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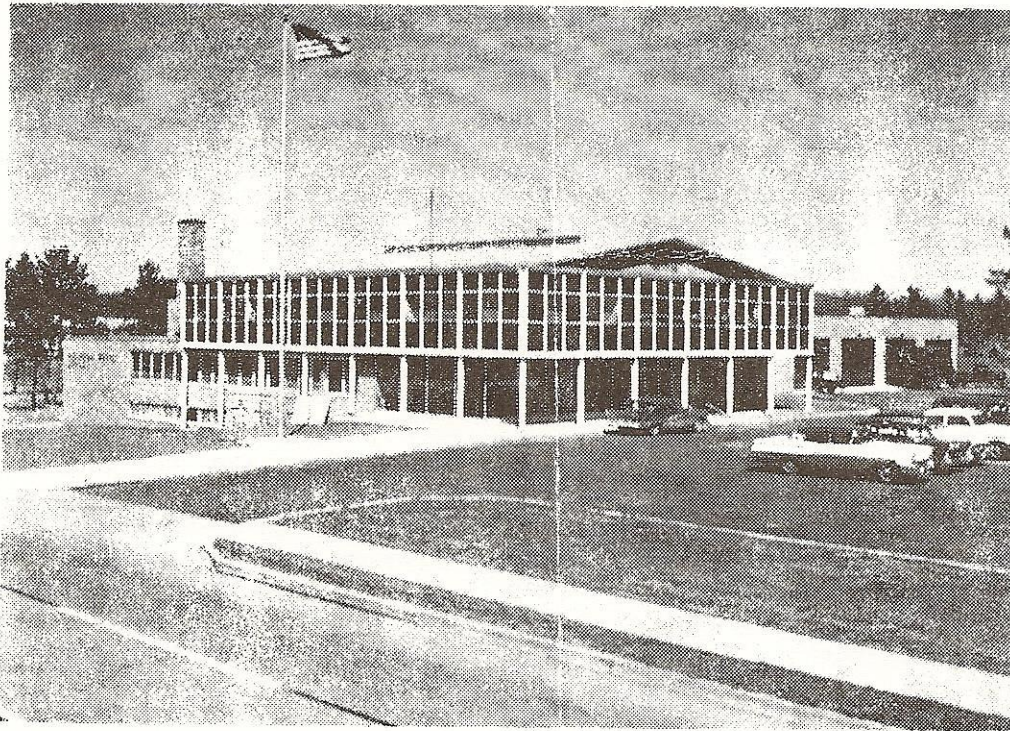


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## KINGSFORD ARMORY - 1991 REUNION SITE



### INVITATION AND REUNION DETAILS

The 30th Annual 107th Engineer Association reunion will be held at the Kingsford National Guard armory in Kingsford, Michigan. The dates of 2-3-4 August 1991 were approved at the business meeting convened at the Calumet reunion last August. In case you are wondering, Kingsford and Iron Mountain adjoin one another and in effect are one entity. We hosted the 1975 and 1984 (15th and 24th) conventions in Kingsford, and we look forward to hosting it again in 1991. The armory doors will be open from 1200 to 2000 hours on Friday, 2 August and will reopen at 0900 hours on Saturday the 3rd. We will hold a social mixer with music during the evening of the 2nd (Friday) which will include a light lunch. Breakfast will be served between 0800 - 1000 hours on Saturday.

The menu will be omelettes or eggs to order, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast and coffee for \$2.50. Noon day mess at the armory will consist of grilled corn, brats, and Italian turkey sandwiches at a cost of \$3.50. The gala Saturday evening banquet will feature sirloin tip roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, lettuce salad, bread, lasagna, chicken breast, celesti and desert (I would hope no one will go hungry with a spread like that). We are asking that you submit the pre-registration form so that we can have an accurate count for the catered meal. I am sure that you realize the importance of this. Our traditional and always impressive Memorial Service is scheduled for 1330 hours on Saturday with the fun-filled

annual business meeting to take place immediately after the services. For those (wives, children and guests) not attending the business meeting, we plan on having Bingo going on in the assembly hall. On Sunday, 4 August, the breakfast will be the same menu as on Saturday from 0730 - 1030 hours. A nostalgic time for last visitations and goodbys before departure to home stations. We have a unit member who whips up the best batch of bloody Mary's you'll ever want to taste. On behalf of all the members of Company D 107th Engineer Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard, I cordially invite everyone to come to Kingsford and share in the friendship, camaraderie and esprit de corps that we as former and present members will enjoy during the Association's 30th Annual Reunion. Sgt Donald R. Niemi, Association President & Reunion Chairman.



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CAMPAIGN CALUMET UPDATE

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\* ANDERSON, Gerald E. (Co F 107 Regt), Calu- \*  
\* met, MI; BETZLE, Martin (Co C 254 Bn), WI; \*  
\* BISHOP, Henry P. (107 Regt WWI), Paducah, KY \*  
\* BUCK, David L. (Co F 107 Regt), Galesburg, \*  
\* MI; CARLSON, Hilding (Co A 254 Bn), Rio \*  
\* Rancho, NM; CROSS, Charles G. (522d Engr \*  
\* Co), Muskegon, MI; DWYER, Robert J. (112 \*  
\* Regt-H&S 254 Bn), Thompson, OH; EDELSTEIN, \*  
\* MD, (Maj) Joseph G. (1121 Gp Hq), Mansfield \*  
\* OH; EDMONDSON, (Maj) John F. (107 NG Bn), \*  
\* Brookfield, WI; ERNST, Florenz J. (H&S 254 \*  
\* Bn), Pittsburgh, PA; ETHIER, Paul A. (Med \*  
\* Det 107 Regt), Lincoln Park, MI; FAIRFAX, \*  
\* (Capt) Reginald R. (H&S/Co C 254 Bn), Brook- \*  
\* haven, MS; GIPP, Raymond J. (Co E 107 Regt) \*  
\* Calumet, MI; HALLER, Joseph P. (Co B 107 \*  
\* Regt), Sault Ste. Marie, MI; HARJU, John \*  
\* "Jackpot" (107 Regt-522d Engr Co), Gurnee, \*  
\* IL; HEITALA, Gerald W. (Co F 107 Regt), \*  
\* L'Anse, MI; HENSON, Willard W. (Co C 254 \*  
\* Bn), Glendale, AZ; HIRSCH, Matt B. (Co E \*  
\* 107 Regt), Laurium, MI; HYRKAS, Kenneth D. \*  
\* (Co A 107 NG Bn), Laurium, MI; KAISER, \*  
\* Lawrence H. (Co F 107 Regt WWI), Wauwatosa, \*  
\* WI; LA BISSONIERE, Cyril R. "Cy" (Med Det \*  
\* 107 Regt-254 Bn), Hancock, MI; MC KENNY, \*  
\* Clifford W. (Co A 107 Regt), Menominee, MI; \*  
\* MARTIN, William A. (Maint Sec H&S 254 Bn), \*  
\* Spokane, WA; MOILANEN, Wesley N. (Med Det \*  
\* 107 Regt - 112 Regt), Lake Linden, MI; \*  
\* NICHOLS, Kenneth C. (Co F 107 Regt), Manis- \*  
\* tee, MI; PEARSON, (Capt) Philip D. (Co D/ \*  
\* HQ 107 Regt), Boca Raton, FL; PELTO, Wal- \*  
\* fred J. (Co F 107 Regt), Calumet, MI; \*  
\* PRIDEAUX, George E. (Co D 107 Regt), Battle \*  
\* Creek, MI; RAJALA, Francis W. (Co E 107 \*  
\* Regt-Co C 254 Bn), Redridge, MI; RIEDER, \*  
\* Alfred J. (Co D 107 Regt WWI), Hartford, WI \*  
\* ROBERTSON, MD, (Capt) Douglas H. (Med Det \*  
\* 254 Bn), Mount Kisco, NY; ROBINETTE, Leo- \*  
\* ard J. (H&S 254 Bn), Escanaba, MI; SMITH, \*  
\* (Sgt) Carl W. "Red" (107 Regt-Co B 254 Bn), \*  
\* Lansing, MI; SMITH, Durward J. "Woody" \*  
\* (1121 Gp Hq), Peoria, IL; SOMRAK, John M. \*  
\* (Co E 107 Regt), Calumet, MI; SORBY, Lloyd \*  
\* W. "Red" (Co A 107 Regt-H&S 112 Bn), Stam- \*  
\* baugh, MI; STENSON, Carl W. (Co F 107 Regt) \*  
\* Homasassa, FL; TALBOTT, Guy H. (H&S 254 Bn) \*  
\* Brooklandville, MD; VERSAILLES, Allan A. \*  
\* (Co F 107 Regt), Calumet, MI; WAARA, Fred- \*  
\* erick A. (Co F 107 Regt), Ann Arbor, MI; \*  
\* WILEY, Robert E. "Earl" (Co A 254 Bn), Soap \*  
\* Lake, WA; TOERPE, Edward A. (Co A 107 Regt \*  
\* S-3 Sec H&S 254 Bn), Mercer, WI; WUTKEVICZ, \*  
\* Anthony W. (Co C 254), Menomonee Falls, WI \*  
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The last newsletter previewed Ed Kohn's (Co F 107 Regt-Co A 107 NG Bn) self-assumed task by which he would try to ascertain the present day status of men who served in the 4 Calumet-based National Guard units during the pre-WWII years 1937-1940. As many as possible anyway. An ambitious but seemingly impossible goal was ye' editor's initial but delighted reaction. But go to it and good luck, Ed! Again, the old units were: Co A 107th 1937-40, Company E, redesignated as such from Co A in 1940, Company F and Medical Det. Ed's starting point was locating old rosters/records for the names of the enlistees which eventually proved up 268 names. Secondly, identifying those who went to Louisiana and those who for various reasons did not. The third and by far the toughest part of the campaign was the painstaking, slogging work digging out past and present day information about the 268 men in question. Unbelievably after much leg work and phone calls entailing considerable out-of-pocket expense for which Ed refuses reimbursement, he successfully pinned down and are you ready for this - 264 of the 268 in total. His patient, persistent work determined that 141 are deceased as of 1990, 123 were either already on the Association's mailing roster or were happily added to it leaving only 4 still unresolved. They are: Grant A. Ackerland (Co F), William L. Best (Co E), Harry Haskell (?) and Carl R. Pelto (Co F); all are in the "did not go to LA" category. Any help for Ed here still bucking for 100% effectiveness? Ye' editor with tongue in cheek so to speak probably moreso than anyone early on recognized the tremendously valuable effort for what it entailed and represented. But then as the periodic reports rolled in from the determined researcher, he was increasingly flabbergasted to say the least over the volume of confirming and new information being pumped into the Association's files. And still more amazing come reunion time was the fact that 47 of the 123 still taking nourishment showed up for the combined 50th Anniversary (1940-1990) and 29th Annual Reunion. A fabulous turnout directly attributable to Ed's tireless pre-reunion promotions which he diligently carried right into the grand weekend. You already have the Snortin' Bull Medallion with Cluster, Ed, so what else can we honor you with besides a very sincere THANK YOU. Even fired up the editorial staff who now humbly offers in conjunction therewith the names, units and present home stations of those of the 123 still responding to roll call whose WWII service followed the 107th's official lineage all the way to the 254th Engr (C) Bn; all so named below served in the 254th to the bitter end except for a couple. Code: (Calumet Unit/254 Company):



