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- TRAVEL ORDER NO. 1 -

Commander in Chief Don Small and Exec Alan La-Breche gave us the verbal command to issue travel orders in this, the Spring Issue - so here is your warning to start getting your gear assembled and your route of march laid out to insure your timely arrival at the assembly point - being the National Guard armory in Marquette, Mich. for the annual 107th Association encampment on August 21, 22 and 23.

The advance party has already done a lot of reconnaissance and hard work. Their finished battle plan is rapidly taking final form, and it looks to be a good one thus insuring another successful campaign. Final troop strength and deployment are the only areas of uncertainty at this time, but the C in C and Staff figures to assign missions as soon as the "will or will not attend" returns start rolling in. The S-2 of the BS staff did some snooping - discovering that the choice assignments will go to the early volunteers. Consequently, your editor promptly tied down the No. 1 spot (dog robber) for himself by virtue of having a stranglehold on the paper work, so don't go looking for that tidbit. We also ferreted out the Staff's intention to assign the garbage pit and slit trench details to the troops showing up not pre-registered - security leak there, Chief! And, that's not all because registrants failing to make appearance at roll call will be busted one rank for goofing off - failure to cancel out their registrations.

The advance WAC detachment (maybe for that we go incognito) is already in bivouac at Marquette. Although operating as a separate unit, they are coordinating their general efforts to the overall plan. However, they have announced their intention of creating a WAC only diversionary attack at high noon on Saturday which suspiciously sounds like a deal involving luncheon and accompanying program - while the troops chow up at the armory!

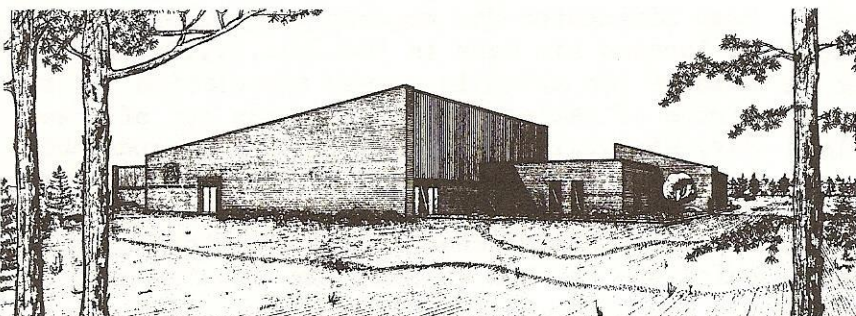
Special instructions for the fly-boys - the Marquette County airport is about 10 miles out but has a limousine connection with Marquette. Be assured, however, that no one will be left stranded because, due to "gut-straining" drill & skirmishes to follow, we won't expect any 10 mile forced marches with "full equipment" out of you flabby ol' timers.

Some new tactics are incorporated into the '70 Battle Plan - C in C and Staff say we are due to bust out of the trench-firing pit-foxhole type of static situation with the idea of getting more mobility into the attack. So, with this warning and over 4 months to brush up on those basic training fundamentals, you'll be expected to assume the position of a good Engineer (and we don't mean the prone) ready and eager for an all-out weekend.

Like our U.P. pulp-cutter-turned-Combat Engineer used to say: "If you want to come, go!"

Your buddies are looking forward to seeing you.

Architect's sketch of the proposed new home for Company C 107th National Guard Company. Construction of the new armory in Gladstone, Mich. is scheduled to begin early in 1970. This will be the first permanent home for the unit since its reorganization immediately following World War II. The company is commanded by Capt Stephen J. Fraddo.



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"CAPT" HALE REPORTS

Good news for the 522nd gang and a most welcome letter from Willis R. Hale out of Cleveland, O. After serving in Co C 107th Bn, "Capt" Hale was Company CO of Co F 112th when that company was detached in North Ireland as Combat Engineers for the African invasion task force and later commanded it as the redesignated 522nd. "Capt" Hale writes: "Thank you for the copies of the BULL SHEET you have sent. I am enclosing my check for Association dues. Unfortunately arthritis and a bum heart will prevent my attending any reunions but my heart is with you. If you will send me the present mailing address of the 522nd Engineer Co. I will send Capt Mellett the Meritorious Service Unit plaque the Company received in North Africa which was brought home and given to me when the unit was deactivated."

