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The "BULL SHEET"

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Reunion No. 24 coming up at the home station for Det. 1, Company A, 107th Engineer Battalion (Michigan National Guards). First time for Baraga because they are somewhat of an isolated 107th outpost and the town and neighboring L'Anse are small communities with limited resources for hosting the incoming reunion personnel. But no denying the Detachment's spirited enthusiasm and dedicated eagerness to host a reunion in their modern brick armory scenically situated on Keweenaw Bay of Lake Superior. What with the time proven ingredients of a military atmosphere, bar, chow, music and much much comradeship, who needs more? The limited local area housing facilities are already requisitioned by groups of Guardsmen, so most of us will necessarily have to pitch tent in the college town (Michigan Tech University) of Houghton some 30 miles distant. A little convoying to and from along the beautiful Lake Superior shoreline but no big deal - a minor inconvenience at best. Lots of action for the dollies in and around Houghton while the troops close order drill at the And while in the area allow yourself some time for a side trip up the historic Keweenaw Peninsula to Copper Harbor and restored Fort Wilkins. The 1985 Duty Roster is posted - only way to find out what duty you've pulled is to check in at Baraga. Time marches on and you owe yourself!!!



OMAHA BEACH REVISITED

Elmer H. Borrusch (H&S 107 Regt- H&S 112th Bn) After 40 years the ex-GI returned to France on an expense paid trip last June 6-9 by virtue of submitting the winning entry to a newspaper D-Day reminisence contest - out of 300 entries how As one of a combined 250 man force about that? from the 112th Engineers and 116th Infantry, 29th Division embarked on LCI 94, the 250 troops hit the Easy Green beach 7:10 a.m. in the second invasion wave. The picture catches Elmer in respectful, solemn review of the final resting place of Major William A. Richards (Co D 107-Hg 112th Engr Bn) in the Omaha Beach Military Cemetary. In his accompanying letter, Elmer writes: "It was sad walking amongst the 9,300 or so crosses knowing that if it wasn't for those men I would not have been able to revisit France But we had a car and drove thru some of again. the cities and towns that we once fought over including St. Lo, Bayeaux, Avranches, Isigny, Mortain, Viere, Verville, etc. The French drivers are still crazy. My girl friend had a brother killed in Aug. 1944 in France with the 26th Inf. 1st Division and we visited his grave at the St. James US Military Cemetary below Avranches."

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IRON MOUNTAIN-KINGSFORD CRITIQUE

How about the astounding 154 official registrations last August - the largest mobilization of troops for any of the 23 reunions with the exception of the once-in-a-lifetime 100th anniversary Calumet special when 321 were checked in officially - plus many others that wandered in from time to time throughout the weekend and Guardsmen present on a duty basis. An indicator of bigger and better years ahead - lets hope so! Without doubt the toughest part of putting each BULL SHEET together is the virtually impossible task of conveying a proper and a grateful "Thank You" to the preceding years' reunion committee. A real struggle inadequately trying to put

heartfelt feelings into meaningful expression. How to put into print a proper hand salute for all the sweat, work and dedicated effort expended by the hosting troops and area? editor has heard countless awed expressions and appreciative comments from reunion registrants who appreciate so so much everything that has been done for them. Iron Mountain-Kingsford's grand effort, commanded by Sgt Don Niemi with much help from his assistant, Jim Wash, was yet another classic organizational effort. question their committees staffed by hard working, dedicated Guardsmen and spouses too numerous to individually recognize were efficiently organized and capably manned. From beginning to end it was a wonderful weekend - thank you all so much for making it so. As the old saying when a job is well done you know it by Be assured that the warm feeling in your gut. everyone attending certainly shares that warm feeling with you. Thank you Don, Jim, committee members and all others contributing to the swell job and unforgetable weekend in Iron Mountain.

