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## "WELCOME TO IRONWOOD"

Bravo Company, welcomes you to the Ironwood area to share with you this year's reunion. Our soldiers and their families are excited to demonstrate their hospitality and share in the fun of the 2004 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Reunion. This year's reunion also coincides with the dates of "Ironwood Days" for the city of Ironwood. Here is a look at the upcoming reunion events:

### Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>:

Starting at noon, the registration table and bar will be open. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Gogebic Range Band. This instrumental band will provide a relaxed atmosphere to mingle with old time friends.

Starting around 1700 hrs, the Captain's Fish Fry will be available for a modest cost of \$7.00 per plate. Where else would you get a meal consisting of the Captain's own special Battered Cod complete with Freedom fries, coleslaw, rolls, and garnishes. The best part is you'll have ISG Leonard Janssen (a trained gourmet chef) and CPT Steven Burton (the cooking game warden) to prepare your meal with their secret fish/ beer batter (emphasis on the beer).

### Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>:

Breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, SOS, hash browns, sausage, bacon, toast, coffee, OJ, and milk. All of this will be available for only \$5.00. Breakfast will run from 0730-0900 hrs. SGT. James "Jumping Jimmy" Koval will be cooking for your gourmet pleasure for breakfast.

New this year, we will make available a half day fishing charter out of Black River Harbor (just 15 miles north of the Armory). Steelhead, Lake Trout, Salmon, and the occasional Salvienous Fontinalis (brook trout) are sure to make your arms tired from horsing these Lake Superior fish into the boat. Pre-registration will occur by calling the Ironwood Armory direct and speaking with SSG "Trapper Dale" Allen for scheduling. Only one boat is available and we will fill it on a first come-first served basis. The "Trappers" uncle is a licensed guide and will make the charter as fun and productive as possible. Cost depends on number of guests (6 max.). Don't let this great opportunity pass you by. (Daily fishing license for those that don't already have them are only \$7.00).

A golf scramble will be available at Boulder Creek Golf Course. Details will be available at Friday's registration. 1100 hrs everyone needs to be standing tall at the flagpole in front of the armory for the annual Memorial Service. Come pay tribute to fellow soldiers who have passed away since our last reunion.

SGT Darryl "The Kid" Goodman promises this will be the best memorial service yet.

An equipment display will be available for viewing the whole weekend.

An old fashioned Ironwood BBQ will be held between 1200-1300 hrs at the armory for \$7.00. SPC Benjamin "Bengy" Eskola will grill a Camp Grayling Hotdog, Bravo Bratwurst, or Juicy Yooper Burger to your liking on the Barbie. Potato chips, baked beans, potato salad, and corn on the cob will be served. All condiments, including grilled onions will be available. You can't miss this lunch. Everything else on the schedule of events takes place directly after the lunch.

A casino bus will depart the Ironwood Armory at 1330 hrs for the Lac Vieu Desert Casino in Watersmeet. Check your program guide for extra savings at the casino. Sgt "Wild Bill" Pietila will be your point of contact at the reunion and the casino. More details will be available at the registration table or see Wild Bill during the morning.

The Business Meeting will be held in the Motor Pool, starting at 1400 hrs sharp.

Ironwood Days events for the day include: Helicopter rides, Arts and Crafts sale, entertainment, and a classic car cruise in downtown Ironwood.

Posting of the colors for the Banquet will take place at 1830 hrs sharp. Don't be late. Captain Steven Burton will make introductions, LTC Tom Perry will give a *brief* synopsis on the 107E Battalion and then dinner will be served. A catered meal is being planned with a few dinner options for your liking. After the meal, a DJ will kick in the tunes and play current favorites as well as entertain your requests. I even promise that the Iron River crew (Gibson, Weesner, and Pietila) won't do their YMCA dance this year, so it will be safe to bring the kids.

### Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>:

Brunch will be served from 0900-1100 hrs. This will be a great time to say farewell to all your friends and wish them well until next year. For \$5.00 we'll feed you eggs to order, hash browns, sausage, bacon, toast, as well as a sandwich bar with sides and condiments. The refreshment bar will be open until 1200 hrs.

Due to the number of people in town for Ironwood Days, it is advised to call early for a motel room. If you need any assistance at all please give us a call at the Ironwood Armory at (906)-932-0702. Good as Done!

CPT Steven B. Burton  
Association President

# TAPS

*Day is done, gone the sun*

*From the lake, from the hill.*

*From the sky*

*All is well, safely rest. God is nigh.*

*Thanks and praise for our days*

*'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,*

*'neath the sky.*

*As we go, this we know. God is nigh.*

Baker, Clarence H., "Buddy", 2000, H&S/254  
Beck, Ellard A, Med Det, 107 Reg  
Bradke, Grant, Sep 2000, 107R  
Davey, Howard W., April 16, 2003, 254E; Co D, 107<sup>NG</sup>  
De Mars, Russell, Sep 22, 2002, Co F, 107 Reg  
Jarvi, Reino, 1 Sep 1998, 107 Reg, 522 En Co  
Johnson, Eanar G., 1995, B/254  
Hall, Harold V. Aug 27, 2003, A/107R, 112R  
Harris, Painter J., Jan 2, 2004, D/107  
Rilpela, Ryan, SPC, March 6, 2003, Co A, 107E, NG  
Klotz, Erwin B., Feb 24, 2000, H&S, 254 E Bn  
Lamuth, Joseph E., Feb 2003, Co C, 107 R, Co A., 254  
McLeod, James L., Jan 23, 2002, A/107R  
Marra, Louis, May 26, 2003, 1437<sup>th</sup> EN Co  
Maata, Edwin, Feb 2003, Co A 107 NG  
Madden, James T., Dec 2003, D/107R,B/254  
Martinson, Kermit L., March 6, 2003, Co B, 254 Bn  
Martis, John J., March 14, 2003, Co C, 254 En Bn  
Mendelin, Tony, Jan 22, 2003, Co F, 107 Reg  
Miller, Robert W., Jan 25, 2003, Co C, 107 NG  
Mokszycyke, Walter A, 15 Sep 2002, Co C, 107 NG  
Noyes, Paul G., Dec 9, 2002, A/107R  
Orrand, Charles N. "Sunshine" Jul 18, 2003, A/107R  
Palomar, Steve, date unknown, Co A, 254 En Bn  
Prus, Peter, Jr, Dec 6, 2003, Co B, 254 En Bn  
Rapp, Paul C., Dec 27, 2003, Band, 107R  
Romain, Warren L. "Marty", Jan 10, 2004, D/107R,B/254  
Simington, Adelbert W., May 17, 2003, E, 107R,B/254  
Valerio, Luca J. "Luke", Nov 5, 2003, B/107R, E/112R, B/254