Hopefully we will have more information on this to pass along in some future issue.

SHORT SNORTS

Still trying to catch up on the many, many responses.....none more faithful than Arago F. Guck (Co A WWI) in Association participation including a tour on the Soo's reunion committee - also a member of the Drum & Bugle Corps of the Soo comprised entirely of WWI vets who really put on a show for the gang at the last Soo reunion in 1966.....a surprise and coincidence is the fact that an ex-member of the Marquette company of the 107th N.G. served as Plt Ldr and Exec Off of the present-day 522nd in Fort Knox back in 1959 - this being Maj Richard T. Bussiere. Dick, after honoring us as featured dinner speaker at the 1969 reunion, has graduated from the Univ. of Nebraska and is now back in Germany on a staff assignment.....have the Unit History of the 522nd Engineer Company all laid out with intention of running it in this issue as promised -however, no space in these printed pages and dunno yet if we can squeeze it in under postage limitation as a separate mimeographed sheet what with the annual reunion

notices going out in the same mailing - will do if at all possible but, if not, will make it in the Fall issue.....beginning in 1944 the battle of the Norwegians vs. Swedes pairing Dick Wiken (Hq 254 & 112th Bn) and Ed Vicksstrom (H&S 254) continues with Dick getting in this sneak attack: "Veteran's Day! Forgotten memories! Attached please find \$10.00 check to cover dues and back issues of BULL SHEET already received. It is always good to hear of what so many old 'Kameraden' are up to - keep me on the list! Incidentally, Svenske Poyke, what does one have to do to lay hands on an updated list of those who served in the 254, 1121, 112, etc.? Claire, daughter Jori and I had a grand time with George Molentin, our 254 artist, and his wife who dropped in quite unexpectedly from Chicago. George and I had a wonderful visit including a calvados from a bottle of the stuff I keep on hand for just such occasions- as a base for the serious evening's work to follow! Incidentally, as a Norseman, it is my duty to inform all Swedes of the proper recipe for cooking toilet paper- just brown it on one side and throw it in the pot!" (No worthwhile Swede takes that lying down so Dick was gently reminded of the reason Norwegians don't dare pick their noses - cause their heads would collapse!) Ah, well! just to show we do have our moments of merriment over a typewriter. George, in case you've forgotten or didn't know, designed the Snortin' Bull in '43 when the 254 was stationed in the Cornwall town of Newquay - as commissioned and approved by Col Loren W. Jenkins, Bn CO. This emblematic designation of one helluva fine Engineer outfit was naturally adopted by the post-war 107th who have promoted it into a State-wide known trademark amongst Michigan N.G. circles. The Bull even occupies the basketball jump circle in the middle of the Ishpeming and Marquette armory drill floors -find out for yourself by attending this year's reunion in Marquette and/or the 90th anniversary whinding in '71 already scheduled for Ishpeming...the file of WWII BULL SHEETS (1944-45) vintage) contains many, many examples of the Molentin talent; expressive contributions brightening-up the other wise serious work at hand.....a 522 transplant from Owasso, Mich to San Fernando, Cal. is Max A. Convis whose service goes back to Co C 107, Camp Livingston-Max reports in regularly since we located him back in '66.....Raymond E. Deicher (Co A254) is a true Association vet by virtue of making 3 reunion reconns out of Green Bay, Wis.....another "Packer City" dependable is Felix E. Dudkiewicz (H&S 254) whose dues roll in like clock-work.....Jack E. Greenwood reported Chicago-checked the directory and the third one to whom we sent an inquiry said he was our Hilding Carlson- both Co A 254 vets.