ROSTER ADDITIONS

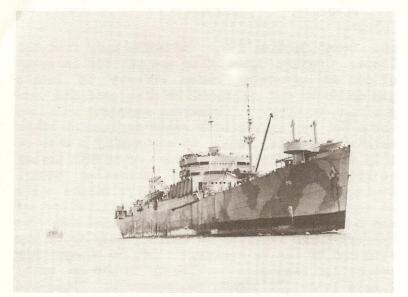
Recognition and a Snortin' Bull Medallion to (**

Raymond G. Powell (Co B 254), 1909 N. Pulaski, Chicago, IL 60639 (**VFW Magazine**); Thomas E. Brennan (Co F 112-522), 5417 31st Ave., Woodside, NY 11377 (**Am. Legion Magazine**); Lester Barilla (Co B 254), 269 Walnut St., Kulpmont, PA 17834 (**VFW or Am. Legion Mag.**); Harvey F. Bourque (Co B 107 Regt), P.O. Box 678, Sault Ste Marie, Mich. 49783 (** ? **); James F. Davis (Co A 112), 2219 S. 104th East Ave., Tulsa, Okla 74129 (**Orv Enquist**); Edwin P. Kipina (Recon Sec H&S 254), US-41, Mohawk, Mich. 49950 (**Bing Boberg**); Glenn D. Clark (H&S 107-Co A 112), 201 Milan Ave., Santa Ana, Cal. 92703 (**32nd Div. News**); Phillip LaMancusa (Co C 254), 2407 Eggert Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150 (** ? **) Richard J. Clark (Co E 107-522), 15211 Chicago Rd., Riverside, Cal. 92504 (**Glenn D. Clark**)

REPORT FROM MEDICS

Heart attack & infected pancreas: Frederick L.

"Beaver" Miller (Co A 254); Laryngectomy
"throat-breather": Raymond D. Reed (Co B 254);
Cataract operation on other eye: Philip C.
Satterthwaite (Hq 107-C0 of 234 Engr Bn); bypass heart surgery but released for Iron Mtn.
duty: Trygve "Big Pete" Peterson (Co A 254);
hip replacement but released for Iron Mtn. duty:
Herbert I. Duff (Co B 107 Regt).



USS GEORGE F. ELLIOTT - home for the then 107th Engineer (C) Battalion for 13 days from embarkation at the Brooklyn Naval Yard on Feb. 19, 1942 to disembarkation at Belfast, North Ireland on March 3, 1942.

George F. Elliott: Born 30 Nov 1846 in Alabama graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1870 and commissioned a 2nd Lt in the Marine Corps; fought in the Spanish-American War as a Captain; In 1908 appointed a Major General and Commandant of the Marine Corps, a position he filled with distinction until his retirement 30 Nov 1910. General Elliott died 4 Nov 1931 in Washington, DC.

USS George F. Elliott (AP-13), formerly City of Los Angeles, was built in 1918 by the Bethlehem Steel Co. in Alameda, Cal.; acquired by the Navy 30 Oct 1940 and commissioned 10 Jan 1941; Captain H. G. Patrick in command. Sailed from Norfolk 16 Jan 1941 and for the next year carried units of the 1st Marine Brigade to the Caribbean for training exercises and operated out of Norfolk before departing New York 19 Feb 1942 with over 1,100 men bound for Europe as part of a huge convoy of troopships, tankers and merchantmen. After joining the convoy off Halifax, Nova Scotia, she reached Belfast, Ireland on 3 March 42 to debark her passengers and subsequently returned to New York 25 March 1942.

After embarking 1,229 fighting men, the ship got underway 9 April 42 with a convoy bound for Tongatabu, arriving one month later and debarking her troops. She returned to San Francisco 5 June 42 for repairs. Soon ready for sea, she embarked 1,300 men of the 2nd Bn, 1st Marines shipping out 22 June 42 in convoy, reaching Wellington, New Zealand, 11 July 42 where combat gear and stores were loaded. As part of Task Force 62 she departed 22 July 42 for the 1st Marine Division's amphibious assault on Guadalcanal. Closing Lunga Point on D-Day, 7 Aug 42, she sent her boats away and simultaneously began discharging cargo. Des-

pite enemy air attacks she continued unloading. The next day she got underway to avoid an imminent air attack and soon opened fire on Japanese twin-engined bombers coming in very low and fast over Florida Island. Her antiaircraft guns made repeated hits on a plane approaching the starboard beam only 30 feet off the water; suddenly it swerved and crashed into the ship admidships, spreading raging flames and rupturing the water mains. In spite of the crew's valiant efforts, the fires continued out of control. As salvage was impossible the gutted ship was sunk the same day.