## Officially registered at Gladstone in 2003

Dale Allen, B/107NG	Ironwood, MI
George Anderson,	Escanaba, MI
Jim Anderson, C.O. EN Bde, 38 ID	Midland, MI
Butch Bardowski, A/107R,A/254	Stephenson, MI
Craig Barnhart, C/107NG	Escanaba, MI
Erik Barnhart, C/107NG	Escanaba, MI
Herbert Bastion, E/107R,A/254	Clawson, MI
Robert Beaudry, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Bob Beauprey, HHC/107NG	Munising, MI
Donald Bussiere, A/107NG	Ontonagon, MI
Adam Calderon, HHC/107NG	Belleview, MI
Willard Carne, C/107NG	Escanaba, MI
Ray Chartre, HHC/107NG	Ishpeming, MI
Scott Cleary, A/107NG	Mass City, MI
Jon Compton, HHC/107NG	Ishpeming, MI
John Culliton, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Eric Dahlgren, C/107NG	Appleton, WI
Fern Dahlgren, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Christopher Davenport, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Mike Dennis, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Samantha Deno, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Don DeRoche, HHC/107NG	Ishpeming, MI
Butch Deverney, HHC/107E, 46 EN	Midland, MI
Jim Dougovito, HQ/107NG	L'Anse, MI
Howard Duncan, B/107NG/46EN	North Vernon, IN
Joe Dupont, A/107R,F/112,522	Caseyville, IL
Scott Etelamaki, HHC/107NG	Negaunee, MI
Faustino Negrete, C/254	Gary, MI
Joe Floriano, HHC/107NG	Ishpeming, MI
Mike Floriano, HHC/107NG	Kingsford, MI
Jake Ford, C/107NG	Escanaba, MI
Clarence Forsythe, A/254th	Boonton, NJ
Fred Fountaine, A/107NG	Calumet, MI
James Fredrickson, HHC/107NG	Livonia, MI
Keith Freeze, B/107R,112,B/254	Shephard, MI
Danny Garceau, HHC/107NG	Bath, MI
Fuzzy Garceau, HHC/107NG	Negaunee, MI
Art Gibour, A/107R,112R,A/254	Mt Vernon, IL
Jeff Gibson, B/107NG	Iron River, MI
Darryl Goodman, B/107NG	Wakefield, MI
Harold Hall, A/107R,112R	Wyoming, MI
George Hansen, B/HHC/107NG	Marquette, MI
Link Hibernig, HHC/107NG	Gaylord, MI
Peter Injasouljian, HQ/107NG	Howard City, MI
Ed Jachimski, HHC/107NG	Negaunee, MI
Brian Jefferson, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Lucille Johnivan, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Don Kelloniemi, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Dennis Keyser, ENG BDE, 38th ID	Flint, MI
Robert Krouth, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI



Thomas Lafave, A/107NG	Escanaba, MI
Allen Lapalm, HHC/107NG	Baraga, MI
Patricia Larsen, HHC/107NG	Big Bay, MI
Gary LaFreniene, HHC/107NG	Ishpeming, MI
Lewis Lembo, H&S/254	Osseo, MN
Lloyd Lessard, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Jim Lienau, HQ/107NG	Green Bay, MI
Rene Lippens, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Charlie Lipps, B/254	Coshoston, OH
Brent Lynch, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Skip Maynard, EN BDE,38ID	Swartz Creek, MI
John McCormick, B/107NG	Sterling Hts, MI
Robert McGuire, H&S/254	Centerville, IA
Tiny Metro, B/107R,H&S/254	Soo, MI
Dwight Mickelson, HHC/107NG	Mason, MI
Henrietta Miller, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Allen Mokszycke, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
James Moulds, B/HHC/107NG	Munising, MI
John Neno, H&S/254	Ithaca, NY
Jim Noel, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Richard Oja, HHC/107NG	Republic, MI
Jim O'Toole, A/254th	San Jose, CA
Joe Patrick, C/HHC/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Pat Pequet, B/HHC/107NG	Flushing, MI
Thomas Perry, HHC/A/B/107NG	Roscommon, MI
Teresa Peterson, 107NG	Iron Mountain, MI
Steven Pietila, B/107NG	Iron River, MI
Ronald Revello, HHC/107NG	Appleton, WI
Roland Revello, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Lou Reynolds, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Leslie Ruohomaki, HQ/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Rory Seppanen, HHC/107NG	Baraga, MI
Robert Sexton, HHC/107NG	Kingsford, MI
Bill Sheldon, HQ/107NG	Ishpeming, MI
Cal Shirkey, B/107NG	Wakefield, MI
Don Small, HHC/107ENG	Marquette, MI
Bob Smith, C/HHC/107NG	Naples, MI
John Smith, C/107NG	Daggett, MI
Brian Smith, C/107NG	Escanaba, MI
Joe Sommers, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Vic Stevens, H&S/112	Livonia, MI
Richard Strand, HHC/B/C/107NG	Ishpeming, MI
Russ Sturdivant, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Joe Testolin, D/107NG	Iron Mountain, MI
Scott Thomma, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Jim Turunen, A/107NG	Baraga, MI
John Tyrrell, Recruiting	Ishpeming, MI
Paul VanAbel, A/107NG	L'Anse, MI
John VanBrocklin, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Bill Viau, C/107NG	Gladstone, MI
Ed Vickstrom, B/107,H&SB/254	Ishpeming, MI
Joyce Ward, 1121Gp,HQ/107NG	McLean, VA
Dave Wesoloski, D/HHC/107NG	Grayling, MI
Ron Westman, A/HHC/107NG	Swartz Creek, MI
Bob Wills, HHC/107NG	Rockford, MI
Richard Wills,D/107,E/112,B/254	Negaunee,MI