- MORE SHORT ONES -

The Oct. 1967 issue of the BS included current day information and some past history concerning "Maj" Benjamin W. Vallat featuring the fact he was one of the organizers of the pre-WWI 107 in which he served for two years until transfer to the 6th Engrs of the R.A. Notification was received of his death on 2-4-70 at age 93 with burial in the American Legion section of Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, Cal.....a well deserved Good Conduct Medal to Harvey L. Cole (1st Sgt Co C 254) for Association participation including unbroken dues paying record back to 1962 which year he attended the reunion in the Soo. Harv's recent notification of address change in Monona, Wis. informed us that he came off the road on Jan. 1 as a result of his promotion to Purchasing & Sales Manager for the hardware company he represents—a welcome change after driving 40,000 miles a year, claims Harv, to accompany the good news that he expects to make this year's reunion in Marquette...a short but expressive message was a ten-spot stuck in a blank sheet of paper - nothing more but the return address of Eddie Kozinski (Co B 254) in Brooklyn. After mailing to Eddie since 1962 without response we were beginning to wonder if our mail was getting through OK - happily we were and pleased to report your message was received loud and clear, Eddie. Our S-2 claims that Ed and Ralph Pellow reportedly had the reputation of being the "good humor" pair of Co B but in areas not meriting Good Conduct awards.. ..Clarence G. Broberg (Co C 254) has kept in touch in spite of several address changes the last being one in West DePere, Wis. with this encouraging remark: "Thank you for the BULL SHEET - it is nice to hear about everyone." And ditto as to hearing from you, Clar! ..and similar sentiments coming out of Baltimore, Md. from Guy H. Talbott (H&S 254): "I want to congratulate you on the fine job you are doing on the BULL SHEET. It does one good to see names of old buddies.".....and while the editorial staff is all puffed up how about this from Alfred "Homer" Brow (107, 112, 1121 Gp Hq), Oak Park, Mich.: "Believe me the BULL SHEET is a good publication, and I can't say enough good about it without getting 'gushy'. I just purchased a piece of property up at Whitefish Pt. in the U.P., so I may be sharing a foxhole up there with one of the old gang some of these days.".....with dues already paid up thru 1973 Fletcher W. Brodt (H&S 254) is ready, eager and willing to shoulder his duffle bag for a reunion and passed along his kind comments insofar as the BS is concerned - on The First State Bank, Fennimore, Wis. stationery.....and out of the far, far West: "Just a few cents for sending the paper out here. Sure lots of good news

in it and hope you keep it coming because it was a pleasure to have been a part of that fine group of men. I work at Boeing here in Seattle and a fellow employee from Whitefish, Montana knew (Lt) Frank Adams, my Plt Officer, who hailed from there" - all this from Gordon J. Brown (Co C 254) and the few cents referred to actually represented 5 year's dues. First info we've had on Lt Adams - any confirms?.... "Received your request a few months ago regarding the address of Chris Berry (522). It took some doing, but I finally located him right here on the Detroit Police Dept. - he can be reached through the Detroit Police Officer's Association. Also located James M. Sweeney (Co C 107) whom I saw in the V.A. Hospital in Dearborn late in 1969. Am sorry to say that I have not made a reunion the reason being that I'm in the cooling business and July and Aug are the two heart attack months in this business. Naturally I was very disappointed when the Detroit deal was cancelled. I heard it said that you people turned 'chicken' because of the situation here. I didn't believe it, because I have always told my 5 children how fearless and brave (in my case after a bottle of white wine) the 107th Engineers were and are." Signed by John J. "Jack" Hyder (Co C 107 & 522) of the Radco Refrigeration Co. in Detroit, with postscript: "I don't know how I stand regarding dues. If the enclosed check doesn't make me current, please advise."..... Sorrowfully we report the loss of yet another of our cherished WWI members and a grand Combat Engineer comrade who has been one of the Association's most ardent supporters. Francis X. Mathews, 73, died on Jan. 31, 1970 after a 3 week period of hospitalization. A resident of Marquette, Mich. since his WWI service in Co C 107, Francis had retired in 1962 after working as a boilermaker in a railroad shop for 37 years.....Rosa Goble was the writer for her husband, Jack Goble (Co B 254) - a note accompanying two bucks for 1970 membership and an extra three for BS donation with a P.S. to the effect: "Jack has located George J. Durski (Co B 254) through friends and relatives but has not as yet met him. George is now living in Sayreville, N.J." - Jack and Rosa have a Keyport, N.J. address.....and yet another missive from one of the "better halves" to-wit: "Many thanks for keeping in contact with us since your Association was started. Must apologize for not contacting you before. We plan on coming to the reunion in Aug. 1970, so enclosed is money for dues. My husband is Arthur J. Gibour (Co A 254) formerly of Nadeau, Mich. and now of Waukegan, Ill. He married me in St. Austel, Cornwall, in 1943, so now we are married 26 years, have raised 3 fine American citizens and now can find time and money

