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## TRAINING SCHEDULE

First off, many are unaware that last August's reunion scheduled for Detroit was cancelled out. For one disappointing reason - no assurance a worthwhile number would attend! The final decision was painful and tough to make, but after closely watching and analyzing the situation right up to the last possible moment the reunion committee and Association officials had no alternative but to "pull the pin". Although it was too late, and prohibitive cost-wise, to notify everyone via a general mailing, all registrants of record (the "will attends" checking into HQ) were individually notified immediately - and the committee silently crossed fingers hoping no one would take off for Detroit AWOL. Although registrations arrived in HQ at a less than normal rate, the committee kinda anticipated a last minute deluge figuring many were holding back until late July - awaiting the "tactical situation" to develop insofar as the Detroit area was concerned. This unfortunately was not, however, a true analysis of the situation - and you can rest assured our red-faced S-2 is now a buck a---- private permanently assigned to the "honey wagon". Subsequent critiques have proven up one fact - the cancellation was not triggered by any lack of interest in the Association or its reunions - it was clearly attributable to an understandable hesitancy of our fearless Snortin' Bullers of going to a metropolitan area at that particular time - whether it had been Detroit, New York, Los Angeles or what have you (somehow we hesitate to include, London, Belfast or Paris). One thing certain - it would have been a great reunion because the Detroit gang went all out lining up a pleasurable weekend for the campaigners. Hopefully, one of these years the Detroiters will invite us back - even though in 1968 they ended up holding a sack full of the Bull's favorite product!!

Now, how do we work up the training schedule

from this point? Immediate and long range reunion plans were made by our Executive Committee who convened at the Ishpeming armory on April 20th. Members of the Committee present included: Maj Richard Pascoe (Actg CO of the 107th NG Bn), Maj Ed Doyle (Hq 107th NG), Ralph J. Fellow (Co B 254), Harvey Turcotte (Co BWI), Oral J. "Moose" LaCombe (Co C WWI), Donald "Duke" Duquette (Co B 254), Francis D. Morin (Co C 254) and Ed Vickstrom (H&S 254). This group formulated basic policy for a 1969 crash program (details elsewhere), a full scale exercise for 1970 and a big 90th anniversary "do" in Ishpeming for 1971. Thereafter, subject to membership ratification at a future Association business meeting, the Committee is on record with a recommendation to hold reunions on an every-other-year schedule. The 1970 site and dates will be determined in August and announced in the Fall issue of the BS. It will be a good tuneup, but don't bet on a dry run, for a 1971 bang-up, gala bivouac in Ishpeming in commemoration of the 107th's 90th birthday. In case you don't know, the beautiful Ishpeming armory is home station for Hq & Hq Co. of the present day 107th Engineer NG Bn and most certainly is the appropriate site for the birthday party. So, you can focus your long range plans, and watery eye balls on this one because she'll be a dandy!

## H E I L P   W A N T E D

HEADQUARTERS has a partial file of old WWII BULL SHEETS and DOZER BLADES (the 1121st Gp Hq publication) which we are anxious to make as complete as possible for historical and informational purposes. Many of the old issues were sent or taken home as souvenirs and it would be appreciated if you would let HQ know which issues you have in those personal archives. We will then inform you if they comprise any of our missing issues. If we can keep them, fine. If not we will have them reproduced and return the originals to you. Good chance to buck for PFC.

1969 TRAINING SCHEDULE  
(Uniform: Strip Pack & Fatigues)

The members of the Executive Committee, at the meeting heretofore described, unanimously agreed in no uncertain terms that some kind of a get-together is both desirable and a must for 1969 - even on a Company sized problem basis rather than a full-scale Bn push so to speak. The lateness of the date and several other factors were recognizable obstacles in the way of a full, two-day reunion program which is normally worked up. This one will be held at the Northland Hotel, Marquette, Mich. on Saturday, Aug. 23rd (make it Friday evening, too) - informal visitations during the day and a banquet, business meeting and dance lined up for the evening portion. Donald "Duke" Duquette (Co B 254) is Company CO for this problem as Association President pro tem. We already know a normal sized contingent of local area U.P. people will be present and have every reason to expect a normal representation of out-of-towners. All the ingredients will be present for a real, enjoyable get-together even on a low-key program basis. For planning purposes we will require the usual "will or will not attend" notices which for this time is found as part of page 3 of this BS. Clip it and mail in the envelope provided - garnished with a bit o' green, of course! Make your own housing reservations as per standard operating procedure and for this purpose we recommend: Northland Hotel, North Front St; Terrace Motel, W. US-41 Hwy.; Holiday Inn, W. US-41 Hwy; Downtowner Motel, 412 W. Washington St.; Westwood Motel, W. US-41 Hwy; and the Queen City Motel, W. US-41 Hwy; all have a Marquette, Mich. 49855 mail address.