Herbert S. Bastian (E/A), Clawson, MI; Rans J. Blondo (F/112 Bn), Lexington, MI & Apache Junction, AZ; Clarence G. Broberg (E/C), Green Bay, WI; Clement J. Cassette (A & E/H&S), Mohawk, MI; Anton "Pops" Crnkovich (E/H&S), Lakeworth, FL; Francis A. Danis (F/H&S), Ishpeming, MI; Charles W. Dimmer (Medics/Medics), Seminole, FL; Lawrence R. Ellenich (E/A), Calumet; Arthur J. Hamel (E/C), Copper City, MI; Edwin F. Kipina (E/H&S), Mohawk, MI; (Lt) John Kovachich (F/B), Calumet, MI; Clarence E. LeVeque (F/B), Calumet, MI; Francis D. Morin (E/C), Houghton, MI; Frank V. Rosich (E/A), Center Line, MI; Leonard J. Sanchez (F/B), Iverness, FL; Robert E. Schneiderhann (Medics/Medics), Hancock, MI; Clarence G. Tauriainen (E/A), Laurium, MI; Earl C. Terrill (E/A), Laurium, MI; Russell H. Terrill (F/B), Houghton, MI; and Paul J. Van Abel (E/A), L'Anse, MI. As generally known historically, many other Calumet veterans besides Kohn separated from the 107th and 2nd Bn 112th Regt for various reasons and circumstances during the years 1940-1943 from stations CAMP LIVINGSTON-FORT DIX-N. IRELAND-ENGLAND (before 254th activation) and subsequently served in the AF, PTO, other ETO outfits, etc. Still being fired up hows about one more burst of history tied to Calumet - if we haven't lost you already. So, in conclusion here are the names of 14 men included in the 141 "deceased" who also ended up in the 254th. A repetition, we realize of past reporting but perhaps now appropriate in closing to bring to mind once again our departed comrades whose service spanned NG Enlistment in Calumet, 1937-40 to service in the 254th, 1944-45. A respectful salute and God's Blessing to these deceased comrades: Raymond C. Aho (F/C, May 1975 in Lincoln Park, MI; Hubert L. Beauchamp (F/A), July 1980 in E. Detroit, MI; Stanley M. Blondo (F/522d Engr Co), July 1981 in Detroit, MI; Yngve H. "Bing" Boberg (E/H&S), Nov. 1986 in Calumet, MI; Albert J. Capello (E/C), Aug. 1979 in Warren, MI; Ernest J. Cassette (E/A), Nov. 1961 in Lake Linden, MI; Clifford C. Herstrom (Medics/Medics), April 1972, in Southgate, MI; (Lt) Charles E. Karpinen (E/A), about 1948, in Calumet, MI; Leonard J. Lampela (Medics/Medics), Nov. 1987 in Calumet, MI; Evertt Mariani (E/C), Sept. 1989 in Italy; Jerome J. Mondeau (E/C), Nov. 1972 in Allen Park, MI; William G. Pinch (E/A), Oct. 1980 in Marine City, MI; Francis L. Ploof (E/A), Oct. 1959 in Hancock, MI; Benjamin M. Radeka (Medics/Medics), June 1976 in Hubbell, MI. With this CAMPAIGN CALUMET is laid to rest too. A successful, timely and observable operation thanks to Ed Kohn, the 1990 Calumet reunion committee/reunion and all those who attended the grand 29th annual convention - all recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the 107th Engr Regt's Federal Induction on 15 Oct 1940.

## ROSTER ADDITIONS

Recognition and a Snortin' Bull Medallion to (\*\* as indicated \*\*)

Clyde J. Morgan (Medics 107 Regt), 5106 Linwood Dr., Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745 (\*\*Robert S. Chapman\*\*); Elmer Hangarten (Co C 107 Regt), 1994 Sevan Way, Fairfield, CA 94533 (\*\*Ellard Beck\*\*); Ray A. Ballard (3rd Plt Co A 254), 2112 Chiwawa Court, Leavenworth, WA 98826 (\*\*Robert Wiley\*\*); Joseph A. Bova (2nd Plt Co A 254), 9801 Applewood Dr., N. Royalton, OH 44133 (\*\*Jack Houghtlin\*\*); John Elizeus (Co C 254), 18624 Livingston Ave., Lutz, FL 33549 (\*\*Charles Sheehan\*\*); George F. Thompson (1st Lt Med Det 107 NG Bn), 10630 Loma Blanca, Sun City, AZ 85351 (\*\*Ishpeming Armory\*\*); Henry Lansing (Co C 254), 12106 Stanwood Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90066 (\*\*Curt Musten\*\*); and unconfirmed at press time, Nick Lenczuk (Co C 254), 249 Grove St., Jersey City, NJ 07032 (\*\*Curt Musten\*\*). Continued on Page 8.

## ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (1990-1991)

President: Sgt Donald R. Niemi (Co D NG Bn)  
 Vice Pres: 1st Sgt Michael J. Floriano (Co D)  
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 4 Yr. Director: Robert P. Frazier (Co B NG Bn)  
 3 Yr. Director: John W. McCormick (Co B NG Bn)  
 2 Yr. Director: C. William Hager (HHC NG Bn)  
 1 Yr. Director: William A. Eckloff (HHC NG Bn)

## MORE ON SNORTIN' BULL EXPRESS

Had lots of fun researching our sparse records for the Snortin' Bull Express blurbs in the last newsletter and hope it was enjoyed out in the ranks too. Both for historical and personal memory content. Figured that that unusual combat engineering job was pretty well worked over and buried for posterity insofar as the BULL SHEET is concerned. But not yet because to our amazed and delighted surprise some quite good photos of the 1945 railroad assignment came in soon after the last mailing went out. So, it is with great pleasure that they are reproduced here as a totally unexpected bonus. The two selected are representative of the 5 old snapshots thoughtfully sent in by Col Albert S. Wynot (Ret), Walpole, MA who "was at the throttle" for the operation by virtue of being S-3 for the then humorously designated 254th "Railroad Operating" Bn. The pictures portray German POWs loading up in LEIPZIG, GERMANY and in transit to the line's terminus some 135 miles rearward. The trains were quickly reloaded for the return trip



with gas, rations and other supplies desperately needed by the fast-moving combat outfits. Al, a civil engineer by trade and son of a career railroad man, came to the 254th from the 146th Engr Bn (both 1121st Engr Gp) somewhere in Belgium.

