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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 33 - MOVE TO GLADSTONE, MI

t is almost that time again, time to enjoy our 3rd, 107th Engineer Association Annual Reunion. t feels like just yesterday we were invading he IRON RIVER area for the 32nd reunion. Charie Company is eagerly looking forward to hostng the reunion for the fourth time, 1972, 1977, 987 and now 1994. So get your calendar out and sserve the 5-6-7th of August for the annual renion. The GLADSTONE ARMORY has one of the most, f not the most picturesque view of all the armries in the 107th Engineer Battalion. The armry is located on the shores of Little Bay de)C. The area is known for its prime vacationig, best fishing in the world and its friendly sople. We have also been accused of being locted in the heart of the Upper Peninsula banana However, the picture of the armory should it an end to this myth. There is a rumor cirplating around the CALUMET area, that the snow hard to resist. Again, will appreciate getting as hauled in just for the picture. Snow or no a "Will or Will Not" response from everyone renow, the planning for the reunion has been an gardless for contact/information/confirmation ngoing thing. The festivities will begin Fri- of address, etc. purposes.

day 5 Aug with registration beginning 1300 and a get acquainted night 2000 which will consist of hors til 2400, d' oeuvres, easy listening music and dancing provided by Tonya Leckson. Saturday 6 August will open with again registration til banquet time breakfast 0700 til 1000. The fourth annual golf outing will originate at the armory, at 0800. The Memorial Service will be at 1130 with the Association Chaplain LTC (retired) George Hansen officiating. Noon Mess will be at 1200. The annual business meeting will start at 1300. The scenic bus tour, shopping mall bus tour and the casino bus tour (no charge for tours) will depart the armory at 1400 and will return at 1700. The Banquet and Military Ball will begin at 1830 with the posting of the colors and a cock-

tail hour. The meal will be served at 1930. Music and dancing from 2100 til 2400, provided by Ghost Riders, a country western (if the half time theme of the super bowl can go country, so can the military ball). Sunday 7 August 0930 til 1100 will be the time set aside for a "Farewell til we meet again brunch". As you can see we have planned a very exciting reunion. The only thing missing is the 107th Engineer Association members. up to you to add the last ingredient, the most important one, the one that will make the 33rd annual the most enjoyable and memorable.

> Michael J. Cousineau MICHAEL J. COUSINEAU 196, MIARNG 107th Engr Association President

Thanks, Mike, for an invitation that should be Check in, please!

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* ALLEMAN, Ray M. (522), Eagle River, WI; * * BAILEY, (Cpt) Richard B. (112-H&S/C 254), New *

* Orleans, LA.; BERRY, Richard T. (A 254), East *

* Machias, ME; CLARK, Glenn D. (H&S 107-A 112) *

* Santa Ana, CA; CRNKOVICH, Anton "Pops" (E 107 *

* R-D 112-H&S 254), Lakeworth FL; DENOFRE, *

* Peter B. (D 107 R-B 254), Ishpeming, MI; *

* DUBOW, (Maj) Sam (HHC 107 NG - 1436 Br Co) *

* Brimley, MI; EPPER, Donald J. (B 107 NG Bn *

* Marquette, MI; FEIDT, Col (Ret) Gerald E. * * (E 107 R, S-3 112 R, Ex0 1121 Gp Hq), Lanexa, * * VA; FINLAYSON, George E. (C 254), Stratford, * * CT; HEIKKINEN, Walfred (D 107 R-B 254), Cry- * * stal Falls, MI; HOWARD, (Maj) Charles E. * * (A 107-Hg 254-S-3, 1121 Gp Hg, Danville, IN; * * HUHTA, Eino (522), Greenland, MI; JOHNSON, *

* Woodrow W. "Pacer" (D 107 R), Lake Charles, *

* LA; LAMBERT, (Cpt) Merton J. (C 107 NG-Hg 46 * * Gp Hq), Wyoming, MI; LEECE, Glen R. (B 107 R- * * E 112 R), Belding, MI; MAC KENZIE, William C. * * (F 107 R), Hancock, MI; MORENO, Angelo A. * * (C 254), Pittsburgh, PA; MUSIAL, Stanley A. * * (A 107 R), Mandeville, LA; NEILSON, Lawrence* * E. (A 254), Woodland, CA; OBLINGER, Raymond *

* J. (254 '45), E. Detroit, MI; POLKINGHORNE, *

* Edward A. (D 107 R-B 254), Ishpeming, MI; *

* PORTER, (WO) Thomas R. (Band 107 R), Pasadena * * TX; REIDY, John P. (C 107 R WWI), Allen Park, * RIPLEY, John L. (B 107 R, Sault Ste. * * Marie, MI; SKIDMORE, Samuel J. (Band/B 107 R) * * Sault Ste. Marie, MI; STANISHEPSKI, John P. * * 107 R-E 112 R-C 254), Detroit, MI; TOMASZEW- * * SKI, Stanley A. (E 107 R-H&S 254), Spring Gr- * * ove, IL; VOLTMER, Melvin E. (B 254), Nash - * * ville, IL; WINBERG, Edwin W. (B 107 R -522), * * Cedarville, MI; YOUNG, Orveil A. (H&S/C 254 * Appleton City, MO; (Capt) HANOVER, Charles A. * (C 107 R-1121 Gp Hq), Warren, MI * gone the sun, from the lake, * * Day is done, * from the hill, from the sky, All is well, * * safely rest, God is nigh. Thanks and praise * 'neath the sun, 'neath the * * for our days, * stars, 'neath the sky, As we go, this we * * know, God is nigh.

ETO MILITARY CEMETARY UPDATE

Issue No. 27, April 1984, reported the names 254th men still interred, now no doubt perman- combined into the new 112th Regt. But 14 monently, overseas in the CAMBRIDGE CEMETARY, BRIDGE, ENGLAND: NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETARY, LAURENT, FRANCE and ARDENNES MILITARY CEMETARY, Gp Hq, 1st Bn the 112th Bn and 2nd Bn NEUPRE, BELGIUM. Here, respectfully, are names of others who paid the ultimate price

their Country. Grateful recognition to Roger D. Phillips (C 254) for this hereto unknown/ unreported information.

LUXEMBOURG AMERICAN CEMETARY, LUXEMBOURG CITY

ABBEY, Harland B. Pfc, NY, 20 Sept 1944,D-3-12 (C 254); DOUGLAS, Arthur L. Cpl, Cal. 1944, E-14-31 (? 254). Both were casualties at WALENDORF, GERMANY.

HENRI-CHAPELLE AMERICAN CEMETARY, HENRI-CHAPE-LLE, BELGIUM (located near ELSENBORN RIDGE)

COWHEY, Kenneth J. Sgt, A-17-31(1st Plt C 254) JENSEN, Fred A. S/Sgt, B-2-29 (3rd Plt C 254) KEZETTI, Raymond J. Pvt, B-15-19 (? 254) ROBINSON, James F. Pvt, E-14-? (3rd Plt A 254) SCHMIDT, Herbert J. Cpl, A-17-7(2nd Plt B 254) Battle of the Bulge casualties Dec 1944 except Robinson, KIA at WALENDORF, 20 Sep 44.

DEMISE OF 107th IN WWII - OFFICIAL ORDER

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, NORTHERN IRE-LAND FORCES, General Order No. 27, May 28, 1942

1. Pursuant to authority contained in War Department letter dated April 30, 1942, file AG 320.2 (4-29-42) MR-M-GN, subject: Redesignation, Transfer and Assignment of Certain Engineear Units, the 112th Engineer Battalion (Com bat) in Northern Ireland is redesignated as the 112th Engineers (Combat) (Corps), effective June 1, 1942.

2. The 112th Engineers (Combat) (Corps) will be organized in accordance with Table of Organization 5-171, November 1, 1940, with authorized strength and grades, less band, as indicated therein.

3. Effective June 1, 1942, the personnel and equipment of the 107th Engineer Battalion (Combat) is transferred to the 112th Engineers (Combat) (Corps), and concurrently therewith, the 107th Engineer Battalion (Combat) is inactivated.

By command of Major General HARTLE

Note: Gen Russell P. Hartle was also CG, 34th Inf Div, Minn. NG. This is the historic order which in a few fateful words phased out the 107th unit designation for the remainder of Since the 112th's lineage dates back to 1837 and that of the 107th to 1881, the 112th of gained acendency when the two battalions were CAM- ths later (19 Aug 43) when the regiment was ST. split up (Reg'l Hq redesignated as 1121st Engr the 107th - the 254th), why the 254th instead of for back to the 107th? Because it was inactivated per above order? Probably, but dunno for sure.

