 85 points was established as the dividing point. Here's a partial (only as pertaining to 254 personnel) reprint from the 26 May 45 DOZER BLADE - the 1121st Engr C Gp's "HIGH SCORES newsletter. Exercpts therefrom: HEAD THEM HOMEWARD TO PROBABLE DISCHARGE. Points! Points! Points! The first 24 GI'S in Group to cash in on them left in a drizzling rain Tuesday morning for the trip back to the U.S. Most of them probably will be discharged, according to Lt Glenn Burghardt, Group Adjutant. Snortin' Bull veterans included among the lucky 24 names were: S/Sgt Donald M. Duquette (Co B) with 119 precious points; T/4 Andrew J. Mezzo (H&S)-120; T/5 Arthur J. Gibour (Co A)-131; T/5 Murray Moon (Co B)-121; T/5 Allan M. Caya (H&S)-127; Pfc Raymond Aho (Co C)-121; and Pvt Paul J. Van Abel (Co A)-121. Also included in the first batch was T/4 Alfred H. Brow (107-1121 Gp Hq) with 106 points. were scheduled to be processed through Ft. Sheridan, Ill. Each individual was allowed to take 65 pounds of baggage not more than 25 pounds of which could be trophies. High man among the officers was Maj Charles E. Howard (Co A 107 Bn/S-3 of 1121 Gp) with 151 points while Lt Col Cecil F. Clark (Co C 107 Regt-CO of 146 Engr Bn) counted up 135. A number of men, particularly EM's unexpectedly, but joyfully, picked up bonus dependency points having assumed marital obligations, and children in most cases, through marriage to British Isles girls.

COMPANY A (CALUMET) LINEAGE AND HONORS

Inasmuch as Calumet is hosting this years reunion August 3-4-5, it is perhaps now appropriate to enhighten readers, particularly Co A vets of the late 30's, Co E men and Co A National Guardsmen, that the company in itself has a unique, distinctive lineage all of it's very own. According to official Army records. Available records indicate that the additional honors in-

dicated on the Lineage and Honors Certificate issued to the 107th Engineer Battalion for Copany A (Calumet) indicates participation in the NORTHERN SOLOMONS and LUZON (with arrowhead) campaigns. Lineages prepared for battalion-sized units do not show the individual lineages of separate lettered companies which do not follow the same general history as the battalion as a whole. Company A had a history during World War II which was distinct from of either the 107th or 254th Engineer Combat Battalions and earned different honors. The present Company A, 107th Engineer Battalion, was organized and Federally recognized 26 April 1937 at Calumet as Company A, 107th En-It was reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1940 as Company E, 107th Engineers, and inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Calumet. On 16 January 1942 it was again reorganized and redesignated as Company E, 131st Engineer Combat Regiment, and at this time passed out of the history recorded in the Lineage and Honors Certificate. As part of the 2nd Battalion, 131st Engineer Combat Regiment, it was sent to the Pacific Theater, and was reorganized and redesignated as Company A. 1279th Engineer Combat Battalion at BOUGAIN-VILLE on 15 May 1944. As such, it served in NEW BRITAIN and in the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, and was inactivated on 17 January 1946 in JAPAN. It was reorganized and Federally recognized 11 December 1946 at Calumet as Company A, 107th Engineer Combat Battalion. At this time its history again merges with that of the battalion as a whole. This element has remained Company A since 1946.

1943 "SUPER BOWL" IN ENGLAND

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

CRIMSON TIDE FIGHTING IRISH



UNITED STATES ARMY -- 8 MAY 1943 WHITE CITY STADIUM • LONDON ENGLAND BENEFIT BRITISH RED CROSS PRISONERS OF WAR FUND.

