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WELL DONE

While participating in the construction of the mess hall facility in Pruem, Germany, seven enlisted men from C Co, 97th Engr Bn decided to enroll at the education center there to get the credits needed for a GED high school diploma. The seven individuals are: SP4 Jerry Carter, SP5 George T Cook, SP4 William R Hill, SP5 Lester H Meadows, SP4 Stanley E Smiley and SP4 Raymond C Tarrant. The seven individuals passed the high school GED tests in Nov 67.

GROSS AUHEIM

Gross Auheim, Germany. It seems as through LT King and selected men from the Battalion are upholding the name of the 97th Engr Bn as being the most outstanding construction battalion in Europe.

In spite of the cold snow plagued weather of Germany, LT King and his men were successfully able to begin construction of a prefabricated building, 261' X 91' at Gross Auheim, Germany on 2 Jan 68.

For weeks these men worked in freezing weather removing hundreds of feet of railroad tracks, and then moving on to sand blasting and preparing the old building.

Though there were problems such as manholes in the center of the proposed building site, which did not show up on the original drawings, LT King and his men were able to cope with these problems thus allowing them to continue in the success of construction of the building.

Thus as spring approaches, the 97th continues to work on this warehouse in an effort to ready it for the using unit, the 621st General Support Co.

COL KENNEDY VISITS THE 97TH

(02-68-1.jpg: COL Kennedy (left), CO, ECOM, is briefed by 1LT Thomas Heverin, Civil Engineer, for the 97th, on projects of the unit. Looking on are SGM Avery and LTC Albert A Dupont, CO, 97th Engr Bn.)

Pirmasens, Germany. On 27 Jan 68, the 97th Engr Bn was honored by a visit from COL Kenneth W Kennedy, CO, USAENGCOMEUR.

The morning started with a briefing from the battalion staff on the history, current activities and projected activities of the 97th for the next six months.

Following the briefing COL Kennedy was escorted to the Consolidated Mess Hall for coffee call and then to the billets for a tour of the facilities.

This tour was followed by an inspection of the Bn motor pool and an exit briefing in the Bn Cmdr's office. COL Ingwersen, CO, 24th Engr Gp, was also in attendance.

The previous evening COL Kennedy was the honored guest and speaker at a Formal Mess hosted by the officers of the 97th at POCOM.

RE-UP CORNER

PUT YOURSELF IN BELGIUM

Congratulations to the men of the 97th Engr Bn who reenlisted during the month of Feb. They are: SFC Carl P. Mitchell, HQ Co, for a period of three years; SP4 Kenneth D Myers, A Co, for a period of four years with a VRB of 3; PFC Donald A Thomas, B Co, for a period of three years; and PFC Michael D Sypult, C Co, for a period of three years.

A limited number of choice assignments are available under the USAREUR RECAP Reenlistment option for assignments to Belgium in the following MOS: 70A10, 71B10, 71B20, 71C20, 71D20, 71E20, 71F20, 21G20, 71H20, and 71L20.

If you have any questions, see your company Re-Up NCO or walk into the Bn reenlistment office and talk to SSG Stadler.

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BASIC DESIGN

By 2LT Edward A Reynolds

Pruem, Germany. Basic Design – this is a term that is tossed around as much as volleyball is on a court. It means taking what you have and getting the maximum effect out of it.

This is just what the 2nd platoon of C Co did in Pruem, Germany on the Echnee, Eiffel from 18 Sep 67 through 20 Jan 68 At first glance this huge tin complex might resemble warehouse, which is really what the building parts were designed for. But upon entering the facility, one experiences a great transition. A

definite preservation of human scale and a quality of interior space worthy of the occupants, whoever they might be.

The completed building is actually parts of two Accomal buildings under one comprehensive roof. While there was very little which could be done with exterior design, the interior space demands more than a casual glance. As you enter the foyer you are greeted with certain warmth, which pulls you into the main dining area. This feeling is climaxed when you observe the contemporary painting on the dining room wall designed by 2LT Edward A Reynolds, which depicts the basic color scheme of the facility.

The scope of the project consisted of renovating the old foundation and turning two warehouses into a finished dining hall. This was accomplished in an outstanding manner. In fact, this is probably one of the few projects where Quality Control was exercised and perfected at the platoon level.

Because of the outstanding quality efficiency, creativeness, and performance of work throughout all phases of the construction of this mess hall facility, the 2nd platoon has been nominated for the **OUTSTANDING CONSTRUCTION AWARD** for their achievements of the project. The men of the 2nd platoon, C Co went, saw, and accomplished.

