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TRAINING SCHEDULE

Perhaps the one item of business most subject to lively and impromptu discussion at annual business meetings is the formation of forthcoming reunion plans and selection of a site for the next reunion. This year was no exception. The enthusiastic group present, evidently a mite high on 100% Lake Superior washed ozone, decided to convene in Marquette again on August 21-22-23, 1970. The training area selected for this event is familiar grounds of past campaigns - the grand Marquette armory. Lt Allan W. LaBreche, present CO of the Marquette unit, will, in addition to his NG duties, be the tactical commander for the full scale Bn. sized maneuvers - complete with a "water point" or two he says so no need for "canteens" this trip. Any deviations from normal S.O.P. will be passed along in the Spring 1970 issue along with recommended spots for pitching shelter halves. Now, lets be contacting those oldbuddys for the purpose of rendezvousing in the Queen City of the North come next August. Short an address or two? Ask Headquarters!

A B O N A N Z A

Headquarters had just about given up hopes but by golly it finally happened - receipt of a complete set of 254 rosters! One for each company and staff by rank and inclusive of old home addresses. We date them as being prepared right around V-E Day in 1945 according to some of the names included therein and some that are not. The Snortin' Bull Special Award in this instance goes to Joseph "Joe" Censabella for having the foresight to bring the rosters home with him in '45 - knowing full well they would be needed some 24 years later! Many will recall Joe as the 254's Personnel Officer. Joe, from his home in Alexandria, Va., evidently maintained contact with many of the old gang judging from the extensive list of updated addresses accompanying the rosters. Needless to say our Association's active and "unlocated"

record and address files benefited tremendously from this long-awaited bonanza. An informational mailing was dispatched straight away to the old 1945 addresses of people we've heretofore been unable to contact. Naturally many such mailings bounced via first class return-mail privilege generally stamped "unknown" - perhaps at that particular address but still living in the ol' home town. Hqrs has received many responses and surprises which we hope to share with you by means of the BS. Our unlocated file still bulges with names of 254 men not included on those particular rosters - as well recalled the 254 had an extensive turnover of personnel. So we plan to continue the mimeographed third sheet to accompany each issue of the BS depending and hoping for some good Combat Engineer reconnaissance efforts on your part to locate these people.

** ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND **

Effective June 1, 1969, Richard L. Pascoe, formerly Exec. Off. of the 107th Engr. NG Bn, was promoted to Bn CO. His promotion to Light Col was announced while the Bn was in it's annual summer encampment at Camp Grayling at which time "Dick" was presented his silver leafs at a formal presentation ceremony. Additional follow-up and high ranking Bn changes include the advancement and accompanying promotions of Maj. Donald R. Small to Bn Exec Off and Maj Frank E. LaBelle to the position of Bn S-3. Dick, Don and Frank are fixtures at every reunion and the many WWI and WWII vets who now greet them as buddies thereat rejoice and congratulate them on their well deserved advancements and promotions.

This issue is the first draw on our second printing of 10,000 BS letterheads - at a cost of \$174.00. The initial batch of IOM sufficed for the first 6 issues averaging around 1,500 per run. One helluva pile of paper we can assure you!