Although now somewhat tatt ered, faded and travel worn these minature facsimiles the front cover third page and of the American Football program are pretty self-exmuch The planatory. jerseyed red -CRIMSON TIDE players listed on page 2 (not here reproduced) of the program represented an unknown artillery outfit. We would

imagine Special Services came up with the CRIMSON TIDE & FIGHTING IRISH team designations for pulicity reasons . Seems that GUN-NERS vs BRIDGE BUILDERS would have been more appropo. anyway, the ENG-INEER squad members named were from the 112th Engineer Regiment which was formed on 1 June 1942 in NORTH IRELAND by combining two battalions - the 112 th (Ohio NG) and

the 107th (Mich

"FIGHTING IRISH" - Engineers (BLUE JERSEYS)

No.	100 TARRES A 100 L	Name	Age	Home	11	'eight
1	Center	L. E. PARIS	24	Arlington, Va		175
2	R. Guard .	G. F. MILLER .	23	Cooks, Michigan .		180
3	1 Guard .	G. E. BUELL	26	Cleveland, Ohio .		185
4	R. Tackle .	D. WASZIL	25	Cleveland, Ohio .	27	175
5	L. Tackle .	T. P. BANDOWSKI	24	Cedar River, Michiga	n	195
6	R. End .	C. Herstrom	26	Calumet, Michigan		175
7	1 End	C. M. BAKER	24	Menominee, Michiga	n	170
8	Quarterback	R. ANDERS		Carney, Michigan .		170
9	R. Halfback	D. WILLIAMS	27	Cleveland, Ohio .	13	165
10	L. Halfback	E. W. PASSAMONI.	25	Iron River, Michigan		135
11.	Fullback	C. R. CHABOWSKI	-36	Cleveland, Ohio .		175
	Couch: C	apt. Tom Nurnbur	GER .	. Iron River, Mich.		

Substitutes

Guards: T/4 J. Tohal, Milwaukee, Wis., T/5 S. Tomaszewski, Iron River, Mich., Cpl. C. Hult, Akron, Ohio, Cpl. W. Dagley, Cleveland, Ohio, Pic. E. Rokes, Traverse City, Mich.

Tuckles: T.Sgt. C. Poole. East Liverpool. Ohio. T/S E. Corya. Portland. Oregon, T/S G. Anderson, Ottawa, Kansas, T/S A. Boysen, Montrose, N. Dakota, A. Hamel, Lake Landen, Mich.

Ends: T/4 R. GETCHEL, Owosso, Mich., T/5 J. LAMB, Mt. Carmel, Pa., Pfc. E. Ross, Cleveland, Ohio, Pvt. R. KORAN, Cleveland, Ohio.

Backs: T/Sgt. D. Collice, Hazelton, Pa., Sgt. L. Jeppeson, Edgemont, S. Dakota, T/5 D. Gilkuy, Edgemont, S. Dakota, T/5 J. La Muth, Manistique, Mich., T/5 M. Zelisko, Chicago, Ill., Pfc. M. Z. Huszty. Cleveland, Ohio, Pvt. R. Lester, Wickliffe, Ohio, Pvt. C. Bellamy, Columbus, Ohio, Pfc. S. Klish, Chicago, Ill.

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NG). Identified team players from the 2nd Bn of the regiment (being the old 107th) corrections and up-dating information were: Lawrence E. Paris (Co A 254), still in Arlington, Va.; G.F. Miller (hometown would indicate he was 107 but no information of record otherwise); Thomas C. "Butch" Bardowski (Co A 107-Co A 254), Stephenson, Mich.; Clifford C. Herstrom (Med Det 107-Med Det 254), died in 1972; C. M. Baker (quite sure this was Carl M. Barker (Co A 107-Co A 254), who died in 1965); Raymond A. Anders (Co A/Medics 107 - Med Det 254), Bellevue, Mich.; Ernest W. Passamoni (107-H&S 254), died in 1967; Coach, Capt Thomas S. Nurnberger (Co B 107-Hq 254-Engr Sec. V Corps Hq), Omaha, Neb.; James T. Tohal (107-Co A 254), died in 1980; Stanley A. Tomaszew-(Co E 107-H&S 254), Spring Grove, Ill.; ski Edward K. Rokos (107-Co A 254), died in 1964; Arthur J. Hamel (Co E 107-Co C 254), Hudson, Fla.; and Joseph E. "Beanie" LaMuth (107-Co A 107-Co A 254), Manistique, Mich. The other members on the ENGINEER squad, with possible exceptions, were from the 1st Bn of the regiment; the old 112th Bn. Don't know what the final score was or even who won the game. Perhaps one of our readers will remember and report in. The back of the 4-page program briefly details for puzzled Britishers some pertinent facts about American football and further gives other program details such as: "WRNS, WAAF, ATS, CWAC (Note: British woman services), and British Red Cross nurses will parade at 2:00 p.m., before the game. is by the London Base Command and Field Artillery Bands." A "Super Bowl" long before it's time! Thanks to now forgotten contributor.