Later commanding the 148th Engr Bn after cessation of ETO hostilities, he attained the rank of bird colonel via post war Army Reserve assignments. The Snortin' Bull Express was recognized as such an outstanding contribution towards alleviating a critical supply problem that either V Corps or FIRST ARMY HQ rewarded (Maj) Wynot with a well deserved weeks leave to London.

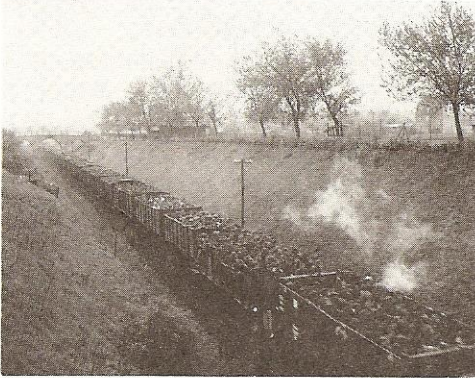
And more from the Wynot archives: "Another picture I'm sending is one of (Lt) Ralph E. Soper (holding M-1) and myself with a stag we jointly shot in the ARDENNES soon after the BATTLE OF THE BULGE. (Editor's comment: Note that Soper opted to carry a non-issue Cal. 30 M-1 Rifle instead of the authorized and lighter Cal .30 M-1 Carbine as did many non-coms and officers - and snow covered terrain). I say 'we' because each of us took 2 cracks from varying distances before the deer went down. We were on our way back from a meeting at Corp HQ when we spotted the deer in a fire break. Got it back to camp and had two meals (steak and stew) out of it. The mess sgt called us over after skinning it to show us 4 bullet holes in the left shoulder that you could cover with your hand." Soper, a buck private out of Hermansville, MI in Co A 107th Regt (Escanaba company) when Federally inducted in Oct 1940, was the Bn's Construction Sgt M/Sgt in H&S 254 when field commissioned a 2nd Lt in Belgium. Believe he filled the Asst S-3 slot when the picture was taken in Jan 1945. Soper owned and operated a carpenter shop in Chicago after the war and committed suicide by shooting at his camp on Lake Gogebic (western end of U.P.) in 1967 at age 51. Many meat hungry Snortin' Bullers will recollect that the stags although tasty were tougher than hell no mat-

ter how prepared. But not the much smaller roebucks whose meat was tenderly delicious fried or otherwise cooked over bonfires of easily obtainable wood in the ARDENNES - when field conditions were favorable

that is. Suppose the scrounging GI's didn't win any Brownie points with the ultra conservation minded Belgiques, Luxemburgers and Germans because of the troop's non-respect of their centurys-old game and timber conservation practices. Warmth and fresh meat were then more important considerations. A recent report from Col Wynot tells us he is moving from Canton to Walpole, MA and while cleaning house for the move into smaller retirement quarters, he will to quote Al: "If I find more information and pictures that should be in your archives, I'll see that you get them." Needless to say, we'll accept with pleasure all we can get, Al - what you've already contributed are priceless.

#### MESSAGE FROM ENGLISH HISTORIAN

"To all of my American friends: At the end of another year I thought I would look back and take stock of all that has happened to me since I started doing my research into the 'Newquay GI's.' I never in my wildest dreams had any idea that it would lead to me making three trips to the States in the past 18 months; attending reunions of the 112th and 254th (not forgetting the 1121st veterans who were also there); and meeting so many friendly people. My travels have taken me to Mass., Ohio, Mich. (lower and upper), Conn. and Ariz. In all of these places I saw some of your spectacular scenery and enjoyed the company of friendly and most hospitable people. As you know, Mary my wife was taken ill and died during the time that I was doing my research and, not surprisingly, this really broke me up. However, when I had got over the initial shock and started to pick up the threads of life again I decided to travel over to the States to meet some of the 'Newquay GIs' with whom I had been corresponding. This turned out to be an excellent therapy thanks to the friendship and hospitality that I experienced. It really has made me very happy to have had the pleasure of meeting you all and I hope that our paths will cross again one day. Until then, thank you all most sincerely." Sid Green, 66 Chosen Drive, Churchdown, Gloucester GL3 2QT, England. Your pleasure was our pleasure at Calumet, Sid - hope to see you again.





CORNWALL, ENGLAND FLASHBACK

Co C 254 Engr Bn - Vehicle Assignments, Newquay, England in 1943; Arthur L. Millin, Dispatcher (also donor of this information)

<u>Co. No.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>
	<u>Hq Plat, Lt Frank "Jack" Adams, Plt Ldr (KIA at St. Lo, France)</u>	
C-7	<u>Aho (Raymond C.)</u> (died 1975)	Command Car
C-15	<u>Ward (Walter M.)</u> (unlocated Ashville, NC or Kentucky)	Wpns Carrier
C-13	<u>Wutkevicz (Anthony W.)</u> (Menomonee Falls, WI)	Low Bed
C-16	<u>Millin (Arthur L.)</u> (Patch Grove, WI)	Kitchen Trk
C-6	<u>Scalzo (James R.)</u> (unlocated-last known Albany, NY)	Jeep
C-14	<u>Cordell (no information)</u> <u>Broberg (Clarence G.)</u> (Green Bay, WI)	Compressor Asst & Oper.

1st Plat, Lt ? Hicks, Plt Ldr  
(no information-home station unknown)

C-1	<u>Maki (Alpo E.)</u> (died 1977)	Squad Trk
C-3	<u>Harris (Painter J.)</u> (Negaunee, MI)	Squad Trk
C-5	<u>Baldazo (Perfecto M. "Pete")</u> (Austin, TX)	Squad Trk
C-4	<u>Rounds (Norman L.)</u> (East Baldwin, ME)	Squad Trk
C-2	<u>Scott (Allen or Charles)</u> (both Traverse City, MI)	Jeep

2nd Plat, Lt George N. Anderson, Plt Ldr (POW, Battle of Bulge, unlocated-Virginia or Vermont)

C-8	<u>Schane (Stanford T.)</u> (died 1975)	Squad Trk
C-10	<u>Gamble (Robert F.)</u> (unlocated-last known Los Angeles, CA)	Squad Trk
C-12	<u>Menapace (Harold A.)</u> (unlocated-last known Marquette, MI)	Squad Trk
C-11	<u>Porter (Hermon A.)</u> (unlocated-last known Erick, OK)	Squad Trk
C-9	<u>Roof (George L.)</u> (unlocated-last known Eureka, KS)	Jeep

3rd Plat, Lt Edwin F. Shaffer, Plt Ldr-later Bn Recon Off (Worthington, OH)

C-18	<u>Andersen (Erick)</u> (died 1978)	Squad Trk
C-19	<u>Hutchens (Edwin R.)</u> (Marquette, MI)	Squad Trk

C-21	<u>Manley (Keith R.)</u> (Oxford, AR)	Squad Trk
C-17	<u>Burbach (Andrew W.)</u> (Long Beach, CA)	Squad Trk
C-20	<u>Peck (Freeling W.)</u> (Sparta, MI)	Jeep

Additionally listed on Dispatcher's Report as Assistant Drivers: Hq Plat: (Albert "Butch") Capello (died 1979), (Francis D.) Morin (Houghton, MI, (Stanley A.) Tomaszewski (Spring Grove, IL), (Nick) Lenczuk (Jersey City, NJ). 1st Plat: (Harland R.) Abbey (KIA Walendorf, Luxemburg), (Joseph) Dietrich (unlocated PA), (Warren O.) Crow (Wellston, MI), (Henry R.) Crews Willits, CA) and (Francis E.) Loose (died 1970); 2nd Plat: (Ivan E.) Gonyeau (St. Albans, VT), (Raymond W.) Griffin (Lumberton, NC), (Andrew C) Willenborg (Bradley, IL) and Lenczuk; 3rd Plat: (Leo P.) Schiltz (LaCrosse, WI). Guessing the Co Comdr was Capt Reginald R. Fairfax (deceased) - no info who the Co Exec Off was then. Anyone?

