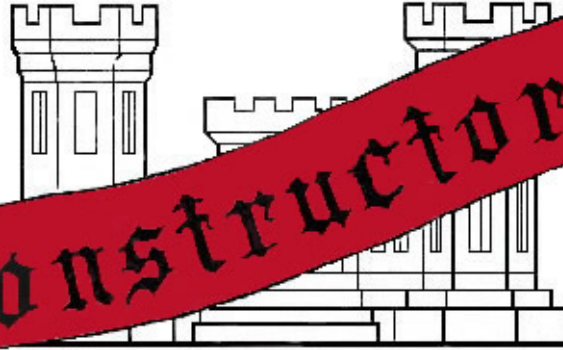


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LTC DUPONT BIDS FAREWELL

It is with regret that I leave the 97th Engr Bn. Regret, because I leave behind the finest group of soldiers with whom I have had the privilege to serve and command. The privilege to command a construction battalion is not extended to everyone, and I feel indeed fortunate to have had the opportunity. You have made my tour with you a rich and rewarding experience and one, which I will cherish for many years. I wish to thank each of you for your support and hard work, which you have many times demonstrated when the chips were down. I shall never forget our bridge training on the Rhine (perhaps because of the chilly waters) nor our field training exercise at Meunchweiler, Germany. Our many construction jobs, both military and civilian assistance projects, were executed with professional competence. In particular I look back with pride on the beautiful Pruem Mess Hall job constructed under the most adverse conditions I have ever seen. I shall remember the inspiring manner in which each of you who were involved executed the entire REFORGER plan. Prepositioning of the battalion's equipment went very smoothly because it was a team effort. Your smooth deployment to Ft Riley, KS again bore the mark of the professional. Your arrival here and the subsequent performance during the past six months are noteworthy. Lacking facilities, tools and equipment you nevertheless continued to do your best to accomplish the mission at hand. In leaving, I carry with me a great deal of pride in having commanded the 97th Engr Bn. I thank you all for the privilege of being your commander. I know that you will give your new commander the support you have so generously given me. Goodbye and God Bless You All.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS

Operation Snowflake came to a successful climax on 23 Dec with the children's Christmas Party. Approximately 60 children attended the party. Jolly old Saint Nick took time out from his busy holiday

season to stop in and visit. He talked with each child in turn and presented a gift to each. And if this wasn't enough, the appearance of Mister Mephisto certainly was. Mister Mephisto dazzled his young audience with a number of superbly executed magic tricks and a continuous monologue, which delighted all present. Also, on the entertainment bill of fare, was the "STORM," a group of young musicians led by Steve Dupont. These kids were not lacking in ability or enthusiasm. The Polo Club had been decorated for the occasion, refreshments were served and a good time was had by all. Funds for the children's Christmas Party were realized through the sale of cakes baked by wives of members of the battalion. We are all looking forward to the second annual children's Christmas Party to be held next December.

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NEW EDITOR AND PHOTOGRAPHER

As SP5 Donald Fullman of HHC prepares to ETS, his replacements, PFC William Morganstern (Editor) and PVT Robert Bowser (Bn Photographer) are busy learning their new assignments. Both PFC Morganstern and PVT Bowser are rookies in the outfit having been assigned to the 97th Engr Bn less than three months ago.

Those of you who wish to contribute articles and/or "Letters to the Editor" for The Constructor are encouraged to contact PFC Morganstern at Bn HQ's during the work day or HQ Co after hours. Photographic requests can be forwarded to PVT Bowser at Bn HQ's.

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ACE'S HOLE

Editor's note: "Ace's Hole" is the first in a series of monthly sports columns written by an anonymous member of The Constructor staff.

Company Level Volleyball Tournament is just around the corner. The tourney began 27 Jan and will continue to 15 Feb. Rosters of players and officials (two per team) must be submitted prior to 27 Jan in order for the company to be eligible. As you all know, the Jets defeated the Colts in the Super Bowl, well; HQ Co pulled a similar upset this past weekend by beating SSG Mack's tough A Co football team in a grudge match on the 97th Engr Bn Athletic Field. Although the field was shortened to 60 yards, to accommodate the old timers, the "Head Shed" pounded its way to another resounding victory by a score of 20-19. For those who were unaware, HQ Co now has a 2-0 record against A Co. HHC was the only team to defeat Alpha in the regular flag football season. Better luck next time SSG Mack. Bn level basketball has been over for sometime, but we would like to congratulate "Charging Charlie" on their fine effort in the post level tournament. Specialist Pincock and Means deserve special recognition for their performance under the guidance of C Co's able coach Specialist Pitts.

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SSG STADLER

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As a result of the recent 24th Inf Div levy, one loss that will be greatly felt by the entire Bn is that of SSG Joseph E Stadler.

SSG Stadler arrived in the Bn in Nov 1966 and has always served as Bn Medical NCO. Additionally in Sep 1967 he took on the duties of Bn Reenlistment NCO.

Those of us that were in Germany will never forget his untiring efforts as Bn interpreter helping one and all in many difficult situations. Athletes will remember his continuing supply of adhesive tape.

His vast knowledge of the medical field has kept the whole Bn always on top and nearly gig free every inspection. Many can remember his warm tent at Bridge Training when feet became cold and heads followed suit.

FLASH

Despite the combined efforts of SP5 Viens and PFC Swarner, HQ Co rolled over "Charlie" Co in Jan 28th opening games of the Bn volleyball tourney. HHC 15, C Co 4 (first game) HHC 15, C Co 9 (second game).