Headquarters & Service Company, 107th Engineer Combat Battalion Summer Encampment, Camp Grayling, Mich. in 1948

Photo credit to Patrick C. Pequet, a member of the then recently re-organized post-WWII 107th who further enlightens us as follows: "H&S was a Marquette company but included men from Ishpeming and other Marquette County areas. photo represents only about half of the company strength, since many company men could not attend the encampment due to employment or other personal reasons. Many were WWII vets. The company won an Award for Outstanding Achievement as presented by Division Hq. ough we were a "postwar" outfit, the leader ship and guidance was provided by veteran officers and NCO's. The bulk of the company was comprised of "youngsters" who did not have the "Big War" to relate to, but soon after many transferred to active duty, like myself, and got their "education" in the Korean War. A few didn't make it back." Left to right identifications: Front Row: 1st Sgt Ott (5th Army Advisor), S/Sgt Chambers, "Bing" Boberg (Co E 107 Regt-H&S 254), Guidebeck, 1st Sgt Mann, Capt Carleton W. Babb (Co CO holding Division Award), W/O Frank LaBelle, T/Sgt Magoon, T/Sgt Musolf, T/Sgt Beyers, S/Sgt Stenglein, T/4 Process, and M/Sgt Sewart (5th Army Advisor). Second Row: S/Sgt Griffin, Pfc Jacka, T/4 Larson, Francis, Pfc Layne, Pfc Kulju, T/4 Larson Pfc Johnson, Pfc Foye, T/5 Luke, T/4 Hirvela Pvt Ellis, Pvt Aartila, T/4 Chubb. Third Row: Pfc Belmore, T/4 Lehtonen, Pfc Johnson, Pfc Dawe, T/5 VandeZande, Pfc Saari, Pvt Dupras, Pfc Chevrette, T/5 Hopp, and Pfc Nelson. Fourth Row: Pfc Patrick Pequet, Pfc Benzie, Pfc Uuro, Pfc Hallipa, Pfc Alderdon, Pfc Man-

ila, Pvt Roberts, T/4 Henne, Pfc Guizzetti and Pfc Brown. Fifth Row: Pfc Juchemich, Pfc Belmore, Pfc Koski, Pfc Constance, Pfc Wommer, Pfc Sheldon, Pfc Klein, T/4 Hoffenbecker, Pvt Fowler and T/4 Langlois.

BATTLE OF THE BULGE VETERANS

Appreciative thanks to Morris E. Page (Co A 254) for alertly sending in his copies of "The Bulge Bugle;" the official publication of the somewhat new Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge published 5 times yearly. Morris has joined up and suggests other 254 Bulge vets may be likewise interested. In reduced size here's the Application for Membership form for the personal information required for membership. Available too from VOOB's Arlington, VA

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address is a fascinating hard cover book entitled "First Across the Rhine" (The story of the famed 291st Engineer (C) Bn) by Col David E. Pergrin, the battalion's CO. Cost is \$21.95. Absolutely uncanny how closely the travels, experiences and missions of the 291st parallel those of the 254. Kinda expensive

but highly recommended for some enjoyable reading - both for those who "experienced" and for Guardsmen. From the book ye' editor learned that in July 1945 the low point men in the 291st were offered a choice: Either volunteer for service in the Pacific with the 112th Engr Bn or remain indefinitely in Europe with the Since Col Pergrin did not qualify for going home, he was offered command of the 112th replacing the 112th CO who returned to the For all practical purposes then, the 291st and 112th were being consolidated so the 112th could be sent to help lead the invasion According to the THIRD ARMY chief of Japan. of all the engineer combat battaengineer, lions in the ETO, the 291st and 112th were among those singled out for continued combat The 112th, which had led off on D-Day, and the 291st, had been specifically requested by Pacific Commanders. The reorganized 112th (Col Pergrin commanding) was just beginning to train in REIMS, FRANCE when the atomic bomb was dropped on HIROSHIMA. The 112th was subsequently deactivated on 12 Nov 45 at Camp Patrick Henry.