\* \* 107th OLD-TIMER RECOGNIZED \* \*

Pictured in the 1940 "Historical and Pictorial Review-National Guard of the State of Michigan" as a member of Co A 107th Engr Regt (Escanaba) was Pvt George C. Anderson who enlisted therein on 26 June 40. In 1969, some 29 years later, Bn Hq 107th cut orders separating Captain George C. Anderson from the 107th thereby clearing the way for his transfer to the USAR. During this lengthy period, George made the war-time circuit with the 107th and its counterpart units - Beauregard, Livingston, Ft. Dix, Ireland, England and finally the Continent - 107th Regt, 107th Bn, 112th Regt and Co A 254 from whence he was discharged 15 July 45 with rank of Sgt. After return home to Escanaba as a spanking new civilian he reenlisted in the Mich NG on 12 Dec 46, just 2 days after the re-organized 107th NG Bn was Federally Recognized.

A well deserved appointment to 2nd Lt CE came in June 1950 and eventual promotion to Capt on 19 June 59 as the CO of Co C in which capacity George served until 1 Feb 68 when all the NG units of the U.P. were phased into the 107th. Capt George was recently honored at a dinner party held in Escanaba which was attended by members of the Bn staff and present and former members of Company C. Our special Snortin' Bull award, George, reserved for those several old timers who bridged the gap between WWII days and post-war NG 107th service.

Password: NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE  
Countersign: DUES  
Advance and be Recognized

The Association's bread and butter income is derived from membership dues received in the main at reunions and with incoming "will or will not attend" notices. Right now we are faced with a worrisome situation whereby our treasury balance is down to a shaky \$550.00. "Doc" Fran Morin (Co C 254), our able director of finances, prescribes a financial transfusion pronto or we will have a sick Bull on our hands. We'll do the shoveling but you'll have to do the feeding-fair enough? Out-of-pocket costs to reunion registrants have traditionally been restricted to absolute minimums and have not been a source of significant Association income - those "week-end passes" take a few francs so its been long standing policy to encourage reunion participation by keeping the cost to registrants as low as possible.

522nd ENGINEER SPECIAL

Do you 522nd blokes know that your old company was activated on 1 Aug 46 after being deactivated on 6 Jan 46 and has continued operational since that time? It is now known as the 522nd Engineer Company (Armored) and is currently stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. The Company's primary mission since activation in '46 has been to support the Armor School by furnishing personnel and equipment for demolition, mine warfare, booby traps, route and bridge classification, expedient crossing techniques and crew field firing demonstrations and other school training activities - we can even tell you that the Co. CO as of last June was 1st Lt Kenneth E. Burchett. This all came about through the efforts of Sgt Robert L. Strickland, Army Advisor to the 1437th Engineer Company (Float Bridge) who obtained the "Unit History of the 522d Engr. Co." as prepared by Lt Burchett and Lt John E. Miller of the present day 522nd. You can bet your last florin we'll use this material in future issues.