BULL SHEET, Issue No. 74, 2 Mar 45

Company C has been running a night shift at their quarry lately necessitating a lunch for the boys around about midnight. Lt MARTEN. (John H., unlocated, last known Port Orange,FL) "king-pin" of this late shift, came in one morning and did some bitching to S/Sgt MONDEAU (Jerome J., E 107 R-died '72) about the previous night's lunch claiming the bread tasted alright but where in the hell was the meat? Came grup-up time the following night and up steps Lt MARTEN with the hungry Sinatra look in Without his knowledge a package of his eyes. sandwitches, specially prepared by The Mess Sgt himself, was passed out to the Lt - nicely prepared too with the bread sliced thin and all The night's silence didn't last long after the Lt spent a few futile minutes trying to masticate the first mouthful - the bread tasted OK again but not the brown, greasy paper between MONDEAU had struck again! the slices. near MONSCHAU, GERMANY at which time the MSRs were in horrible shape due to severe SPRING breakup conditions and heavy traffic - many stretches had to be timber corduroyed.

254th ROSTERS AS OF MARCH 1945

With the archives in mind per usual, it is indeed fortunate that these old rosters are available for historical and personal interest purposes. Rosters of record just before the end of ETO hostilities on 7 May 45. Priceless old history providently available because (WO) Joseph A. Censabella (Pers O, S-1 Sec 254) took the now faded onion skin carbon copies home with him, and, equally important, later recognized many years later their incalculable value towards the Association's purpose in life. How perceptive was Joe's evaluation and act. For starters, we've worked over the Co C and Med Det rosters H&S, A and B rosters should be for this issue. forthcoming providing all goes according to First a memory refresher applicable only When the 2nd Bn 112th Regt (old to Charlie Co. 107th) was redesignated the 254th at SAUNTON SANDS, ENGLAND, 19 Aug 43, the 2nd Bn was minus it's Co F (manned by many Co B-Sault Ste. Marie and Co C-Detroit veteran 1940 Guardsmen which on 17 Sep 42 had been reasgd to Allied Force Hq for the N. AFRICAN invasion. Co F 112th would of course been Co C in the newly organized 254. Later the badly understrength 254 was brought up to T/Q via O & Em replacements at NEWQUAY most of whom were asgd to C Company there joining cadre personnel from other companies. For this reason the Co C roster names fewer Guardsmen than the other companies - and more presently Again, HELP NEEDED. "UNLOCATED" men. explanation affecting all rosters. Bn officers are on a separate roster; accordingly from bits and pieces of intelligence picked up over the years, we've broken out the brass therefrom to more meaningful company assignments. No guarantee claimed as to accuracy - particularly for the line companies so apologies to anyone incorrectly assigned thereby. Will treasure and publish corrections, if any.

Key to roster coding:

* denotes TAPS since 1945; hometown shown
UL denotes UNLOCATED; 1945 hometown shown;
INFORMATION URGENTLY REQUESTED
R denotes ON ASSOCIATION ROSTER; 1945 hometown shown; current address available
NG denotes 107th NGs Federally Inducted 15
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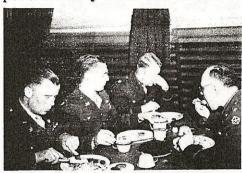
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/5 Henry R. Crews, Red Bluff, CA	R	Pfc James W. Parrish, Menlo, GA	*
/5 John Elizeus, Wilmerding, PA	UL	Pfc Robert A. Perry, Kimball, NE	R
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/5 John J. Martis, Hammond, IN	R	Pfc Nathan J. Rambo, Philadelphia, PA	*
/5 Robert K. McGuire, Unknown	R	Pfc Donald P. Riddle, Severna Park, MD	UL
/5 Murray G. Moon, Marquette, MI (D)	NG-R	Pfc Richard C. Rowell, Green Bay, WI	R
/5 Howard J. Morris, San Francisco, CA	UL	Pfc Carl N. Santo, Bennington, VT	R
/5 Fredric Newman, Forest Hills, NY	UL	Pfc Allen C. Scott, Williamsburg, MI	R
/5 Ronald I. Philbrick, Carmel, ME	UL	Pfc Joseph P. Schultz, Baltimore, MD	UL
/5 Edward A. Rabun, Augusta, GA	UL	Pfc Ray S. Smith, St. Louis, MO	UL
/5 Richard A. Roberts, Taftville, CT	UL	Pfc William Smits, Paris, KY	R
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/5 Michael Yavorski, Boston, PA	R NG-*	Pfc Clark E. Wardlow, Monroe, WI	UL
fc Raygiond C. Aho, Mohawk, MI (F)		Pfc George W. Waldron, Chicago, IL	R
fc Gordon Altwasser, Chicago, II.	R	Pfc Robert D. Weidenhoeft, Waukesha, WI	*
fc Frank J. Battisti, Youngstown, OH	R	Pfc Elmer A. Wilczynaki, Pittsburgh, PA	*
fc Heinz K. Bollenbacher, Hamilton, OH	R	Pfc Douglas H. Williamson, Grand Rapids, MI	
fc Willis E. Branham, Chester, OK	R	Pfc Andrew G. Willenborg, Chebanse, IL	R
fc Prosper S. Brajcich, Clifton, OR	R	Pvt William W. Bennett, Trout Creek, MI	*
fc Donald D. Crabtree, West Point, NE	UL	Pvt Harvey Brower, Chicago, IL	UL
fc Roy R. Daniels, Bruce Crossing, MI	*	Pvt Shelton Caulder, E. Lavrinburg, NC	UL
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Ic Dolph A. Greene, Coltewak, TN	UL	Pvt Edward P. Kassouf, Cleveland, OH	UL
ic Leonard W. Graham, Jersey Shore, PA	UL	Pvt Olin Loftin, Morristown, TN	UL
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ic Bernard J. Larkin, Jersey City, NJ	UL	Pvt Albert M. Salo, Ironwood, MI	R
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Cc G. M. McKenzie, Philadelphia, PA	UL	Capt Douglas H. Robertson, New York, NY (MD)) *
fc Ernest Mangs, Worchester, MA	UL	S/Sgt Charles W. Dimmer, Calumet, MI (Med)	
fc Warren E. Mast, St. Louis, MO	*		NG-R

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MEMORIAL FLASHBACKS

Received another informative letter w/pictures from Col (Ret) Gerald E. Feidt on 20 Aug 93 - followed by BG Leonard C. Ward's phone call just 13 days later with shocking news that Jerry died 1 Sep after a long seige of health problems. Respectfully and briefly this is a deserving memorial to Jerry for his many acts of assistance, information and Association support. Quoted posthumously from his letter: "This picture was



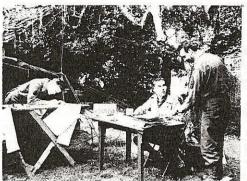
taken in a quonset hut in the camp near PROS-PECT HOUSE, LARNE NORTHERN IRELAND. The 112th Regiment (the old 107 then the 2nd Bn thereof) had moved there enroute to DEVIZES, ENG-

LAND. We were eating our 1942 Christmas dinner-Included L to R are: the first of 3 overseas. Col Robert L. Stewart, Reg'l CO (soon thereafter replaced by Col Robert K. McDonough (CO 1121st Sp until war's end-died 1985), Lt Col Philip C. Satterthwaite, Reg'l Exec O (also Hq 107th R-CO 234th Engr Bn-died 1987), Maj Gerald E. Feidt, (later Exec 0 1121st Gp until war's Reg'1 S-3 end) and Maj Loren W. Jenkins, CO 2nd Bn (also CO Co A 107 R-CO 254th Bn until war's end - died The next day I left to take the advance detachment to DEVIZES where we took over the PRINCE MAURICE BARRACKS there." Strangely this is the first and only wartime picture of Col Jenkins that has come to our attention. that time the 112th Engineers (Combat) (Corps) was assigned to V CORPS (MAGNET FORCE, N. IRE-LAND). Note the Corp's identifying patch on Col Jenkin's left shoulder - here shown in full col-And the SOP blackout curtains. Interestingly, Gen Colin Powell commanded the historic V Quoted additionally CORPS in Germany, 1986. from Jerry's letter: "This picture was taken by Pfc Nehez, a jeep driver in Gp Hg who doubled in brass as Gp photographer. Seated is Maj Charles E. Howard, Group S-3 (also Co A 107-Hq 254-died 1993) under a camouflage net in an apple orchard near VOUILLY, NORMANDY, about 9-11 Jun 44 - just a few days after D-Day (6 Jun 44), OMAHA BEACH. Standing is MSgt Steve Kranitz, Oper Sgt S-3 Sec (died 1982) and the draftsman is Pfc Graham.



