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MAN THE ASSAULT BOATS - ON THE DOUBLE!!

For a soldier, or shall we say for a good COMBAT ENGINEER, some towns were more popular than others for R & R (Rest & Recuperation donja remember?) for 3-day passes or even a short, chancy AWOL for the gutsy -although most anything looked good after a period away from civilization while on extended duty involving any number of soldiering situations. And so it is with reunion sites even though we are pretty well locked in where the 107th Engineer NG Bn has units, and ARMORIES! After assignments there for the 2nd Annual in 1962 followed by a quick repeat in '66 for the 6th Annual, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (better known as the SOO) was selected during the annual business meeting at Gladstone as the site for our 17th reunion scheduled on the dates

of August 11-12 & 13, 1978. And by some strange coincidence the Association President for all 3 conventions is the one and only grand, faithful warhorse Oral J. "Moose" LaCombe recruited out of Company C, World War I. Guess the boys figured that the experience acquired from the 2nd and 6th campaigns combined with his 82 years of accumulated expertise made Moose the logical and best qualified to lead us into battle once more for a third crack at the Soo fortified complex. The famed Mackinaw Bridge of course bridges the natural water barrier (Mackinaw Straits) separating the Upper Peninsula of Michigan from the Lower Peninsula. For our purposes too this engineering marvel, even as compared to the 254's Rhine River bridge, serves to unite the Association's two membership concentrated areas -Lower Michigan/Wisconsin combined and the U.P. A convenient half-way rendezvous featuring the bridge crossing, the world famous Soo Locks, a quick side excursion into Canada via the International Bridge, beautiful armory housing a detachment of the 1432nd Float Bridge Company and all in all a first class R & R site willing, eager and admirably equipped to handle one of its major industries - the tourist trade. The Association is providing the means, time and place - the rest is up to you. Sadly but realistically the casualty rate is increasing by the year so lets not be putting off those good intentions much longer. Cut out the wish-washy and lets get with it!!!!!

EQUIPMENT OF DAY INCLUDES PADDLE

J.E.M. This trade mark identifies the artistry of John E. Mackin (Co B 107) whose hand carvings have enhanced many reunions past. Certainly concrete evidence that the Soo gang decided some time back to go home from Gladstone with the



1978 bid in their fatigues pocket because John had a sackful of carvings that assuredly took a long time to hand make. Up you know where without a paddle is no excuse - John saw to that.

ROSTER ADDITIONS

(Thanks to dedicated recruiter designated by stars). Frederick A. Waara (Co F 107), 3444 E. Huron Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (*Clem Cassette*) John L. Ripley (Co B 107), PO Box 31, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783 (**Moose LaCombe**); Clarence E. Nelson (Co B 107), 113 Begnaud Dr., Lafayette, La. 70501 (from ? at Ish. reunion); Herbert L. Duff (Co B 107), 1615 Wirt Rd., Apt 450, Houston Tex. 77055 (**Clarence Nelson**); Herbert Levin (Co C WWI), 3340 Sherman Park Dr., Sault. Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (**Moose LaCombe**); George O. Partanen (Co D 107), Bullhead City, Ariz. 86430 (from newspaper); Lewis N. Lembo (H&S 254), 24 Spruce St., Garden City, N.Y. 11530 (**Ed - Kozinski**); George W. Waldron (Co C 254), 3801

Soquel Dr., Soquel, Cal. 95073 (Ishp. VFW Post).

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ANDERSON, Woodrow (Co B 107), Eben Junction, Mich.; FUNKEY, Joseph (Co B WWI), Eagle River, Wis.; REANY, Burney V. (Co C WWI), Sun City, Ariz.; STEPHAN, Eugene (Co D WWI), Milwaukee, Wis.; WALLIMAKI, Leo (Co F 107), City unknown; WICKSTROM, Clark A. (Co D 107), Negaunee, Mich. WILSON, Jr., George W. (Co A 254), Kings Mountain, N.C.; COURCHAINE, Paul E. (Co A 254), Worcester, Mass.; SEABRIGHT, Garland F. (Co B 254), Winchester, Va.