REUNION SIDE GLANCES

The "WELCOME 107th ENGINEERS" banner prominently displayed on facade of Hotel Northland - our welcoming guidon at every reunion.....President Mike Mertes (Co B 254), since 1967 finally getting to preside at an Association business meeting - with the same ol' finesse he used to display controlling the Co B chow hounds as Mess Sgt Mertes.....Maj Frank LaBelle (Hq NG's) engineering TV camera coverage of Saturday p.m. activities - shown by local station the following Monday in which Joseph Yezzi (Co B 254) was recognized (complete with his Italian stogie trademark) as coming in from furthest distance - for 4th time out of Irvington, N.J.....the top notch banquet chow.....the post-reunion report that Jay White (Co A 107 Bn) and Augie Gagnon (1st Sgt Co A 254) were the culprits who polished off the hotel's supply of Old Bushmills.... and can't help but remark again how amazing is the attendance and enthusiasm of our ol' WWI members and buddies - they just don't take a back seat nohow.....Robert "Bob" Driscoll (522) claim he was "relaxing" and getting tuned up for major surgery upon his return home to Milwaukee.....the normal number of pre-reunion registrants who were unable to make the final push - cancellation notices would be helpful in such cases.....best attendance awards again to Co A 254 and Co C WWI - although smallest reunion to date attendance-wise (as expected on patch-job basis) this one had plenty of vim and vigor, get-up and go, etc. etc....Ray Campeau's (Co C 254) admission of past good intentions and finally cuttin' loose from Lansing, Mich. upon insistence of wife, Vera, who Ray "recruited" out of Devizes, England....the scrap books of Morris Page (Co A 254) and Donald "Duke" Duquette (Co B 254).....Lloyd Buckmaster (Co E WWI) picking up his 7th "stripe" and escorted his wife, Norma, and Mrs. Henry (Louise) Warth in the bargain....and Tommy Beard (Co B 107 Bn) and Edward "Tux" Wernholm (Co D 107 Regt) making a forced march to the hotel from homes in Negaunee one week early - for warmup purposes says they.....the new Bn Chaplain, Capt Daniel E. Baman, altho invited to render invocation insisted on being processed through normal registration procedure including a couple singles for Association membership.....Merle Sweet (Co C WWI) and wife, Vida, checking in for 8th reunion out of Bay City, Mich. - likewise for Otis Kleaver, Sr. & Robert P. Frazier (Co B NG's) of Marquette.....the willingness of Maj Richard T. Bussiere to serve as banquet speaker all the way from Univ. of Nebraska and his interesting and informative Vietnam presentation complete with slides.....and Warren "Marty" Romain (Co B 254) did it again - this time with a rare jug of Johnnie Jamesons.....the Detroit delegation,

sans wives, including Augie Gagnon (Co A 254), Leonard Sanchez (Co B 254), Mike Mertes (Co B 254) & Anton "Pops" Crnkovich (Co E 107 Regt) departed 4:30 a.m. Friday vowing no stops till Marquette - and actually holding out all the way to Munising some 60 miles short of destination.....the surprise on Maj Donald Small's (Hq NG's) face upon his bang, bang nomination and election to office of President for ensuing year - doesn't pay to turn your back for a minute, Major.....the recognition extended to our 107th Association by the National Guard Association of Michigan via a Certificate of Appreciation reading: "Official expression of appreciation is tendered to Edward C. Vickstrom for his outstanding service as Secretary of the 107 Engineer Association" - dated at Jackson, Mich. 17 May 1969 - Col Richard Pascoe made the presentation on behalf of the State Association during the annual business meeting..... Elmer Zelensky (Co A 254) in there pitching for a reunion somewhat closer to Wisconsin.....the undaunted Detroit representation forwarding the gang again that we're still headed that-a-way sometime in the future.....John Neno (H&S 254) located just a couple weeks prior to the reunion flying his own plane to Marquette out of Ithaca, N.Y. - Johnnie and wife, Alice, are both licensed pilots - says he learned how to fly low chaffering Capt Bill Bainbridge around in combat zones on ADE duty....first year that Capt Phillip White (Hq NG's) wasn't formally scheduled to lead the group in singing but he did so informally as the evening progressed and grew merry.....present for his first reunion Werner W. Palmquist (ex-1st Sgt Co A 107 Regt volunteered (after a couple) to research the Co A roster of 1940 for current information on the old Escanaba-Gladstone company.....after his dry run to Detroit in 1968 Ken Dykes (H&S 254) wasn't about to be counted out on this one - informed HQ a week early that he was already in the U.P. enroute to the Keewenaw Penn. on a week's camping trip preceding the reunionall the feminine attention bestowed upon Louie Yake (Co B 254) at every reunion - what's the secret, Lou?....Leonard Sanchez (Co B 254) reminding the boys he can still beat the skins real good by sitting in with the band....sixth one for Melvin E. Francke (522) from Walworth, Wis. accompanied by son, Lee...and seventh for John Rule (Co B WWI) out of Iron Mtn., Mich... the pleasure of seeing Edward R. Soderberg who has been active in Marquette's National Guards in one capacity or another way back to 1939... the distinctive name badges complete with red and white ribbon on which is imprinted "107th Engineer Association Reunion", the Engineer Castle and the various units represented by the Association.....the long, long wait until the next one - remember August 21-22-23, 1970!!!!