to enjoy ourselves a bit. So, we'll be seeing you and hope Art will meet up with some of his old buddies, and if I'm lucky, maybe somebody I know. We both really enjoyed the poem in the last bulletin. Brought many laughs and memories." - Signed by Kathleen M. Gibour...indebted to Trygve "Big Pete" Peterson (Co A 254) for sending in the sad news concerning the unexpected death of Norman R. Cox (Co A 254) in January 1970 from a heart attack and of Pete's subsequent visit with Norm's family. Norm, age 47, worked as a machinist for the Reserve Mining Co Silver Bay, Minn. Surviving are his wife, Violet, 3 daughters, a son, mother, 4 brothers, a sister and grandson. He had been in continuous touch with Headquarters and forwarded a great deal of helpful information including a copy of the original order whereby the 254 was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation (published in the April 1968 issue of the BS). Although he had not as yet attended a reunion, he had expressed great desire of doing so at the first opportunity - regrettably he never made it!.... another belated "thank you" to Andrew Szakaly of Marion, Indiana for nice letter including comment: "Thank you for the latest copy of the BULL SHEET. It's a job well done - a lot of hard work with little thanks - so THANKS! As an ex-member of the 254th I am most anxious to receive a copy of the brochure prepared by the 1121st Gp Hq. Please send me one for which I enclose two dollars to help pay postage."..... same request from Everett P. Sumner (Co B 254) then of Staunton, Va. and now of Memphis, Tenn.a long, informative and most interesting letter from Carroll P. Peterson (Co A WWI) containing several anecdotes of his WWI service - too long to print in its entirety but Carroll sends greetings to all and extended his thanks to those who put the Association together and have worked hard to keep it going. He retired from Standard Oil while still in his 50's and divides his residence between Fargo, N.D. and Mesa, Ariz. - managing to make the very first reunion in '61 and perfect dues paying record in the bargain. Says he joined A Company in Calumet in June 1917, being but 17 at the time but having experience after trying to enlist in the Navy and Marines both without parent's consent - so he "advanced" his age by one year and Sgt Thomas swore him in without any trouble at all.....through an old '45 address we located Edwin W. Dodds (Co F 112) going from Boyne City to Grand Rapids, Mich. resulting in a prompt response and up-to-date addresses for Harold V. Hall (Co A 107 Bn) and Orvis Lyons (tentatively identified as Co F 112). To quote, Ed: "Please give my regards to my old Top Kick, Bing Boberg - he sure was a good 1st Sgt. I know he will remember me because I nearly burned his tent

down in Moneymore, Ireland. (Editor's note: can you picture Bing forgetting that!) I didn't stay with the Engineers being transferred to the 2040th Hospital Train, then to the 2nd General Hospital and finally winding up with the 106th Div. I sure got around." Happy to inform you, Ed, that your information on Harold resulted in his immediate response and dues out of Wyoming, Mich.....recognition long overdue to Oscar Stoos (Med Det 107) for his faithful support and interest - not a miss yet with annual notes and dues out of Lincoln, Neb. and now Carthage, Missouri. Oscar also made the '61, '62 and '64 reunions - always a comfort having a Medic close by especially one like Oscar. Unable to make the '69 reunion on account of a planned trip to Germany, but sez he hopes to see the gang this year.....some mis-filed notes of a few years back were those from three members of the old H&S 254 gang - Wilfrid A. Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa., Edward P. Derheimer, Ft. Wayne, Ind. and Howard W. Nichola, Dodgeville, Mich. Howie, our one-time Bn Construction Sgt, has already made 2 reunions and Smitty, the popular Bn Mail Orderly, expressed anxiety to make one at the first opportunity. Hope the old S-4 Section will be represented with Ed's attendance one of these years, too.....another Smith front and center in Association affairs is William E. Smith (Co C 254) who made the '65 reunion out of Taylorville, Ill.....another mis-file was note from Charles W. Lipps, Jr. (Co B 254)- a direct result of a good Coshocton, Ohio address sent in by John B. Trussell (Co B 254), Gardiner, Ma. Charlie was another informant of the fact that "Capt" Judson C. Schuler, the 254's one-time Bn Adj, is a practicing attorney in Millersburgh, Ohio - info, too, that he had contacted his old Sgt, Joseph Kolb, Chicago, by phone... Leo R. Hirvela (Hq Co NG's & Charter Director of Association) soon completes a busy year as Post Commander of Legion Post 106, Grayling, Mich....belated thanks to Lauri R. Johnson (Co C 254) for the information he sent us way back in 1966 about the economic advantages of mailing under a mail permit - took a little time to find out you were 100% right, Lauri.....sad news from Barbara Sivertson that our old buddy Ray (Co B 254) dropped dead of a heart attack last Jan. 4th - his birthday. After taking over a Cory, Ind. station, grocery & restaurant business in '68, Ray had been ailing for several months. He had maintained contact with two of his old buddies: Al Pegola, Kensington, Conn. and Herbert C. Wredt, Council Bluffs, Iowa. In addition to his wife, Barbara, Ray left three daughters ages 13, 12 and 9..... your editor is grateful for the many Greetings of the Season received - and the same to you!

