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DUTY ROSTER - 1983 REUNION

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Yes, chum, the dates were double and triple checked backwards and forward no repeat of the But just in case the ol' eagle eye recognizes these still unexplainable foul-up of last year. dates as a departure from the SOP second weekend in August, the change was necessitated because the August weekend again conflicts with the NG's 1983 summer encampment schedule. So early duty First time we've scheduled Association maneuvers in Iron River which is home station this year. for a detachment of Bravo Company 107th Engr NG Bn headquartered in Ironwood. Just a few miles from the Wisconsin border so Iron River, like Menominee, Kingsford and Ironwood, is real handy for our Badger State stragglers, quite centrally located for Guardsmen, past and present, and not too far inland for the flatlanders of Lower Michigan. The enthusiastic bid extended by the Iron River contingent checking in at Menominee was a highlight of last year's business meeting. And the way they locked-in on the mission assigned them is evidence that the gang there will make a super showing utilizing the fine facilities of their modern armory. The Iron River area will be jumping that weekend because in addition to our reunion the town will host a rodeo which has been a big annual event for 15 or so years - ropin', ridin', rodeo parade and what all in connection with an Guess we'll just have to be extra cautious about keeping a tight rein on the event of this kind. Snortin' Bull so he doesn't go fraternizing, or perish the thought, stampede the rodeo livestock and go messin' up the gol durn affair. Same for spouses and kids - best keep them on a short tet-Word of caution - housing will be in short supply and for that reason we've listed everything available in Iron River and surrounding area, so make your foxhole reservations pronto else come equipped with a pup tent. But then, who sleeps much anyway. Good planning there, Iron River - giving the Snortin' Bullers a choice of the sweet aroma of armory B.S. or the real McCoy at the But no contest really - yours truly for one will spread his share at the IRON RIVER NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY on July 22-23-24, 1983.

#### COMBAT ENGINEER!

"The History of the 107th Engineer Battalion 1881-1981"

This fascinating, hand-tooled publication is the end result of much time, professional talent and dedicated effort by Captain Frederick Stonehouse, and we heartily recommend it to those who have not yet obtained a copy. The History was eagerly snapped up at the Calumet and Menominee reunions (copies will be available at Iron River) and mail orders have been very good. First printing copies are still available in sufficient quantity to satisfy anticipated demand. Would suggest, however, that you get that order in soon because it is unlikely that the Association will underwrite the

expense of a second printing. The World War II era 1937-1945 is very well covered in considerable detail including some pictures of ETO combat activity. Anyone putting in time with the 107th Regiment, 107th Battalion, 112th Regiment, 254th Battalion and/or 522nd Company will find this particular chapter a very comprehensive documentation of the outfit's proud WWII heritage also for the 254th vets whose service time did not go back to any of the predecessor 107th outfits. Except for piecemeal dissemination of WWII action via the BULL SHEET, Capt. Stonehouse's work of art is the only composite publication of record - and there probably will not be another. A convenient order blank will be found on the last page of this issue in the event you want to requisition a copy by mail.

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# MENOMINEE BIG SUCCESS

Our 21st annual reunion last August in Menominee, Mich. is now history. The platoon sized detachment of Company D stationed there was undaunted by being on the proverbial hotseat as next-up to the big 100th anniversary reunion in Calumet which logged a staggering 322 officially registered participants (more than twice the number of any prior reunion). Housed in an armory large enough for a platoon but much too small for reunion purposes and a depressed economy presented other formitable obstacles that this volunteer group had to contend with. no problem. The determined reunion committee headed up by Steve Winans took everything in stride and ran off a flawless drill. The local VFW clubhouse provided the essential military atmosphere and excellent facilities (even a bar surprisingly). VFW club members are commended for being exceptional hosts to the 117 Snortin' Bull registrants: a fine turnout considering everything. Compliments to Menominee and sincere thanks for a job well done to the following members of the 1982 reunion committee; Reunion Chairman & Booklet: Stephen G. Winans; Asst. Reunion Chairman: David A. Connaher; Liaison Officer Bn.: Edwin J. Jachimski; Protocol: James P. Dougovito; History Book: Frederick Stonehouse; Memorial Service: John P.