My thanks to Willis Dickens and HQ for having tracked me down. I did NOT know about the 107 Association but happy to learn of it and become a member. You asked for a recap of what I've done and where - here it is! Joined Co B 107th in the Soo when it was organized in 1937 later transferring to the Band and promoted to 1st Sgt in Louisiana. One of the many at home when the 107th was alerted for movement to Fort Dix - hurried back to Livingston but unit had pulled out that day. Transferred to 127th Inf pending appointment to OCS at Ft. Benning from whence I graduated as 2nd Lt in Inf in July 42. Was assigned to 330th Inf and went into Normandy. As company CO was twice wounded at Caretan, spent 5 months in English hospital eventually returning to combat commanding an Inf Co in 29th Regt. At end of war, hurried back to "Soo Evening News" job and in 1946 was commissioned by Governor to help organize new NG unit at Soo. Recalled to active duty in '48, assigned to Hawaii as news chief in PIO office for Pacific Theater. Went RA. Returned to US in 1952 for 4 year assignment as conference director for Secretary of Defense. After graduating from Command & General Staff College was assigned to Far East as PIO for Army Forces Far East and 8th Army and in '58 was named to head Pacific "Stars & Stripes". Returned to US in 1960 for special journalism course at Univ. of Wis., then went to infantry STRIKE unit at Ft. Devens for year's troop duty. In '62 went to Korea as Secretary General Staff for I Corps Group, returning a year later for more schooling at Univ of Omaha (BA Military Science). Then went to Office Chief of Information in Pentagon, but soon transferred to Office Secretary of Defense as Press Officer. Two years later, March 1965, retired to become civilian bureau chief of Wash. office of "Stars & Stripes" later accepting a position with the St. Petersburg (Fla.) TIMES. In Nov. went with the Martin Marietta Corp, Orlando, Fla. to join their public relations staff. And that's where you found me - fat, bald, happy and 31 years older than when we first joined forces with the 107th Engineers.

* * NEW ASSIGNMENTS * *

Newly elected Association officials for 1969-70 include: Maj Donald R. Small (Hq 107 NG), President; 1st Lt Alan W. LaBreche (Hq & Hq Co 107 NG), Vice-Pres. & Reunion Chairman; and re-elected as Director for 4 years was Harvey J. Turcotte (Co B WWI); the incumbents of all other offices were re-elected to serve another year.

Membership cards should now read "1970" - as of reunion date (Aug. 23rd). If not, you are now under the gun!

ANTHONY, LeRoy (522); DESONIA, Joseph (Co C & H&S WWI), Wakefield, Mich; DUVALL, David L., (H&S 254), Augusta, Ga.; GAGNE, Fred Donald (Hq Co 107 NG), Marquette, Mich.; HORNE, Ralph M. (H&S 254), Yorktown Heights, N.Y.; KETCHELL, Thomas A. (Co A WWI), New York City; MEYER, Donald J. (Co A 254), Yale, Mich.; STROBEL, Charles E. (Co E 107 Regt), Houghton, Mich.; WALSH, John V. (H&S 254), Utica, N.Y.

and

we regret deeply the sad duty of announcing the death of Lt Col Austin E. Lindberg (Hq 107th NG Bn). He succumbed on October 17th after a valiant 11 month battle including major surgery at the Mayo Clinic, several trips back to the Clinic for post-operative treatment and lengthy periods of hospitalization in the local Ishpeming hospital. Immediate survivors include his wife, Dorothy, and daughter, Carol. After service in WWII as a 28th Inf Div line officer, he served in the 107th Engr NG Bn for 20 years. He was Bn CO for the last 10 years until relinquishing his command on 1 June 1969. We can all be grateful to Col Lindberg for organizing the very first get-together of 107th personnel, past and present, at Marquette in 1961 and promoting the formation of the 107th Engineer Association at that reunion - a fitting and lasting memorial to his memory as it is most doubtful the Association would be in existence today had it not been for his foresight and leadership. The Colonel's unfailing support, continued leadership and dedicated efforts as a member of our Board of Directors were invaluable contributions to the welfare and stability of the Association. An Association salute to "Austy's" memory - may we continue to memorialize his many contributions through a bigger and better 107th Engineer Association.

CUTTIN' COSTS

This is the first mailing under our newly acquired bulk mailing permit for which we qualify as a non-profit Veteran's association. By means of this permit our bulk mailings (up to 2 ozs.) of printed and/or mimeographed material identical in content to all addressees) can now be mailed on a third class basis at a cost of .016 cents per piece (plus a flat annual \$30.00 licensing fee). On our standard 1,200 piece spring and fall mailings the Association will save approximately \$150.00 in postage under the bulk rate. Regular first class will still be used for all other correspondence, membership cards, etc. By means of the "Address Correction Requested" post offices will furnish new addressees but only in the event the forwarding period has not expired - the cost of this service is 10¢ per address furnished.