ENGINEERS’ CORNER

By SFC Archie H Hayes

The 97th Engr Bn was the first of the 24th Engr Gp Bn’s to complete its scheduled pipeline training for the year.

Training was conducted by SFC Archie H Hayes with SSG Talley of C Co, LS-7 George Hartmann of the 8561 GLS, and LS-6 Alexandrs Parins of the 8361 GLS. Both men are members of the 6970 CLG at Rheinland Kaserne, Ettlingen, Germany.

The training lasted three 8 hr days. This comprised of the erection of one 500B1 storage tank, a 1,000 ft tactical line of 6” pipe, one 6” booster pump and a pumping station, which consists of four 4” stage pumps and complete manifold system.

Training began 13 Feb and terminated 15 Feb. One hour of classroom instruction was given which covered the Corps of Engineer’s missions – P.O.L. distribution

and techniques, and methods of erecting storage tanks, pipelines, and pumping stations. Tools, equipment, and personnel safety during construction of pipeline and tanks for complexes were stressed.

The entire kit was hand receipted from the 6970 at Ettlingen. Although this is normally referred to as a kit, it involves a great deal of equipment. To transport a kit of this size two 25-ton trailers and three 5-ton dump trucks are needed. At the termination of pipeline training the equipment was turned over to the 293rd Engr Bn.

THE LEADER CREED

SFC Archie H Hayes

I quote our Bn Cmdr in the Jan issue of The Constructor. "Impossible? No! Difficult? Yes." I would remind each of you to set the example. In doing this remembers the LEADER CREED: "I will always realize that everything I say and do influences my soldiers. I will in still in them a deep sense of loyalty to their fellow soldiers, the Army, and our country."

"By my own example, I will inspire them to attain the highest standards of personal conduct, integrity, and professional skill. There is no federal stock numbers for the above item. We bring them into the service with us."

CLASSMATES? NEW PERSONNEL IN THE 97TH ENGINEERS

SFC Reid, Hughey	Temple, TX
PVT Lee, David J	Greencastle, IN
PVT Warrix, Larry D	Pierceton, IN
PVT Jones, Kenneth	Ft Worth, TX
PVT Kenworthy, George C	Wanaque, NJ
PVT Jacobson, Michael N	South St Paul, MN
PVT Wilder, Lawrence L	Citrus Heights, CA
PVT Brasley, Charles R	Pana, IL
PFC Healy, Kenneth E	Kansas City, MO
PVT Schmidt, Richard C	Stillwater, MN
PFC Brown, Richard C	Phoenix, AZ
PVT Bissett, Alvin B	Cambridge, MA
PVT Phillips, Jim A Jr	Kingston, NC
PVT Millette, David R	Minneapolis, MN
PFC Biagi, Dean A	Sacramento, CA
PVT Vines, Norman E Jr	North Attleboro, MA
PVT Broadfield, Larry M	Dudley, MO
PVT Castillo, Andrew A Jr	Austin, TX
PVT Velez, Sol A	Lorain, OH
PVT Monrce, Leroy	Columbus, OH
SP4 Snipes, Raleigh	Brooklyn, NY
PVT Zurawski, William A	Providence, RI
SP4 Roode, Raymond W	Canterbury, CT
SSG Buchanan, Isiah	Columbus, GA
PVT Lamb, Archie D	Knoxville, TN
PVT Hickerson, W H	Memphis, TN
PVT Cervantez, Benny E	Ft Worth, TX
PVT Dollins, Randy M	Paris, TX
PVT Fast, Henry B III	Waterford, MI

97TH EBC PROMOTIONS

<u>TO</u>	<u>NAME</u>
<u>A Co</u>	
SP5	Juola, Pentti K
<u>B Co</u>	
SP5	Jolley, Samuel E
SP5	Lidgett, Theodore
SP5	Morawiec, Steven
SP5	Rash, Jerry P
SP5	Smith, James H
SP4	Gardner, Arthur
SP4	Walder, Horce
SP4	Wharton, Larry F
<u>C Co</u>	
SP5	Larkin, William D
SP5	Jones, David S
SP4	Gonzales, Juan W
SP4	Penix, Vernen L
SP4	Dismuke, Henry E
SP4	Flores, Arthur
SP4	Willson, John W III
<u>D Co</u>	

SP5 Dunham, Daniel
 SP5 Dingus, Paul M

SOLDIER OF THE MONTH

(02-68-3.jpg: SP4 Robert D Kelly II)

SP4 Robert D Kelly, II shown here after taking Soldier of the Month for Feb. He is a heavy vehicle driver serving with A Co, 97th.