NEW MAN - OLD HISTORY

Enthusiastic correspondence and some interesting tales from <u>Lester</u>. <u>Doro</u> (107-Co C 254) after finally pinning him down in Portland, OR thanks to some long range zeroing in from Soquel, CA by George W. Waldron also Co C 254.



Les in 1945 with war trophies

George sez his cost efforts him about bucks for phone calls to places in Wis., Mich. and Oregon. A helpful phone operator finally directed him to a Col (Ret) Harvey Doro who

by an odd coincidence was a 127th Inf transferee into the 107th same as brother, Harvey, then a S/Sgt, left for OCS soon thereafter so his 107th service was quite brief. Quoted from Les's prompt resonse to our init -'ial contact mailing: "Received the package of BULL SHEETS about 2:00 p.m. and was still reading at 4:30 a.m. the following morning. Very informative and a pleasure to read all the news. Also, very sad to read the obituaries for so many friends - especially all in one sitting." An expert photographer, Les professionally reproduced some VICTOR BRIDGE pictures for his personal memoirs. As to his own recollection of the WALLENDORF skirmish on LUXEMBURG-GERMANY border Les re-"After quietly moving into position minises:

through a cabbage patch to set up a surprise ambush for the 25 or so Germans who appeared in the process of having a 'sausage snack', a stray round exploded a cabbage head next to one of my crew and he thought he was hit assuming the cabbage juice was his blood. sure now if this was (Louis) 'Shorty' Hurn or (Note: Hurn died 1982 in Fla.) quietly set up our MG's and I noticed that Smitty (L.V.E. Smith) had a .50 caliber; had a .30 that we set up a distance from Smitty for good reason. By now, I had acquired a deep respect for the Kraut's uncanny expertise with mortars (60 mm) when they picked me off a hedgerow in ST. LO for my first Purple Heart. Firing a .50 on the ground results in a large billowing cloud of smoke, as you know. both were set and cut loose. I believe we ran about two belts through the .30 and then a loud 'broom' and Smitty got nailed in butt. We were only firing for a short time when the mortar round came in, and I can't understand how they could set up that fast, estimate range and direction under intense MG Sometimes think that it was a bazooka round that got Smitty. My gunners were either (Paul) Bradfield (from Ohio but still unlocated) or (Frank) McGinnis; both expert machine gunners. After the mortar round, we ran another belt into the wood fringe, and then hauled We never got a report on the damage so I'm not sure just what 'good' resulted, and I wasn't interested in walking down there to find out either." Les here portrayed in 1988

OVERDUE RECOGNITION

Thanks to Charles R. Sheehan (H&S 254) for interesting correspondence & his past extensive research efforts on PA names and addresses. Also for a number of



service tales; some printable and some not. "Chuck" was located in 1987 via a "DAV Magazine" reunion notice. Sheehan manned the S-1 Message Center and informs us that Dale R. Sprotte (H&S 254) now in Union City, Cal. was his best buddy. He left the 254 from the winter bivouac near BULLINGEN, BELGIUM on 29 Nov "When the V-1 Buzz Bomb hit the 44 because: trees in the H&S bivouac area it blew me through the side of a shack that Sprotte and I had built. I ended up with a skull concussion. broken teeth and left arm fractured in 7 places with the elbow shattered. I was uncons-

cious while being evacuated through aid stations and field hospitals until I finally came to in a Paris hospital 2 weeks later. Then by strange coincidence to an Army hospital near NEWQUAY where English friends I made there before visited me. Finally back to the States. All in all I was hospitalized for 8 months and finally discharged with a disability compensation. (Note: the buzz bomb impact resulted in 25 injured and evacuated due to wounds; approximately 40 others were slightly injured. Lots of Purple Hearts from one incident). Thanks for all the BULL SHEETS. The first issue was a shock when I read of Col Jenkin's Once when duty assigned as Officers Orderly, Jenkins told me to sew some insignias on his uniforms. I told him I didn't know how to sew and he told me I had better learn how or else. So I took the uniforms to a friend and paid her out of my own money to do the Col Jenkins told me that I had learned fast and had done a super job. I worried that he would tell the other officers I was such a whiz with the needle and it would have become quite an expense for me."