V Corps

VARNISH you will recall was the code name for 1121 Gp Hq." VICTOR of course identified V



CORPS HQ which leads up to this puzzler. What were the codes for the 254th & 112th Bn's. Begin with a "V" of course. VICeroy seems to ring a bell -for the 112th?

RECOGNITION - PLAIN, SIMPLE & WELL DESERVED

"Iron River's program booklet didn't give credit to the various people - the stem winders behind its highly successful reunion. Guess it was a combined detachment effort, men & women, and we are fearful of mentioning names because surerthenhell we'd overlook some worthy individual - so a simple WELL DONE recognition to the Iron River detachment for a super job for our 22nd Annual Reunion. Those in attendance will forever have fond memories of Iron River and its dedicated personnel responsible for a memorable weekend."....Yes, we said the "22nd" because while again agonizing how to properly recognize IRON RIVER for a stupendous 32d Annual on Aug 6, 7 & 8, 1993, we checked back to Issue No. 27, April 1984, to suprisingly discover that the shoe still fits the second time around. Exactly 10 years later. The headhoncho, SSG Jeff Gibson, didn't miss a step in spite of the considerable handicap of never having attended a reunion himself. No problemthe reunion was dispatched efficiently and most successfully. The enthusiastic effort put forth by Det 1, Co B personnel, past and present, was much in evidence - working committees and active participation both. The decorations were absolutely fabulous as was the chow, Memorial Service, music, casino bus tour - everything in fact. Only hope we are still "fit for duty" the next time invited to maneuver at IRON RIVER'S super armory - manned by SUPER PEOPLE.

ISHPEMING HHC GET-TOGETHERS

A semi-formal organization called the "49er's Club" is enjoying a revival thanks to the efforts of some hard-working dedicated Guardsmen.

BULLINGEN, BELGIUM - 49 YEARS LATER

Initially designated as such because eligibility requirements were first based on HHC (H&S redesignated) 107th NG service in 1949., the membership criteria has since been amended to 6 years service anytime in HHC. The growing organization schedules semi-annual meetings convened in the Ishpeming armory - tap a few, feed, short business meeting/election of officers and lots of good ol' Army BSing along with the overall camaraderie enjoyed during the well-attended Mini-reunions if you will and a joy evenings. seeing the veteran Guardsmen renew old friendships and relive their Guard experience of years past. Now hard to visualize that when the Association organized in 1961, the WWI 107th Doughboys were then mostly in their 60's agewise. The "Red Arrow" men played a important role in organizing the Association. In fact our charter 1961-62 officials was a representative group of 2 NGs, 3 WWI (Pres. & Treas.) and 5 WWII - 3 of whom also served as post-war 107th NGs. the WWII 107/254/522 gang is in the 70-80 year bracket with some of the older Guardsmen, many being WWII vets themselves, are just one jump behind insofar as mileage is concerned. Without question the Association's future is increasingly dependent upon the active support of past and present NGs as the WWII gang slowly but surely fades out of the Association picture - as have Am not aware our revered WWI men before them. of any other NG organization similiar to the "49er's" but sure sounds like something to be seriously considered by the other NG companies. Once 107th, always 107th - a time in life that should not be forgotten.

Recognition and a Snortin' Bull Mo

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

Robert P. Gobright (A 254), 73 Woodlawn Ave., Valley Stream, NY 11581 (**Am. Legion Mag. **); Thomas L. Pry (H&S 107 R), 6335 E. Mt. Morris Rd., Genesee, MI 48437 (** ? **); Larsen (C 254), 1292 Hermitage, Clearwater, FL (Am. Legion Mag. **); Lt Col (Ret) Harvey J. Doro (107 R), 422 E. Randall St., Appleton, WI 54911 (**Les Doro**); Carl R. Jones 13433 W. Cleveland Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151 (**Larry Ellenich**); Ronald Miller (A NG Bn 1951-54), 4198 Sheraten Dr., Flint, MI 48532 (**Ed Kohn**); Howard G. Sanderson (B 107 NG - 1437 Br Co), 907 Augu Marie, MI 49783 (**self**); 907 Augusta St., Sault Ste. Albert H. Medwin (Nq Plt C 254), 65 Castle Howard Ct., Princeton, NG 08540 (**VFW Mag.**); Faustino Negrete (3rd Plt C 254), 5315 W. 30th Ct., Gary, IN 46406 (**Am. Legion Mag. **); (Lt) Charles A. Doll (Asst S-2 254), 10113 Orange Grove Dr., Tampa, FL 33618 (**Roger Phillips**).

A regretful but necessary condensation of telephonic and penned reports from Roger D. Phillips (C 254): "Sorry I couldn't make the 193 reunion due to my son's accident. home from a 10-day tour called DECEMBER DAWN -BATTLE OF THE BULGE AREA. This was my second trip to BULLINGEN; the first in '91. Fifteen of us met and left from NY for a flight to BRU-SSELS where we were met by the noted Historian, Will Cavanaugh, who is connected with BATTLE-FIELD TOURS. He has also worked closely with WWII officer, Charles B. McDonald, author of A TIME FOR TRUMPHETS. Will had never met anyone from the 254th and was very interested in my story of being captured and escape. He is writing a book about the 99th Inf Div and would like information from men of the 254; ally incidents of individuals. (Note: Personal reports can be sent direct to: Roger D. Phillips, RR 1, Box 145, Bridgeport, IL 62417; phone 618-945-7655) I'm sending you a map of the BULLINGEN area on which I've marked our bivouac area located SW of BULLINGEN - also the air strips for the L-5 observation planes, 2nd and 99th Inf Divs, and the place where the German tanks were knocked out after over-running

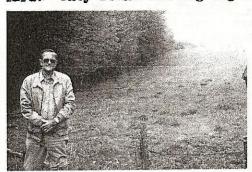


the group I was with resulting in our capture. I've received reports from Andy Willenborg & Bob Perry and have written to Curt Musten (all C 254). I met a 99th Div man who

Roger where his group was cap- remembers seeing tured. Kilometers & names on us move through sign post bring back memories? BULLINGEN from

the air strips enroute N to WIRTSFELD on Dec 17th just before SS Obersturmbannfuhrer (Lt Col) Joachim Peiper. CO of Kampfgruppe Peiper, entered BULLINGEN from the direction of HONSFELD. He was a truck driver delivering ammo to gun batteries. Cavanaugh works with 2 men he called 'Diggers' who use mine detectors looking for MIAs and whatever else they can find. Our group stayed at The Hof Hotel in BUTENBACH and the Diggers joined us for dinner one evening. When they found I was with the 254th they were quite excited particularly when I showed them the Platoon Pictures taken just before Dec. 17th. I also took them to the bivouac area which the Bn occupied 2 Oct to 16 Dec 44. They found and possess the dog tag of a man they identified as being from Co C 254 stamped: 'Willard W. Henson 38505376 T93 U P' but haven't had any luck locating him.

Would you by chance have any information on Willard? They found the dog tag in the woods where



Roger & comment: Photo is Looking W on the N side of our BULLINGEN bivouac area. I feel this is where the Platoon Pictures were taken.Only then the snow was knee deep.

formation Orrel N. with Henson (B/C 254), McLeansboro, IL -Willard

died). have found the still clothed remains of 3 MIAs in foxholes who have been identified - 2 by dog Oblinger, deceased, from Ray's son in E. Dettags and the other through dental records (their "I'll be More from Roger: units unknown). sending you some pictures I took. Please show ne on the map where you and Bn Hq was on Dec 17 and tell me your own experiences of that day." Roger has given Cavanaugh an extensive report of his personal experiences during that eventful day but again, regretfully, his report is much too long for verbatim printing. Sertainly, every 254 man could write an extensive report about his own personal experiences during the hectic day of 17 Dec 44. Incidently, what day of the week was that? Individual compat acts which contributed materially towards we hope to accurately establish for a future halting the German's drive northward and the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION the 254th was subsequently awarded for its heroic action - a unit award that is proudly worn by the present day According to Rog-Michigan NGs. 107th Engr Bn. er's intensive research related to men in the Platoon Pictures, Company C fared as follows on that fateful day: 1st Platoon (36 men) - 6 PW, 2nd Platoon (35 men) - 14 PW, L escaped, 4 KIA; 3rd Platoon (36 men) - 1 KIA; 6 escaped, 5 MIA; Thanks, Roger. Hq Platoon (29 men) - no effect.