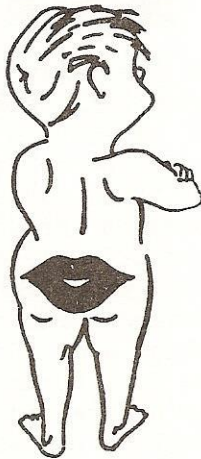
INFANTRY TO ENGINEERS: ENGINEERS TO INFANTRY

As generally known and further documented in past BULL SHEETS, many 107th men, guesstimated 75 to 150 in number, entering active service with the regiment in Oct 1940, unwillingly left us right after PEARL HARBOR because they were away on Christmas furlough when the regiment was abruptly alerted for rail movement to Fort Dix, NJ; the first step enroute to N. Ireland as the Advance Party for the 32d Infantry Division which soon after packed up for followup movement to Fort Devens, MA. A build-up of U.S. forces in N. Ireland designated as FORCE MAGNET. To replace the absent engineers, infantrymen from the 126th, 127th and 128th regiments were hastily transferred in to the 107th to bring the regiment up to full strength before departure from Camp Livingston, LA. The engineers were in turn absorbed into infantry outfits, mostly the 127th apparently, as they straggled back to camp off leave. Although having no knowledge that such would be the case, just maybe the Army in it's sometimes questionable wisdom would have subsequently made the engineer/infantry reverse exchange when the 107th was reunited with it's parent "Red Arrow" division in ULSTER. Unfortunately this was not to be because the 32d Div, with the newly assigned 114th Engr (C) Bn, just activated on 4 Apr 1942 at Camp Edwards, MA, reversed direction and departed Fort Devens for San Francisco. From there the division shipped out on 22 April arriving in PORT ADELAIDE, South Australia on 14 May 1942. The then reorganized 107th Engr (C) Bn disembarked at BELFAST, N. IRELAND on 3 Mar 1942. The Bn's first overseas bivouac was an inland nissen-hutted British Army encampment near BALLYMENA. From



time to time the BULL SHEET has been privileged to report on some of the PTO experiences of old 107th men turned foot-slogger as news items about them has dribbled in. Personal or second hand contributions is the only source we have for news and experiences of these men. Hopefully more information in this area will be forthcoming from the usually reticent PTO vets. Sample. Had to coax and buy him coffee before squeezing out the following from Edward L. "Tux" Wernholm (Co D 107 Regt): "I ended up in Co C 127th Inf after my return back from Negaunee, MI furlough (where he still lives). Was later transferred to Co A 114th Engr Bn and became Bn Demolition Sgt for the outfit." "Tux", all 6'5" and 245# of him, was in the party (2nd Bn 126th Inf Reinforced - including 14 men from Co A 114th Engrs) that made the grueling historic 42 day march over the OWEN STANLEY MTNS., NEW GUINEA. Also, fondly or otherwise, known to some as "Hateful" for reason you'll soon find out, "Tux", or "Hateful", was awarded a Silver Star for Gallantry in Action in NEW GUINEA. He returned to the U.S. and was discharged in 1944 for asthma and malaria disability. Accompanying his last cheerful payment of annual dues was this typical buddy-buddy "hateful" category comment: "I miss your little quips. You remind me of one of my old sergeants who used Preparation-H for chap stick. Here is my calling card." And up yours too, "Tux" - correction "Hateful." From one of many reports from Ed Kohn, we quote: "I was taking my platoon up a trail towards BUNA (PAPUA, NEW GUINEA) into our first combat mission. We spotted a row of

freshly marked graves alongside the trail. I noted the name of Werner Kariniemi (Co F 107 Regt). He and members of his squad had been killed while on patrol in this area several days before. His date of KIA is 28 Nov 1942. With that date in mind, I think that of all the members of the 107th who were inducted into Federal service on 15 Oct 40, Sgt Werner Kariniemi was probably the first to be reported KIA in WWII. I think Matt Hirsch (TAPS this issue) was a member of the same infantry company as Werner. Both Kohn and Wernholm confirm that Robert Kneebone (Co E 107 Regt) was a combat casualty in NEW GUINEA too. Also in TAPS this issue the sad inclusion of George E. Pridoux (Co D 107 Regt), another trained Engineer railroaded into the 127th Inf. George, who relocated in Battle Creek, MI from hometown of Negaunee, MI, was field commissioned a 2nd Lt and finished out the war with the 127th. And while in the Co D 107th (Marquette NG Company)



Get The Message?

two more of the company's key non-coms made the 107th to 127th switch later ending up together in the 632nd Tank Destroyer Bn. They are: Benjamin O. Pascoe (also field commissioned) and Thomas Gyles. Both have Negaunee, MI addresses as they did back in '40. "Along with my dues I am enclosing a gripe. The last BULL SHEET states the 107th was beefed up by men from the 127 and 128th Inf. I transferred from Co M 126th and thereby missed out an upcoming promotion to Pfc. Damn! Joined the 107th New Years Eve Day. The rest is history. Enjoy the newsletter very much." Edward W. Veeder (107th-522d Engr Co). You are of course right, Ed - apologies for the goof. The 125 and 126 Inf (63rd Brigade) were Mich. NG outfits; the 127 and 128 (64th Brigade) were Wis. Historically, the same brigade alignment was the case in WWI but the 107th, an all Mich. outfit in WWII, was for WWI: 1st Bn, Mich. and 2nd Bn, Wis. In checking what records HQ has available, we do not find any 125th Inf to 107th transfers. But we could be wrong. According to the 32d Div Oct 1940 rosters of NG enlistees Federally inducted and going to Camp Beauregard for the then directed one-years Stateside training which for most turned into 5 years mostly overseas duty, all the infantrymen that came to the 107th were from the 126, 127 and 128th. Additionally there were quite a number of mid-1941 draftees (then delicately called Selective Service Trainees) which terminology was soon realistically replaced by the traditional draft/draftees identification also made the late Dec 41 infantry to 107th transfer. Just a few of them immediately coming to mind were: Allan M. Caya (H&S 254), Potosi, WI; Jack McCormick (H&S 254), Ft. Wayne, IN; L.V.E. Smith (Co C 254), Bellaire, MI; Col Erwin C. Pond (Ret) (Co B 107 Bn-to OCS from Ireland), Dowagiac, MI; Harold C. Smith (to Engr Sec V Corps HQ from Co E 112 Regt), Houghton Lake, MI; John O. Lund (Co B 254), Viroqua, WI; the Scott twins, Allan and Charlie (Co C 254), Traverse City, MI and many other so-called Selective Service Trainees who were directly assigned to 32d Div infantry units for basic/advanced training upon being called up. It is interesting and historic to here inject the amazing fact that the mid-'41 draftees directly assigned to the badly understrength 107th NG Regt were, as we recall, all from the Upper Peninsula of Mich. Some personnel officer(s) sure pulled the right chain that time. Ye' editor, a NG in Co D, was reunited with his H.S. chemistry lab partner, Michael H. Fornetti (Co C 254), died 1983 in Iron Mtn., MI, and a CCC compatriot, Jorma H. Lannet (Co B 254) Bruce Crossing, MI - examples of many such incidents in the regiment's U.P. outfits being: Company A (Escanaba), Company B & Band (Sault Ste. Marie), Company D (Marquette), and Company E, Company F and Medical Detachment (Calumet). However, for the summation below we are limiting



the listing to men included in the Oct 1940 32d Div NG rosters. Even here we are a wee bit apprehensive because surely someone is inadvertently missed; expect and hope to hear about all such omissions. Incidentally the rosters referred to are from the hard cover edition entitled "32d Infantry Division World War II." Unfortunately the publication is no longer available according to a State of Wis. agency we checked with. Understand too that the bang-bang transfers into the 107th were on a voluntary basis which for the no doubt apprehensive infantry volunteers happily for them turned out to be a real good deal. Or was it? So, as heretofore explained, we're off and running with the names of infantry enlisted NG's, some Mich. but mostly Wis., who voluntarily joined the 107th in late Dec 1941; eventually becoming damn fine Combat Engineers too. From CO I 126th, GRAND RAPIDS, MI: Leonard C. Oom (Co A 107 Bn), Grand Rapids, MI; Francis L. Sheehan (Co B 254), Grand Rapids, MI; Erick Andersen (Co C 254), died 1978; Edward Ripstra (107 Bn), deceased and buried in Cambridge, England military cemetery; Adelbert M. Sington (Co B 254), last known in Lowell, MI; Douglas H. Williamson (Co C 254), Rockford, MI. CO K 126th, GRAND RAPIDS, MI: Harold V. Hall (Co A 107 Bn), Wyoming, MI; left in Ireland to N. Africa; later 36th Engr Bn on Anzio; Estel Jones (Co A 107), Melbourne, FL: left 107th at Fort Dix. CO L 126th, GRAND RAPIDS, MI: Freeling W. Peck (Co C 254), Sparta, MI. CO M 126th, GRAND RAPIDS, MI: Simon Vander Ploeg (Co C 254), Grand Rapids, MI: CO A 127th MARINETTE, WI: James L. Lahr (Co E 112th Regt-no info thereafter; last known Marinette, WI; Raymond G. Powell (Co B 254); died 1986 in Chicago; Richard G. Rowell (Co C 254), Green Bay, WI. CO B 127th, RHINELANDER, WI: Bernard C. Bodwin (Co B 107-522d Engr Co), last known in Rhineland, WI; Earl C. Bonnie (H&S 254), last known Alexandria, VA; Glenn D. Clark (H&S 107-Co A 112 Regt-left 112th at Saunton Sands, Eng. for 295th Engr Bn), Santa Ana, CA: Richard J. Clark, brother of Glenn (Co E 107-522d Engr Co) Riverside, CA; Frederick A. Schrupp (Co A 254), died 1978 in Rhineland. CO C 127th, OCONTO, WI: Marius E. Heroux (Co B 254), died prior to 1966 in Oconto; Leonard B. "Sut" Knapp (Co B 254), killed in woods accident near Ishpeming, MI 1957; Edward D. Krueger (Bn Demo Sgt H&S 254), Two Rivers, WI; Herbert P. Wyss (Co B 254), KIA, St. Lo, France; CO D 127th, APPLETON, WI: S/Sgt Harvey J. Doro (107 Regt), left for OCS at Fort Dix; Bernard A. Champeau (107-Co E 112 Regt-no record thereafter), died 1988 Milwaukee, WI; Lester H. Doro (Co C 254), Portland, OR: CO F 127th, SHEBOYGAN, WI: Frederick A. Eisner (107 Regt-Co E 112 Regt-no record thereafter), last known Sheboygan, WI. CO G 127th,