SHORT SWORTS

And I be thinking yourself would want to be reading this straight away. Hows about a bit of Irish blarney to kick things off. Endearing phraseology fondly remembered by the 107th Bn troops who worked, trained and, yes, played in ULSTER from March 42 to February 43..... Dear Editor: "I have been receiving the newsletter for awhile and do appreciate and enjoy it very much. Some of you fellows are doing a lot of work. I hope you are appreciated. a former member of the Med Det 254, I can fill you in on the ones in the picture (last BULL SHEET). The unidentified man on the far right front row, is me: Ralph D. Bowden (Brewer, Maine), aid man and driver. The second man from the right, back row, is Arthur J. Pollard from Lowell, Mass. There are more Med Det members attached to the line companies; that is why they are not in the picture. I can name a few from memory: Cecil J. Specht, from Platteville, Wis., George Taylor, from Kentucky, and <u>Harmon Sample</u>, from Missouri. retired from construction trade, in good health; go to Florida winters and back to Maine in the summer. Hope some year to come out to a reunion. It sure would be fun." To wrap up the photo identifications completely we are also glad to report that the "missing" ranking Medic NCO, Charlie Dimmer (back row - left) unexpectedly checked back in with a new 10293 Satsuma Road N., Seminole, FL 34642 address with report: "Charles Dimmer has been located in Florida. Basting in the sun and playing in his garden.".....Did you know: The equivalent

of 34 Allied divisions suffered 122,000 casualties in the 48 days between June 6 and July 24, 1944, while taking only as much ground as the invasion planners had envisioned falling in just 5 days. The German defenders in Normandy admitted to casualties of 117,000 for the same period....a "will not attend" notice brief and to the point from wife of Alfred E. "Vutchy" Vucitech (Co D 107-Co B 254) - "Alfred has a stroke.".....an on-his-own promotional effort 10 years after the fact heretofore not BULL SHEET recognized but appropriately do so now with a Calumet reunion coming up again. For the super 100th anniversary reunion there in 1981 (by far the best attended of all 28 held to date) Anton "Pops" Crnkovich (Co E 107-H&S 254), an ex-newspaper man, took it upon himself to whip up some news releases for that auspicious occasion. A full page spread in "The Daily Mining Gazette", Houghton, Mich., resulted. Captioned "Pops Reminisces" the professionally written portrayed article covered 107th events spanning the 100 years 1880-1980. Still pertinent the article will again be on display this year. And probably with others because "Pops" writes: get my typewriter warmed up in another couple weeks, I'll begin pounding a couple of news releases for this years affair. Unless I break a leg or the airlines go on strike, I will be in Calumet for the reunion." As to his military service, he left the 107th at Newquay for surgery. After recovery, "Pops" was reclassified and finished out the war in Coventry, England, as the Sgt Major for the largest hospital unit in the European Theater.no, the Ishpeming armory hasn't been moved - just a mailing address change in case you are wondering.....the inadvertent omission of the routine dues notice on 1989 reunion return slips didn't seem to puzzle the regulars a bit because most returns were accompanied by dues. Anyone not wanting a gap in their dues paying record can double up in 1990 with notation that two bucks is for 1989. Maybe ye' secretary/editor is starting to show his age because it was his goof-up.....letters we like to re-"I was nosing around a Chicago phone book and remembered that one of our Co C 254 guys had connections there. So, called the number of Gordon Altwasser and asked to speak to Gordy but his wife informed me that he was unable to answer because he just had his third operation. Here is his mailing address for the mailing roster." Thanks to John Martis for a nice piece of work and locating another of our long time missing.....top drawer music for dancing and listening pleasure at Ironwood both Friday and Saturday evenings as forwarned. But the colorful, snappy <u>Marty's Goldenaires</u>
Drum and Bugle Corps was a complete surprise Saturday afternoon after the always gut-wren-