**SEQUEL TO "LOST AND FOUND"**  
by Ed Vickstrom

A continuation of last year's "Bull Sheet" release regarding a mess kit cover found in a 1944 bivouac area located near BULLINGEN, Belgium, bearing the barely recognizable identification clues of: "Orvell, C-6401, Crom, Ireland" and, as later deciphered, a date of "April 29, 1941." Also, the seemingly hopeless appeal "anyone having identifying information, please contact Sgt Ross Stevens." Needle in the haystack? Not so. From memory, an ex-keeper of the Association records figured that this was likely Warren O. Crow otherwise known during his 107<sup>th</sup> and 245<sup>th</sup> days simply as "Orv" - a derivation of middle name erroneously thought spelled as Orveil. A field message to Crow's Wellston, MI dugout resulted in a prompt, excited verification from his wifey correspondent, Rita, that he was indeed the one-time owner of the vintage WWI issued piece of equipment. . Further evidence was a copy of his "WD AGO Form 53-55, Honorable Discharge" officially identifying him as Sgt Warren O. Crow, ASN 36156104 (note - the C-6401 was a numerical transposition) entering service on April 29, 1941 (that date resolved too) at Kalamazoo, MI from hometown of Brethren, Mich. Still in civvies, the new Selective Service Trainee was assigned directly from the induction center to Training Company No. 8, 127<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 32d Infantry Division, Camp Livingston, Louisiana. Explanation: Early on before Pearl Harbor and declaration of war, units in training, including the 107<sup>th</sup> Engr Regt, were charged with the responsibility of equipping/basic training their inducted replacements. Seven months later the now trained "ground pounder" was one of dozens 127<sup>th</sup> to 107<sup>th</sup> volunteer transfers (to Co F?) immediately before the regiment's abrupt 3-day train movement to Fort Dix. The Seel-Stevens-Vickstrom-Crow coordination of effort reunited "Orv" with the badly deteriorated mess kit cover - 59 years after separation sometime during the 254's Oct 2-Dec 16, 1944, bivouac SW of BULLINGEN. Jean-Louis Seel's thoughtful letter accompanying the item's return to "Orv" tells the rest of the story.