SHORT SNORTS

What to say about the job done at Gladstone that hasn't already been said, repeated and re-Just dunno what to say anymore. Just a magnificant job by some truly dedicated people - simple words that can't even begin to cover all involved. Will quote from incoming correspondence and let it go at that: "Please extend my compliments to the people who ran the Gladstone reunion. Excellent."....recent address change from Roy W. Chemello (Co B 254) on a Siegfried St. in Bethlehem, Pa. - wonder if that brings back memories of all the Siegfried Line pillboxes Roy helped pulverize.....result of an address picked up at reunion: "I am most anxious to receive any newsletter that you publish and I plan to attend the reunion." Well, Clarence E. Nelson, didn't make Gladstone but the upcoming Soo reunion should be a natural for an old Co B 107th vet.....and a natural entry for ye' editor into more of the Co B 107th because he has been hoping and waiting for another Soo reunion ever since we recognized the 522d Engr (C) Co. as a separate entity within the Assoc. The basic makeup of Co F 112th Engr Regt making the African Invasion, and later redesignated as the 522nd, came from Co B 107th, whose home station was Sault Ste. Marie. So, if the situation must be spelled out for the hardheads as it regards Soo's reunion - there will be a very good representation of the old Co B 107th gang and this should well be the largest congregation of the 522nd since 1945. If not, this co. clerk will be mightily surprised and greatly disappointed.....for an outstanding job of working up and presenting the WWII history of the 107th Engr Regt'l Band at Gladstone, Alger F. Strickling got himself promoted to Vice Pres. for 1977-78. The Band remained a separate company (like the 522) and saw a lot of the war in Mediterrean campaigns. With Alger's cooperation we hope to pass along a condensed version

of the Band's History in a future issue.....we pick up additions to the roster in some strange ways but none stranger than those bringing Geo. W. Waldron (Co C 254) back on active duty all the way from Cal. Active in the VFW and knowing that most of the 254 were from the U.P. and being friends with a fellow from Ishpeming what could be more natural than a phone call to the Ishpeming Post Comdr asking him to post a notice that just might reach an old Co C buddy. comdr knew nothingabout the 254 but the post sect'y did - who else but Lt Col (Ret) Richard Pascoe (107 NG Bn) and at the time our Association President to boot. Talk about a blind shot hitting the ammo dump plumb center !....annual exchange of greetings with James C. Steele disclosed an odd situation. Jim reports: "Made a trip West and while in Seattle tried to locate Gordon J. Brown (both Co C 254). I later found out from my neighbor that during the same week he showed up at my house in Springfield, Va." Brownie was in for the Ishpeming reunion and then headed East looking up several old buddies in his travels - accompanied by Sadie his Irish colleen....when the drill floor decorations are ripped off for souviners you damn well knowthey were distinctive eye catchers. Such was the case with Gladstone's clever decorations special for the reunion....from the heat of the Seney forest fire to the chill of an ice dam typically encompasses the surprise assignments handed the 107th National Guard Bn. The unexpected rush calls even in peace time. Guess who got called out by Michigan's Governor Milliken when an enormous ice floe blockage developed where the AuTrain River empties into Lake Superior thereby causing an extensive water backup endangering numerous homes and cottages in the floodedarea? Pull in the demolition experts from the companies, set up a CP near the work site, survey the situation, drill numerous holes and charge up using 5,500 pounds of explosive. WHAMMO! Another mission successfully completed. And if that wasn't chilly enough how about the 4-day mobilization during the blizzard of '78 to lend manpower and equipment whenever and whereever needed. Missions of record during this call-up numbered 53....being in the S-2 Section together your editor had a personal interest in locating this bloke. Chased down several leads and addresses to no avail but by golly the happyday finally arrived and was confirmed by letter: "Will the real Louis Lembo stand up. Yes, this is me, alive and kicking. When Eddie Kozinski (Co B 254) called me at home last night I felt like the most wanted man by the F.B.I., but it sure was good talking to him. I sure would like to hear from you after all this time; fill mein as to who is around and where. If you have a roster or something I would appreciate receiving



Headquarters Platoon, Company A 254th Engineer (C) Battalion

Front Row L to R

T/5 Clarence G. Tauriainen, Laurium, Mich.