- SHORT SNORTS -

A short but sweet note to accompany dues from Joseph N. Pugh (Co A 254) of Orange, Virginia: "Please send me copies of all BULL SHEETS published to date" - we snapped-to on that one you can bet.....an address from Joe Censabella led us to Greensboro, N.C. for David L. Duvall (H&S 254) but, sad to say, a little too late. Mrs. Duvall informed HQ: "It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of David. After extended illness of malignant high blood pressure he suffered a stroke in Dec. 1967 that was fatal. I'm sorry he did not hear from you sooner.".... from Buffalo Springs, Va. to Lumberton, N.C. tailing Raymond "Griff" W. Griffin (Co C 254) but it paid off: "A brief note to say howdy & to check in. Needless to say, it is certainly good to hear from you and extremely pleased to hear about the organization of the Association. I am looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and hearing from some of my WWII buddies. Enclosing several pictures that you may find helpful for identification purposes - have been in touch with James W. Parrish, Menlo Park, Ga. and I'm sure he would like to hear from you. Have been in data processing (computer) for last 23 years & am presently employed by the Southern Nat'l. Bank.....apologies to 107th Guards for not covering their tour of riot duty in Detroit a couple years back - in Camp Grayling at the time the 107th was the first NG unit alerted for duty in the Motor City and all in all it was quite a trying experience for the boys. Now history and a bad memory we won't dwell on it further at this late date.....gave 'er snuff on the 254th Medical Detachment since last BS thus expanding the mailing roster by some half dozen new addresses beginning with Robert E. Schneiderhan, Ft. Wayne, Ind. whose address, subsequently acknowledged by Bobby, was furnished by (Capt) Alvin J. Brodeur (Hq 107th) after running our "pill-roller" as one of the "missing" in Issue #6.....then a hot address on Andrew Topalian, Detroit, from Joe Censabella (Hq 254) - Andy must be tending to "sick call" because no acknowledgement to our mailing as yet.....two connections attributable to the old 1945 rosters including Arthur Pollard, Lowell, Mass. (still awaiting that response, Art!) and Ralph Bowden, Brewer, Maine, who wrote: "As I read the BS and all the names it sorta brought a lump to my throat. I've unsuccessfully tried to locate Cecil J. Specht in Plattsville, Wis. a couple times and in 1966 vacationed in Upper Mich. a few days but was unable to locate any 254 boys around the Mackinac Bridge and the Soo Lock areas." Ralph's check was imprinted with: "Carpenter & Building Specialties".....again thanks to Joe Censabella a long awaited address for (Capt) Douglas H. Robertson, Bn Surgeon,

who promptly responded with reminder he joined the 254 at the Rhine River, left at Maily-le-Camp, France, for 1128th Engr Gp and subsequently served with hospital units in Metz and Mournelon-le-Grande until July '46- since then has practiced Obstetrics & Gynecology in Mount Kisco, N.Y. Upon our inquiry concerning the whereabouts of (Capt) Arthur E. Hirshorn, our Bn Surgeon up to the Rhine, Dr. Robertson researched medical publications and forwarded an address in Gloucester City, N.J., which was a good one as witnessed: "I am the Dr. Hirshorn you are seeking - happy to be located and enclose \$10.00 for 5 year's dues in Association. Am at this address in active practice of medicine - where is (Sgt) Charles Dimmer (Medics 254) and (Capt) Thomas K. Boyd (254)?" Furnished info on Charlie but have been unable to learn anything about (Capt) Boyd formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich - any help for Doc on this?altho listed on the '45 Med Det roster Alvin O. Kutschinski, Charter Oak, Iowa, says he is to be identified with the 3rd Plt Co C 254 -as a medic attached to Co C is our guess- real happy to get you pinned down, Al....while peacefully guzzling beer at a friend's wedding in Detroit Anton "Pops" Crnkovich (Co E107) got into a conversation with a complete stranger with one thing leading to another until discovering they were both 107th- the other party being Charles N. Orrand (Co A 107) and one-time orderly for the then Capt Jenkins in Beauregard and Livingston) - Charlie was another of our trained men who was caught short while on furlough and wound up with the 127th Inf....."My fond memories to all of you"-this accompanying 3 year's dues from Ulrich "Bill" Schiefer, Columbus, Ohio, the genial W.O. of 254 S-4 Section..lots of names and addresses from Clement "Clem" J. Cassette (H&S 254) plus a copy of the Co E 107th "Armistice Banquet, War of Louisiana 1941", which in addition to menu included the company roster of personnel (recollect many of the names thereon but something wrong with the menu - no boiled, southern-style ham, hominy grits or sweet spuds) - Clem is the Postmaster at Mohawk, Mich. after sailing with the Great Lakes fleet for many years....a request from a new WWI correspondent being Edwin J. Hamman (Co D & Band 107) to quote: "We had quite a number of band men from the U.P. and I am anxious to see some of them again. Recollect Earl Warner, Victor Bessalo, Anton Vidja, "Chicken" who was with Warner &, I believe, also played coronet. Would appreciate names & addresses of Band men so I can write to them." Any helpful info out of the WWI brigade can be sent to Ed at 305 N. Spring St., Beaver Dam, Wis...lets not be forgetting to sight-in on the big '71 reunion already scheduled for Ishpeming in commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the 107th Engineers