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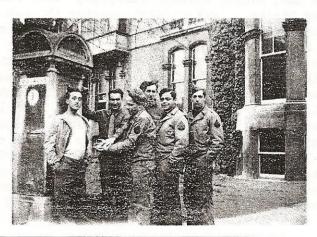
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the Platoon Pic- What happened to the 254th Bn after its battletures were tak- weary troops transferred out via "high points" (Note: in- from MAILLEY LE CAMP (20 kilometers SE of on REIMS, FRANCE) in May/June '45? The first elifile for Willard gibles, 1940 0 & EM, direct therefrom to U.S. W. Henson - not followed by early draftees and some officers to be confused who first passed through the 148th, 234th, etc. then on to a marshalling area camp below named with their long-awaited orders for home. exactly constituted the Bn's travels/assignhad an address in ments from that point in time until the Bn too, Glendale, AZ but as a unit, was directed to a European port for otherwise had no U.S. shipment - believed from latrine rumors to contact/ confirm- be MARSEILLE in Dec 1945. Truthfully ation from him; gave that post-war situation much thought beinformed 1990 by fore until conflicting reports trickled in wh-Curt Musten that ich increasingly wetted our curiosity in that One report firmly establishes the had direction. Roger learned that the Diggers so far Bn as still in MAILLEY LE CAMP in July '45 - the still clothed remains of 3 MIAs this per request for info about Pfc Raymond J. roit, MI who has accurately retraced his father's ETO travels including his passing through the 254 via points in May '45 until 10 Jul 45 when Ray trfd to the 148th Engr Bn; both Bns then located near MAILLEY. A military reference places the 254 in STODTEN, GERMANY in Aug 445. Could this be possible? FaustinoNegrete (C 254) informs us that he left the Bn in Sep 145 at DIJON, FRANCE thereby adding credence that MARSEILLE, some 200 miles S of DIJON, was in fact the 254's homeward-bound Port of Embarkaton. From all this, we deduct the Bn left MAILLEY sometime after July '45 for places BULL SHEET report. Will be very interested in getting some factual poop about this now intriguing situation from anyone who was with the 254 from July '45 until it was inactivated at CAMP MYLES STANDISH, MASS. on 22 Dec 45 immediately after its arrival at the BOSTON PORT OF TOP PRIORITY -IN-EMBARKATION on 21 Dec. 45. FORMATION URGENTLY NEEDED. Apparently most individual ETO departures were through the marshalling camps located near the post of LE HAR-VE named: Camps Twenty Grand, Philip Morris, Home Run, Wings, Herbert Tareyton, Pall Mall & Lucky Strike - after first passing through one of the camps of The Assembly Area Command located around REIMS named: Camps Miami (think the camp built by the 254), San Antonio (built by 234th?-w/many 254 men trfd to it), New Orleans, Atlanta, Norfolk, Saint Louis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, New York, Brooklyn, Cleveland, Boston, Oklahoma City, Chicago, Washington and Detroit - capacity of each camp was 15-18,000 men. From what we can ascertain up to this point, most unit departures were from MARSEILLE, Unit items of interest thought to be factual: 1121st Engr Group Hq: Aug '45

location, NURSCHAN, CZECHOSLOVAKIA; believed shipped out from MARSEILLE arriving NY Port of Embarkation 2 Feb 46; inactivated at CAMP KIL-112th Engr (C) Bn: Aug '45 MER. NJ. 4 Feb 46. location, DOBRANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA: no info from where shipped to U.S.; arrived NYPE 25 Dec 45; inactivated 27 Dec 45 at NYPE; subsequently re-146th Engr (C) Bn: Aug '45 activated OHIO NG. location, PILSEN, CZECHOSLOVAKIA: no info from where shipped to U.S.; arrived NYPE, 17 Oct 45; inactivated 18 Oct 45 at CAMP SHANKS, NY. V formed 20 Oct 40 at CAMP BEAUREGARD, LA; to N. IRELAND, 23 Jan 43 (same convoy as 112th Engr Bn (Combat); returned to U.S. in July 45.

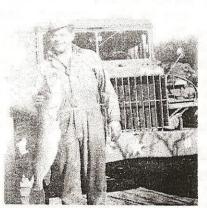
HISTORICAL NOSTALGIA

It's said. "Time heals and good memories endure." Now many years later the bull sessions of reunited buddies are mostly about the good times, comrades, friendships, travels, stations, "characters", humorous/odd ball things, etc. moreso than the miserable times, dangerous situations, boring periods, homesickness and all else overseas duty encompasses. A picture conned from Pete Denofre during an annual post-reun-ion visit by John Riley (B 254) and ye' editor humorously brings back thoughts about the unique odd-ball "Demonstration Platoon" formed at DEVI-ZES, ENGLAND, May '43 - a training aid brainstorm of 2nd Bn CO, 112th Regt, Maj Loren W. Jenkins for by-the-book demonstrations. Typically Army, the conspicuous unit was scornfully dubbed the "Snap Shit Platoon" by the other 2nd Bn jokers. Recollections how the under-the-gun platoon performed for purposes intended have thankfully faded into oblivion. Not so, however, the happier memories about BRISTOL whereto it was "exciled" on detached service for improving V CORPS HQ streets/parking at TRINITY COLL-EGE (?) where bombed-out buildings were scavenged for usuable materials. An out-of-sight/out-But surely our shrewd of-mind situation maybe. Bn CO wouldn't jeopardize his fine reputation by entrusting such a high level assignment to a half-assed unit, so one must now assume that "Jiggs" figured it was capable - demonstrations



notwithstanding. Some of the "paroled" platoon members here posed L to R by a BRISTOL phone booth: Lester L. "Skippy" Challenger (107 R-B 254-unlocated, last known Detroit); Leonard J. Sanchez (F 107 R-B 254), Iverness, FL; Albert M. "Bert" Salo (D 107 R-C 254), Ironwood, MI; Ralph E. Stenberg (D 107 R-B 254), Colgate, WI; Peter B. Denofre (D 107 R-B 254); and Russell W. "Mouse" Terrill (F 107 R-B 254), Houghton, MI. Don't recollect who the Plt Ldr was. if any, but the still sharp mind of Orlando A.

Bongi (A 107 R-A 254), Iron River, MI, pegs
Capt Jesse D. Kelsay (A/Hq 254), Jacksonville,
TX, CO & Project Off, M/Sgt Ralph E. Soper, Bn Const Sgt (A 107 R-H&S 254-died '67), Project Sgt, and S/Sgt Francis L. LaBrie (A 107 R-A 254-died at NEWQUAY), Plt Sgt. According to "Bong", Squad Sgts were: Bongi, 1st Squad; Edwin W. Peterson, 2nd (A 107 R-A 254), Wells, MI; Arthur A. Auno, 3rd (107 R-A 254-died 192) and Ed Vickstrom, 4th "Weapons" Squad (D 107 R-B/H&S 254), Ishpeming, MI. Corrections, additions, recollections anyone? Somewheres in the home office mess we have a "By the Order of the CG" (Maj Gen Leonard T. Gerow) letter to CO 112th Regt commending the platoon for a helluva good job, but be damned if we can timely locate same to squelch any dubious thoughts about that. Oh 'ya, the plateon was quietly disbanded upon it's return to DEVIZES. working than demonstrating obviously. significant bit of 107/254 history perhaps but it does tie in nicely with a recognition to Denofre-a "everyone remembers personality" who sadly answered to TAPS just 2 months after he entrusted us with his treasured pictures for this issue. Pete again posed in greasy mech-



anic fatigues with trophy northern pike he caught (?) but dunno whereat in the U.K, because he screens out the bumper unit designation; guessing ULSTER where the fishing RAW fabulous - when Her Majesties Game Keeper wasn't around. Something to do when off duty and no shill-

ings for a pint of stout or bitters at a nearby pub. Once a month pay calls were bummersespecially when stupidly cleaned out in a payday crap/poker game on a G.I. blanket.