Issue No. 5 contained an appeal for a 3rd Plt Co C 254 picture in behalf of Raymond C. Lucyzk and Ray reported shortly thereafter, to-wit: "Just a note to let you know that through your efforts in the BS I have received the photo I wanted from Stanford T. Schane (Co C 254) of Tobyhanna, Pa. - had momentary difficulty remembering Stan But did so immediately upon looking at the photo. Took me back many years and I want to thank you very much." Nuff said! .....and what we feared did happen after the Detroit cancellation as witnessed by this embarrassing note from Kenneth Dykes (H&S 254) of Chagrin Falls, Ohio: "Just wondering what happened to 107th reunion. We went up for the day and found it had been cancelled - couldn't make any contacts with anyone so we went sightseeing for rest of day and had nice time but disappointed. Would like to know what happened." Ken further informed HQ about an enjoyable visit he had with the Leonard Robinettes (H&S 254) in Escanaba, Mich.....did you know that Michigan Highway 107 is dedicated as such to the 107th Engrs? A Mich. road map will verify the existence of same - this being a 10 mile stretch of highway along Lake Superior in the far western end of the Upper Peninsula running from Silver City to the beautiful Lake of the Clouds in the Porcupine Mountains. The road and an appropriate monument was dedicated to the 107th in 1954 at a ceremony at which 107th vets of WWI and II participated and Gen. Ralph A. Loveland was featured speaker. We recommend it and the whole general area to both locals and out-of-staters as an attraction and scenic trip well worth the time and travel.....and a Cluster to Good Conduct Medal to Paul C. Rapp (Band) 107) who graciously gave HQ, upon request, a detailed summary of his distinguished military career - culminated by retirement as a Lt. Col. Paul was one of those separated from the 107th by being caught at home when the regiment pulled out of La. for Fort Dix. Unfortunately space prevents the publication of his interesting history in this issue. However, this reminds us that several boys have advanced the idea of running short histories of those old-timers who went on to make the military their career - the BS staff feels this is a right, pregnant idea and plans to get crackin' on it. Suppose we'll have to brown nose these bashful heroes, but we're willing to give it a go. You're No. 1 on the list, Paul, so we'll break the ice with you first chance we get.....after making 6 reunions out of Kenosha, Wis. Gaylord "Gabby" Walters (Co A

254) apologized for being unable to make plans for Detroit- restricted to quarters by his saw-bones and a heart attack taken in July 68 - says he is lucky to be alive, will require lots of rest but happily was coming along OK as of last August.....another Co A 254 accumulating a distinguished record through Association participation is Joe Pataconi - still as quiet and unassuming as ever.....through Louis Giesen (Assoc. Historian) the name and Santa Rosa, Cal. address of William L. Brewer was added to the address file - Bill promptly responded requesting the current address of Wilbert A. Bennetts and including the notation: "If anyone happens to remember I was the Wagoner that had 'Frenchie' the horse drown while filling the water wagon -somewheres in France." Incidentally, Oral "Moose" LaCombe and Bill had a two man reunion while Moose was vacationing in "Watery" Cal. this past winter - first time they had seen each other since 1918. All four are ex-Co C WWI doughboys .....Edward W. Veeder (522) of Holland, Mich. garnished his "will attend-Detroit" (sorry about that, Ed) with this notation: "I will be the only GI there who has luggage tag from St. Geo. Hotel, Algiers - Ike's Headquarters" - you're on the spot now, Ed, and we'll be looking for the proof come next reunion....Eldred Erdman (Medics 107 & 112) informs HQ that his entire family of 4 made a months' tour of the Isles in 1964 -flew over and by rented car revisited Moneymore, Ballymena, Belfast, etc. in N. Ireland, then across Irish Sea to Scotland, down to London and our old stamping grounds around Devizes, Bath, Newquay, Bristol and Lands End in Cornwall - Eldred recommends this as a much better deal than a canned tour.....Francis Loose (H&S 254) utilizes his military 6x6 experience by pushing a auto transit rig out of Coldwater, Mich. and in doing so has contacted numerous 254 boys during his extensive travels - our record and address file is indebted to Fran for a great deal of information - hows about dropping off a Command Car for the BS staff, Fran?.....and an extra stripe to Raymond J. Louis (Co C 254) who sent in a real hot field message out of Menominee, Mich.....Seymour Rodgveller (Co B 254) made a special appeal out of Brooklyn for an address on his old buddy, Joseph Wojtan who hailed from Detroit back in 1945. Joe, unfortunately, was not listed in any Detroit or suburban directories when we put a tracer on him in 1966 - any help anyone?.....and speaking of help HQ needs it, too, as witnessed by several duplicate mailings to Alfred Brow and Homer Brown at the same address in Oak Park, Mich. - thanks to Alfred "Homer" Brow we finally got squared away. To refresh some memories Homer was a mechanic and