Editor's notes: The convoy enroute to Europe took a round-about northern route to just south of Iceland at which point the US Navy escort including the cruiser USS Philadelphia and battleship Unew York turned the convoy over to His Majesty's escorts comprised mostly of Corvette anti-submarine ships who escorted the convoy south into Belfast Harbor. The explosion of depth charges were frequent as precautionary protection for the ships spread over many square miles of the Atlantic. Packed 4-5 high like sardines in 3 holds deep, the lads had an agonizing trip as the Elliott pitched and rolled violently in the rough mid-winter weather - never did you see a sicker bunch than the 107th; 24 hour chow lines to feed all the troops (those that felt like eating) but better grub than what the 107th had been accustomed to including navy beans for all three meals; few wash facilities complete with ice-cold salt water. The Weapons Squads of the Bn (ye' editor then being Weapons Sgt, 2nd Plat, Co B) were promptly recruited to train on and man the ship's guns on a 4 on, 8 off watch schedule during the entire trip which fortunately had an unexpected bonus - they were too cold, tired and hungry to be bothered with a minor detail of being seasick like the other troops. The after gun deck armament consisted of $2-3^{\circ}$ guns and one 5° cannon requiring a 32 man crew for each watch in addition to the few trained Navy personnel aboard. Don't recall that anyone knew where we were heading until debarking at Belfast where the battalion promptly entrained for an inland trip to a British Army nissen-hutted encampment at Ballymena. The beginning of the $3\frac{1}{2}$ overseas tour for the 107 Bn later redesignated 2nd Bn 112th Engr (C) Regt & 254th Engr (C) Bn. Although the 107th one of the first advance parties for the tremendous buildup of American troops in the British Isles, the 112th Engr Bn preceded the 107th to N. Ireland by several weeks. Rumor has it the 107th embarkation was delayed because the French luxury liner, Normandy, then being converted to a troop carrier, burned in New York and the Bn marked time at Dix for 6 weeks.

SHORT SHORTS

tory Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.: "Thank him we never did - until he disclosed his new you for sending us a copy of your history on the position to Bing. 107th Engineers. It is a welcome addition to our about Ed. During the Bn's rapid deployment after unit history collection. We appreciate your don- helping liberate Paris it was mostly a case of ation".....copies of the HISTORY are still avail- a 15 miles in-the-hour convoy movement trying able - six bucks to HQ will get you a copy to keep up with the rapidly retreating enemy. "Was glad to get the two B.S.'s and sorry about During one of these monotonous days nature calle not forwarding my new Deer Park, Wash. address. Still working for Kaiser altho could have retired the S-2's 4x4 and frantically bee-lined for the 8 years ago. The picture in 1983 B.S. of 2 guys nearest cover figuring he could easily catch the by their covered foxhole I identify as Mike Watchko, Chicago, Ill. and Isom Lewis. Sorry to read about all those crossing the Great Divide and see where Len Robinette, Mike Hydo, Amy (the lemon extract man) Metro and others are still going strong. You mentioned Jim Wapner. He almost shot me one nite at St. Lo. I was looking for that damn Shitpot Dykes (Kenneth) who was supposed to relieve me off guard duty at 2:00 a.m. and Wapner was on guard at the next post. As I came up he knocked off the safety of his M-l, drew it up and hollered "Halt". I said to put that gun down or I'll shove it up your a- and he asked me the password. I was so mad I couldnt remember what it was so I finally said who I was and what I was doing. Never did find Dykes and had to stand his duty too. Sure think of lots of wierd things that happened. Will get to the reunion some day and thanks for job well done. "Burr" Bill Martin (all H&S 254)..... "Read your notice in 'V.F.W. Magazine' regarding the reunion in Iron Mtn. I will be there." Raymond G. Powell 20645901 (Co B 254). He was!.... message from a long-time Association stalwart: "I am sorry to report that Marge and I will not be at the reunion this year. I am retiring from the Corrections Dept. on 6-2-84 and will leave shortly thereafter on an extended tour to Vermont Maine, Nova Scotia, Quebec, etc. until Sept. 8, Say 'Hi' to everyone and give them all my best. I am sure the reunion will be a big success." Col (Ret) Donald R. Small (Hq NG Bn).....Hi Ed: "This note will be more cheerful, I hope. Here is Edwin "Poncho" Kipina's address. Yep, Ed and I shared the same room in the maternity ward at the Calumet Hospital. After I came out of Intensive Care, I wound up on the 3rd floor. When I walked into the room, lo and behold who do I see but a guy with a white van dyke beard and mustache, and he yelled, 'Bing', 'Bing', long Hadn't seen Ed since we separattime no see. ed in August of '45. BS sure floated for a couple of days. Even the nurses passed the word along - stay away, they'll drive you up a tree. Ed is still as noisy as when he was a young trooper." Bing Boberg (H&S 254-Co A NG Co). P.S. Suppose the hospital staff figured that those 2 ol' goats wouldn't be raising any hell in the maternity ward. A 1940-45 wet of Co E 107 Regt Saunton Sands, England, and ended up with the