VICTOR BRIDGE - UPDATED

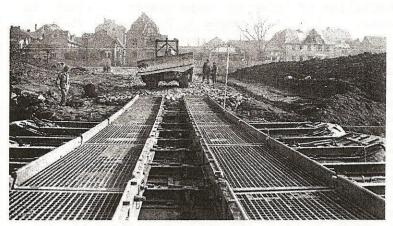
With the exception of casual comments, its been quite awhile since the VICTOR BRIDGE was covered in depth. Maybe nows about time to update suffering readers with related incidents learned since the bridge's detailed specifications were passed along in Issue No. 10, 1971, here



condensed to get minds focused thataway: structed for V Corps, FIRST US ARMY, on 22 Mar 45; 1,370 feet long; Standard M-2 Steel Treadway Class 40; RHINE RIVER at NIEDERBRESIG-HON-NINGEN, GERMANY; actual construction time, 12 hours; Units: 254th Engr C Bn, 994th Engr Twdy Br Co, 998 Engr Twdy Br Co, Det 990 Engr Twdy Br Co, Det 508 Engr Lt Pon Co and Det LCVP Unit No. 1, US Navy. How tragic that the files are void of old BULL SHEETS which undoubtedly would have pertinent first-hand information for us. Wouldn't it be a miracle if anyone had copies Still have faint hopes they of those issues. are out there somewheres. Fortunately, though, the DOZER BLADE (news organ of 1121st Gp Hq) of 24 Mar 45, is in file with this comprehensive article which, although published in BULL SHEET No. 9, Oct 1970, is worth repeating again for present big-picture purposes, to wit:..... At 0001 yesterday the men of the 254 breathed a deep sigh of relief. The Rhine crossing, which they had been sweating out since Newquay, was over. And without a casualty! Back in England the men had rehearsed their bridge building technique, getting it down to the point where Co B put up 220 feet of floating Bailey in 42 minutes across the Thames River near Wallingford. But this time they were in the big league, playing for keeps, and making history. They started out early Thursday morning, and a few minutes after midnight had accomplished their mission: 1368 feet of Treadway across the Rhine in just a little less than 24 hours. (Note: inclusive of delays awaiting materials). Contrary to what they had been braced for, the 254 men found their bridging area was not under fire

while they worked. Instead they were as safe as a Prime Minister on parade. Fighter planes gave cover overhead, anti-aircraft muzzles sprouted from adjoining lots and fields. And a battalion of infantry were nearby - just in 1st Lt Theodore R. Benning (B 254) and 3 men got a thorough drenching when the boat from which they were working capsized in mid-Perhaps the longest pontoon bridge of its type ever built, the new structure uses 3 means of restraint to prevent the current from carrying it downstream; river bottom anchors, a shore-to-shore cable with attached lines maintaining an upstream bow to the bridge, and 2 LCVPs with motors running, mosing it gently but constandly against the flow. The LCVPs are Co A worked on the east bank of temporary. Co B and C on this side. Lt Col the river; Loren W. Jenkins (CO 254) supervised the construction, which was expedited by the discovery of a shipment of German cable of just the right size in a barge along the bank. Maj Albert S. Wynot (Note: trfd in as S-3 254 from 146th Engr Bn, France) made the fortunate find. 994, 998 and 990 Engr Trwy Br Co's supplied the materials and assisted in their assembly. A distinguished audience of Colonels and Major Generals observed With that orientation for openers, accumulated information tells us that in order to reach the east bank, Co A had first make a perilous RHINE crossing over the famed LUDENDORFF (REMAGEN) BRIDGE which soon thereafter collapsed into the river due to mortal girder damage incurred from German demolitions and post-capture shelling. Able's operations included 400' of access road leading to the easterly ramp here shown. Identities of the 3 standing men is unknown but pretty sure the Co A dozer operator was Art Gibour, a 1940 Co A 107 R NG from Hermansville, MI, based on this followup DOZER BLADE article of 31 Mar 45. "Among the crowd of soldiers who marvelled at the 254's dozer operators on the VICTOR BRI-DGE project, was Lt Hardman, 994th Engr Twdy Br Co. 'They're two of the best cat skinners I've ever seen,' he said. The dextrous drivers are T/5 Arthur J. Gibour and Pvt Delmar L. Weber."Del, a CAMP LIVINGSTON replacement from Co E 128th Inf Regt (Beaver Dam, WI NG) and Co B 254, totally dropped out of sight about 20 years back after mailings to questionable Waukesha and Horicon, WI addresses. Help anyone? Baker's 2nd Plt was charged with the responsibility of installing and anchoring the crucial upstream cable - not without some near disasterous problems. Gibour has made the last 4 reunions out of Waukegan, IL and hopefully will picture-confirm at GLADSTONE come Aug 5-6-7. Believe me, it was a proudful sight seeing the MP'd controlled vehicles cross over averaging 2,060 units daily the first week - especially the widely spaced 30-35 ton Sherman tanks which

oh, so slowly and carefully "waved" across on nearly submerged pontoons. Most of the V Corps



then assigned infantrymen, 2nd & 69th Inf Div's, were ferried across in Navy LCVPs which had been expeditiously trucked/railed in to facilitate the several urgent-top priority RHINE crossings In the FIRST ARMY sector. (Maj) Thomas S. Nurn-(B 107 R/CO b 112 R/Hq 254/G-3 Sec. V Corps Hq) "History of V Corps" identifies the neavy stuff as belonging to the 12th Armd Group and 9th Armd Div; the 9th reverting to V Corps control soon after it's astounding capture of the REMAGEN BRIDGE. The recently received TAPS for Orveil A. Young (H&S/C 254, Newquay replacement) was a reminder that Orv and his Master Carpenter mate, Orville R. Malone (H&S/C 254-L12 R draftee), Manchester, OH, were the "wood outchers" who made the sign from rough sawed, nand-dressed birch boards hauled all the way Who did the professional sign from NORMANDY. painting - George H. Molentin, Arlington Hts., IL, are you guilty? Enshrined, unofficially, in the 107/254 "Hall of Fame" as the designer of the Snortin' Bull, George was in the S-2 Sec/Bn Photographer after joining H&S at NEWQUAY. finally to wrap things up, we quote again the Immortal words of an unknown Wisenheimer: "Jeez, if the sign was any bigger you wouldn't be able to see the bridge." Picture credit to - John J. Martis, Lansing, IL (C 254 replacement during the Bulge)

UPDATE OF 1993 CAMP LIVINGSTON OFFICERS REPORT

MISSED: 1 Lt Jackson M. Jarvis, Jr. - Livingston; Ireland B 107 Bn; Co E/C 112 R; Hq FIRST US ARMY Feb '44 in Traffic Control; Lt Col Army Reserve; died Jan '79, Bridgeport, WV. Lt David Rogers - no record or info; probably Livingston replacement; reported trfd Ft. Dix to 132d Engr Regt; seen in June '43 Ft. Dupont, DE serving as Major, Instructor. UPDATES: Lt William Hardintrfd Ft. Dix to 132d Engr Regt, Ft. Story, VA; CO Co A 242d Engr Bn, Bn Hq & subsequently Lt Col & CO, 242d Engr Bn, PTO. Capt Edwin R. Slear (H&S 107 R); trfd Ft. Dix to CO Co E 132d

Engr Regt, Ft. Story, VA; unconfirmed but believed later Maj & S-2 of 1118th Engr Group Hq, 77th Inf Div, PTO. Info credit to David W. McCombie (D 107 R), Melbourne, FL about Hardin and Rogers. Dave tells us that he and unrecalled other H&S & Medics trfd out at Ft. Dix, NJ to 132d Engr Regt activated 1 Feb 42 at Dix. He last saw Hardin in Sept '45 when, as Bn CO, Hardin was handing out Purple Hearts and other awards at IE SHIMA ISLAND, RYUKUS, PTO & Rogers at Ft. DuPont, DE where Dave was sent to Radio School from the 242d Engrs.

SID GREEN REPORT

A short rations issue to our dedicated U.K. Historian fox-holed in Gloucester, England. Dimemma - how to condense his newsy reports into comprehensive form with the usual roadblock in place. Space limitations. Getting right into the guts of it all, Sid has written a book and is looking for a publisher. Sez it is a fictional treatise based on his factual contacts with the NEWQUAY GIs, 4 trips to the U.S., 107th and 112th reunions, extensive correspondence, and other youthful wartime experiences including a close call with a London V-2 rocket bomb. "I haven't used any actual names of individuals and the GI in my story is fictitious. Its a book for all the family to make more people aware of the part you men played in the war. If I make any money from it, be assured some of it will come the way of 107/112 reunion funds." order placed for an autographed copy already will keep you posted if and when available. Grateful thanks too, Sid, for the hard-copy book entitled "Battle of the Bulge, Then and Now", by Jean Paul Pallud, a French author. The 544 page book (must weight 10#) containing 1,260 illustrations and 31 maps besides being great reading is a valuable reference scurce for military buffs. It is a different approach to the historic battle which in the words of Sir Winston Churchill, "This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever-famous American Victory." It covers both German and Allied Orders of Battle and contains many fascinating "then and now" comparative pictures. Assoc. HQ has the necessary details for ordering from a London supplier. Not cheap, at the 1990 price of however, 41.60 pounds, British, postage included. Abour 50 bucks). Although KAMPFGRUPPE PEIPER/ BULLINGEN? ELSENBORN are covered in depth, the 254th disappointingly is not specifically cited therein as are 22 other Combat Engineer units.