Pfc Truett E. McCarty - unlocated - from Floy-

dada, Texas in 1945

Pfc Burgett O. Hardenburgh - unlocated - from Luther, Mich. in 1945

T/5 Arthur J. Gibour, Waukegan, Ill. (Hermansville)

Pfc Ernest J. Cassette - died in 1961, Lake Linden, Mich.

Pfc Carl M. Barker - died in 1965, Milwaukee (Menominee, Mich.)

T/5 Thomas C. "Butch" Bardowski, Menonomee Falls, Wis. (Escanaba, Mich.)

Pvt Homer J. Fisk, Sturgis, Mich.

Second Row L to R

T/5 Donald I. Schaal, Toledo, Ohio

S/Sgt Gerald E. Gallup, Caspian, Mich.

S/Sgt Anton G. "Tony" Crnkovich, Ishpeming,

Mich. (Mohawk, Mich.)

1st Lt Jose Ramos - unlocated - from

Washington D.C. in 1945

Capt Sanford F. Hall, Farmington, Conn. (Co Comdr) T/5 Earl C. Terrill, Cape Coral, Fla. (Calumet)

1st Sgt Augustin "Augie" Gagnon - died at 1976

reunion, Livonia, Mich. (Calumet, Mich.)

S/Sgt Harvey L. Cole, Monona, Wis.

Cpl Peter J. Zdybel, Lansing, Mich.

T/5 Nicholas W. Leslie - unlocated - no info

Third Row L to R

T/5 Edward Martin - unlocated - no information

T/4 Steve P. Burnis, Hazel Park, Mich.

(Manistique, Mich.)

T/5 William L. Bruley - died prior to 1963,

Hermansville, Mich.

T/4 Albert G. Corcoran - presently unlocated had a good Alexandria, Va. address in 1970

T/4 Blash Volf, Muskegon, Mich.

Sgt Paul Podnar, Niles, Mich. (Painesdale, MI)

T/4 Jack E. Greenwood, Royal Oak, Mich. (Detroit)

T/4 Eero J. Maki - unlocated - from Iron River, Mich. in 1945

Pfc Charlie B. Watson - unlocated - from Winston-Salem, N.C. in 1945

Top Row, L to R

Pfc James C. Thompson - unlocated - from La.

or Alabama in 1945

T/5 Clyde C. "Babe" Asplund, Ironwood, Mich.

Pfc Clarence D. Sumner, Newman, Georgia

S/Sgt Edgar C. Williams, Leesburg, Fla.

(Trenary, Mich.)

Note: 1940 home towns are shown in parantheses if known and different from present address shown; mostly the U.P. of Michigan unless otherwise stated.

Co A and all of Andrew Willenborg's Co C plat-

oon pics. Package carefully please - they'll be

returned after serving their purpose.....

"Thank you for sending me material of the get-

togethers over the years. I was with the 522nd

Engrs but have never seen a name I recognized.

I had a buddy, Ira Colman from Georgia, that

I've not heard from since leaving Italy." Eug-

ene H. Latimer, Marshalltown, Iowa.....any help

for Gene from out of the ranks?.....Dear Sirs:

"Enclosed is \$1.00. Please send me 2 Snorting

Bull decals." Royal E. Schulwitz who made the

'61 and '62 reunions but has been sand bagging

Rogers City to the Soo, Royal, providing you've

you were trained in Co A 254/his only reunion of

record was the second at the Soo in '66 so heres

hoping for a repeat in 1978 by (Lt) Theodore R.

Benning, Jr. (Co B 254) to reinforce his other-

wise splendid Association support. Ted's ex-

doing your calahootics faithfully like

since.