and Recon Section 254, Ed moved away from the Copper Country area after the war and in spite Dept. of the Army, US Army Military His- of our own intensive recon efforts to locate Humerous anecdote recalled ed for Ed - desperately - so he vaulted out of tail end of the Bn convoy. But he missed his connection and didn't catch up to the Bn until 2 days later shaky but readable: "Dues and regards and best wishes to all." Donald E. "Snuffy" Jarvey (Co E 107 Regt)......Joseph B. Battaglia (1121 Gp Hq) checked in with info that he too made a flight to London, then an auto trip to Italy, Sicily, back to Malmedy and Bastogne and Normandy for the D-Day observances Hi Ed: "Thank you for sending me the information and please send me all the old BULL SHEETS that you mentioned. John J. Brennan (522) originally from New York is not a relative and have no information on him that I can give you. Enclosed is my check for a Life Membership." Brennan (Co C 107 Bh, Co F 112 Regt & 522)..... Relief to hear from Edgar C. Williams (Co A 254) again out of Leesburg, Florida. Ed gave up on farming in the Trenary, Mich. area for the soft life several years back.....We've plumb run out of platoon pictures which were sure good while they lasted. Good space fillers and information of great interest to the troops. But now leaving ye' editor in a quandry and with a bit of a problem of whipping up enough BS to fill the pages. Hows about publishing your own personal remembrances, observances, humerous anecdotes, etc. of days, places, events, units and people of days past somewhat on the order of a couple in this issue. Shoot them in and we'll give them a go - with the warning that we have many tender female ears amongst our readers to keep your reports tidy as the Limeys used to say. Sounds interesting and help for your amateur publisher. You input and we'll output in the best Snortin' Bull tradition remember the NAAFI canteens at the British army camps? Anyone know what NAAFI stands for?.....Dear Sirs: "Polie R. Stroup (Co C 254) died August 21,1983. He had been ill for 20 years with arteriosclerotic heart disease and generalized arteriousclerosis." Sincerely, Betty C. Stroup, wife...... "Thank you very much for getting in touch. never knew about the 107th Association until you wrote. I was with Co B 127th Inf fromRhinelander, Wis., July 1940. Was transferred to H&S 107th in Dec. 1941 at Camp Livingston and later transferred to Co A 112th Bg. Left the 112th at

