

"ENGINEER" CO. COMMENTS

Since "Operation Break-Up" has begun a lot of the fellows in the Regiment have the idea that the Engineers have an easy job. Let me tell you—they are badly mistaken.

From the beginning the Engineers have been in charge of all the compounds—that is, getting the materials and building them. And if you think it's easy getting the material just ask Sgt. Edwards, our Supply Sergeant, and he'll tell you differently. We continually drive him to drink by asking him to get numerous reels of barbed wire, lumber by the truck load, staples, tools and in his spare time he also has to take care of company property.

What about the bridges that were built in the Headquarters 3rd Battalion area? That was done by the Engineers. How about the floors in the mess halls in the 1st Bat area—and the shower point? All done by the Engineers. Then too, there're the boys who give us the drinking water, the fellows at the water point.

For a company that is short-handed the Engineers have accomplished a lot of work. It's almost impossible to single out one man or even one platoon. It's the whole company that should be praised for a job well done.



Wires and coils of barbed wire were unrolled by the 187th troopers to use in constructing new POW compounds.

Head & Head Chatter

On 16 May, 1952, Head & Head was alerted and promptly moved out for parts unknown. Fully armed and loaded down with combat equipment, they trucked to an Air Base and loaded aboard C-45s, C-47s, C-54s and C-119s. We arrived in Southern Korea and from there loaded aboard LSTs for the final leg of our journey and soon reached Koje-do.

Hq. & Hq. Co. states that we have the best looking Company sign in the Regiment—thanks to the improvising and hard work of PFC Esterline from the Motor Pool.

Three additions to our mess hall: SFC Vining, Sgt. Rusan and PFC Berkhalter.

A few days ago old "Pappas" Owens of the Motor Pool went into our 21 man shower room (which Hq. & Hq. Co. is justly famous for) and encountered a new man in the company. The ensuing conversation went something like this:

Owens: "You're a new man around here, ain't ya?"

New Man: "Yes."

Owens: "What Section ya in, Commo?"

New Man: "No."

The conversation continued with Owens telling the New Man about the company and airing his gripes and complaints quite freely. Finally as the New Man was leaving, he turned to Owens and said, "By the way, I'm your new Co."

Yes, we have a new C.O. at Head & Head. We wish to welcome Capt. Harry C. Jackson who is taking over for Captain Francis L. Wycoff who left for Fort Branning, Ga., where he'll attend the Advanced Infantry School. So, "Goodbye and good luck" to Capt. Wycoff and "Hello and good luck" to Capt. Jackson.

MEDICAL CO. MUSING

During the operation on "M" day at POW Compound 76, the Medics showed their excellent efficiency and well-trained ability. They followed the line infantry closely, attending the wounded of both sides. Numerous personnel of both factions owe their lives to the quick work of these untiring men. Truly, if the day comes when the 187th again goes into combat, these men will be the pride of the Regiment. Under the capable leadership of Capt. Jim Miller, Capt. Roland Hawkins, Capt. Nathan Williams and Lt. Dominic Stued and Lt. James Morrison, casualties were treated immediately and deaths were kept to a minimum.

Congratulations to the Medic Officers who have been promoted during our stay on Koje do: 1st Lieutenants Joseph E. Huff, Stanley J. Stealing and Nathan P. Williams are all now Captains.

In recognition of duty well performed, the following EM have been promoted: M/Sgt. Blessing: SFC—"Big Mac" Morris, James Matkins, Robert Diaz, and Walter McNulty. Sgts. included: Jim Burton, Joe Durnell, Larry Garnett, Bill Israel, Jim Jones, Dick Kurowski, Lewis LeRoy, George Lynch, Leo Murphy, Hovace Montgomery, Glean Myrick, Ernest Navarro, Gerald Vothman, Howard Williams and Weldon Hamilton. Frances Malone made Corporal!!!

"SUPPORT'S" REPORTS

Now that the 187th has returned to Korea from Japan, it's time once again to inform you readers of the events occurring in Support Company.

Of course nearly everyone was happy to return to this land of milk and honey (buckets, that is) though there were those who felt somewhat grieved over leaving the comforts of homes in Beppu behind.

The following weeks were spent in tearing down compounds, and erecting new ones—with Support Company taking a major part in the activities. Men whose names shall be remembered for their part in the "Battles of Yamaguchi" and Beppu, went about their unpleasant task with their usual speed and efficiency.