Another listing of unlocated comrades! Do you have or can you obtain any helpful information about any of them? Check those local area phone directories, etc.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last Known Address or Other Information</u>	<u>Old Unit</u>
Madill, Walter P.	513 33rd St., Bayonne, New Jersey	Co C 254
Mangs, Jr., Ernest	5 Heardsleigh St., Worcester, Mass.	Co C 254
Martin, William A.	209 Cour d'Alene Ave., Coeur d'Alene, Id.	H&S 254
Mayberry, Jack C.	1504 N. Pearl St., Compton, Cal.	H&S 254
Meseck, Walter T.	821 W. Green St., Piqua, Ohio	Co F WWI
Michnick, Sidney	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Co A 254
Miller, Harold J.	19 Chicago, Pontiac, Mich.	522
Montes, Tony B.	616 New York, Alamogordo, New Mexico	Co C 254
McCiague, Thomas B.	Milwaukee, Wis.	522
McKenzie, Jr., G. M.	3564 Jasper St., Philadelphia, Pa.	Co C 254
Nigrelli, Cosimo S.	44 Jeffries St, Boston, Mass.	Co C 254
Northam, Howard L. (Lt)		Co E 107
Orbucke, Sol	1670 66th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.	Co C 254
Osborne, Marvin G.	415 Martelo Ave., Pasadena, Cal.	Co C 254
Oswald, John P.	1942 N. 19th St., Milwaukee, Wis.	522
Padovano, Joseph J.	1272 Bay St., Rosebank, Staten Island, N.Y.	522
Palomar, Steve	1247 Plum, Detroit, Mich.	Co A 254
Pardo, George	Carona, New York	Co A 254
Perry, Kenneth L.	LaHarpe, Illinois	Co C 254
Philbrick, Ronald I.	Carmel, Maine	Co C 254
Pinch, Garfield G.	34845 Weber Road, Richmond, Mich.	Co A 254
Post, Delbert H.	Box 693, Chapman, Nebraska	Co B 254
Read, Leslie (Lt Col Ret)	203 Saddle Tree Dr., Alexandria, Va.	Co B 107
Reed, Jr., John	Route 2, Kenton, Ohio	H&S 254
Rehman, Theodore S.	229th St., New York, N.Y.	Co A 254
Richardson, Merle H.	Jefferson Proving Ground, Madison, Ind.	Co A 254
Roden, Alvin C.	Shiveley, Kentucky	H&S 254
Saunders, William H.	744 Hayes St., San Francisco, Cal.	522
Schaal, Donald I.	1612 Locust St., Toledo, Ohio	Co A 254
Schultz, Joseph F.	808 E. 20th St., Baltimore, Maryland	Co C 254
Seilo, Melvin N.	Crystal Falls, Mich.	Co A 254
Shjerve, Sr., Martin	N. 6211 Lincoln, Spokane, Wash.	Co B 254
Sitler, Rollie H.	RFD #1, Turbotville, Pa.	522
Sjoquist, Leslie G.	Iron Mountain, Mich. - Menomonee Falls, Wis.	Co B 254
Smith, Ray S.	5802 Michigan Ave., St. Louis, Missouri	Co C 254
Sosebee, Harold M.	Ball Ground, Georgia	Co C 254
Souceman, Charles H.		Co A 254
Southern, Eugene W.	Route #4, Muldrow, Oklahoma	Co C 254
Stannah, Joseph E. (Lt)		Co E 107
Steele, Chester W.	933 Merrick, Detroit, Mich.	Co A 254
Stephans, Gene	6100 W. Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.	WWI
Stephens, Charles	418 Delta Ave., Manistique, Mich.	Co A 254
Sterbenz, Martin		Co E 107
Stevens, Charles	640 Elmo St., Johnson City, Tenn.	Co C 254
Sjojanen, Alex E.	168 Baltic St., Painesdale, Mich.	Medics 254
Swailles, Samuel	Pennsylvania	Co C 254
Swenson, John N.	1042 Oneida Ave., Davenport, Iowa	H&S 254
Tohal, James T.	1450 Strong's Ave., Stevens Point, Wis.	Co A 254
Tomaszewski, Stanley A.	7554 Irving Park Rd., Norridge, Ill.	H&S 254
Tyson, Heber L.	Rte. #1, Snow Hill, North Carolina	Co C 254
Wickman, Joseph L.	8 Scotland Road, Pueblo, Colorado	522
Wynot, Albert S. (Maj)	34 Monadnock St., Dorchester, Mass.	Hq 254