295th Engr Bm and finished out the war them them. My brother, Richard J. Clark, was also in Co E 107th and went to Africa with the 522nd. I will pass on the information to him. Also, Russell A. Barnes, who later married my sister, was in H&S 107th and 112th. He died 3 years ago in Milwaukee, Wis." Glenn D. Clark.....by Western Union to Iron Mtn. armory 8=17-84. "Dear Comrades: Very sorry we cannot be with you this year. Lord willing we will see you next year. Have fun. Phillip Lamancusa Albert God bless you all." Silvestri (Co C 254) Made it a policy from the start to let "TAPS" speak for itself in quiet simplicity - no elaboration of obituaries. can one be recognized and not the other? But occasionally a special circumstance arises and an exception is in order. Lynn "Mac" McDonald (Co B 107 Regt-522-post war NG's) is one so deserving. Always a tower of strength in Association affairs Mac perhaps did as much or more than anyone locating people, furnishing addresses and anything else good for the cause. Although severly handicapped with a recently acquiried artificial leg he made Iron Mtn., as he did every year, to be reunited with his old Co B-522 gang. Exactly 1 week later to the day the shocking news that Mac had cashed it in.....during a week's stay on Long Island, N.Y. for #2 son's wedding ye' editor gave his ex-S-2 Section 254 compatriot, Lou Lembo (H&S 254) a jingle at his nearby Garden City home. Had a grand bull session at the motel in a quick effort to cover all the years since 1945 and obtained Lou's promise to make a reunion soon.....requisition from a Detroit newspaper: The 5th Montreux Detroit Interna-

tional Jazz festival will honor
Detroit's No. 1 jazzman, Clarence
Baker. Tribute will be paid Baker
owner of the city's legendary
Baker's Keyboard Lounge on Livernois at Eight Mile Road. "Buddy"
Baker will be recalled a Water Pt.
Man, H&S 254.....on a Closson's

"Our trip for the D-Jewelry, Inc. letterhead: Day observances was a great success. We enjoyed socializing with the group - most of them from the 29th Division. Robert K. McGuire (Co C 254) Understand that Leonard Robwas in the party. inette (H&S 254) had to cancel out due to sur-Max Closson (H&S 254). Righto as to Robinette later confirmed by Len's letter to HQ with information about prostate surgery and 37 trips from Escanaba home to Green Bay for radium treatments. However, Len and wife, Eleanor, made a belated European trip last August and missed the Iron Mtn. reunion for that reason.....first hand information from Allan F. Olson (Co D 107-Exec O 1110 Gp Hq) over an enjoyable luncheona Visited (Capt) Philip D. Pearson (Co D & Hq 107) in Florida, spent 3 days with Brig. Gen. (Ret) Leonard C. Ward (107-1121 Gp Hq-post war CO of 107 NG Bn) in Virginia and a side trip to West

Virginia to look up Lt Col (Ret) Jackson M. Jarvis (Co D 107 Regt-Co B & C 112 Bn-Hq First Army) only to discover that Jarvis had died in Jan. 1979. (Major) Olson had a big local newspaper write-up (with now and then pictures) of his Omaha Beach invasion experience as the then Exec Officer of the 121st Engr Bn, 29th Division landing with his men at H-Hour plus 56 minutes (7:25 a.m.) on D-Day. The article recalled that the 121st lost 54% of its men, all 3 company comanders and all 3 1st Sgts in the first 24 hrs. on the beach. Noteworthy too that Al andfellow officer. George A. Jonic (Co C 107 Regt)-112 Bn) in for the reunion out of New Jersey were reunited at Iron Mtn. and had a grand time rehashing the old days and viewing George's WWII scrapbooks......"Thanks for the newsletter and the kind words about my troopship services. With that 2-19-42 voyage, your convoy was a pioneering one, I believe. Your group sure has a lot of mid-Westeners." Editor's note: Troopship phots still available from: Troopship Photos, P.O. Box 1131, Arlington, VA 22211..... Thanks to the alertness of Alger Strickling (Co B-Band 107 Regt) HQ has individual photos of the 1941 members of Co B 107th Regt (Sault Ste. Marie company) and some of the regimental officers. The company commander at that time was Capt. John N. Adams. The pictures with pertinent notations were a part of the CO's personal company records fortunately turned over to Alger after Capt Adam's death in 1981. A quick distribution was made to the ex-Co B and 522 vets present and accounted for at Iron Mtn. and we will try to disburse the remainder via whatever means available. Unfortunately there are many included not yet a part of Associationa wheeler-dealer real estate due for Century 21 in the Detroit area is Clifford C. "Stinky" Densmore (H&S 254) and wife, Vera. Cliffs claims that the expertise he accumulated as Bn Chemical Sgt guarantees no roaches, ants, lice or other such critters. Ah com on, Cliff, we woulnd't claim that even in the BULL SHEET ... a move is underway to relocate portions of M-107 because of erosion problems. At a dedication ceremony in 1953 the highway running from near Ontonagon to the Porcupine Mountain State Park entrance was designated as M-107 in honor of the 107th Engineers..... "Sorry I can't make the reunion. Never this busy before I retired. Vis ited Australia last year - lots of memories of my WWII days with the 107th Medical Regt. to all, Edward J. Doyle (Co C & Hq NG Bn)...... "I received the BULL SHEET the other day and I'm always glad to get it. I see there were quire a few in from Sault Ste. Marie last year, and hope I can get to Iron Mtn." Carl Wenger (Co B 107 Regt-522). The Reunion Roster is proof that Carl did just that response out of Paris, Kentucky: "I am sorry I cannot come this year." William Smits, Jr. (Co C 254).....