Bierchen; Refreshments: Charles S. Salewsky Registrations: David A. Bradford; Advertising; Lori A. Poquette, Francis J. Kordish, David A Connaher, Dennis N. Waldo, John P. Bierchen, Charles S. Salewsky; Entertainment & Banquet: Stephen G. Winans; Decorations: David A. Connaher, Francis J. Kordish; Set Up, Clean Up, Entainment and Much Support: Women's Auxiliary and Menominee Enlisted Mens' Club. Footnote: All present and accounted for at Menominee will be saddened learning the newly remodeled VFW clubhouse was destroyed by fire on Jan. 3, 1983.

#### ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTES TO VETERAN'S FACILITY

Exerpt from "Minutes of Annual Meeting", Calumet, Michigan, August 8, 1981; "Frank LaBelle gave a run-down on the newly opened D.J. Jacobetti Veterans Facility in Marquette and recommended that the Association extend some kind of support to this worthwhile institution as many veteran organizations are doing. Col Henry Ilenich moved that a committee be appointed to explore the situation & come up with a recommendation. This motion was supported and passed. Appointed to the committee by President Calcaterra were: Cmd Sgt Maj Charles Nault, Lt Col (Ret) Richard Pascoe and Maj (Ret) Frank LaBelle." End Result:a barbeque pit designed and constructed by specialists of the 107th NG Bn at a cost of about \$400.00 contributed by the Association. Followup:-Letter addressed to: 107th Engineer Association, Ishpeming, Michigan. "Your generous gift of the bar-b-que pit to our facility is evidence of your concern for our cause. The members certainly appreciate your generosity. Our organization couldn't be effective without your kindness and concern. Your continued friendship is greatly valued. Please accept this small expression of our sincere appreciation." Signed: Wedal, Commandant, D.J. Jacobetti Veterans Facility. An appropriately engraved plaque will be obtained and affixed to the pit. We'll give you a looksee in a future BULL SHEET via a photo.

#### ROSTER ADDITIONS

Recognition and a Snortin Bull Medallion to (\*\*xxxxxxxxxxx\*\*)

Lyle F. Decker (Co C 254), 7512 S. 40th Street, Scotts, Mich. 49088 (\*\*Arthur Auno\*\*); Edwin F. "Chick" Artley (Co A 107 Regt), 908 Calhoun Ave. Panama City, Fla. (\*\*Ralph Godfrey\*\*); Joseph Hauser (Band 107 Regt), 5046 N. 83rd St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53218 (\*\*Thomas Bardowski\*\*); (Lt) Glenn W. Burghardt (1121 Engr Gp Hq), 918 Sunset Dr., Greenwood, S.C. 29646 (\*\*John T. Ozburn\*\*)...."Roster Additions" is considerably shorter than normal this issue—the above listing made an insignificant dent in the section of the card file containing some 8-900 names of "unlocated"

men serving during WWII. And there are many others for whom there is no Association record whatsoever. Word of mouth is about the only effective media left for us - but you have to provide the mouth in order to dig out the AWOL's for return back to Association Active Duty.

# Operation Friendly Invasion presents A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

40th Anniversary Trip of the 112th ENGINEER COM-BAT BATTALION in cooperation with the 107th, 146 th and 254th Engineer Combat Battalions and the 1121st Engineer Combat Group