REVISED ROSTER SCHEDULE

First figured one roster/year/4 years but now in mid-stream cutting down to a 2-year deal in-All things considered this probably is stead. more realistic at this stage of the game - for history documentation and aging WWII men. be means an extra page to at least partially wash out an accumulated back-log of material/ info waiting in the wings. The Co B roster is sequentially out of order because the first 10 pages are already roughed in and be damned if we're about to do any revising now. Sharp-eyed readers will detect the absence of some veteran Snortin' Bullers such as S/Sgt Donald M. "Duke" Duquette (D 107 R-B 254); Capt William W. Bainbridge (ADE 254), unlocated; and Capt Richard B. Bailey (CO H&S/C 254), TAPS, to name a few. Other shorter-termed officers too whose service we haven't as yet tracked forward from the time of the BULGE. Men not then rostered for unknown reasons including a few fortunates being away to the U.S. (some returning after, some didn't) on a much desired 30-day "Rotation Plan" furlough. Same coding. The 1993 issue additionally identifies those making the Gov't paid grand tour CAMP LIVINGSTON/FT. DIX/IRELAND/ETO CAMPAIGNS which listing omitted T/3 Raymond G. "Doc" Anders (A/Med Det 107 R-Med Det 254). Others too?

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T/4 Eric Peterson, Fire Island, NY UL Pfc Keith M. Freeze, Mt. Pleasant, MI	R
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Cpl Louis J. Chimera, Brooklyn, NY R Pfc Robert E. Goodwin, St. Louis, MO	R
Cpl Kauko A. Hamalainen, Barnstable, MA * Pfc Joseph E. Guter, Lakewood, NJ	UL
Cpl William L. Holahan, Norwood, NJ R Pfc Arthur A. Harper, Jr., San Marcos, Ti	R

Cpl Alfonso S. Korus, Plymouth, PA	UL
Cpl William Krause, Cresskill, NY	UL
Cpl Gale L. Lantis, Bluffton, IN	R
Cpl Raymond G. Powell, Marinette, WI	*
Cpl Fred J. Pretz, Jr., Kansas City, KS	UL
Cpl Stephen Rutkowski, Philadelphia, PA	UL
Cpl Sheldon L. Whitt, Riverview, FL T/5 Robert O. Birney, Washington, IA	UI.
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T/5 Edward G. Cottenham, Trout Creek, MI	R
T/5 Gaige M. Ekstrom, Vale, OR	*
T/5 John D. Givens, Theodore, AL	UL
T/5 Jack Goble, Union Beach, NJ	R
T/5 Eanar G. Johnson, Bessemer, MI	R
T/5 John D. Keil, Rector, MN	*
T/5 Roy A. Larson, Trout Creek, MI	*
T/5 Clarence E. LeVeque, Calumet, MI (F)	NG-R
T/5 John O. Lund, Coon Valley, WI	R
T/5 James T. Madden, Trout Creek, MI	R
T/5 Alphonse R. Pegola, New Britain, CT	R
T/5 Delbert H. Post, King City, MO	UL
T/5 Edw. A. Polkinghorne, Negaunee, MI (D)	NG-*
T/5 Thomas J. Richards, Danville, VA	UL
T/5 Robert D. Ruhl, Mifflinburg, PA	R
T/5 Martin Shjerve, Rugby, ND	UL
T/5 Adelbert W. Simington, Lowell, MI	R
T/5 John J. Smyers, Ely, NV	R
T/5 Alton E. Snuggs, Milwaukee, WI	R
T/5 Polie R. Stroup, Gastonia, NC	*
T/5 Everett P. Sumner, Oxford, PA	R
T/5 Walter A. Szynal, Chicago, IL	*
T/5 Anthony M. Tvardek, Kawkawlin, MI	R
T/5 Delwin J. Utter, Sagola, MI	*
T/5 Oliver A. Virmala, Bruce Crossing, MI	*
T#5 Milton L. Werbelow, Bay City, MI	UL
T/5 Louis A. Willette, Gwinn, MI	R
T/5 Richard H. Wills, Negaunee, MI (D)	NG-R
Pfc Ralph Allen, Loogootee, IN	R
Pfc Roa W. Antcliff, St. Helens, MI	R
Pfc Peter Bacic, New York, NY	UL
Pfc Victor B. Beckmann, Breese, IL Pfc Rodney E. Blake, Manchester, England	R R
Pfc David Blanchard, Carthage, NC	UL
Pfc Louis A. Bonavita, Springfield, MA	R
Pfc Warren Bolz, Chicago, IL	UL
Pfc Merle J. Brown, Syracuse, IL	UL
Pfc Lee R. Bradford, Amber, OK	UL
Pfc Robert E. Burns, Portsmouth, NH	UL
Pfc Ralph E. Carlton, Marquette, MI (D)	NG-*
Pfc William G. Carter, Elkart, IL	UL
Pfc Roy W. Chemello, Allentown, PA	R
Pfc Wilburn S. Cobb, Wynnewood, OK	UL
Pfc Luther E. Crabtree, Raywood, TX	UL
Pfc Paul R. Cummings, Jackson, MI	R
Pfc Philip C. DeStefano, Chicago, IL	UL
Pfc Frank Dolce, Brooklyn, NY	UL
Pfc George J. Durski, Amboy, NJ	UL
Pfc James K. Ellsworth, Kenosha, WI	UL
Pfc Keith M. Freeze, Mt. Pleasant, MI	R

fc	Orrel N. Henson, McLeansboro, IL	R
fc	Raymond D. Jorah, St. Claire Shores, MI	UL
	Bernard R. Kantor, Newark, NJ	UL
	James A. Kessinger, Natrona Hts., PA	*
	Harvey L. Kraiss, New Lisbon, PA	R
	John F. Lankford, Shelby, NC	R
	Charles W. Lipps, Jr., Coshocton, OH	R
	Kermit L. Martinson, New Richland, MN	R
	Henry C. Malenfant, Salem, MA	UL
	Alexander J. Macinsky, Greene, NY	R
	Gerald J. McNamara, Highland Park, MI	UL
	Salvatore Petrancosta, Chicago, IL	UL
	Pete Perine, Bradford, PA	UL
	Gerald L. Plunkett, Burlington, VT	R
	Peter Prus, Jr., Williamston, NJ	R
	Robert B. Puckett, Morganton, NC	UL
	Mallory Reeves, Macon, GA	UL
	Thomas C. Richardson, Sweetwater, TX	UL
fc	James B. Robertson, Plankington, ND	*
fc	Lee Roscoe, St. Pauls, NC	UL
	Wilbert M. Rohde, Herring, IA	R
	Seymour Rodgveller, Brooklyn, NY	R
	Albert H. Russell, Belfast, N. Ireland	UL *
	Enoch Saaranen, Jr., Mass, MI	UL
	Glenn E. Sarrett, Gaffney, SC	UL
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	William J. Schikora, Justice, IL	R
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	Ray L. Sivertson, Terre Haute, IN	*
20	Russell Smoley, Etters, PA	R
fc	Anthony E. Smith, Adena, OH	R
fc	Henry R. Snapp, Jr., Greeneville, TN	R
fc	Albert A. Staub, Milwaukee, WI	UL
	Robert E. Stranberg, Long Beach, CA	UL
	Ashton P. St. Romain, Marrero, LA	*
	Paul E. Stark, Vindex, MD	R
	Wilson B. Thurston, Elroy, WI	UL
	Eugene E. Touchette, E. St. Louis, IL	UL
	Albert A. Tomassetti, Pittsburgh, PA	R
	John B. Trussell, Dresden, ME	*
fc	Melvin E. Voltmer, New Minden, IL	*
fc	Alfred E. Vucitech, Flint, MI (D)	NG-*
	Delmar L. Weber, Beaver Dam, WI	UL
	Joseph Wojtan, Detroit, MI	UL
	Herbert C. Wredt, Nebraska City, NE	R
	Joseph J. Yezzi, Newark, NJ	*
	Donald K. Young, Des Moines, IA	UL
	Howard M. Bell, Anniston, AL	UL
	Donald M. DeMine, Latrobe, PA	R
	Fred J. Elliott, Hurst, IL	R
	Edwin F. Ferguson, Bergland, MI	
	Jesse J. Howard, Bell, CA	UL
TT	James H. Hooper, Baltimore, MD	UL
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Pvt	Joseph R. Regli, Richmond, CA	UL
Pvt	LaRue A. Reher, St. Paul, MN	R
Pvt	John M. Riley, Norwichtown, CT	R
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SHORT SNORTS