EXTRA LONG SNORT

Thanks to the large number of responses, new contacts, etc. we're running an extra page this issue to catch up a bit and to acknowledge some of the information that has been sent in -we're gonna flatter ourselves to the extent you will be happy to receive same.....the old H&S 254 roster pinpointed George M. Bestler as being from Minneapolis - an easy connection resulted via a quick look-see in said phone directory: "Thanks for mail and happy to hear from you - sending check for dues and want to keep in touch. You are the first one to write me and I haven't seen any of the boys since leaving the 254th.".....a beautiful invitation to Monsieur Donald M. Duquette (Co B 254) to participate in the 25th anniversary ceremonies of D-Day resulting from Duke's correspondence with the mayor Saint-Mere-Eglise. "Quoting from same: Sous le patronage de Monsieur le Ministre des Anciens Combattants et Victimes de Guerre. Le Comits du Debarquement (D-Day Commemoration Committee) a l'honneur de vous inviter aux ceremonies commemoratives des 5 et 6 Juin 1969." Included was invitation to one of several banquets reading: "M. Donald M. Duquette est prie au banquet officiel de Saint-Mere-Eglise, le 5 Juin 1969, a 20 heures, Salle des Fetes -Comite du Debarquement: Place des Tribunaux, Bayeaux." It really is too bad the Association couldn't have been represented at this historic occasion - but Duke sent the mayor a number of Snortin' Bull decals for posting in Sainte-Mere-Eglise shops, etc. so we were represented in this manner. Now - anyone for a French dictionary?.... according to Louis H. Giesen (Co C WWI) the youngest member in old Co C was Wnette M. Rowden of Chipley, Fla. who was just 15 when the Armistice was signed - nothing on Wnette, however, sorry to say...."Sorry, can't make it to the reunion. Do look forward to each issue of the BS though" was the word accompanying dues from Ronald J. Costelic out of Danville, Ill. Ron, now a Capt in the USAR, served with the 107th and 1437th Float Br Co up to 1966..... another prime example of WWI participation and support is that received from Chester R. Ahlstrom, one-time Co Clerk for "Bunny" Loveland in Co A, out of Royal Oak, Mich., to-wit: "Can't make '69 reunion but enclose two bucks for dues and eight more for the kitty".....and William A. Vorel (522) checked in out of Bridgman, Mich. commenting: "Sorry will not be able to attend in 1969 but do hope to make it in the future. I enjoy the news and see where some of my old buddies are located"....another informative "recon report" from the 107th's ranking non-com - who else but our 'ol Sarge, Bing Boberg (Hq 254) - including sad news of the passing of his long time buddy, Charlie Strobel (Co