OCONOMOWOC, WI: Louis Yake, Jr. (Co B 254), died 1983 Waukesha, WI; Lee R. Biefeld (107-522 Engr Co), last known Milwaukee, WI; Robert D. Wiedenhoft (Co C 254), died 1986 Waukesha, WI; CO I 127th, NEENAH, WI: Paul E. Butterfield (Co A 254), last known Neenah, WI; Ira W. Miller (107-522d Engr Co), died 1976 Wausau, WI; Clarence W. Sturn (Co C 254), Menasha, WI; Elmer G. Zelensky (Co A 254), last known Stevens Pt., WI. CO A 128th, MENOMONIE, WI: Elmer O. Kuehl (Co A 254), died 1983 Elmwood, WI; Elmer E. Raether (H&S 254), Eau Claire, WI. CO B 128th EAU CLAIRE, WI: Harvey J. Eisold (107-522d Engr Co), Eau Claire, WI; August Brummond, Jr. (107-522d Engr Co), Eau Claire, WI. CO C 128th MARSHFIELD, WI: Harold J. Faust (Co A 254), Marshfield, WI; Warren L. Romain (Co B 254), Milwaukee, WI; CO D 128th, RICE LAKE, WI: Orville W. Enquist (Co A & H&S 107-left in England -no info thereafter), Rice Lake, WI; Raymond H. Hei (Co D 107-no info thereafter), Leesburg, AL. CO E 128th, BEAVER DAM, WI: Delmar L. Weber (Co B & H&S 254), last known Horicon, WI. CO H 128th, BARABOO, WI: Paul R. Vreeland (107-522d Engr Co), last known Mauston, WI; CO K 128th, MONROE, WI: Sherman E. Hermanson (Co A 254), last known Kenai, Alaska; Clark E. Wardlow (Co C 254), last known Monroe, WI. CO L 128th, БЕЛОИТ, WI: Gaylord F. Walters (Co A 254), died 1978 in Woodruff, WI. CO M 128th, PLATTVILLE, WI: Fletcher W. Brodt (H&S 254), died 1983 Fennimore, WI. WOW! Little did we realize that Vee-der's mild bitch would snowball like this but what with curiosity aroused one thing led to another. For those, if any, somehow overlooked, we'll punch your TS ticket when presented.

#### 107th NG BN COMMAND CHANGES

On 1 Sep 90 command of the 107th Engr NG Bn passed to Maj James W. Lienau (now LTC) a native of Calumet and a veteran member of the battalion since 1971. He replaces LTC William A. Luoma, retired, who served as Bn CO from April '87 to Sep 90. Of particular interest to the WWII era gang and old members of Co A NG Bn is the interesting coincidence the newly promoted Col Lienau is the son-in-law of John "Johnny Kay" Kovachich (Co F 107 - Co B 254 - - Co A 107 NG Bn) via the charming person of Mrs. (Mary) Lienau, the daughter of Johnny and Marge Kovachich. Another high level change in the battalion was the promotion of Maj John Trotter (Co A 107 NG Bn) to Bn Exec Off. He replaces Maj Henry W. Knoch simultaneously promoted to a Lt Col position in the State Area Command. The NG battalion also turned over the prestigious Command Sgt Major slot on 1 July 90. The well known CSM Robert Segalin retired after 40 years and 8 months of military service. Promoted to succeed Bob is CSM Richard J. Oja. The Association has benefited greatly from the dedicated command support ex-



tended it by the officers and both sarnt majers and assured more of the same in the future. May we extend BULL SHEET congratulations and expression of best wishes to them all.

### NORMANDY NG MEMORIAL UPDATE

"We've just returned from 2 weeks in France. Renewing Jeanne's acquaintance with Paris (her home) was everything we hoped for. Normandy

was great but different. ST. LO is completely rebuilt and it looks so. Otherwise the small country towns still have their narrow winding streets and the farmland is still broken up with hedgerows. I am sending you some photos of OMAHA BEACH monuments including the one erected by the National Guard Association which is located at the extreme end of OMAHA BEACH (towards UT-AH BEACH. You can



leave the beach area at this site by a narrow valley road that takes you to VIERVILLE and the road to ISIGNY. My memory is probably faulty but this appeared to generate some recollections."

John E. "Jack" McCormick (107 Regt-H&S 254) pointing towards the familiar shoulder patch emblem of the 29th Infantry Division (Penn. NG outfit) inscribed on the OMAHA BEACH monument. Jack's other photo is of the

descriptive inscription on the National Guard Association monument which must be the one constructed

THOUSANDS OF CITIZEN-SOLDIERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD STORMED ASHORE ON THESE BEACHES ON 6 JUNE 1944, AS PART OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY FOUGHT VALIANTLY AND WITH GREAT DISTINCTION IN ALL THE ENSUING BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS OF WORLD WAR II. MORE THAN A QUARTER-CENTURY EARLIER IN WORLD WAR I THEIR FATHERS SHED BLOOD IN EUROPE IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM TO ALL OF THEM, AND TO THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THEY FOUGHT, THIS MONUMENT IS DEDICATED.

from representative stones of the 50 states, etc., which had National Guard units participate in the NORMANDY BEACH invasion. As previously reported, the 254th (107th counterpart) was the only Mich. NG unit so involved and is recognized by Michigan's stone contribution to the monument, a amygaloid copper conglomerate specimen from the Kingston Mine in Calumet, on which is engraved: "In memorial to the Michigan men who landed on NORMANDY, especially the 254th Engineer Battalion now known as the 107th Engineer Battalion from Michigan's Upper Peninsula." Great timing on this, Jack, because for reporting purposes we've been wondering what the current status of the monument was. Wishfully someone some day will give us a photo of the 254/107 stone for passing along in a B.S.