The above is the eye-catching heading of a brochure mailed last February to many GI's of the above outfits including many on our somewhat outdated 107th Engineer Association roster of Most of our gang mailed to received the brochure (maybe discarding it as another piece of junk mail not recognizing its significance) but many did not receive it because of address changes incurred after 1974. Also, the mailers were unable to identify some 254th rostered names as men whose service time went back to duty assignments in the 107th and 112th. So far as our Association is concerned in coordination with the 112th and due to time limitations for ye editor, we were unable to tediously crosscheck the old '74 roster against current mailing records for personalized mailing purposes. Thus, we are utilizing this issue of the BULL SHEET to contact everyone on our mailing list so that no one will be overlocked because even our records aren't 100% accurate insofar as service data are concerned. A concerted campaign is underway and already many have expressed keen interest about making the 40th anniversary of Omaha Beach trip scheduled to leave the States by plane on Wed., May 23, 1984 - return will be from Brussels on Sat., June 9th with lots of excitement and goodies in between. Don't sell the tour short because it is a well planned un-The tour is dertaking and many will be going. custom designed to closely follow the route of service from touchdown at London - then on to Belfast-Londonderry-Enniskillen-London- Devizes-Newquay- Plymouth- Slapton Sands- LeHarve- Omaha Beach 40th Anniversary ceremonies-Paris-Brussels just to give you a framework idea of the familiar places you will revisit. Also, you may remain abroad "on your own" if you let the tour people know before your airline ticket is iss-You may even return from a city different from Brussels. For complete details and a copy of the comprehensive brochure especially prepared for the charter trip contact: Galaxy Tours,

215-338-5427), a former 112th Engineer Bn veteran who is working very hard to make the tour a huge, eventful success. If yousign up or have serious intentions of doing so, please inform EdVickstrom, 2012 Washington Ave., Ishpem ing, MI 49849 (Phone: 906-486-4804) of your plans, intentions, etc. so he can compile an Association tour roster for the information of any of our gang inquiring as to who is going and perhaps assist in matching up old buddies. etc. etc. Maybe even special mailings to all interested blokes on a supportive basis for this 112 th effort. The shadow of night draws ever clos-We all have good "some day" intentions of revisiting the places still vivid in memory maybe this is the time to make them a reality.

#### ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1982-1983

President: Comdr. of Iron River Detachment at reunion time; Vice Pres.: 1st Sgt Robert Segalin (Co B NG Bn); Secretary: Ed Vickstrom (H&S 254); Treasurer: MSG William Eckloff (HQ 107 NG Bn); PRO: LTC (Ret) Richard L. Pascoe (HQ 107 NG Bn); Historian: Cpt Frederick Stonehouse (HQ 107 NG Bn); Permanent Director: LTC James P. Dougovito (HQ 107 NG Bn); 4-Yr. Director: Oral J. "Moose" IaCombe (Co C 107 Regt WWI); 3-Yr. Director: Paul Allen (522d Engr Co); 2-Yr. Director: Paul J. Van Abel (Co A 254); 1-Yr. Director: Clifford C. Densmore (H&S 254).

#### VETERANS OF THE BULGE ORGANIZE

An organization for veterans of the Battle of the Bulge was recently formed in Arlington, Va. The group seeks to foster international peace and good will, to promote friendship among veterans of the battle, to perpetuate the memory of sacrifices and to preserve historical data and sites. If interested write to: VBOB, P.O. Box 11129, Arlington, VA 22210.

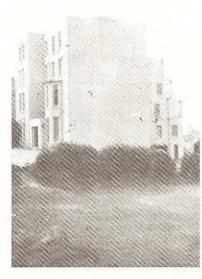
# SHORT SNORTS

Damme if we haven't unintentially boxed "Short Snorts" into a small corner again. And not even a space taking picture to relieve the tedium of much babbling. Only one way to catch up on all the accumulated tid bits so here goes an extra bonus sheet hoping you are still hanging tight . Maybe this will bring you around: Here is to Irish, a whiskey with heart, that's smooth as a leprechaun's touch, yet as soft in its taste as a mother's embrace and a gentleness saying as much - Irish toast! Another: The health of the salmon to you; a long life, a full heart and a wet mouth. And another: Here's a health to your 600 deKalb St., P.O. Box 45, King of Prussia, PA enemies' enemies. A recent reacquaintence with 19406 about Tour No. 475 (Telephone: 800-523=7287 Johnnie Jamesons and Old Bushmills brought these or 215-265-2778); or contact George I. Smith, oldies back to mind - plus other fond memories 8053 Leon St., Philadelphia, PA 19136 (Phone: incurred during the year the then 107th Engr.