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last Known Address or Other Information</u>	<u>Old Unit</u>
Abbey, Harland R.		254
Bane, Claude E.	Bluefield, West Virginia	Co A 254
Barry, Alfred		Co E 107
Battuello, Anthony J.	Michigan	Co F 107
Belaire, Bernard		Co E 107
Berchin, Andrew F.	2474 W. 20th St., Cleveland, Ohio	Co A 254
Brenham, Willis E.	RFD #1, Chester, Oklahoma	Co C 254
Breul, Fred	West Allis, Wis.	254
Cadeau, Wilfred		Co E 107
Chosa, Vincent		Co E 107
Cobble, Clyde E.	Route 1, Midway, Tenn.	Co A 254
Colisz, Edward J.	New Jersey - New York	Co A 254
Collins, Charles W.	East Detroit, Michigan	Co C 254
Crow, James W.	18026 Midvale Ave., Cleveland, Ohio	H&S 254
Ehrenberg, Henry L.	Gladstone, Mich.	Co A 107
Ehrenberg, Ransom E.	Gladstone, Mich.	Co A 107
Fitzgerald, Merrill C.	510 Carrie St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	Band 107
Gervais, Roger A.	Rudyard, Michigan	Co B 107
Goggins, Jack	2461 N. 27th St., Milwaukee, Wis.	?
Gruber, LeRoy F.	9 Kimberlin Dr., Belleville, Ill.	H&S 107
Hedley, Gordon		Co E 107
Helbacka, Reino		Co E 107
Hennessey, James H.	Escanaba, Mich.	Co A 107
Huard, Neil E.	Clawson, Mich.	H&S 107
Johnson, Charley		Co E 107
Johnson, Roy J.	Escanaba, Mich.	Co A 107
Johnson, Walfred		Co E 107
Joslin, Charles		Co E 107
Karpinen, Eino		Co E 107
Ketola, Ralph		Co E 107
King, William		Co E 107
Kipina, Edwin P.	Kearsarge, Michigan	H&S 254
Kolehmainen, John		Co E 107
Korus, Alfonso S.	Plymouth, Penn.	Co B 254
Krause, Irving C.	Manistee, Mich.	522
Lahikainen, Oliver		Co E 107
Leardi, Eugene D.	220 W. "F" St., Iron Mountain, Mich.	Co C 254
Leiviska, Benhart		Co E 107
Littlefield, Willard M.	209 W. 10th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	522
Loftin, Olin	Morristown, Tenn.	Co C 254
Lorasch, Gordon		Co E 107
Lubahn, Harsel G.	Clawson, Michigan	H&S 254
Lubahn, Howard W.	Clawson, Michigan	H&S 107
Lund, John O.	Coon Valley, Wis.	Co B 254
Maynarich, Peter		Co E 107
Meador, Carlton		Co E 107
Millard, Charles		Co E 107
MacFarland, John		Co E 107
Oja, Norman H.		Co F 107
Olsen, Adolph		Co E 107
Parris	Cleveland, Ohio	Co A 254
Posey, Alfred		Co E 107
Raasio, Arnold M.	Hancock, Michigan	Co C 254
Rachki, Jacob		Co E 107
Rule, Maurice		Co E 107