## "THE BULL SHEET" HAS A LONG HISTORY, TOO"

by Ed Vickstrom

Recognizing a historical concern encouraged by a bit of nostalgia too comes the time to enter into the record how, when and where the "Bull Sheet" arrived on the scene. And before the two knowledgeable survivors pass on carrying with them the otherwise unknown details about it's WWII tour of duty. Retained in memory information that's been hanging loose for a long time - 60 years actually - which cries for 107<sup>th</sup> archival documentation before all is lost totally. Every wartime act has a purpose, orderly progression and objective. The idea for a battalion informative communication stemmed from a conversational comment by the 254's battalion CO, Lt Col Loren W. Jenkins, who casually mentioned one wintry day: "I'm thinking that some kind of a printed missive would be helpful for passing on current war news, combat/engineering tips and other significant battlefield things not usually trickled down to the squad level." From "Jiggs" this was tantamount to an issued order. His thinking (command?) was kicked around in the battalion's Forward Echelon CP tent manned as usual by Command, S-3 and S-2/Recon Sec personnel at the time operating out of a BULLINGEN, Belgium bivouac. Whether by design or other unknown action, the ol' man's suggestion ended up in Captain Murray H. Cunningham's (Res 0 asgd to 112<sup>th</sup> Engr Regt, Camp Shelby, MS, Apr '41) S-2 Section which promptly complied turning out Issue No. 1 bearing the historic date of 6 Nov 44. It was, as were subsequent issues, a one-page printed both sides sheet. A distinctive name for the infant publication was a no-brainer for the quickly assembled staff. One of the poorer, last-of-run copies of that issue fortunately being one of the distressingly few issues that have surfaced after WWII, is here reproduced in part. The "page 3" comment was a tongue-in-cheek reference to a semi-censored but still popular bitching feature in the "Stars & Stripes" or "Yank." "Blow It Out Your B-bag" will have no purpose or application here" was Col Jenkin's stern reminder. S-2 Section members assigned to the project were: T/Sgt Edward C. "Vick" Vickstrom (Bn Intel Sgt), editor/typist; Tech 4 Lewis N. "Lou" Lembo (Bn Draftman), production/distribution; and Tech 5 George H. "Mo" Molentin (Bn Photographer), artist.

The limited number of readable copies derivable from 5-6 typed "masters" were laboriously reproduced singly on paper stock scrounged from wherever via the gelatin "ditto" process, a TO&E issued item intended chiefly for map work. Though limited to 3 colors (purple, green, red) this even so gave Molentin considerable leeway for his imaginative artistry which contributed materially towards the paper's otherwise drab, purple-printed appearance. Lembo, a native of Long Island, NY (made Gladstone 2003 his very first reunion experience) enjoys retirement near his son, Nick, in Osseo, MN; Molentin, out of Chicago, is 107/254 enshrined for his revered Snortin' Bull emblem, TAPS in 1994; and Vickstrom, Association secretary emeritus, holes up near the Ishpeming armory. The modest single sheet paper was loosely intended as a daily, situation permitting. Obviously, many interruptions occurred notably because of Battle of Bulge action, moving, adverse conditions, more pressing demands on staff time and, yes, a shortage of paper stock. It's brief combat tour spanned 169 days (6Nov44-24Apr45) during which period somewheres around 113 issues were turned out. With ETO hostilities rapidly winding down, Volume II, Issue 1, made it's debut on 25 Apr 45 in NAUMBERG, Germany, as a revised, multi-page weekly focused upon more battalion related stuff and less war news. A reporting staff was formed comprised of: T/5 Geno Cicero, 1/A: Pfc Joseph Nicholes, 2/A: Pfc Mando Moschella, 3/A: Cpl Fred Pretz, 1/B: S/Sgt Donald M. Duquette, 2/B: Pfc Robert Goodwin, 3/B: Sgt Joseph Hardwick, 1/C; Pvt Douglas Williamson, 2/C; Sgt Albert Potila, 3/C; and the "BS" staff covered H&S Co/Med Det. The last issue coming to hand (page 1 of same here include) and believed to be the last produced, is Vol II, Issue 4, dated 16 May 45 printed in PILSEN, Czechoslovakia, a week after Germany surrendered and just before the 254<sup>th</sup> motor marched eastward on a 3-day convoy movement all the way back to MAILLEY-LE-COMP, France, in the heart of the famed champagne country. Here the now obsolete "Bull Sheet" quietly, unobtrusively faded into oblivion having fulfilled it's purpose; just another war casualty dead, buried and soon forgotten. Little did anyone know that the 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Association would be organized in 1961 which authorized a newsletter 5 years later projected to promote interest, old comradeships, new friendships, 107/254 history and annual reunion facts. But, first, what to call it? Again the no-brainer - THE BULL SHEET -what else?