touch with John T. Ozburn of Andrews, S.C. since 1949 but just today found out about the 107th Enclosed is my check for dues and I'd like to be placed on the mailing list for the "Bull Sheet". Please let me know the dates and place of the '83 reunion. Glenn H. Burghardt (former Adjutant, 1121 Engr (C) Group)..... shot the works to Glenn without delay - another good example of "word of mouth" effectiveness referred to previously.....and while in the S-1 Section this note on his annual Christmas card; "I was pleasantly surprised by a short visit from Howard Gauthier (H&S 254) this past Oct. I did promise him that this coming year I would make it to the reunion." Joseph Censabella (Pers. Off. Hq 254) out of Alexandria, Va. Now you are under the gun for sure, Joe!..... "Thanks for sending me information regarding the Association although I knew of its existence through the 32d Div. Assoc. publications before Alfred "Homer" Brow (1121 Gp Hq) contacted me. While in Camp Livingston was a member of H&S 107 but was caught in the Infantry-107th exchange when the 107th was abruptly shipped out to Fort Dix right after Pearl Harbor. Went to the Pacific with the 127th Inf. Regt. but later was transferred to the 114th Engrs. See you in Calumet." And Wendell Shuman showed up as promised......Lawrence and Elaine Peterson (Co C 254) did an effective recon mission for us in Minneapolis but the results were bad. George Bestler (H&S 254) was killed in an auto accident in Oct. 1975. According to his wife, George always talked about going to a reunion to see his old He would have been friends but never made it. 75 on 8-8-81 - the day of the Calumet reunion... welcome and informative letter from Lt Col (USAR Ret) Nelson C. Baker postmarked Concord, Cal. & a recent roster addition thanks to Lynn McDonald. To recap briefly: "Joined Co B 107th Regt in 1937; member of the Soo company as Supply Sgt when sent to Engr OCS in 1940; except for contact with the then 1st Lt Tom Nurnberger in England and members of the 107th Band in Africa completely lost contact with the outfit; North Africa campaign with the 1st Armored Div and the 6617th Engr Mine Clearance Co. in Italy; assigned to Fort Belvoir and later to Los Alamos, N.M. as part of the Engr Detachment of the Manhattan Project; released in 1945 but went back on active duty in '46 until retirement in 1961." Wonderful to report that Nellie made many contacts with Co B, Band, 522 and other 107th Regt vets at Menominee.....and with that thought in mind: Menominee's registration was extremely well represented by the Co B 107-Co F 112-522d Engr Co gang. with icing on the cake provided by the half dozen or so getting their feet wet for the first time....watching the reunion of two old buddies for first time since the 40's is something to F. Clabots (Plat Sgt of 1st Plat Co B 254) again