### MORE ROSTER ADDITIONS

All credited to Ed Kohn: also see Issue No. 33. CODE: Co A - period 1937-40. Co E, Co F, Medics are 107th Regiment; with asterisk - went to Louisiana in 1940; no asterisk - did not go. Kenneth Anderson (Co A), 328 W. Magnetic St., Marquette, MI 49855; Fabian Archambeau (Co F), 3405 Bergman Ave., Lansing, MI 48910; Ellard A. Beck (Medics\*), 6125 Hazel Ave., Orangevale, CA 95662; Bernard R. Belaire (Co E\*), 250 S. Tomahawk #269, Apache Junction, AZ 85220; Robert P. Bonenfant (Co E), 21171 Clarita, Detroit, MI 48219; John F. Bruder (Co F), RR 1, Warwick, CA 31796; Louis Chandonais (Co A), 5425 Tunnel, Lake Linden, MI 49945; Francis Chandonais (Co E) 19040 Maryland, Roseville, MI 48066; Robert S. Chapman (Co E), 4654 Pittenger Dr., Sarasota, FL 33578; William H. Clark (Co F), 1018 Allouez, Marquette, MI 49855; Francis J. Cloutier (Co F), 735 Seventh St., Laurium, MI 49913; Franklin I. Elkins (Co F), 3 Seneca Location Rd., Mohawk, MI 49950; Robert A. Ericson (Co A), 29481 Bigelow, Roseville, MI 48066; Paul Guibord (Co A), 2502 Powers Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI 48125; Albert Kononen (Co A), 819 Rockland St., Calumet, MI 49913; John W. Kolb (Co E), 5466 Tunnel, Lake Linden, MI 49945; Joseph F. Kolbisen (Co E), 2860 San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598; Wesley R. Korri (Co A), 102 Third St., Calumet, MI 49913; Howard Krans (Co A), 2440 E. 8th St., Casper, WY 82601; Arne A. Luoma (Co E), 8455 Pershing, Center Line, MI 48015; Allen McKean (Co A), 28313 Avondale, Inkster, MI 48141; Antonio Mendelin (Co F), Rt. 1, Box 418, Calumet, MI 49913; Joseph J. Mullin (Co F), P.O. Box 53, Lake Linden, MI 49945; Benedict A. Musich (Co A) 251 Forest Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062; John F. Musich (Co E), 3312 S. 21st Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201; Edward J. Myers (Co E), 5531 Bridge St., Lake Linden, MI 49945; Donald F. Nichols (Co A), 2655 Union St., Calumet, MI 49913; Louis Novak (Co A) W139-N7015 Bay Ridge Lane, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051; August P. Parisot (Medics\*) 72 E. Pine St., Calumet, MI 49913; Reuben O. Peterson (Co F), Bootjack Rd., Lake Linden, MI 49945; Dominic R. Quello (Co E), 1100 Quincy St., Hancock, MI 49930; Kenneth A. Reed, Sr (Co E), 1010 Tenth St., Lake Linden, MI 49945; Francis R. St. John (Co E), 201 S. Ocean Blvd #305, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577; Robert M. Schneller (Co A), 128 Calumet Ave., Calumet, MI 49943; Joseph J. Scussel (Co A, Co E/F, Co A 107 NG Bn), 7717 Cascade Dr., Everett, WA 98203; John Spreitzer (Co A), 2892 12th Ave., Safford, AZ 85546; Rudolph Waara (Co A), 5202 Durnham, Pontiac, MI 48054; Wallace H. "Deacon" Waara (Co F\*-H&S 112 Bn), 876 Cherrywood #2, El Cajon, CA 92021; Herman G. White (Co E), 617 Michigan St., Ontonagon MI 49953; Paul Wilmers (Co A), 1149 Summit St., Hancock, MI 49930; James G. Wilson (Co A), 1321 Highland Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240. Super job, Ed!



## SHORT SHORTS

Little did we know when joyfully pre-registering him for a first reunion experience that William C. "Curt" Musten would bring both body and hot scoop to Calumet. He is identified as one of the Co C 254 men captured at BULLINGEN, BELGIUM on 17 Dec 44; the second day of the BATTLE OF THE BULGE. Besides invaluable information delivered first hand, his several follow-up reports put us hot on the trail of Henry Lansing and Nick Lenczuk (Co C POW's). Curt further conveys the interesting news that he is in phone contact with Angelo A. Moreno, Pittsburgh, PA and Lyle F. Decker, Scotts, MI which hopefully may result in the trio's appearance at the forthcoming Kingsford/Iron Mtn. reunion next Aug 2-3-4; Moreno too was a Charlie Company POW at BULLINGEN. Decker collected both a Bronze Star and combat wounds at ST LO, FRANCE in July 1944 for which he was evacuated and subsequently sent back to the U.S. Shared



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with you here is a reproduction of Curt's calling card which is self-explanatory. His attainment to this high office is in itself of great significance to our miniscule 107/254 numbers as compared to the total war effort. However, the 107/112 combo can additionally pride itself on a second supreme commander by virtue of Fay Blondo being the National President for the Association of War Brides for the years 1968-1974. Fay's credentials for appointment to that prestigious office, besides being the war bride of Rans Blondo, a 107th and 112th Association stalwart, is her Welsh heritage. A rousing BULL SHEET commendation to both Fay and Curt for their accomplishments which indirectly reflects great credit upon the 107/254/112 organizations.....our initial contact mailing to Lansing for confirmation of his Los Angeles address, 254 service, etc., prompted this welcome and informative response. "I joined Co C 254 Engr C Bn on 14 April 44 in England; got captured on 18 Dec 44. I was in France last year and went to the same places as in 1944 right up to the location where I got captured. Looking forward to hearing from you." ..... "Went to a 40th anniversary dinner-dance. A fellow and his wife sat down across from Irene and I, and introduced themselves. In the

course of our conversation he mentioned that he too was an ex-combat engineer, from the 254th. He did not seem to know about the BULL SHEET or your reunions so here is his name and address. I also met a guy from the 508th Heavy Pontoon Co (also a 1121st Engr Gp outfit). Funny part of that is, I worked with him for 30 years and never knew it. Incidentally, the 254th is mentioned in a book titled THOSE DAMNED ENGINEERS. It is about the 291st Engrs at MALMEDY; the 254th built a Treadway bridge there while the 291st was busy elsewhere." This from Jack M. Houghtlin (112 Regt & Bn) and the 112th Engineer Association secretary with whom ye' editor has a friendly working relationship as you can see. Oh yes, and happily reported here's the info Jack so alertly forwarded: Joseph A. Bova (2nd Plt Co A 254 - great having you back on the active roster again, Joe.....unsolicited help comes from many directions and is hard to believe at times. But, oh, so welcome! A prime example of this was prompted by the Fort Jenkins photo in No. 33 in which we identify John Elizeus (Co C 254) as "last known to be from Wilmerding, PA." This fired up Charles R. "Chuck" Sheehan who damn near broke an arm digging up the addresses of not one but eight John Elizeus's in his Pittsburg area phone directory. Upon receipt of same, the ol' Underwood was quickly cranked up. An inquiry to the first address in Arnold, PA drew a disappointing "not your man" response; got Maggie's drawers on the second mailing too. But a bull's eye with the third sent to Monroeville, PA which after fortunate forwarding to a Lutz, FL address resulted in this eagerly awaited response: "So you finally got in touch with me. I would like to hear more about the outfit." He did! Many thanks for another great piece of work, Chuck; also for the newspaper obituary for your old H&S 254 buddy, Florenz Ernst heretofore on our "unlocated" roster.....for the second year running postal officials have determined the Ishpeming armory should have a different address. Our new one is: 107th Engineer Association, 900 Palms Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849. Kinda hard on the riggin' using up old envelopes trying to save a buck.....a flashback reprint from the "32d Division News": Oct 20-21, 1990 marked the date the U.S. Fifth Corps was reactivated at Camp Beauregard, 50 years ago. The Corp's first mission was to train the 32nd (Mich/Wis NG) and 37th (Ohio NG) divisions with the responsibility for the 34th (Minn. NG) and 38th (Indiana NG) Divisions added later. All veterans who trained at Camps Beauregard, Livingston and Clairborne were invited to attend the celebrations on that weekend. A Monument was to be dedicated to the Guard units who served there, as well as the active Army units organized at the posts. According to reports from those who have revisited the ALEXANDRIA, LA area, Beauregard is still an active post but Livingston is long gone as is



Clairborne we suspect. Nearby Fort Polk constructed in the early 40's also is active too. ...."War may be fought by weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of the men who follow and of the man who leads that gains the victory." George S. Patton....."Hi Ed: Here is another picture taken at FORT JENKINS. I remember the camp but the fish fries, I don't recall. This is the 1st squad, 1st platoon, Co B 254th. I had a copy made, so you can keep the original."



Robert O. Birney, Washington, Iowa, a NEWQUAY, ENGLAND replacement. Identified thereon

according to Bob are: Standing L to R: Albert A. Tomassetti (Louisville, KY), Jan A. Hyc (last known Chicago) Sgt Joseph F. Clabots (Escanaba, MI), Corp Louis J. Chimera (Albertson, NY), James A. Kessinger (deceased), Thomas C. "Tex" Richardson (last known Sweetwater, TX), Richard A. Schisel (Milwaukee, WI). Kneeling L to R: Victor B. Beckmann (Florissant, MO), Keith B. Freeze (Shepherd, MI), Robert Birney, John D. Givins (last known Theodore, AL) and Ralph Allen (Loogootee, IN). Dated 1 Feb 91:

"Hi Ed: Hope everything is OK with you. My dues are enclosed. What do you think of the present Gulf situation? I don't like it. I thought we were done with those kind of nuts. Hope it turns out OK for our boys." Joseph F. Clabots (Co B 254).....reprint from 17 Mar 45 DOZER BLADE, the 1121 Gp Hq newsletter: "FARE - WELL TO HITLER STRASSE: In honor of their officers, men of the 254 are renaming their area. The camp has been renamed FORT JENKINS after their CO, the nearby stream, KELSAY CREEK, after the Ex O, and the highway WYNOT BLVD, after their S-3. An unofficial notice put up by one of the men reads: 'Will all truck drivers riding along WYNOT BLVD where it crosses KELSAY CREEK in FORT JENKINS kindly refrain from hitting the soldiers. They are indispensable and it takes time to get replacements.'" And later added was the TOMPKINS MEMORIAL GUARDHOUSE - the post's place of confinement named for the Bn's S-2, 1st Lt Herbert W. "Woody" Tompkins, Deltaville, VA.....would there ever be an end to the war? The Marines in the Pacific had a saying "The Golden Gate in '48! Around B Company 254, it was changed to: "Mike Mertes stew in '52!" Mike, also respectfully called "Stew" Mertes, was the company's very capable Mess Sgt .....remember the drill? "Halt, who goes there?" "Corporal of the Guard," the corporal replies. "Advance, Corporal of the Guard, to be recognized." "Giblet, the guard challenges.