here's a red-faced Talk about mind blocks dandy. A wall plaque prominently displayed and admired daily in ye' editor's home was recently dismounted - Spring house cleaning what else. This inscription on back thereof "Snortin' Bull carved in pine by Jack Goble, 53 Chandler Ave., Keyport, NJ - 9/74" prompted a casual review of the next ensuing (1975) newsletter. Then with increasing frenzy the '76. 77 and 78 issues ending with the dismaying conclusion - total failure to extend a BULL SHEET acknowledgement as intended and confidently thought had been made to and for Jack's work of art. An oversight which however embarrassing to admit, is a pleasure to now rectify. Sincere apologies aalong with many many thanks, Jack. Sure deserve a reduction in grade for the unexcusable goof. Jack was a Co B 254man from somewheres in FRA-NCE to the end of things over there. Now added "To be Passed on to the plaque's inscription. to the Ishpeming Armory a two word report about the "50th Anniversary Tour" effort: Go." Lots of expressed interest but everyone inclined to do their own thing and planning. Other obstacles later surfaced too resulting in some cancelling out from the widely advertised Normandy tours. Will keep you informed if anything worthwhile develops.....the U.S. court hearings, deportation to Israel, conviction in Israel in 1988 for allegedly being "Ivan the Terrible" of John Demanjanuk have been much in the news for a number of years. After his conviction and death sentence were overturned by the Israeli Supreme Court, he was returned to the U.S. and is now fighting government forts to deport him. The U.S. Federal Judge presiding and ruling in the long, highly publicized Demanjanuk case is Judge Frank J. Battisti (Northern District of Ohio) - yup, the one and same as Pfc Frank J. Battisti, NEWQUAY-end of war combat vet in 3rd Plt Co C 254..... as of 1 Sep 93 the 1437th Engr Co (Bridge), MI NG, is once again attached to the 107th Engr Bn for administration and training purposes. Just maybe the Sault Ste. Marie (Soo) gang will invite the Association to maneuver there again as we did in 1962, 66 and 78. The Soo is a prime reunion site particularly for men entering service with the Band and Co B 107th Regt ('37-40) and post-war NG units stationed there.....wel-come phone call from William E. Smith (3rd Plt C 254), Taylorville, IL, inquiring about our

oute of March OMAHA BEACH-PARIS which he plans n retracing during a 50th anniversary ETO tour.

NEWQUAY replacement and a Snortin' Buller unil war's end, he joined the Illinois NG after he war later serving in KOREA as a 1st Lt, Inf 4th Inf Div. Marquette '65 was his sole renion and expresses hopes of repeating that enoyable experience again soon. Also enjoyed nd appreciated visit from Keith "Red" Manley (C 54) after the '91 reunion.....unquestionably he center of attraction at IRON RIVER was the ommanding presence of BG (Ret) Leonard C. Ward

his WWII comrades and post-war NG compatriots ept him pretty much pinned-down throughout the emorable weekend. Obviously apparent though hat Len thoroughly enjoyed all the attention nd camaraderie.....a self-identifying letter-

VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

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head as an introduction to an organization called: The

eterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Inc., P.O. ox 11129, Arlington, VA 22210-2129 and the oranization's newsletter "The Bulge Bugle." Anual dues are \$15.00. Membership applications ust include: Campaigns (see below) and Units(s) o which assigned during the BULGE period, 16 ec 1944 to 25 Jan 1945. An AAA to 254 replaceent before the RHINE, George is found rostered ith Co C...254th CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT NORMANDY, period 6 June 44-24 Jul. 44 NORTHERN FRANCE, period 25 Jul 44-14 Sep 44 RHINELAND, period 15 Sep 44-21 Mar 45 CENTRAL EUROPE, period 22 Mar 45-11 May 45 ARDENNES-ALSACE, period 16 Dec 44-25 Jan 45 I served in Co C 254th for about 5 months as a /4 Radio Operator in Hq Plat after transfer rom the 1225th Engrs. Recently I joined the FW and noticed your reunion announcement. ou have a roster of former members and is there history of the outfit? I have some photos of ur pontoon bridge across the RHINE and our enty into PILSEN, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. I'll have some rints made for you." Albert H. Medwin. Pictres received, Al - many thanks.....phone call rom Arnold Larsen (C 254), Clearwater, FL on 17 ar 93 resolved the whereabouts of yet another WOL whose '45 hometown was Chicago. "Arnie reorts he trfd direct to the 254th from the 462 AA Bn at ELSENBORN RIDGE. Evidently the "Carenter" entry in his records made him a prime andidate for the Engrs and an urgently needed eplacement for Charlie Co which suffered serius personnel losses at BULLINGEN.....eventful hone call from Faustino Negrete, Gary, Ind., a o C 254 replacement at NEWQUAY. A member of he 3rd Plt he was a BUILINGEN P/W, escaped and ejoined the Bn at ELSENBORN some 3-4 days after

capture. Sez he left the Bn in Sep '45 at DI-JON, FRANCE checking in direct to the Ishpeming armory after picking up our reunion notice was a 3rd Plt Co A 254 AWOL - Robert P. Gobright, Valley Stream, NY. Bob, a RHINE RI-VER replacement even made IRON RIVER on short notice....a vetern 1940 NG of H&S Co 107th R (Detroit) was tracked down in Genesee, MI. Thomas L. Pry was one of the unfortunates caught home on '41 Christmas furlough ending up in the 127th Inf for a PTO tour with the 32d Inf Div....a 1965 contact mailing to old Waukesha, WI address was off target so the whereabouts of Carl R. Jones (A 254) was a mystery until reported in by Larry Ellenich (E 107 R-A 254). No "where joined-where/when left" details from Carl yet but hoping to get that info into the record when he checks in...... a short-timer transferred into the 107th at LIVINGSTON from Co D 127th Inf Regt (Appleton. WI NG outfit) was S/Sgt Harvey J. Doro with his brother, Lester H. Doro, who made the ETO tour in C 254. Dunno in what company but informed he trfd out at FT. DIX to Co E 132d Engr Regt, FT. STORY, VA, from where he soon after left for OCS - in fact his June '42 orders were signed by the Co CO, Capt Edwin R. Slear (H&S 107 R). Lt Col (Ret) Doro's WWII time was in Alaska/Aluetians; then back to the post-war Wis. NG. The Doro pair made IRON RIVER their first reunion duty.....an unusual sequence of events too involved for detailed reporting pointed us towards (Lt) Charles A. Doll (Asst S-2 254) and a Tampa, FL address. His prompt response: "You got me. I am very pleased to receive your query and still among the living at 73 years. Am sure I remember you - straight blonde hair and smoke a pipe? I certainly do remember Col Jenkins too; a good man. I was at BULLINGEN in '84 and went straight to the bivouac area from memory. It was different now being used as a youth hostel camping grounds, and they say that pieces of U.S. equipment are still being found there. I drove by the EISENBORN LAGER which is now a Belgium army base. Here's a picture of a cafe in town where they have a G.I. register and mementos of the BULGE. If there is anything I can do to help in your work, let me know. there any history or roster of the 254th?" He was sent the works. Charlie entered FRANCE 17 Jun 44 with the 82d Engr Bn; then to 299th Engr Bn before joining the 254 at BULLINGEN; then to G-5 FIRST ARMY for post-war civil affairs duty.....hows about the snazzy 1940's vintage OD uniform adorning the bayonet-straight bones of Patrick C. Pequet (B/HHC 107 NGs) at IRON RIVER. Sure brought back memories. Grateful thanks to Pat for contributing his copy of "World War II Order of Battle" by Shelby L. Stanton which is an invaluable reference for tracing the history of WWII units-

an encyclopedic publication which documents and illustrates units from battalion to division. Maybe figured that easier than honoring ye' editor's pleas for info particularly about Combat Engr outfits having connection with the 254, But honestly don't think so, knowing Pat's dedication in Association affairs....working over old rosters the '45 Kulpmont, PA home town for John P. Stanishefski (107 R-C 254) popped a fuse. Hey, same place where Lester Barilla (B 254) Altho a '67 informant had John in Detlives. roit our undercover agent there checked back, "Nothing." But now worth a long shot with suspect ammo? The round was pulled off with range and windage right on as this bullseye report from Les will attest: "Sad news. John died '88 in Detroit. Saw him here in Kulpmont in '46." However disappointing, the news does resolve the situation of another AWOL thanks to Les's determined recon and a lot more complicated than here simply quoted. URGENT - check out your area Fun - and surprising what a phone call or two will turn up. Way to buck for a 3-Back to Les and his follow-up day pass too. bonus phone call with stunning news that he had run into (Cpl) Campbell Houk Smith (2nd Plt Co B 254) at FT. STORY, VA, some months after the war. Great news that Smitty had survived a bad leg injury incurred around MONSCHAU, GERMANY, Mar '45, when a dozer track accidently run over his leg - foot to hip. Confirmed by Dick Wills (D 107 R-B 254), part of the same work party, who some years back unsuccessfully checked out Baltimore, MD phone directories for a Smith listing. This news will answer inquiries received about Smitty, but not where he's presently at unfortunately. Les tells us he is still having foot problems resulting from his BULGE evacua-Anyone there remembers tion with frozen feet. well that the combat boot and emergency issued overshoes were sub-par protection for severe winter conditions - the worse Continental winter in about 35 years. Trench foot/frost bite resulted in more evacuations than combat. and overseas traveler, Dick Wills pin-points old buddies having ties with the area being visited resulting in some hot scoops for Association And his personal interest of course. purposes. Couple years back he motored SW with a San Marcos, TX address in hand for Arthur A. Harper and successfully tracked him down to a hospital where "Tex" was recuperating from hip replacement surgery. Reportedly the Co B 254 blokes had a great 2-man reunion in the Aid Station on a routine mail pickup at the Ishpeming Armory had the distinct pleasure of being introduced to Capt Dwight Mickelson (S-3 46th Engr Gp Hq). Out of the ensuing conversation two eventful facts emerged: one, that Dwight is an ex-A/HHC 107th Guardsman not then Assoc. rostered, and: two, the surprising news that he is the son of Walfred V. Mickelson. That got the wheels turning.