ching MEMORIAL SERVICE. Although scheduled to play and drill outdoors, the Corp's rain dicta-ted indoor performance was a rare treat totally enjoyed by a spellbound audience. addition to a great weekend.....regretfully "reamed" for space reasons and fear of getting or sumpin', we cannot include the magazine Can inform you though that Clarence "Buck" Forsythe (Co A 254) made the July 3, 1989, issue of PEOPLE MAGAZINE in a fishing article. Wife, Helen, reports in: "Now, we aren't classified as the 'Rich and Famous' but just how many people make PEOPLES MAGAZINE and go all over the U.S.A. Again, we are disappointed in not making Ironwood. We had planned on going but truck problems came up and without a set of good wheels we decided it best to postpone for another year. We are in good health and still working.".... didn't take a detail of MP's after all to bring in a couple of Co B 254 locals into beautiful Ironwood armory. Tremendous seeing Eanar Johnson and ex-platoon sergeant Maurie Syrjala "gassing" with old company comrades. The spry "Swede" is still doing carpenter work with his sons and the youthful looking "Finn" shows no after effects of wounds taken in the SIEGFRIED LINE....."I'm happy to report that I am well and ready for action in the 1990's. Also, that 1989 was truly a sucess in that a few months back <u>Lauri Johnson</u> (Co C 254) stopped here in Lumberton, NC for the night and we enjoyed a great visit together." Raymond W. Griffin (Co C 254)how about this for an eye catching address: 39 Head of the Bay Rd., Buzzards Bay, Mass.? "I wish to pay dues so let me know how I stand. Please say "hello" to everyone for me." Arthur J. Fournier (H&S 254)real joy seeing new and unexpected faces always the case at every reunion. Two Co C 254 vets making Ironwood their first reunion experience were Leland Moses picked up enroute in New York by Ivan Gonyeau out of Vermont and Andrew Willenberg who convoyed in with Roger Phillips from home stations in Illinois.....and lets hear it for these 522d "Government Issues" also making Ironwood their first "work detail": Henry Ellrich from St. Joffre Crawford, Blairsville, Ga. and Richard Genetti, Minneapolis, Minn. whose 1941 entry into service was from Ironwood..... "Am sending you the obituary for Andrew Wilchek. Also, the current address in North Palm Beach, Fla. for Eldridge J. Koeltz just located after 45 years. He was in Co A 254 with me; was wounded in France, sent to England and then returned to the 254 in Belgium. Send him info on the reunion." George C. Anderson (Co A 107 - Co A 254-Co C/HHC 107 NG Bn). "Joined at Ishpeming 1965 and transferred to USAR in 1974. Great newsletter. I am USAR Dist Engr Military Construction, St. Paul

Minnesota Corps District." Lt Col Charles H. Carlson (HHC 107 NG Bn).....The last BULL SHEET reminded me that I owe you a note. it's one of the best and newiest of all. pleased to read of Geno Cicero, Vernon Moore, and "Buck" Forsythe. I still laugh when thinking of the replacements we got. They laughed at the way we Copper Country guys talked. boy, did they laugh. Especially when we told them about Eino being told by his sister to feed the cow, to-wit: 'Eino, throw the cow over the fence, some hay.' Betty and I are still up and about thanks to the magic of medicine." Lawrence R. "Larry" Ellenich (Co E 107-Co A 254)...."Note my address change. Am sending money for a copy of the '107th Hist ory', 254 license plate and the balance for my dues." Allen C. Scott (107-Co C 254). soon thereafter an identical directive from twin brother Charles E. Scott (107-Co C 254); Both live in Traverse City, MI.....a direct to the point note: "A copy of '107th Engineer History." Alex E. "Tex" Suojanen (Med Det 107 -Med Det 254). Short or long, written or typed, happy or sad, bitches or compliments - all welcome and encouraged for BULL SHEET fodder. Lots more written up for "Short Snorts" but sadly the "Bull" is giving ye' editor the perhaps well deserved finger. But, It's

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CALUMET???? FINIS :

been fun.

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