"Gravy," the Corporal of the Guard replies, giving the countersign. The Sign and countersign were changed daily. Right?.....checking in for first time after being recently located in Colgate, WI is Ralph E. Stenberg (Co D 107-Co B 254) a '41 S.S. Trainee out of Marenisco, MI who drove kitchen truck for the aforementioned Mike Mertes....."Dear Sirs: I just wanted you to know one of your members Thomas R. Lyons passed away on Dec. 2, 1989 from a heart attack. He always loved to get the BULL SHEET." Jean Lyons, his wife. Tom served in the 3rd Platoon Co A 254 and reportedly ran a shoe repair business in Colorado Springs, CO....."Just a note to let you know I thought the reunion (Calumet) was swell as usual. The tour for the ladies sure impressed Margaret. In fact Sunday morning, rain and all, we cruised around Calumet so's I could see some of the tour highlights for myself because she made it sound so good. She said the tour guide was really good." Howard A. Gauthier (Co D 107-H&S 254). According to the printed program, the host for the ladies bus tour was Col Henry P. Ilenich (Ret) to whom we hope this commendation is accurately directed...."I really appreciate the BULL SHEET and all the work you put into it. Pleased to see fellow squad members Geno Cicero and Vernon Moore and fellow 1st platoon Buck Forsythe in print. Also, I spent a very interesting evening shooting the breeze with Lester H. Doro (Co C 254)." All Co A 254 blokes same as writer, Henry "George" Ladd, from Bremerton, WA....Peter B. "Piston Head" Denofre, Ishpeming, MI asked to be remembered to his old Co D 107-Co B 254 comrades. Lots lots more but!

#### CALUMET'S FOURTH REUNION STEAMER

If from preceding bits and pieces you've slowly but alertly gained the impression that the Calumet reunion, our 29th already, was a resounding success, your intelligence analysis is smack dab center. But if you've assumed too in approaching the end of Issue No. 34 that the BULL SHEET'S one-man editorial/mechanical staff has goofed by failing to render a well deserved salute to the Calumet gang, you are way off target with that round. Because, as we reach FINIS again with an admitted mixture of relief and sadness, ye' editor can smirky inform you that this was a strategic fient to confuse those of you still hanging in there to the end. A sneaky, evasive maneuver targeted for a grand finale if you will. From our 1964, 1971 and 1981 invitations to the senic Keewanaw Peninsula the veterans of those years returned in '90 confident that the red-carpeted hospitality theretofore extended by both the historic Calumet military and community sectors would once again be rolled out for the incoming troops. and nothing experienced there last August sug-



gested otherwise in any way, shape or manner. On that point, we're most emphatic. The Association overall and more particularly the 189 registrants, plus wives and friends, had to reluctantly leave with a deep feeling of gratitude and admiration towards the men and women of Company A, their supportive spouses and the community at large for the combined contributions making for yet another great weekend. Fun. Camaraderie. Organization. Memorial

## 107TH ENGR BN

### 29th Annual Reunion Activities

#### Friday - 3 August 1990

1200 - 2100 Registration, Socializing, Bar Opens  
1800 Light Dinner, Finger Food  
2030 - 0030 Social Mixer  
Music by *The Sounds of Time*

#### Saturday - 4 August 1990

0730 - 1000 Breakfast Meal Served, Bar Opens  
0900 - 2000 Registration Desk Open  
1000 - 1600 Calumet Village Heritage Tours  
First Come First Served Horse Drawn Wagon  
Limited Seating Each Trip  
1130 - 1300 Noon Meal  
1300 - 1400 Memorial Service  
1400 - 1500 Business Meeting (Upstairs)  
1400 - 1700 Bus Tour, Calumet Area (Host Col. Ellenich)  
1800 - 1900 Cocktail Hour  
1900 - 2100 Banquet  
2100 - 0100 Dancing, Music by *Windjammer*

#### Sunday - 5 August 1990

0730 - 1030 Breakfast Meal and Goodbyes

A History Room will be set up and an equipment display will be outside.

If you have any questions or desires, feel free to contact any member of the host unit and we will do whatever we can to please you.

Service. Ladies Tour. Equipment/History Display. Bar. Chow. You name it - Calumet had it! It was all formalized and coordinated into a workable package by the obviously capable Supreme Comdr SFC James E. Rowe who used his robust frame to good advantage carrying 2 hats - alternately as Association President & Reunion Chairman. Our elected V.P., Sgt

Frederick Fountaine, most ably assisted. It's formal program booklet does not individually name for recognition here the heads of the several planning and working committees. Each one and all the working members surely had to wind up their individual areas of responsibility with gut feelings of a job well done. On that we heartily concur - with a very grateful THANK YOU to Jim, Fred and all their dedicated helpers. In order to give our inexperienced and hopefully future reunion attendees some idea of the scope involved in planning & hosting a complex 3-day reunion here is a reproduction of Calumet's program. Except for minor variations, the tried & proven format is pretty much SOP for every reunion. Thanks for another wonderful year and equally sorrowful FINIS.



### OFFICIALLY REGISTERED AT CALUMET REUNION

Paul Allen (Co B 107-522) Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
Sidney Allen (Co B 107 NG Bn) Chassell, MI  
Raymond A. Anders (Medics 107-254) Bellevue, MI  
Ray A. Ballard (Co A 254) Levenworth, WA  
Harold Barber (Co B 107 NG Bn) Marquette, MI  
Raymond J. Baril (Co E 107 R) Calumet, MI  
Joseph B. Battaglia (1121 Gp Hq) N. Brighton, PA

John A. Beauchamp (HHC 107 NG Bn) Skandia, MI  
Ellard A. Beck (Medics 107 Regt) Orangevale, CA  
Bernard Bellaire (Co E 107 Regt) Belleville, MI  
Todd Bessner (HHC 107 NG Bn) Hancock, MI  
Rans J. Blondo (Co F 107-112 Bn) Lexington, MI  
Joseph Bonenfant (Co A 107 NG Bn) Calumet, MI  
Orlando Bongi (Co A 254) Iron River, MI  
Gregory Bracco (Co A 107 NG Bn) Calumet, MI  
Paul J. Bracco (Co A 107 NG Bn) Calumet, MI  
Lawrence J. Brouillette (Co E 107 R) Calumet, MI  
Alfred H. Brow (H&S 107-1121) Rochester Hills, MI  
Thomas T. Burgan (Co A 107 NG Bn) Bradenton, FL  
Gary E. Brown (Co A 107 NG Bn) Laurium, MI  
Donald J. Bussiere (Co A 107 NG Bn) Ontonagon, MI  
Robert E. Bykkonen (Co A 107 NG Bn) Laurium, MI  
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## SHORT SNORTS ANNEX

Shell shocked and disappointed when layout work was done finding lots of written material left over. Must be windier than usual this trip. In truth though credit must go to the troops who have been responding with encouraging vim and vigor thereby creating a happy, tho now awkward, situation of timely news left hanging and just crying out for dissemination down to the ranks. Although this "Annex" sheet is out of order what with master copies typed up and ready to go, the urgency of whittling down the excess hot news overrides the pride of providing a mechanically neat copy. Sloppy job but what the hell - this is the BULL SHEET - not a newspaper. So here goes a belly-flopping dive into the left over news pile. We call it a bonus - you call it what you want!..... when typing the final draft of the FORT JENKINS bit, we were embarrassingly reminded that the mention "Kelsay Creek named for the Bn Exec O" was not further clarified. An unintentional oversight which we here hasten to correct and tie in Kelsay Creek with Col Jesse D. Kelsay (Ret) - then major. No time to verify this but fading memory tells us he was a M/Sgt in the RA when war was declared. Lt Kelsay joined the 107th Engr Bn in N. Ireland and stayed with the 107/112/Co A & HQ 254 right to the end. He left the 254 in Aug '45 for shipment back to the U.S. from the RHEIMS, FRANCE redeployment camp being constructed by the bn. Strangely enough, when ye' editor boarded the Liberty Ship, USS Abraham Lincoln, in LeHarve, France, amongst the hundreds aboard ship there was only one man on ship that he knew. Yes, Maj Kelsay. Although a dues paying member since 1966, he hasn't checked in for awhile but up to last April at least the colonel was still accepting Association mail at his Jacksonville, TX retirement ranch and address.....both surprised and disappointed when during a periodic mail pickup was informed that James (NMI) Wapner (S-4 Sec H&S 254) had just the day before paid a visit to the Ishpeming armory. A call to ye' editor's home drew a blank - probably goofin' off in the bush with his beagles again. Wish we could reprint Jim's most interesting follow-up letter in it's entirety but space restricts us to these pertinent pernts: "I recall the BS sessions when you would stop by S-4 - Mr. (WO) (Ulrich) Schiefer, Sgt (Howard) Gauthier, me and who ever else was around - only time we found out where the hell we were. Our travels from home in Coconut Creek, FL took us to all 48 states and the Canadian Northwest. Now I can see why you UP guys were always talking about Marquette, Calumet, Ishpeming, Bessemer, Ironwood, Iron Mtn., Negaunee, etc., but I love the way this one sounds: Es can a ba. Enjoyed your part of the country - its beautiful. I had