Issue No. 1 of the postwar communiqué went out dated April 1966. Through a quirk of fate, unusual circumstances and in place as Association Secretary, Vickstrom too was reactivated for editorship duty. (He bowed out in year 2000 on account of age whereupon newsletter duty was assumed by a succession of National Guardsmen namely: SFC Jim Sertich (Ret), WO Bill Sheldon (Ret), Sgt Ross Stevens and LTC Tom Perry, (Bn CO, presently). The resurrected bulletin was published semi-annually until October 1975 and annually since. Overall since 1966, 46 issues (No. 44 was inadvertently skipped) have been produced in 39 years averaging 1,400 copies printed of which about 1,100 were mailed. To date all periods considered, "The Bull Sheet" has accumulated 60 years of active/inactive service time within that of the 107<sup>th</sup>'s distinguished history dating back to 1881. Hopefully, it will keep marching hand-in-hand serving past, present and future Snortin' Bull troopers for many more years to come. GOOD AS DONE! Again!

**Company A Soldiers Selected for MFO Mission.**

By SFC Joe Battisfore, Calumet Armory.

The 2nd Squad of 1st Platoon, A Company, 107th Engineer Battalion (M) is currently deployed to the Sinai. The squad was mobilized in October 2003 and spent 2 1/2 months in Camp Atterbury, IN for training prior to deploying to the Sinai where they will remain until July 2004. They are part of a 450 Soldier task force from the 1-125 Infantry Battalion that are part of the "Multinational Force and Observers" (MFO). The MFO (created after the 1979 Camp David Peace Accords) is tasked to "observe and report" treaty violations by Israel or Egypt (Learn more about MFO on the web at [www.mfo.org](http://www.mfo.org)).

The engineer missions so far for the A Company squad have been wire obstacle emplacement and repair, repair of guard shacks and towers, repair of a live-fire range, and training with an Israeli Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit. They are also frequently tasked with non-engineer specific missions such as patrols, gate guard duty, and augmentation of the presently under-manned Military Police contingency of the task force. They are doing well and living up to the battalion motto of "Good As Done".

Squad Battle Roster:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
Sqd Ldr	SSG	Jack Kotila	Hancock, MI
Tm Ldr	SGT	Kevin Bastian	Laurium, MI
Tm Ldr	<u>SGT</u>	<u>Ross Stevens</u>	Calumet, MI
Cbt Engr	SGT	Ian Matthews	Laurium, MI
Cbt Engr	SPC	Steve LaCourt	Hancock, MI
Cbt Engr	SPC	Eric Campbell	Calumet, MI
Cbt Engr	SPC	Landis Wood	L'Anse, MI
Driver/RTO	SPC	Bryan Durnion	L'Anse, MI

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 This is a much smaller battalion deployment than last year, when the 1437<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company from the Soo was mobilized and sent to Operation Iraqi Freedom. This summer from 1 June to about 20 July, soldiers from the battalion will be fixing up an orphanage in the country of Latvia. This mission is part of the DoD Partnership for Peace program. During Annual Training our battalion will be hosting a platoon of Infantry soldiers from Latvia. Who knows what other great mission(s) await the rest of the battalion.

General Association Information

By Tom Perry, secretary

1. Our internet web address is [www.107thengineers.org](http://www.107thengineers.org). The minutes from the 2003 business meeting and lots of other info about the battalion and Association is posted on the website.
2. Over the last 2 years the Association treasury has been reduced by about \$2800.00. This is caused by a number of things. The "Bull Sheet" expenses (printing and mailing mostly) are increasing, we are doing more discretionary spending, reunion attendance is lower, fewer members are paying dues, and some members don't even want to pay the registration fee (\$5) at the reunion. I have stopped mailing out membership cards to those who don't attend the reunion so we can save some money. The only sources of Association income are donations, dues, reunion registration fee, and interest from our CDs. That's it! We sell hats, license plates, etc, a little above cost as a service to our members. I will be bringing this issue up at the 2004 business meeting so we can solve the problem and keep our Association alive. At the pace we are going, the Association will be broke in about 5 years.
3. If you have an article, a picture, or whatever that you would like to see printed in the "Bull Sheet" please send them to the Ishpeming Armory.