E 107) of lung cancer and that of Bing's recent meeting with another Co E vet of the 1940 era, Matt Hirsch, who now makes Milwaukee his home. Bing's physical activities are still restricted due to heart condition but says his typewriter (we can vouch for that) and home workshop are catching 'ell.....altho in bad shape at the time, Charlie forwarded his annual dues and usual note as late as August thus maintaining a perfect record in this respect. An unusual and interesting footnote concerning Charlie's military background is the fact he served in the WWI German army as a machine gunner and eventually utilized this training in Co E 107th as a Plat Sgt with service in Calumet and Louisiana.....after zeroing in on Lexington, N.C. and corresponding at some length with a John C. Leonard of Rte. 3, he helpfully suggested we try a John D. Leonard of Rte. 9 with this happy result: "I am the party you are looking for, and I am happy to report. Please send me any and all information you can concerning the Snortin' Bull Bn as a former member of Co A 254. Visited Frederick Miller in Elmira N.Y. and had a wonderful time - I would like very much to visit some more of the Co A boys." The reply, on a J.D. Leonard Survey Co. letterhead, included a half dozen new Co A addresses-many thanks for same, John, and happy you saved us the embarrassment of Maggie's flannels this round.....and hows about this for an address (shades of merrie ol' England); 39 Head of the Bay Road, Buzzards Bay, Mass. - this for Arthur J. Fournier (H&S 254) who we tracked down by means of an old '45 address. Grateful for nice response including colored photo of Art, wife and 6 children (will lend out same on request). Further indebted to Art for a Bronx address on Mike Nissenbaum (H&S 254) which resulted in a cross-country reply out of San Jose, Cal. with notation: "Happy to hear from you and certainly eager to become a member of the Association -my name, you will note, has been shortened to Michael Nissen." Your editor recalls Mike as a German refugee coming to the U.S. at age 14 but getting in his licks some several years later as the 254's German interpreter.....Douglas H. Williamson (Co B 254) reports he has a picture of himself and Herbert J. Schmidt taken in Enniskillen, No. Ireland containing notation that Herb was killed at Wallendorf, Germany - any confirmation for our records? Doug, a dentist in Grand Rapids, Mich., says he is taking things a little easier after a coronary a year ago but is looking forward to his second reunion in the near future....."Sorry that we will not be able to attend this year's reunion. We are planning to visit our son in Hawaii when he goes on his R & R leave from Vietnam. It's nice to receive the BS and read about many old friends" - Paul P. MacNeil (Co A 254) Flint, Mi.

"Hi Fellows: Just a note to thank you for BS #6 - sorry can't make the reunion because my employees have that vacation time tied up but one day I'll be seeing you. Enclosed is ten bucks (on Andy's Super Market & Locker Service check) supposing this bit of green will help some" - out of Vesper, Wis. from Anselm "Andy" Simonis (522).....from Eau Gallie, Fla. a report from David W. McCombie (Co D 107): "Thanks heaps for the last issue of BULL SHEET - more information than I generally get out of old home town of Marquette. Would like to use vacation time to attend convention but also have wife and 3 healthy teen agers - all with their own ideas. Keep the information coming and my regards to old 107th"....."Sorry about the Detroit reunion plans for last year - we had our airline tickets bought but it wasn't entirely wasted because we went to Chicago and had a ball in the old home town" - now of Lakewood, Cal., Warren R. Mathisen (Co A 254) was the author of this missive.....and nice letter from Harry D. Lovering (Co C WWI), Chairman of the Lovering Construction Co., St. Paul, Minn.: "It is nostalgictoreceive your BULL SHEET but kind of a jolt to note that the squib about the 107th Old Timer referred to a vet of WWII. My buddies in Co C included Sgt Evans, Lt Roth, Lt Ball, Lt Parrish, Capt Lewis and others whose names escape me now"....."Was quite surprised and happy to know that my old WWII outfit was able to contact me, finally! I am enclosing \$2 for dues plus \$3 for past copies of BS and also request information about 1969 reunion which my wife and I will try to attend. I rejoined Army in 1947, assigned to 505nd Engr Co, Hanau, Germany. Re-enlisted Air Force 1951 retiring in 1968 with 23 years service. Presently with Precision Gage & Tool Co., Dayton, Ohio - looking forward to meeting you all" - this welcome report from Heinz K. Bollenbacher (Co C 254).... "...thanks so much for all your trouble chasing me around Ohio. I am really anxious to see some of the old gang again - let me know what I owe for membership" - Signed by: S/Sgt Bennett, 36226042 or Fight" - being William W. "Skiboo" Bennett (Co B & C 254) now of Wickliffe, Ohio.. "I am truly sorry for the delay in replying to your letter but I inadvertently misplaced it. We of the present 522d Engineer Co. would be more than happy to have our unit placed on your mailing list for the BULL SHEET. It is a most interesting newsletter and it is always interesting to discover new information about ones unit. Thank you for your interest. We will be looking forward to receiving regular copies" - signed by Richard E. Mellett, Cpt, CE, Commanding, 522d Engineer Company - happy to comply & flattered to be asked.....and grateful thanks to Roy L. Neal (Co C 254), Brumley, Mo. for number of addresses & other information: "Hap-