Known as "Mike" in Co D 107th Regt, MARQUETTE to FT. DIX, in the kitchen as Cook/Mess Sgt, we had no info why he left the 107th at DIX always assuming he was a number-crunch casualty of the Reg'l phase-down there. out, however, that the S/Sgt responded to an urgent call for Surveyors, was accepted, and promptly flown out to BELFAST, N. IRELAND, actually arriving there before the 107th Bn did on 3 Mar 42. Stranger yet, the fact that neither he nor men of the Bn knew that they were all in ULSTER at the same time. Without explanation the puzzled, worried M/Sgt was abruptly relieved from heavy responsibilities and ordered back to the U.S. - for Engr OCS, FT. BELVOIR, he was much relieved to learn After commissioning and wondering later. "where to now", he had a one-question interview with an officer (later a Lt Gen) who, with Mike's outstanding 201 File in hand, asked; "Would you jump out of a plane if ordered to do so?" Mike's response, "I suppose that would be alright if I had a parachute." Gen-Through "That's all I want to know." eral: channels with hush-hush orders in hand, the new 2nd Lt found himself in Montana assigned to the newly formed 1st Special Service Force. a combined American/Canadian crack outfit. There the unit underwent intensive commandotype training in preparation for its participation in the ALEUTIAN ISLAND campaigns. The Force went on to distinguish itself in ITALY/ ANZIO BEACH battles in which Mike served as a Plt Ldr, Co Comdr and Staff Officer. Combat wounds (3 Purple Hearts) were responsible for Capt Mickelson's involuntary release from service in Sep '45. This thumbnail synopsis of an extraordinary WWII career is stark in its simplicity. Mike could write a thriller about the war and his personal experiences, believe me....Ed. "I believe the unidentified #13 in the officer picture is WO Tom Porter of the Tom Porter: "Tom Nurnberger thiunit Band." nks #13 in campaign hat is you? Confirm please." Ed: "According to my magnifying glass, yes, that's me. Give my warm regards to Tom next time you are in touch. Just got the BULL SHEET which was another great issue. Thanks a million for the 107th Band write-up in #35 and record of our WWII itinerary. I appreciated it a great deal. Will be 80 next month and still kicking." Signed, Thomas R. Porter. All April '93 correspondence followed by obituary notice from a Pasadena, TX funeral home that WO Porter died on 3 Oct 93. Correction: #25 is Capt Philip D. Pearson - not #26. error. No's. 24 and 26 remain unidentified ... "I really enjoy the BULL SHEET. Keep up the good work." Nason F. Smith, a Co A 107 R NG (Escanaba); later H&S 107 R-H&S 112 R-1121st Gp Hq.... "Maj (Ret) Charles A. Hanover passed away 3 Feb 94 in the Evangelical Home, Ster-

ling Heights, MI at age, 88. I have enclosed nis memorial card and on the back you will note nis daughter's name and address. She would appreciate a copy of the BULL SHEET with the report of his passing." (WO) Eugene R. Hamlin Thanks to Herb H&S 107 R-Pers Off 112th Bn). Bastion (E 107 R-A 254) too for the newspaper notice. Good reporting from the field, lads same area this late report: Speed Message dispatched to Kermit L. Martinson: "Please check phone books for Roher listings - looking for aRue A. Reher, St. Paul, MN in '45 but not at that address in '66. Marty's prompt response: 'It took one phone call. I talked to his wife. 'Mike" has had hip surgery and is in a nursing His address is: 2770 Chisnome at this time. 10lm Ave. E, N. St. Paul, MN 55189." the Co B 254 roster. Will be a pleasure popping or that promised cold one, Marty -at GLADSTONE?oddity of war: Neighbors and school chums in Pittsburgh, PA never knowing they were both .n the 254th until getting together again after he war. Angelo Moreno (C 254) and Albert A. 'omassetti (joined Co B 254 at NEWQUAY), Louisrille, KY, who picked off Angelo's 1992 Pittsourgh obituary notice for us. Never got a response from Angelo and no info where or when he joined the 254 but informed he left at BULLIN-EN for a P/W Stalag......Wilbert M. Rohde at RON RIVER: "We visited Theodore R. Benning, Jr. luring a 1990 trip to Atlanta. I drove Jeep for it Benning who had the 2nd Plt of B 254. risited Keith "Red" Manley (C 254) in Oxford, AR luring the same trip. Will and wife, Cecilia, ire still active running their grain farm with a all Lake. Iowa address.... "Hi Friends: "I re-:eived THE BULL SHEET Issue #36. At the present ime it looks like I will be unable to attend he IRON RIVER reunion. I will enjoy hearing 'rom any of my former comrades of the 254th. mas a Plt Ldr and CO of Co A in England, France, tc." Sanford F. Hall, Col CE, USAR, 3 Ridge load, Bloomfield, CT 06002 on letterhead - The anford F. Hall Agency, Inc. (Capt) Hall came o the 112 R at DEVIZES; in June '45 trfd to the 34th Engr Bn along with many other "high point" mortin' Bull men.....informative phone call 'rom William H. "Bill" Masters, Germansville, PA . Co A 112 R DEVIZES replacement. While in H&S he trfd to 1121 Gp Hq as the Chaplain's sst to Capt John M. Bailey (Methodist clergy 'etiree, TAPS 15 Aug 81) who, after attending haplain's School in '42, was assigned to the 8th Inf Div and subsequently assigned to the .121 at NEWQUAY; left therefrom at MARSEILLES, 'RANCE after the warlearned that Warren L. lomain and Richard A. Schiesl had a two-man Co B !54 get-together in Milwaukee. Marty, a D 107 R nfantry replacement at LIVINGSTON, never misses out Dick (NEWQUAY replacement) is still a reunon virgin but otherwise checks in faithfully ...

thought the 146th Engr C Bn was a NG outfit same as the 254th and 112th: all 1121 Group. The 146th Engr C Regt was activa-Incorrect. ted 25 Jan 43 at CAMP SWIFT, TX. On 1 Apr 43 the regiment was broken up and redesignated; Reg'l Hq the HHC, 1116th Engr C Gp, 1st Bn the 146th Bn and 2nd Bn the 206th Bn. The 146th Bn arrived in ENGLAND 17 Oct 43 for asgmt to the 1121 itself activated 19 Aug 43 at DEVIZES, ENGLAND.....two main types of engineer groups. combat and construction, begun in 1943. 80 engineer combat groups were formed; some by breaking up engineer combat (112th included) and general service regiments....a total of 92 divisions served during WWII of which 87 were prepared for combat and shipped to theaters by the Army Ground Forces. In May 1942 it was estimated that 187 divisions would be required ... a BULL SHEET welcome to LTC Phillip Lennert, new Permanent Director, who assumed command of the 107th MG Bn on 1 Jul 93 from a Pentagon NG Bureau assignment. And retirement "Best Wishes" to more dedicated reunion/Association sup-LTC James W. Lienau, a 107th portive vets: Guardsman who advanced through the ranks from lowly buck private to Bn Comdr; CSM Richard J. Oja, 26 years service and long-time Association stalwart; MSG C. William Hager, Head of U.P. Recruiting, 30 years military time; we'll miss Bill's annual status reports; and 1st Sgt John A. Beauchamp, Assoc. Treasurer 1986-92 and key, and I mean

A. Beauchamp, Assoc. Treasurer 1986-92 and key, and I mean key, liaison man for NG Unit/Association contacts....thats it for Issue No. 37. "Parade Rest" for fatigued eyeballs - and a worn out 74 year old BS'er. Fun though. FINIS:

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