(Editor's note: The copy I had for the original "Bullsheet" was too poor to scan and enter here as original text. Therefore I retyped it so it could be read.)



THE BULL SHEET  
Issue No 1, 06 Nov 44

As an endeavor to satisfy any puzzlement over this "poop sheet" we'll try to show you the light.

The way it looks now the "BULL SHEET" will be a combination of daily news plus tips and points of interest from various sources that ordinarily wouldn't reach you blokes down in the squads, Nothing is guaranteed as to its publication but it will continue to be published daily unless conditions warrant otherwise.

If you have a couple francs worth of information or suggestions you'll find doors at both ends of the battalion CP tent - and a phone in your company CP. Contact Sgt Vickstrom who is always around - his hump stays close to the CP stove these days.

And, in closing, you'll find the "Blow It Out Your B-Bag Column" on Page 3.

News of the past twenty-four hours for period ending 060800 Nov as broadcast on the Allied Expeditional Force Program.

Nearly all the German FIFTEENTH ARMY has been driven back across the MEAS RIVER and Allied troops are nearing the river on a fifty-mile front. On WALCHERAN United Kingdom troops thrusting north from FLUSHING were fighting in the outskirts of NIDELERG last night. Canadian troops have extended their grip on the east of the original assault on WALCHEBAN were severe. The American FIRST ARMY has regained some of the ground lost east of AIX La CHAPPEL (AACHEN).

Over 1,200 American heavies yesterday attacked FRANFORT, CARISHBOE And WINIGSHAVEN. BAF Lancasters bombed SOLINGEN for the second day running.

The French Provision Government has invited President ROOSEVELT AND Mr. CORDELL HULL to visit PARIS.

Allied Army tanks and infantry were last night engaged with German armor within Artillery range of BUDAPEST. In EAST PRUSSIA the Soviet forces have beaten off more German counterattacks.

In Italy the weather has improved but there has been only local fighting.

General MAC ARTHUR'S troops are closing in on the last Japanese strong point on LEYTE ISLAND.

American Super Fortresses based in India yesterday gave SINGAPORE its first raid since the Japanese occupation. In Burma our operations around KENNEDY PEAK are reported to be going well.

The Liberator aircraft "Commando" which flew Mr. CHURCHILL to MOSCOW in 1942 has arrived in SIDNEY completing the first trip of a new RAF transport command service between Canada and Australia.

LONDON has its second successive night alert when the Germans sent up more bombs. Minor incidents are reported from several places in southern England, believed some of the bombs were shot into the sea off the East Coast.



# THE BULL SHEET

Vol II, Issue 4, S-2 Section, 254 Engr C Bn, 16 May 1945

Roads to bridges ↔ bridges to railroads ↔ railroads to cities ↔ all a part of the work done by the "Snortin' Bull" Battalion. The oddest turn of fate though is that just a week and a half ago we were fighting the Germans. Now we're protecting them from the same people they have suppressed for so long.

It's a vicious circle starting out with the Allies bombing a town; later liberating the town; then Krauts cleaning it up and the civilians rebuilding it — under direction of the Allies who bombed it in the first place!

PILSEN, famous because of the Skoda Munitions Works and its bear, was the target of Allied bombers who, during a series of bombings accomplished quite a face lifting job in places, leaving tremendous amounts of rubble, craters, blocked streets, and a damaged water system inadequate for the needs of the city.

↳ to work on it using German prisoners someone said, and to work the battalion went, enlisting the aid of Pilsen's city engineers.

Quite a deal it is the boys say, to stand around watching someone else take over the Engineer's monopoly on the dirty and heavy work and to be able to make eyes at the pretty girls when they tire of watching shovels fly. A good deal, all right!