py to hear of the Association and wish you continued success in your endeavors. Although I was a rather a 'Johnnie-come-lately', and contributed little yet I was there and made some friends who I am anxious to locate and see again. If the Netroy from Penn. was John Netroy he was, I believe, killed in Germany a short time before end of the war. Enclosing dues-let me know if I can be of further help"confirms info from Lauri R. Johnson (Co C 254), Gloucester, Mass., who recollects that Netroy was killed by a truck while on guard duty a few weeks before V-E Day.....located via old '45 addresses and responding to our special get-acquainted mailings were Prosper Sam Brajcich (Co C 254) of Clatskanie, Ore. and Lawrence E. Neilson (Co A 254) now of Woodland, Cal.....same for (Lt) Adolph A. Silberman (Co C 254) whose San Francisco, Cal. address was turned in by Joe Censabella..... "Enclosed is check for membership dues- enjoy reading the BS very much" - so says Eugene R. Hamlin of Dearborn, Mich. who was H&S 107 way back in '40 & who wound up in the 112th Engr Bn as a W.O.....Leo W. Bruce (Hq & Co C WWI) has retired after nearly a half-century of investment service. At a recent dinner, he was presented with a gift by Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis officials and lauded by associates for his long service to that firm and to the City of Marquette. Leo was manager of the Marquette office for the firm until he began sem-retirement in 1964.....our appreciation to Herbert S. Bastion (Co A 254) for supporting information to the effect that James Robinson was a KIA at a small wooden bridge site that Co A built across a small stream in Germany recollecting that Joe Nicholes was wounded at the same time -Herb, whose service goes back to Co E 107 beginning in '39, hails from Clawson, Mich.....our mail to John A. Neno's old 1945 address was accepted by his brother who retained same for about a month not realizing its significance - Johnnie says he just about died when he saw what it was all about, explaining: "I can't begin to tell you how thrilled I was to receive the news about our old H&S 254 gang after all of these years. Even though I was one of the 'kids' during WW II, I have wondered many times if we would ever see one another again. Will definitely attend the reunion in Marquette and have already laid out my flight plan. Enclosing dues and some extra in hopes you will send me the other issues of the BS. I am particularly interested in knowing the whereabouts of my (Capt) William Bainbridge (ADE for 254) with whom I spent many memorable times until he was wounded." Johnnie now resides in Ithaca, N.Y. where he owns and runs a business known locally as "The Iron Shop". Finis - as to #7!!!

First off, the Snortin' Bull "pin-up" to Robert "Bob" Birney (Co B 254) of Washington, Iowa, for recognizing the significance and historical value of the following poem and sending it into HEADQUARTERS - the original, hand written edition of same. Your editor does not feel he is sticking his neck out with this 254 oriented "special" because it is so well put together and so typically Army that an overseas Combat Engineer of any era and any land should identify himself with its events, situations, etc. - we'll even venture the gals will get a charge out of it. It's author is Richard "Dick" Schiesl (Co B 254) presently of Milwaukee who graciously gave the BS staff permission to run his masterpiece with the comment: "Especially for publication in a National paper." Our thanks for that, Dick! It was, of course, written in 1945 and Dick further notes: "Funny, some of the stuff in it seems strange to me now, I know I couldn't write about it now so its good I did then." Many of the wives and sweethearts of the Co B 254 bunch were recipients of the Schiesl talent - unbeknownst to them, so we hope this disclosure isn't the cause for some of you guys heading for the hills these many years later. Dick recollects further: "I figure I can write a poem about anything. As I recall, someone would tell me his gal's name and I would compose something around it. Remember, we had no birthday or greeting cards there." Anyways, we sure hope you all enjoy it - personally we think it's particularly suitable for a BULL SHEET "first".