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But his greatest impact could be found in his role as Bn Reenlistment Sergeant. Rather than pursue quotas he was always looking towards true “career counseling” and succeeded in having men reenlist for what they wanted and needed and not for what was convenient. SSG Stadler will be missed and his effect on the men of the Bn will be felt for a long time to come.

WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

With the end of the construction season this year, we saw many of our friends in the 97th Engr Bn for the last time. We bid them a sorrowful farewell, yet we welcome the challenge of meeting and working with their future replacements. Though we are temporarily short of personnel to maintain such construction activity, things will not always be so slow.

With the coming of spring and another construction season, we are looking forward to some busy times. Tank trails, hard stands for military and POV parking areas, construction of metal storage buildings, bridge repair, and roadwork are just a few of the projects awaiting this next construction season.

Experienced personnel may not be coming when the Bn rebuilds to full strength, so now is the time for all of you “old hands” to freshen your memories so that we can maintain our efficiency regardless of turnover.

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D COMPANY PVT URINATES IN DAYROOM

What kind of a G.I. stands 18 inches tall, weighs 35 pounds, has his own private Mess Hall in the Orderly Rm, and has received an Article 15 for urinating in D Co’s Day Room? PVT Thomas Edmond Durk, canine, of course! PVT D2 Durk is owned by CPT Todd of D Co and has become D Co’s mascot. PVT Durk has his own 201file as well as an Article 15 for urinating “...with malice and a forethought...” in the Day Room.

Some of the information in Durk’s 201 file includes: No duties involving the English language; permanently disqualified for airborne tng; monthly pay rate of 35

pounds of hamburger; and a permanent scar (mole growth, left ear).

PVT Durk’s recommended punishment for his Article 15 is “Forfeiture of five pounds of hamburger for one month, restriction to Co area, place of worship, and Vet for 14 days.”

Single and soft-spoken, PVT Durk and his record to date have baffled the Army. His record in Basic Tng is poor: he never qualified with the M-14 and “blew” the hand grenade throw. His short tour already includes disciplinary action and he faces the possibility of being 212’d out of the service. If not, the Army may face some serious administrative decisions. Should PVT Durk decide to reenlist in his MOS (D-O-G), how would his VRB be calculated?

“Dog” Co, you did it again.

(01-1-69.jpg: PVT Durk bows in shame when confronted with the scene of the crime.)

(01-2-69.jpg: Later, Durk lights up and relaxes after finishing chow.)

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TO SSG

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Thornton, Bodie	B Co

TO SGT

Howe, Skipper	HHC
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TO SP5

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Hardy, Daniel	A Co
Howard, Johnny	A Co
Brisker, Steven	C Co
Mulder, Johnnie	D Co
Uber, John	A Co
Fleckenstein, Keith	A Co

Tomlinson, William C Co
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 King, Vernon C Co
 Walker, Horace B Co
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 Viens, Norman HHC
 Dow, Lawrence B Co
 Pittman, Warren B Co
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 Allen, Larry D Co
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 Stockinger, Gilbert HHC
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 Zurawske, William HHC
 Koen, Arthur A Co
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 SP4 Carmielo Alioto NY, NY
 2LT Raymond Morris Toledo, OH

A Co
 SP5 Terry Hirte Lakeland, MN
 1LT Lawrence Koga Honolulu HI
 SP5 Almer Burch Pensacola, FL
 SP4 Norman Fountaine Pawtucket, RI
 SP5 Dale Droessler Cuba City, WI
 SSG Juan Torres-Rogena Caroline, PR
 SP6 Ralph Irwin Alma, AR
 PFC Thomas Higgins Lake George, NY
 SP5 James Gaskin Atlanta, GA
 SP4 James Flick Somerset, PA
 PVT Thomas Mullen Charlestown, MA

B Co
 SP5 Ronald Nicholson Baltimore, MD
 2LT David Canaday Rock Springs, WY
 2LT Theodore Sanko Omaha, NE
 SP5 Larry Sawyer Huntington, WV
 SP4 James Robinson Oklahoma, OK

C Co
 2LT Tommy Trivan Findly, OH
 SP5 Gary Thompson Hopkinsville, KY
 2LT Robert Christensen Ogallala, NE
 SP5 Charles Carter Houston, TX
 SP4 Tommy Frazier Millersburg, OH
 SP4 Robert Deke Broadfield, MO

D Co
 SP4 Charles Patton Hugoton, KS
 SP4 Richard Stewart San Diego, CA
 PFC David Glaim Brookings, SD
 PVT Clyde Bass Princeton, IL
 SP4 Joseph Lee Jacksonville, FL
 SP4 Christopher Jenkins Lynn, MA

FOOTBALL THOPHY AWARDED

On 22 Jan 69, the trophy for second place in touch football for Ft Riley Bn teams was presented to LTC Dupont by the 97th's player-coach SSG Andrew Mack of Co A. The team members present at the ceremony were 1LT Kuspa, 2LT Myers, SFC Hill, SSG Green, SP4 Bolden, SP4 Hemmit, and SP4 Olsen all of Co A; SP5 Viens of HHC and SP5 Rawlings of B Co. Members who could not attend due to prior commitments with

new units were SP5 Artis, SP5 Howard, PFC Butler and SP4 Mitchell of A Co; and SSG Lockhart of B Co.

The 97th team won two of three contests against well drilled teams of other Bn's on Post. It was a single elimination tournament. For the teams effort, the members were awarded a handsome trophy, which

they proudly present to the Bn Cmdr, and which may now be seen in the Office of the Adjutant at Bn HQ's.

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