(C) Bn spent on the Uld Sod....."I have been in behold - and better yet to be an active participant of such a reunion. Truly the Association and all contributing to its success in so many ways can stand tall for what it has and will accomplish.....254th vets in for their very first reunions from furthermost outposts were: Henry "George" Ladd (Co A), Bremerton, Wash., John M. Riley (Co B), Canterbury, Conn. and Ivan E. Gonyeau (Co C), St. Albans, Vermont. Thought that Riley would bust a gut when he saw his old Platoon Sgt, Donald "Duke" Duquette there ..... "Received the last mailing and sorry we won't make it this year. I am now 88 and Vida is 77 and she doesn't drive anymore - otherwise we are both fine. Hope all goes well at the reunion & thanks for everything." Merle "Andy" Sweet (2nd Plat. Co C 107th Engr Regt WWI).... "The first I heard of the Association was when I ran into Art Auno (Co A 254) last Spring. There is one thing to be set straight. I was awarded a Bronze Star not a Silver Star near St. Lo, France. The only one in the outfit that I've heard from in years is William "Curt" Musten (Co C 254) of North Carolina and you already have him located. Lyle F. Decker (Co A 107 Bn-Co C 254), Scotts, Mich. ....wonderful seeing (S/Sgt) Alex Wojciechowski (Co C 254 & Bn Polish interpreter) who checked in for first time at Calumet out of Milwaukee. Promised it won't be his first and last reunion so we'll be holding you to that, Alex..... "Al was a very active member years ago and he surely would have attended seeing Calumet was his home town - and being the first commander of the Ira Pemberthy American Legion Post there. Almost 90 when he passed away. He was a soldier all his life and a good one." Sincerely, Mrs. Albin O. Beck (Co A 107 Regt WWI)....."Joined the 107th Engr Regt Band at Camp Livingston in Oct. '41 via transfer from the 128th Infantry. Missed the convoy to Ireland out of Ft. Dix and the Band as a unit was ordered back to Fort Custer, Mich. and became a Reception Center Band. While there, I took the aviation cadet exam, passed it, and became a navigator with a Troop Carrier Squadron for the rest of the war." Joseph M. Hauser, Milwaukee. Joe's WWII service is yet another classic example of movement between outfits and even service branches during wartime .....Here's another: "I was with the 632nd Tank Destroyer Bn. in Camp Livingston. Was transferred to Co B 107th as a gun instructor for antitank guns to run the guys through the drills and in the use of the 37mm gun. When the 107 Regt. was reduced to the 107th Bn and shipped out for Ireland from Fort Dix, I was one of the many left behind on the company streets to form the new 131st Engr Bn. Later served in the 132nd That group had a ball as they always do Engrs and 404th Engrs in combat against the Japs and the 1684th Engr Regt, Fourth Army, in Camp Swift, Texas." James C. Clark also sighted in on the Calumet reunion.....a joy seeing Joseph after Joe's lengthy period of "detached service" ...... "Sorry I won't be at the reunion but my heart is always with the old outfit. tell you that Walter J. Kierczak passed away in April 1981. He was in H&S 107 with us and got transferred to the 32nd Division infantry. was severely injured at New Guinea." Regards to all, Elmer Borrusch (H&S 107th Regt).....also checking in is another old timer, to-wit: "Be ing a former member of Co A and Co E of the Calumet 107th, I was looking forward to the Calumet reunion but unfortunately my youngest daughter was married the same weekend. However, my thoughts and prayers were with you all. Best regards to all my former comrades whom I served with in Louisiana and good luck to all the pressent members of the Guard units." Former "Buck Sgt" Edward A. Wiitanen.....and this one very nicely typewritten: Dear Sir: "I was a member of the Michigan National Engineers, based at the Calumet armory, for a short period in the years 1917-18. Will you please check your records and inform me as to my eligibility to attend your 20th Annual Reunion in Calumet. Thank you for your courtesy. Sincerely, Lorimer Stannard, Wakefield, Mich.....Douglas H. Williamson (Co C 254), a dentist/businessman in Grand Rapids, Mich. checked in with report he had heart surgery involving 5 by-passes. A regular diet of calvados would have kept the pipes cleaned out even a dentist should know that, Doug. Also sez his son is a 2nd Lt in the Engineers attached to the 101st Airbourne. Like father, like son except free-spirit Doug had difficulty keeping a pfc stripe way back when ... . Dear Buddies; " Will you please send me an address list of the 254. Just came back from Texas and am leaving again and will stop by to see a buddy if I cross his Also would like a few Snortin' Bull decals for my camper. I am now retired from General Motors. Hope to see you at the reunion." Roa W. Antcliff (Co B 254).....did you know that the interestingly odd, unpronouncable word ISHPEMING is the Chippewa's (Indian tribe) vernacular for "High Land" - supposedly because the town's elevation is some 700 feet higher than Lake Superior lying 15 miles eastward.....