UNIT HISTORY OF THE 522nd ENGINEER COMPANY

14 June 1968

The 522d Engineer Company traces its history to "B" and "C" Companies of the 107th Engineer Regiment of the Michigan National Guard. "B" Company was stationed at Sault Ste. Marie and "C" Company at Detroit, before the 107th was mobilized. On 15 October 1940, the 107th mobilized with the 32d National Guard Division for National Emergency pursuant to the Presidential Order of 25 September 1940. The Regiment moved to Camp Beauregard Louisiana, 23 October 1940, to Camp Livingston, Louisiana, 19 January 1941, and to Fort Dix, New Jersey, 2 January 1942, during which time it took part in training and participated in the Second and Third US Army Maneuvers (the largest peace time operation at that time of the US Army). On 1 February 1942, the 107th Engineer Battalion was formed - the 1st Battalion of the Regiment becoming the 107th Engineer Battalion, and the 2nd Battalion eventually becoming the 1279th Engineer Battalion. On 18 February 1942, the 107th Engineer Battalion departed from New York on the USS George F. Elliott and disembarked at Belfast, Northern Ireland on 3 March 1942. The Battalion engaged in camp and depot construction there, It built a large supply depot and a camp at Moneymore, Northern Ireland.

On 17 September 1942, the 107th Engineer Battalion became the 2nd Battalion of the 112th Engineer Regiment, and Company C of the 107th became Company F of the 112th and was attached to the Allied Security Command. The Company left Moneymore, Northern Ireland on 17 September 1942, and moved to Larmo, Northern Ireland, where they embarked for Shrivvenham, England, and then went to Glasgow, Scotland, arriving there 23 November 1942, where they immediately embarked on a troop ship to Algiers, French North Africa. They disembarked at Algiers on 6 December 1942. The Company engaged in security and reconnaissance missions and construction in the Algiers area. The company saw its first enemy action on 26 December 1942, when an enemy bomber dropped two bombs in the Company area, which resulted in the death of one man and the wounding of three others.

On 25 January 1944, Company F 112th Engineers was redesignated as the 522nd Engineer Company, with no change in mission or station assignment.

On 18 February 1944, the unit received orders to move to Nostaganem. The unit then returned to Algiers and embarked by ship to Naples, Italy, arriving on 9 July 1944. The Company engaged in construction of the Naples area for the remainder of the month.

From July 1944 to March 1945, the unit was engaged in construction and demonstrations for mine warfare and Bailey Bridge instruction. During the month of March 1945, the First Platoon was on TDY status with the Engineer School Detachment in Rome, performing construction work. The Second Platoon was engaged in camp construction in the Naples area, and the Third Platoon was on TDY status with AF HQS constructing 47 Nissen Huts and one Romeny Hut for USGCC (Austria).

In May 1945, the entire company began construction of the 7th Replacement Depot. On 31 July 1945, the unit was replaced at the Engineer School Detachment and assigned to the 7th Replacement Depot. On 3 August 1945, the unit moved to Agnano, Italy, and assumed operation of Depot utilities of the 7th Replacement Depot.

On 6 January 1946 the unit was deactivated. Up to this time the unit had received the following Battle Honors and Awards: Rome-Arno (Silver Band on Guidon) and the Meritorious Service Award for period 1 January 1944 to 1 August 1944.

The 522nd Engineer Company (Combat) redesignated the 522nd Armored Engineer Company, was activated 1 August 1946 at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and assigned to the Replacement and School Command.

On 1 November 1946, the Company was relieved of its assignment to the Replacement and was assigned to the Armor School.

On 5 June 1948 the Company was assigned again - this time to the Second US Army and subsequently to the Armor Center and the Armor School.

On 20 June 1960, the Company was redesignated the 522nd Engineer Company (Armored).

The Company's primary mission since activation in 1946 has been to support the Armor School. The Company furnishes personnel and equipment as needed for demonstrations and other school training activities. Among these are demolition, mine warfare and booby traps, route and bridge classification, expedient crossing techniques and crew field firing.

The above information was received from the Commander of the 522nd Engineer Company now stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

As of 1968 the history was being checked by the Department of Military History in Washington, D.C. To date, Association Headquarters is unaware of any subsequent changes or additions to this historical summary of the 522nd.