Motor Sgt throughout his tour of duty - 2 years in the 107th, briefly in the 125th Inf, the 112th and finally as Motor Sgt for 1121st Gp Hq .....James C. Steele (Co C 254), and a retired RA Lt Col, says he finally had a get-together with (Lt) John H. Marten (Co C 254) for the first time since the war. Jim as a military and John as a civilian engineer connected with primarily military projects just missed each other in Africa, Spain and Bangkok and in fact during a 3 year period lived just 20 minutes apart without meeting.....during the past few years HQ has been receiving a small but interesting publication called the ULSTER COMMENTARY published monthly. Anyone hankering to recall pleasant memories of their Johnnie Jamesons or Old Bushmills-with-Guinness-chaser days can be placed on its mailing list by directing requests to: Government Information Service, Stormont Castle, Belfast 4, Northern Ireland. (wonder if the COMMENTARY will write up the fueding now going on between the Orange and Green Ulstermen).....Carroll P. Peterson (Co A WWI) has managed to maintain a perfect dues paying record all the way from Mesa, Arizona after attending the very first reunion back in '61.....our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to one of the Association's real king pins - Lt Col Austin E. Lindberg (CO 107th NG Bn) underwent major surgery at Mayo's last winter and has returned for checkups several times since.....a strange turn of events involving Anthony M. Tvardek (Co B 254) who we tried to track down through mailings to a couple old Mich. addresses only to run into blank walls - then while touring Upper Mich. all the way from his new home in Bryte, Cal. he happened to pass the 107th armory in Manis-tique, stopped in to satisfy his curiosity and fortunately met Maj. Ed Doyle (Hq 107th NG) who at that moment was our Association president - that did it and Tony is now safely in our active file with dues paid up all the way to '72 .....and belated thanks to Lauri R. Johnson (Co C 254) of Gloucester, Mass. who has really been working over the "missing people" rosters and forwarding a great deal of helpful information on many Co C men too numerous to mention.....its an appropriate coincidence that the word "American" ends in "I can."..... in addition to furnishing a current address for Warren J. Adler (Co B 112) as a new locatee, Joe Nicholes (Co A 254) who now calls Dover, N.J. home, believes that the missing James F. Robinson (254) of Issue No. 5 roster was a KIA after Joe himself was wounded in Germany - any confirmation to Joe's recollection?.....happy to report, too, that the

membership list includes several volunteers out of the 112 Bn one being Richard A. Grout who, as a 2nd Louie, was initially assigned to Co B 112 Regt back at Devizes, England - Dick was CO of Co A 112 Bn when wounded in Dec 44 and finished up commanding H&S Co of the Bn..... from an old 234th Engr Bn roster of officers we went from Alexandria, La. to Monterey Park, Cal. trying to track down (Lt) Robert W. Stevens, Jr. (Hq 254) and finally made a connection at Portland, Ore. (Steven's Mill Supply) - according to our sometimes doubtful records Bob joined Co C 254 out of the 610th L.E. Co., also a part of the 1121st Gp. Incidentally, we have some interesting information regarding the 234th Bn to pass along in some future issue.....and while on Hq & H&S 254 the dues received from Clarence E. Pierce are written on Pierce Terminal Warehouse, Inc. checks - regularly we're happy to report.....and another dues paying member from distance is the Rev. Chester R. Young who served with Co D of the Manistique NG's from '54 to '56 and now is located in Boston.....here is a challenge we are happy to throw out to (well, we'll leave the rest to your fertile imaginations) - Richard "Dick" Schiesl (Co B 254) after some most flattering comments about the BS and apologies for being unable to attend a reunion due to family responsibilities proceeds to tell us: "I am a father of 10 which explains a slight inactivity in certain areas (you published this great event, once) - I was kind of wondering if I am holding record?" No prizes to the contenders but we will promise to relay all your T.S. tickets to the Chaplain for punching.