Many thanks to John Swenson (H&S 254) for old photo of Mount Wise Hotel in Newquay. Cornwall, England in which H&S (and others maybe) were bivouaced the winter of 1943-44 while the 254th was training and marking time for departure to staging areas and embarkment on LST's for already assigned missions in the Omaha Beach invasion sector. .....and credit again to John for rare picture of Feb. '45 shel-

tered foxhole used by Clydus E. Jones (identification not positive) at Sourbrodt, Germany - a fur piece from present "foxhole" in Conroe, Tex. and a helluva lot warmer, we're sure. bloke (again we think) is Clarence "Buddy" Baker (both H&S 254) who was lost for mailing purposes in 1979 (help please, Detroit detachment). Nary a response from either up to this point and recall someone reporting that Buddy owned ritzy nightclub in the Motor City.....and welcome back to active duty Harold Menapace (Co D 107 Regt-Co C 254) who while in Marquette fortunately checked into HQ. Lost the ex-6x6 jockey some years back when Harold departed Milwaukee for California and other parts unknown but he promises to keep in touch from now on...... "Regret to inform you that Cy Dear Friends: (Lt Col Cecil F. Clark) passed away on Pearl Harbor Day 1981. After years with a heart condition he had a stroke which affected his entire right side and his speech. The 107th was a very interesting part of our lives." Best of Luck, Marion Clark.....an interesting contribution from Major Edwin Jachimski (HQ 107 Mich NG Bn): "Hey you guys who were with the 112th Engineer Regt and historically a 107th protege. There is a present day 112th Engr Bn (Cbt) in the Ohio On occasion we work together National Guard. and they have a historical lineage to us at their HQ. As recently as 24 March 83 they were in contact with us on a military matter which goes to show you that the best units survive. even today they have some good people."..... Additional comment: the referred to lineage goes back even further (Civil War) than that of Thats why when the two battalions the 107th's. were combined on June 1, 1942, the newly formed regiment was designated as the 112th Engineer (C) Regiment instead of the 107th Regiment. But why, when split

again, the redesignation as the 254 instead of back to the 107th no one knows-be interesting to find out.



3rd Platoon, Company A 254th Engineer (C) Battalion

#### Front Row - L to R

Sgt Albert G. Potila Ishpeming, Michigan T/5 Charles C. Scott Newark, Delaware Pfc Carl Wosnak Glenwood, Maryland Pfc George Pardo - Unlocated-Carona, N.Y. Pfc Thomas R. Lyons Colorado Springs, Colorado Pfc Melvin A. Bailey- Unlocated - Detroit, Mich. Pvt Roy W. Monk - died 1976 - Eckerman, Michigan Pvt Richard T. Berry Jacksonville, Maine Pfc Richard P. Gough Port Mommouth. N.J. Pvt William F. Siebert Stevens Point, Wisconsin Pfc Ernest B.Bodvar - unlocated - Everett, Mass. Pfc George W. Wilson-died 1975- Kings Mtn., N.C. Corp Vernon W. Krenzer El Paso, Texas

#### 2nd Row - L to R

Sgt Frank V. Rozich Center Line, Michigan Pfc B. MacFadden - unlocated no information T/5 Hilding Carlson Chicago, Illinois Pfc Steve Palomar - unlocated -Detroit, Michigan Pfc Mando J. Moschella-unlocated-Somerville, Mass Pfc Frederick P. Anton-died 1982-Lawrence, Mass. Pfc Joseph N. Pugh Orange, Virginia Pfc Melvin N. Seilo-unlocated- Crystal Falls, MI Pfc R. Ballard - unlocated no information Pfc Sherman E. Hermanson-unlocated-Darlington, WI T/5 Stanley C. O'Kuniewicz-died 1967 -Southhampton, New York Sgt Robert E. Wiley-unlocated-Sumner, Washington