Support Company has also come up with a pretty fair soccer team which, incidentally, wishes to challenge any other team interested in playing. In charge of the sports are Lt. Boyle, Sgt. Loveless and Cpl. Vaughn. Cpl. Vaughn hails from England and is an accomplished soccer player.

The sad news has reached us that Sgt. King of the mess hall is going home on ETS. We hate to see you go, Serge, so how about re-upping and let us continue to enjoy that incomparable cuisine.

Lt. James Boyle is aging fast. Even the gold bars on his uniform have turned to silver. Congratulations on your promotion to 1st Lt., sir.

Congrats also to George (Old Soldier) Loveless who recently made sergeant. It's about time, George, after all these years.

Some more promotions since we've been here on Koje are Sgts. Bagley and Rena to SFC. Cpls. Chadwick and Coburn moved up a notch to Sgt.

"SERVICE" WITH A SMILE

Service Company is rather proud of itself for the part that it has played in the "Koje do Campaign" and there can be no doubt that this pride is justified. True, their task was not as spectacular as that of the troopers who entered Compound 76 but it was every bit as important.

THE HONOR GUARD

Since arriving at Koje-do the Honor Guard has had ample opportunity to prove that its members are all-around men. We've done just about everything from unloading LSTs to guarding the Commanding General's quarters.

We also put on a drill demonstration with units of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry last month.

PFC John T. Witherpoon and PFC Jerome Abner (formerly of "E" Company's "Easy Aces" Quartet) chimed in with the other two members of the "Aces Quartet" to sing for Colonel Clayman at his farewell party.

We also have talent in the field of sports. There's a certain member of the Honor Guard Platoon, commonly referred to as "Lightnin'" who's planning to go out for track next season. It's been said that he was once clocked at the unbelievable time of one hour and fifteen minutes for the 100 yard dash.

"Mode Lip" Ferguson transferred from the 3rd squad to the first squad recently because he had a chance for advancement. He moved up from 3rd ammo bearer to 2nd ammo bearer.

"Big Lyle" Seeman and Joe Hughes transferred to the M.P.s recently.

The S-4 Section has had to move and distribute enormous amounts of supplies and equipment without which everyone would have been mighty hungry and uncomfortable. Class 1 has come through with a lot of good chow for this miniature army of ours to "march on". I'm sure that everyone appreciates the cots and air mattresses (a bit different from Mori, isn't it?). Communications would be in a sad state without the batteries and equipment furnished by Signal Supply. We are all well protected from the elements thanks to the efforts of 2 & 4. Ammo Supply contributed vast amounts of ammo and tear-gas grenades which were so handy in 76. The Ordnance Section has done an outstanding job in keeping your weapons in top operating condition.

The Motor Pool has been working day and night to keep the RCT's trucks on the road delivering your supplies.

Even our Personel Section is here with your records to make certain that all your problems are straightened out. And the APO is here to take care of that very important mail situation.

No one should underestimate Service Company's efforts. Perhaps we should adopt a motto—maybe, "Service With A Smile".



POWs from Compound 78 exit in an orderly fashion under the watchful eyes of 187th and 2nd Division soldiers.

NOTES FROM THE BAND

Upon the Regimental Band's arrival on Koje-do we were informed that we had some competition from the inmates in Compound 02. It seems that the inmates had organized a four-piece band with a trumpet, a guitar, an accordion and a drum. But we soon put the situation to rights by shaming them with our aggregation of talented musicians.

We play at Retreat every night and at the Retreat Parades every Sunday for all the units on the island. Besides this we've been giving band concerts in all the Battalion messes. The Band also furnished the music for a drill demonstration by the 187th Honor Guard and the King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Our own "Tone Deaf Quartet" has been playing at the 6th Field Hospital Officer's Mess three or four times a week. This sterling group of musicians is composed of Al Osteen on the trumpet, Bill Barleson, trombone, John Kinivil, drums and Bill (from P44) White on the sax and clarinet.

A couple of members of the band have sewed on new stripes since arriving at Koje-do. Allen from "Goat" Company, made sergeant and Nixon, from "Able" Co., made SFC.

We recently welcomed two new members into the Band. PFC Traut from "F" Company is our new drum major and Sgt. Lowen from the Engineers adds his notes to the trombone section. By the way, if there's anyone interested, we need more musicians—any instrument.