Should be able to double-time it from

PASS IN REVIEW

The lucky blokes attending reunions in the Soo 1966 and Ishpeming in 1973 will never forget the appearance and performance by the only WWI drum and bugle corps in the U.S. The present 18-member group ranging from 79 to 86 years of age is still going strong representing the World War One Barracks 2186 of Sault Ste. Marie. The corps has received national publicity on several occations and has been extended numerous invitations for appearances throughout the States. now there is a big drive going to send the outfit to France for Veteran's Day during when they hope to play at the Arch de Triumph on November 11th according to "Moose" LaCombe, the Barracks Commander, bass drummer for the Corps and this years Association president. We are delighted to pass along Moose's promise that the complete with WWI uniforms including soup-plate helmets, choke-collar and wrap-around leggings, will play at our Soo reunion with "Over There", "Stars and Stripes", and the old World War Ifavorite "Mademoiselle from Armentieres" amongst other renditions.

AND -

if that isn't enticement enough maybe mention of another famous group will get your a -- in gear. THE HUNGRY FIVE!!! A name that is an Association WWII institution and truly a part of our 107 et al heritage. Faces, instruments and units changed but not the Hungry Five designation. Musicians or would-be musicians was never a problemprobably more strummers, tooters, squeezers and pounders sat in with this sometimes organized & sometimes impromptu group than did with GlenMiller and damme if at times they didn't sound almost as good. We're aiming to run a feature on the Hungry Five providing we can come up with some pictures (with I.D.'s) on the old groups beginning with the 3-4 that George Lafkas (107-1121) and a hard core, gittar pickin' member from beginning to end has available. Seen for a fact in George's pub! Should be fun so lets have the pictures on a loan basis. ALSO, according to Americo "Tiny" Metro (H&S 254) he is out recruiting ex-Hungry Five musicians for the Soo reunion. Tiny is wearing two hats - as another charter member of the band and a hard working reunion committeeman. So what happens, maestro, if between you and the BULL SHEET you end up with a Hungry Ten or Twenty at the Soc? instruments yet! Ear plugs at platoon supply!

platoon sgt, Donald M. "Duke" Duquette vowshe'll follow the Lake Superior shoreline from Marquette to the Soo in an assault boat to be reunited with his ol' platoon commander.....convoy, assault boat, shanks mare or whatever - THE SOO WANTS YOU come August 11-13, 1978. See ya' there!



Headquarters Platoon, Company B 254th Engineer (C) Battalion)

Front Row L to R

S/Sgt Charles J. Carr - died in 1974, L'Anse, MI
Sgt Peter B. Denofre, Ishpeming, Mich.

T/5 Milton L. Werbelow - unlocated - from Bay

City, Mich. in 1945

Pfc Francis L. Sheehan, Grand Rapids, Mich. (Atlanta, Mich.)

Pfc Philip C. DeStafano - unlocated - from Chicago, Ill. in 1945

Pfc Pete Perine - unlocated - last known address in Bradford, Pa. in 1974

T/5 Lester L. "Skippy" Challenger - unlocated - from Detroit, Mich. in 1945

T/5 Louis A. Willette, Gwinn, Mich.

T/4 Edward J. Kozinski, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Middle Row L to R

lst Sgt John "Johnnie Kay" Kovachich, Calumet, Mich. (Laurium, Mich.)

T/5 Leonard J. Sanchez, Wayne, Mich. (Calumet)
T/5 Delwin J. Utter, Gardena, Cal. (Sagola, MI)
S/Sgt Jack Shark Milwaykas, Wile.

S/Sgt Jack Shank, Milwaukee, Wis.
Pfc Martin Shjerve - unlocated - from Rugby,

N.D. or Spokane, Wash. in 1945 T/5 Edwin F. "Fergy" Ferguson, Bergland, Mich.

T/5 John F. Wainio - killed in mine accident in 1963, Ironwood, Mich.

T/4 William B. "Billie" Bernier - died in 1971 Bremerton, Wash. (L'Anse, Mich.)

T/5 Ralph J. Pellow - died in 1971, Ishpeming

Top Row L to R

lst Lt Weiss - <u>unlocated</u> - no information T/4 Joseph F. "Meatnose" Olinick - <u>unlocated</u> from Boothwyn, Pa. in 1945

S/Sgt Michael H. "Stew" Mertes, Wayne, Mich.
T/5 James T. Madden, Trout Creek, Mich.
T/4 Jorna H. Jannet Bruce Crossing Mich

T/4 Jorma H. Lannet, Bruce Crossing, Mich. (Paynesville, Mich.)