#### 3rd Row - L to R

Sgt Robert P. Madill Fulton, New York Pfc Hubert L. Beauchamp-died1980 E. Detroit. MI Pfc Michael Zemo - unlocated -Bayonne, N. Jersey Pvt Paul J. Van Abel L'Anse, Michigan Pfc Robert F. Inderbieten Palo Cedro, California Pfc John Cimermancic-died 1969- Milwaukee, Wis. T/5 C. Sauceman - unlocated no information T/5 ? Meyers - unlocated no information Pfc George F. Rahrick Ipswich, South Dakota Pfc Perry E. Williams-unlocated-Benton Harbor, MI T/5 Francis L. Ploof-died 1959-Hancock, Michigan

#### Top Row - L to R

T/5 Louis A. Caruso - died 1961 -Ironwood, Mich.
T/5 Herbert S. Bastion Clawson, Michigan
Plt Cmdr Lt. Harry A. Fullington - unlocated Varysburg, New York
Plt Ldr S/Sgt (later 1st Lt.) Charles "Chuck"
Karpinen - died about 1948 - Calumet, Michigan
T/4 Frederick A. Schrump-died 1978-Rhinelander, WI
Last platoon pictures for Companies A and B.
Second and 3rd platoons of Co. C coming up next
issue. Honest! Really had high hopes that the
old-and-new composites would generate additional information and pin down some of the mudmuckers identified thereon as "unlocated". But
not a helluva pile of new information thus far

indicating the troops are either poopin' out or

these guys have found good hiding places.



3rd Platoon, Company B 254th Engineer (C) Battalion

#### Front Row - L to R

Sgt Erik G. Fagerstrom-unlocated— Madison, Wis.
Pfc Alexander J. Macinsky Greene, New York
T/4 Walfred Heikkinen Crystal Falls, Michigan
Pfc Robert B. Puckett-unlocated—Morganton, N.C.
T/5 Adelbert W. Simington-unlocated—Lowell, Mich
Pfc Louis A. Bonavita-unlocated—Springfield, Mass
T/5 Walter A. Szynal — died 1978 — Chicago, Ill.
Pfc Paul E. Stark Keyser, West Virginia
Pfc John Sawko — unlocated — Scranton, Penn.
Pfc Herbert C. Wredt Council Bluffs, Iowa

## 3rd Row - L to R

Corp Fred J. Pretz-unlocated-Kansas City, Kansas Greene, New York T/5 John D. Keil - died 1969 - Hector, Minnesota vstal Falls, Michigan T/4 Aloysius Breton Jackson, Michigan Ated-Morganton, N.C. Pfc Kermit L. Martinson Bloomington, Minnesota alocated-Lowell, Mich Pfc John B. Trussell - died 1971-Gardiner, Maine Ated-Springfield, Mass Pfc Robert E. Burns - unlocated - Portsmouth, NH 1978 - Chicago, Ill. Pfc Burdette R. Hayner Hastings, Michigan Keyser, West Virginia Corp Daniel Bartel - unlocated - Rosedale, Cal. Scranton, Penn. T/5 Delbert H. Post - unlocated - Chapman, Neb. Council Bluffs, Iowa T/3 (Medic) Raymond A. Anders Bellevue, Mich.

#### 2nd Row - L to R

Sgt Raymond D. Reed Sac City, Iowa Pfc Garland F. Seabright-died 1975-Winchester, VA Pfc Melvin E. Voltmer Nashville, Illinois Pfc Ralph W. Young-unlocated-Washington, D.C. Cadiz, Ohio Milwaukee, Wis. Pfc Anthony E. Smith Pfc Albert A. Staub-unlocated-Pfc Lester Barilla - unlocated -Pennsylvania Pfc Ray L. Sivertson - died 1970 - Cory, Indiana Pfc Edward A. Polkinghorne Ishpeming, Michigan Pfc James H. Robertson Plankington, S.D. Pfc Louis Yake, Jr. Waukesha, Wisconsin Sgt Clarence W. LaCoursiere Franklin, N.H.

### Top Row - L to R

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