no trouble relating to the UP being raised in Vermont and Northern New York until I was drafted in '42 and then lived in NJ until retirement in '78 at age 56 - legs gave in and was burned out, had a few bucks and said to hell with it. Now if I have enough dough to get me to the grave, I'll be all right. My best regards to S/Sgt Gary J. LaFreniere and M/Sgt John Beauchamp (HHC NG Bn) who graciously gave me a cook's tour



of the Ishpeming armory. Please show them this picture of Bill Banville's (H&S 254) pride and joy taken at SAUNTON SANDS, ENGLAND (when the Bn was constructing the Assault Training Center which he later on named "Lack of Newquay" when we were stationed in NEWQUAY, CORNWALL. Portrayed thereon left to right: Arnold R. Oseland (Wauwatosa, WI), Bill C. Banville (Cleveland, O) and myself (all S-4 Sec 254). Am going to rebutt your "Short Snorts" in Issue No. 28, Vick. Just in fun as I was truly not upset when I read it and remember the incident well - the guard duty story told to you by "Burr" Bill Martin (H&S 254) naturally was his side of the story to which I have mine. The 'damn shitpot (Kenneth R.) Dykes' (Zephrhills, FL) to quote 'Burr' is Army talk. Dykes is no shitpot, I liked him." Jim's greetings to Martin via this BULL SHEET sadly cannot be conveyed as asked, because "Burr" is memorialized in TAPS this issue....."This is your old friend, Frank "Mac" McGinnis (Co C 254) coming your way once again. I received the 254 license plate and I'm mighty proud of it. Never seen any I like better. See in TAPS that Albert Silvestri passed away as well as several others I know. I have a son living in NY, a Baptist preacher, and while visiting him he urged me to call Al but figured I would pay him a visit during my next trip to NY. Now it is too late. Sure wish I could get to one of those reunions but it won't be this year. Enjoyed the Co C group picture in the last BULL SHEET; my how we have changed. Ha! My address sounds real high toned, but we really are out in the sticks; in Amish country about 10 miles from the little town of Intercourse, PA and that is where we all came from, right? ..... 17 Feb 45 DOZER BLADE: "Capt (Ames T.) Minor, (CO Co B), accompanied by Plt Comdr (John R.) Huff, S/Sgt (Donald M.) Duquette and (Donald L.) Trudgeon, went back to the former Co B bivouac area in BULLINGEN, BELGIUM before the BATTLE OF BULGE to see what kind of shape the Wehrmacht left it in. The Germans had used it as an ammo point and had pulled out in such a hurry they



left bicycles, skis, and first aid equipment. (Capt) Minor lives in Bethlehem, CT, (Lt) Huff in Copperas Cove, TX, Duquette died in Ishpeming, MI Sept 1988 and Trudgeon died in Ironwood MI in 1955.....note on "will/will not attend" return from Edward E. Martin (Co B 107-522 Engr Co): "Stan and Elsa Moloney (Co B 107) of Bradenton, FL joined the Bennett Dondlingers (Co B 107-522) at the Sun City Center, FL home of Ed and Lucille Martin in March of 1989. The Dondlingers, June and Ben, came from Darien, CT. I had not seen Stan since 1942."....."I received your BULL SHEET and, as usual, enjoyed reading the news of 'recent past' and 'long past' activities. Vernon "Bud" Krenzer (Co E 107-Co A 254) of El Paso, TX is now deceased but I want you to know how much he enjoyed receiving your publication each year. May you have continued success with your activities." Margaret C. Krenzer, his wife. Still vividly remember "Bud" sticking his "Yellow Rose of Texas" appliques on everyone in sight at the one reunion he made....."I left the 107th Bn at MONEYMORE, IRELAND in June '42 and returned to the States for OCS at Fort Belvoir. In July '44, I visited some ex-Co C 107th friends still in the 254th which then was on the front line in NORMANDY; at that time I commanded Co B 208th Engr Bn." LTC Elmer B. Scovill, USA (Ret) (Co C 107 Regt)..... a phone call from a Ray A. Ballard (Leavenworth WA) furrowed the brow until the caller further identified himself as a 3rd Plt Co A 254 survivor; then glory be the fantastic feeling knowing that another of our all too many AWOL's turned up. But how he got wired to ye' editor is purely miraculous as you will see. Seems that Ray was visiting a medical clinic when another waiting room occupant called him by name. A surprising signal from would you believe another former member of Co A 254, Robert E. "Earl" Wiley, who even stranger yet was a squad sgt in the same 3rd plt. Only have 4-5 addresses for the entire state of Washington and that two should meet in this manner is a coincidence almost beyond comprehension. Naturally after the joyous reacquaintance, Earl gave Ray all the scoop pertaining to the Association, reunions, etc., resulting in the aforementioned call to HQ. Then shortly after that heartwarming WA reunion, Ray reported the sad news that Wiley died soon thereafter. Located himself only in '85, Earl motored in for our 1985-86-87 and 89 reunions all the way from Soap Lake, WA where he and his wife, Juanita, owned a trailer park/store/station business. On the bright side, however, Ray and his wife, Pat, made Calumet with bells on and kept them ringing throughout the great weekend trying to make up for lost time. Then back to the sad again with this Christmas card note from Pat: "How wonderful it was to have an opportunity for Ray to renew acquaintances with old army buddies. He

is fighting his greatest battle now. He has been hospitalized nearly 3 weeks with pancreatic cancer but happily is due to be released from the hospital. We are especially grateful for all your help." Sure hope you'll be in fightin' trim for Kingsford, Ray, per your announced intentions last August. Will guarantee some WWII medics on duty there - SOP for every reunion.....a 1940 Calumet medic caught home on leave and ending up in Co H 127th Inf Regt which participated in 4 campaigns (Papuan, New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon) whose service therein earned for him the Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star and Aug '45 Honorable Discharge covers the military career for Ellard A. Beck who made Calumet his first reunion from distant Orangevale, CA. More than the usual number of medics at Calumet for obvious reason. No problem there getting a slip for throat lubricant - but no dice for blue ointment.....this promotional sequence must have been par for the course; from a 1937 Co A enlistee to Co F topkick in 1940. Rueben N. Colwander's commanding presence in the regiment resulted in his departure at Fort Dix for OCS. "Rube" finished out the war in the PTO as a captain but dunno in what outfits or where exactly he served. He joined up with old contemporaries at all 4 Calumet reunions plus the '74 skirmish in Detroit in which area he lived at that time. Now retired to the sun and sand of Cape Coral, FL.....promised he would and did indeed show up all the way from Grants Pass, OR - Wayne A. Ray (107). Damn near shed a tear observing Wayne's reunion with Leonard J. Sanchez (Co F 107) and (Sgt) Clarence E. LeVeque (Co F 107) a long-time AWOL twosome and others making Co B 254 a very well represented outfit at the Calumet do.....perfect timing this request received in today's mail from Robert B. Baker, 1304 Monroe Ave., Racine, WI 53405 with Issue No. 34 being squeezed into finality. "I would like to ask your readers for information, photos or personal narratives concerning members of the 107th Engr Regt, especially soldiers of Co C, in WWI which your readers could share with me." Mr. Baker, a son of Pvt Albert M. Baker, & 1917 deceased member of Co C WWI from Marquette, MI, has been extensively researching this area for some time. He has been in touch with ye' editor, "Moose" LaCombe, John R. Herron (both Co C WWI also), other individuals and agencies for assistance. As promised, Bob has graciously sent us typed rosters for the WWI 107th companies including complete name, rank, date joined and city/state home stations. Invaluable history which will be incorporated into the 107th historical archives for posterity.....really been sweatin' out the Gulf War and uncertain day to day 107th NG status but looking good now for Kingsford/Iron Mtn. come Aug 2-3-4, 1991. Would otherwise gone to Plan B - whatever that would be. See you then? Sure hope so. ANNEX FINIS!!