THE SNORTIN' BULL

by

Richard "Dick" Schiesl

Gather round the fire boys and fill your glasses full,	There a showhouse is a cinema, the waiting line a que,
A story I'll relate to you about the Snortin' Bull.	And a cop is called a Bobby, who sees everything you do.
As you may know the Snortin' Bulls are slaving Engineers,	We learned a funny language there, we never knew existed,
Our lives are filled with sweat and smiles, but never any tears.	And since we left the bloomin' place, we got our language twisted.
We've had some great adventures since we sailed across the sea,	Then came the day we said goodbye, and on an L.S.T.,
And landed on the Limey shores, where the favorite drink is tea.	Set off to see the Jerries on the shores of Normandy.
Where the weather is quite changeable, from fog to sleet and rain,	The shells were landing all around, our hearts were in our throats,
And when the rains are over, the fog comes back again.	And we weren't exactly snortin' when they said to leave the boats.
On weekdays one eats fish and chips, and Sundays live on spam,	The days were hot with battle, the nights were cold and tense,
Salt pork is deemed a luxury, and they never heard of ham.	Our way was blocked with minefields, and bombed and tangled fence.
The blokes there call a four bit piece, two shillings and a half,	But somehow we came thru the mess, and started into France,
The pences, pounds and florins give every Yank a laugh.	Infantry and calvary, with each we took our chance.
The pubs are crowded all the time, with mostly Yanks galore,	We found a lot of calvados to help us on our way,
But it doesn't take an awful lot to fill the two-by-four.	And cider by the barrels, we found it every day.
I went up to the bar one night, they were busy there like bees,	We saw what used to be St. Lo and bridged the River Vire,
And before I got my half pint, I heard the dread "time please".	While the Jerries still in Paris, were crying in their beer.

For now we started rolling, out across
the plains of France,
And thought we'd land in Paris, but we
only got a glance.
Our next stop was St. Quentin, and we
had a lot of fun,
Where a lady was called a mademoiselle,
and every Yank had one.
We found these French wore gala clothes,
and shoes that were not wood,
But the kisses were strictly French,
and they were very good.
Our rest was short and off we headed,
on to Germany,
Not so fast my blimey blokes, first
Belgium you must see.
I don't know what Belgium means, but I
can tell you this,
For us it meant just trouble, right to
the very finish.
The rains they came, and with the rains,
came lightening and the thunder,
And then it snowed, and when it snowed
it nearly snowed us under.
We froze it out in Bullingen, the
shacks we built were strong,
They stood up well until one night a
buzz bomb came along.
A deafening sound - a deadly crack -
throughout the woods did ring,
It clipped a dozen trees or more and
flattened everything.
We took a trip to Luxemburg, and made
there on the double,
Ending up in Wallendorf, amid a heap
of trouble.
The shells were falling too darned
close, the bullets they did whistle,
The Jerries tried most every trick to
blow our wooden trestle.
The 28th was coming back, with men and
tanks galore,
And on their heels the Jerries ran,
into the 2-5-4.
We found some quiet pillboxes, but on
close examination,
Found them filled with Jerries,
complete with ammunition.
After taking bocoup prisoners, our
mission there was done,
And back again to Belgium, the land
without a sun.
The buzz bombs came both night and day,
with no consideration,
And after we were there a week, they
flew in close formation.
They came in high - they came in low,
and landed on the ground,

We even thought we saw them bomb, and
slowly circle round.
We lived in Buzzbomb Alley, until close
to Christmas Day,
When the Germans came through our back
yard, and said we could not stay.
The front was all around us, the noose
was drawing tight,
We worked till late, crawled in our
holes, and sweated out the night.
Soon the Bulge was hammered down, and
with the infantry,
We started through the Monchau Forest
and into Germany.
The Hurtgen Forest, the Siegfried Line,
they all came into view,
The beat-up town of Bossance, told
tales of battle true.
We followed up the mighty chase, and
bridged the mighty Rhine,
Where we drank a lot of cognac and
sobered up on wine.
Now deep into the Deutschland, the
Germans were retreating,
We traveled on and soon, a lot of
frauleins we were meeting.
Of course, it was against the rules
for us to fraternize,
So we just talked on business - and
other alibis.
But they were not too friendly, for
we could plainly see,
Some wide and open spaces, where their
cities used to be.
And now the war was ending and we
traveled day and night,
Right into Czechoslovakia, to us a
welcome sight.
The ladies were de-lovely, and the
beer was Pilsen's best,
Division Two picked out a few, the
2-5-4 the rest.
But if you think the French and Jerry
language hard to talk,
Don't ever try to tangle with the
language of Slovak.
Just tip your hat and wink your eye,
then take her by the hand,
A couple times around the block and
she will understand.
We're back in France, the war is done,
we heave a hearty sigh,
The U.S.A. is close at hand, we'll get
there by and by.
But what is this? Some points we miss,
while counting up our score,
It's C.B.I. for certain,
cause we just got 84!