SOLDIER OF THE QUARTER

(02-68-2.jpg: SP4 Willie J Banks)

Winner of the competition for Bn Soldier of the Quarter, SP4 Willie J Banks won high honors as the Group Solider of the Quarter. He won over two other candidates from the 293rd Engr Bn and the 249th Engr Bn, sister Bn's of the 97th Engr Bn. SP4 Banks works as a company clerk serving with C Co of the 97th.

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PREPARATION

By 1LT Ross A Johnson

Preparation, preparation, preparation! This is the key word for the future of the 97th Engr Bn (Const). The amount of time and effort put into prior planning and preparation of all those tasks facing us will determine how well these tasks are completed.

As this unit faces a annual ORT, weapons qualification, support brigade inspections and redeployment it must be emphasized that each individual in this Bn will help determine how well these tasks are completed.

The individual with his supervisors must work as a team in these tasks. The driver who completes all first echelon maintenance of his vehicle, the supply clerk who turns in all excess parts, the company clerk who insures that all reports meet their deadlines; these are a few of the individuals who initiate and carry-out preparation for the task.

Remember that it is the individual who must be prepared in order for a unit to be prepared. When a unit is prepared it can complete any task assigned and in the 97th Engr Bn there is "NO TASK TOO GREAT."

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SPORTS CORNER

SFC Archie H Hayes, Sports Editor

(02-68-4.jpg: SFC Archie H Hayes)

BASKETBALL NEWS

Pirmasens, Germany – C Co of the 97th Engr Bn is presently holding down 4th place in the Pirmasens sub-district basketball league, which consists of 12 teams.

With a record of 13 wins and four losses all of the games have been exciting and very close. The team is piloted by SP4 John Summers, team captain, and SP4 Willie Banks, co-captain. Other members of the team are: SSG James Mangrum, SP4 Eddie Tate, PFC Louis Goodman, SP5 George Sindors, SP4 Mack Drayton, SP4 Carl Hukes, SP4 Theodore Jackson, and SP4 Willie Richardson.

With five minutes left to play in their last game, which was against STRATCOM, they found themselves trailing by 16 points. When the two-minute bell sounded however, they trailed only by one point, 61 – 60. SP4 Banks with a desperation shot from 30 feet out put the game on ice for his team, winning by one point 62 -61.

High point players are SP4 Richardson with an average of 39 points per game, and SP4 Summers with 38 points per game. A point of interest is the SP4 Summers in two games scored a total of 98 points.

To make the record clear "Charging Charlie" lost only two games. Due to TDY of five of the players, the

team was unable to play two of their scheduled games. While discussing the top battalion team with officials at the gym, informed sources said that this team should finish on top. One thing noted as outstanding was the team's conduct and sportsmanship, as well as their tremendous ability, which led them to a fine record.

WRESTLING NEWS

On 5 Feb while working out in the post gym with a group of muscle men from HQ and B Co's, I noticed that HQ & A Co's teamed up to give STRATCOM a lot of competition.

Although they lost (so did UCLA to Houston) the game was certainly something to see. SGT Peters, HQ Co Supply SGT, surprised everyone with his semi-probabilities, while SP4 Richardson also put on a fine exhibition.

The high scoring player was SGT Peters with 27 points, 18 of these were made from the floor.

If you have an hour or two with nothing to do, come on down, there is no age limit.

NEW CO FOR B COMPANY

(02-68-5.jpg: (L to R) 1LT Robert A Mentell hands 1LT Addison A Hunter B Co's guidon, in change of command ceremony held 25 Jan 68.)

(Photo by: S4 Eisenschenk)

Pirmasens, Germany – On the 25th Day of Jan, the men of B Co, 97th Engr Bn were on hand to witness the changing of the command of their company.

1LT Robert A Mentell, former commander of the company, proudly handed 1LT Addison A Hunter the B Co guidon along with the job of commanding officer.

Though there were no tears shed, the hearts of the men of B Co cried with grief upon losing a fine commander. On this day, most of the men of the company were yet to learn of the outstanding leadership that was to be performed by their new commandeering officer, 1LT Hunter.

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