T/5 Roy A. "Bull" Larson - died in 1973, Trout Creek, Mich.

T/5 Clarence E. LeVeque, Calumet, Mich.

T/5 Everett P. Sumner, Dublin, Ohio Pfc Henry R. Snapp, Jr., Greeneville, Tenn.

Capt Ames T. Minor, Bethlehem, Conn. (Co Comdr)

For those not then present or whose memories are diminishing, all the so-called platoon pictures were taken in the Ardennes Forest, Belgium sometime, we think, in early December 1941. At least prior to the commencement of the Battle of the Bulge on December 16th because some of the soldiers in the photos became casualties during that epic battle. Again this appeal - your help corrections, addresses, please. Any information you have that can help to update our Association records is eagerly sought and much needed. Ranks and company assignments shown are those of record in Dec. 1941 - many were later promoted and transferred within the battalion. Also, many Assoc. members were later assigned to the 254.

Geo. C. Anderson (Co A 254/NG Bn) Escanaba, MI Lawrence Peterson (Co C 254), St. Paul, Minn. Roy Tredway (H&S 254), Oxford, Kansas John Mackin (Co B 107), Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Mike Hydo (H&S 254), Sterling Hts., Mich. Alfred Brow (1121 Gp Hq), Rochester, Mich. Yngve "Bing" Boberg (H&S 254), Calumet, Mich. William F. White (Co A 254), Lansing, Mich. Roa W. Antcliff (Co B 254), Lansing, Mich. Raymond Deicher (Co A 254), Green Bay, Wis. Alger Strickling (Band 107), Soo, Mich. Jay R. White (Co E 107), Three Rivers, Mich. Allan M. Caya (H&S 254), Potosi, Wis. William W. Bennett (Co C 254), Grand Rapids, MI Walter A. Mokszycke, (Co C NG's), Bark River, MI John W. McCormick (Co B NG's), Sterling Hts, Mich. William McCurey (46th Engr Gp Hq), Lansing, MI William C. Larsen (Co B NG's), Marquette, Mich. Robert Frazier (Co B NG's), Marquette, Mich. Fletcher Brodt (H&S 254), Fennimore, Wis. Americo J. "Tiny" Metro (H&S 254), Soo, Mich. Keith Freeze (Co B 254), Shepherd, Mich. Warren "Orv" Crow (Co C 254), Wellston, Mich. Clarence J. Forsythe (Co A 254), Boonton, N.J. Phillip White (HHC NG Bn), Marquette, Mich. Walter J. Fassbender (Co B NG's), Marquette, MI John Neno (H&S 254), Ithaca, N.Y. Leonard Ford (Co C NG Bn), Escanaba, Mich. Harvey Turcotte (Co B WWI), Kingsford, Mich. Victor Stevens (Co A 107), Kivonia, Mich. Henry Knoch (Co C NG's), Gladstone, Mich. George J. Farkas (Co C-522), Allen Park, Mich. Henry Ilenich (HHC NG Bn), Laurium, Mich. Lawrence P. Sapino (HHC NG's), Tamarack, MI. Trygve Peterson (Co A 254), Knife River, Minn. Lynn McDonald (Co B-522), Soo, Mich. Tony Tvardek (Co B 254), Bryte, Cal. William G. Pinch (Co A 254), Marine City, MI Edgar C. Williams (Co A 254), Leesburg, Fla. Elmer Scovill (Co C 107-Co F 112), Alexandria, VA Thomas Bardowski (Co A 254), Menomonee Falls, WI Woodrow "Pacer" Johnson (D 107), Lake Charles, LA Raymond Campeau (Co C 254), Lansing, Mich. Earl Kangas (Co A NG's), Lake Linden, Mich. Charles E. Nault (HHC NG's), Ishpeming, Mich. Frank "Snuffy" Smith (Co B-522), Soo, Mich. Harold V. Hall (Co A 107), Wyoming, Mich.
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