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Nothing Like a Change

The Frenchman drinks his native wine,  
The German drinks his beer,  
The Englishman drinks his 'alf and 'alf,  
Because it brings good cheer,  
The Irishman drinks his whiskey straight,  
Because it brings on dizziness,  
The Snortin' Buller had no choice at all,  
So he drank the whole damn business.

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HUMMEL, Ernest J. (Co A WWI, Phoenix, Ariz.)  
MORAN, James J. (Co C WWI, Covina, California)  
MORRISON, John D. (Co C WWI) Assoc. Treasurer  
63-64, President 64-65, Director 65-66), Marquette, Michigan  
SARVELLO, Bruno D. (Co D 107), Ishpeming, Mich.

Another listing of unlocated comrades! Do you have or can you obtain any helpful information about any of them?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last Known Address or Other Information</u>	<u>Old Unit</u>
Rucker, Harold D. "Rowdy"	South or North Carolina	Co C 254
Russell, Albert H.	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Co B 254
Rutkowski, Stephen	Philadelphia, Pa. (In Regular Army)	Co B 254
Saari, Reynold	1551 S. Angeline St., Seattle, Wash.	?
Sample, Harmon C.	436 Green Acres Dr., Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Co A 254
Sampson	Tennessee	Co C 254
Sanchez, Leonard J.	2365 "A" St., Calumet, Mich.	Co B 254
Santigo, Howard B.	RFD Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	522
Santo, Carl		254
Sarratt, Glenn E.	Rte. 2, Box 109, Gaffney, S.C.	Co B 254
Scalzo, James R.	69 Main St., Ravena, N.Y.	Co C 254
Scheible, Herman C.	351 Hudson Ave., Rochester, N.Y.	Co B 254
Schikora, William J.	2400 & Archer Ave., Rte. 2, Justice, Ill.	Co B 254
Schmidt, Herbert J.	White Rock, South Dakota	Co E 112
Schneck, Curtis D.	3332 Florida St., Oakland, Cal.	522
Schneiderhan, Robert E.	Hancock, Mich.	Medics 254
Schwab, Thomas E.	5637 Indiana, Kansas City, Missouri	522
Schwartz, Herbert		Co B 254
Scott, Robert O.	2486 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal.	Co B 254
Segura, Paul E.	8207 S. Main St., Los Angeles, Cal.	522
Sells, LeRoy	Phoenix, Arizona	254
Seminatore, Sam	24405 Laing Rd., Cleveland, Ohio	H&S 254
Seymour, Robert C.		254
Shaffer, Edwin F. (Lt)	1937 North-West Blvd., Columbus, Ohio	Hq 254
Shaver, Frederick J.	1417 Coplin Ave., Detroit, Mich.	Co B 254
Shindler, Sol	1255 Adeo Ave., Bronx, N.Y.	Co A 254
Siders, Charles H.		Co B 254
Sierleja, Aloysius	Cleveland, Ohio	254 -112
Silberman, Adolph A. (Lt)	1147 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.	Co C 254
Simington, Adelbert W.	124 S. Washington St., Lowell, Mich.	Co B 254
Skarr, Joseph J.		Co C 254
\$lear, Edwin R. (Lt)	320 East Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich.	H&S 107
Smith, Campbell Houk	400 N. Main St., Baltimore, Maryland	Co B 254
Smith, Donald H.	4613 Hudson Ave, Union City, N.J.	522
Smith, Edward T.	750 30th St., Newport News, Virginia	522
Smith, Harold C.	15840 Woodland, Dearborn, Mich.	Co E 112
Smith, Harold E.	1328 W. 73rd Place, Chicago, Ill.	?
Smith, Joseph W.	RFD #2, Boswell, Pa.	522
Snow, Harold B.	633 St. Clair, Frankfort, Kentucky	522
Sobzak, Bruno	8333 Buffalo Ave., Chicago, Ill.	Co A 254
Sorensen, Torleiff A.		H&S 254
Specht, Cecil J.		Medics 254

I \_\_\_\_\_ attend the 1969 reunion at the Northland Hotel, Marquette, Michigan on 23 August 1969. Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ banquet places for me. My dues in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ are enclosed (dues are \$2.00 per year).

Name

Address

City, State, Zip