It is a sizeable job though, utilizing 900 prisoners, 120 trucks and a dozen or so odd pieces of heavy equipment. The prisoner labor is to be boosted to 3,000 in one or two days too!

The dozers and shovels do the bulk of the heavy cleaning up, with prisoners taking care of the finishing touches, and things are shaping up much to the civilians delight.

Several unusual angles have developed during this job that tends to keep the men in charge pretty much on their toes. The first hours work convinced all that it would require more watching to keep the Czech civilians off the German soldier's back than it would to keep the shovels moving. Also it was quite confusing to check out a hundred Pee Wee's in the morning and check in 104 at night! Where the extras are coming from is still an unsolved mystery.

The Engineers are still carrying on in their best traditional fashion working towards the day when the "Cease Work" order will follow the "Cease Firing".

The building in which Co B is now located was originally built for use by the Secret Police of the Czechoslovakian Republic, but was taken over by the Gestapo just as it was completed. In the basement it has small barred rooms in which the Germans would cram six people. The Secret Police is taking over the fourth floor for its quarters.

The editor of the "Bull Sheet" has received a letter from T/4 Leslie Sjoquist who is still in the states. He's having a pretty good time but not much for writing letters, so he took this way to say hello to all the fellows. In a PS, Les inquired as to how his old pal "Pistonhead" Demofre is doing. Says he has things all lined up for Pete when he comes home.



Front View

On August 14, 2003, at Camp Grayling, Michigan, the memorial commemorating the service of the 107/254 Engineer Battalion at the Battle of the Bulge was dedicated. This beautiful black polished granite monument was the culmination of many years of planning and fund raising. The original idea for the monument was created by the late BG (Ret) Leonard Ward. He initially presented the idea and organization plan at the last reunion that was held in Calumet about 10 years ago. BG Ward pursued the project with a passion which was hard to deny. He enlisted numerous people to assist him to realize the dream of a memorial to the battalion's service at the Battle of the Bulge. It is unfortunate that he passed away before he could see the finished product. BG Ward's wife, Mrs Joyce Ward and their children and families were present and participated in the dedication ceremony. The plan went through numerous changes. Originally BG Ward wanted the memorial built in Belgium near the actual battleground. But funding and numerous other obstacles caused the plan to change until it was decided to build it at Camp Grayling. Camp Grayling is the Annual Training location for the present day 107<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion and the Michigan Army National Guard. LTC Ron Westman and CSM Mike Floriano, battalion C.O. and command sergeant major respectively, along with the whole battalion, numerous dignitaries and VIPs attended the ceremony. Of those attending the dedication were several former members of the battalion who are veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. They were Richard and Edith Wills, Negaunee, MI (B/254); Keith and Pearl Freeze, Shepherd, MI (B/254); Warren and Rita Crow, Wellston, MI (C/254); Edward and Marie Vickstrom, Ishpeming, MI (H&S/254).



Back View

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**REUNION DETAILS: 16-18 July 2004 Ironwood Armory, N 10333 Greenbush Rd., Ironwood, Michigan 49938, 906-932-0702**

**After July 1<sup>st</sup>, to make, change, or cancel banquet reservations, kindly call the Ironwood Armory at 906-932-0702 or the Ishpeming Armory at 906-486-8921**

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Please RSVP, **before July 1, 2004**, using this form. A response from you would be appreciated even if you don't plan on attending the reunion in Ironwood. This information is very helpful for address verification, for one-on-one contact purposes, and hopefully an open pipeline for information that you will contribute to the Association. Send to:

107th Engineer Association  
900 Palms Avenue  
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1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
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  3. Home Phone Number (*optional*): \_\_\_\_\_
  4. I will will not (*circle choice*) be present for the 43rd Annual Reunion of the 107th Engineer Association at Ironwood, Michigan.
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