informed by Rans Blondo (107-Bn Sgt Major 112 Bn) out of his winter Apache Junction, Ariz, home the Combat Reports and other records of 112th WWII activities have been located and will be put together for publication. Don't forget, we want a copy, rans....Dear Mr. Vickstrom: "This is to let you know that Tom "Tim" Harris (Co A 107 Regt & 1121 Gp Hq) passed away on Sept. 19, 1984. Even though he had been sick and suffered so long with arthrities it was still a shock. He had a heart attack. Tim was so glad that he was able to attend the 1981 reunion. He really enjoyed it." Delores Harris.....field message from the missue reporting that the bossman was shipped back to the field hospital for prostate surgery and therefore could not make the Iron Mtn. re-"We had enjoyed our past 2 reunions and union. looked forward to the third. We did order and receive the troop ship picture - it is framed and on the wall. Please convey our regrets to the others and God willing, we'll be there in 1985." Harold and Marguerite Freitag (107-522), Sheboygan, Wis "Enclosed is a check for my dues. Enjoy receiving the BULL SHEET and reading all the news and the whereabouts of all the remaining guys from the old outfits. Don't get to see many of them but always look for them if the opportunity lends itself. Have been living here in Marion, Ill. since I retired 5 years ago. We have lots of lakes in the area for fishing and plenty of fame and open area to hunt, so I manage to keep myself occupied most of the time, at least enough to keep out of trouble, and I guess Please extend my that's all that is necessary. greetings and best wishes to all those I know and keep up the good work with the Association. (Lt) Timothy "Red" Nulty (Co B 107 Bn-5227 "We'we made our reservations for Iron Mtn. Thank you for the newsletter - it was great." Peter Zdybel (Co A 254)....a surprising number on our active Association Roster have never checked in for one reason or another. A bad memory best forgotten, cares less or an imagined bad deal somewheres along the line or whatever - who can say! But we pleasant surprises. PLEASE!!

ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1984-85

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LAST MINUTE REUNION COMMITTEE REPORT

From: SSG Joseph A. Brisson, Chairman Plans are well underway for the best CELEBRATION of the summer - the Association's 24th Annual Reunion. Chairpersons have been appointed for the following committees: registration, food, bar, music, Sat. a.m. ladies tour, memorial service, master of ceremony, entertainment, decorations, clean-up, booklet ads and finance. Chambers of Commerce of Baraga County and the Copper Country Counties have been contacted all kinds of hand outs will be available at the reunion. We are also soliciting "Buddy Ads" for the program booklet. For \$2.50 your name will be printed in the program - send checks or M.O. to: Det 1 Co A 107 Engr Bn, P.O. Box 379, Baraga, MI 49908-0379 before June 1st. There will be dancing both Friday and Saturday nights. Our Baraga detachment is looking forward to putting on a tremendous carefree reunion for Association and Battalion registrants.

Looking forward to seeing you in Baraga on August 9-10-11. Now up to us, eh Sarge?

continue to mail with the enduring hope our AWOL's will respond - and every year some



OFFICIALLY REGISTERED - IRON MOUNTAIN-KINGSFORD REUNION

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