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CHAPLAINS CORNER

An Indian version of the 23rd Psalm is worth a place in your scrapbook, if you don't have it.

We don't know the author but the version appeared on Christmas cards that were made at an Indian training school in Phoenix, AZ.

It reads: "The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is. I am his and with him I want not. He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is love and he draws me to where the grass is green and the waters not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am satisfied. Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but he lifts me up again and draws me into a good road. His name is wonderful."

"Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long time. He will draw me into a valley. It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is between those mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart and all through this life will be satisfied."

"Sometimes he makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards, he gives me a staff to lean upon. He spreads a table before me with all kinds of food. He puts his hand upon my head and all we 'tired' is gone. What I tell is true. I lie not. These roads that are 'away ahead' will stay with me through this life and after; and afterwards I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever."

PRAYER: Almighty Father we pray for forgiveness of faults, direction of decision and complete love and praise to thine only begotten Son forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

"My lord taught me a long time ago to work without hurry, to live without worry, to look forward without fear." Andrew W Blackwood

"C" COMPANY RE-ENLISTS 150% OF OBJECTIVE

Congratulations to the following personnel who have re-enlisted during the month of December 1967 and January 1968:

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| SP4 David Presley | Co C |
| SP4 Marion Kemp | Co B |
| SP4 Robert Carter | Co C |
| PFC Jerrold Lawson | Co C |
| PFC Danny Huling | Co C |
| PFC Larry Kitterman | Co C |
| PFC Willie Webster | Co D |

C Co did it again. For the second consecutive month, Charging Charlie Co re-enlisted 150% of their assigned objective. Congratulations!

SSG Joseph E Stadler tells us that personnel desiring too complete an overseas tour in Europe rather than going back to CONUS with the Bn, have the opportunity to reenlist for the following options:

- Re-enlist for the 249th EBC, Karlsruhe, Germany.
- Re-enlist for the 293rd EBC, Baumholder, Germany.
- Re-enlist for Choice of Geographical locations.
- Army Career Group, new MOS, (OJT) in Germany or Italy.

Personnel having any questions should contact their Co Re-enlistment NCAO, or see the Bn Re-enlistment NCO, located in HQ Co, Rm 101 or call PM 8143.

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You will be allowed this much hold baggage:

E-4 and below 200 pounds

E-5 and above, single and with no command sponsored dependents 400 pounds.

Anyone having command sponsored dependents will be able to ship 400 lbs. for the sponsor, 350 lbs. for his wife, and for each child over 12 years of age can ship 350 lbs. Children under the age of 12 are allotted 175 lbs. each.

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DO YOU MEASURE UP?

LTC Albert A Dupont

Each one of us is touched by leadership every day. Good leadership invariably makes our job easier, and this results in a better job. Poor leadership does just the opposite. Since we are constantly involved with leadership, whether as an SP4 in charge of a squad, or an Officer in the 97th we should all be concerned with what makes a leader good. Ask ten different people this question, and you'll probably get ten different answers. Yet, in spite of this difference of opinion, we all seem to know when we are fortunate and have a good boss. We also know when the boss is not good. We know these things even though we stumble on the definition of a leader. If we are in positions of leadership and we are not capable of adequately defining leadership, how can we go about improving our leadership qualities? Impossible? No! Difficult? Yes, we must insure that we, as leaders, are constantly and everywhere 'Setting the example.' This is absolutely fundamental. Deviate from this and your leadership will begin to crumble. You can't expect people to do efficient work for you, if you, as a leader are 'Sloughing Off.' Nor can you expect your people to be straight if your conduct off duty is below standard. Set the example and the remaining mechanics of good leadership such as fairness, courage and sound planning come rather easily. In short, you become a good leader. Don't set the example and you won't be in a position of leadership very long. It's up to you.

HAPPY WANDERERS

The 97th is on the move. From Etain, France to Verdun, France to Pirmasens, Germany to Ft Riley, KS USA. Personnel who have participated in all these are few. Anyone who has enjoyed only one of these unit changes of stations knows of the many questions that arise.

Personnel with dependents especially appreciate these moves. They know that all shot records, passports, and ID cards should be up to date to get full satisfaction. Men with Command sponsored dependents in the 97th for less than a year prior to the PCS know that they will not move with the unit. They are unhappy.

Other individuals who will not PCS are those 'cruits' with less than three months at the 97th prior to PCS.

Personnel who came with the unit from France have a high weight limit on household goods shipments back to the States. For all others, the Joint Tvl Reg applies.

This slight bit of information may answer only a few questions. Many more questions will occur as Advance, Pre-Advance, Post-Advance, etc., parties move out. This office will attempt to keep personnel informed of the continuously changing PCS scene. So

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MEETING – MOVE TO THE STATES

On 8 Feb 68 there will be a meeting in the Hilltop theater at 1000 to 1200 hrs. The purpose of the meeting will be to answer questions on the forthcoming move to the States. The meeting is mandatory for all 97th personnel and adult dependents.

GROSS-AUHEIM 35-AA-67-24B

By: SFC Archie H Hayes

GROSS AUHEIM, Germany (Const) – The Constructors of the 97th Engr Bn kicked off the New Year with a new project, 35-AA-67-24B.

Disregarding the freezing weather, snow packed roads and icy conditions 2LT Michael C King and his men of the 2nd platoon, B Co moved out to Gross Auheim to begin the construction of a prefab building, 261' x 91'.

Arriving on the site the men were faced with removing about 300' of railroad tracks. When 2/3 of this track was removed representatives from the local post engineer section appeared on the site and were amazed that so much had been accomplished without a work order.

Other phases of the operation were going on across town. Men were sand blasting and preparing the old building, which was taken down in France and moved to Germany.

The men from the 97th are living high but not on the hog this time. They are high above the men of the 621st have been more than cooperative say the men of the 97th EBC. SP4 Terry Johnson, HQ Co, 97th EBC remarked, "The chow is the best I have had since entering the Army and I have eaten at 24th Gp several times and many other mess halls."

The building, when completed, will be utilized by the 621st General Support Co. There are some problems such as manholes in the center of the project, which were not shown on the original drawings.

The project OIC 2LT Michael King and his men laid out the welcome mat for BG Maples, CG 7th Army Spt

Cmd, who inspected the project on 15 Jan 68. The question is how big should his guest folder have been?

1LT Cassens of Engineer Cmd made an inspection of the job site on 5 Jan 68. The OIC stated that, "I have the professional skill, give me the support and I'll beat the deadline and there is no river they can throw me into here." 2LT King was the OIC of the best platoon during the 97th's Bridge Training and was referring to the cold and uncertain swim he took in the AltRhine river after being thrown in by his men.

The eyes of the Bn are on these men and this project since this is a Bn training project with a number of men from each unit within the Bn taking part.

WHY NOT ALASKA?

From France to Germany and then....

The 97th Moves Again.

This time to good ole USA...

Ft Riley Kansas, by the way!

Watch for orders, lists, and stuff.

Be sure you read them close enough.

Check your gear and start to pack.

You probably won't be coming back.

If you leave before that day

Make sure you clear all the way,

But if you're going with us, Hey,

We'll see you in the U S A.

Personnel Gang

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FRANCE – GERMANY – U.S.A.

PIRMASENS, Germany (Const). On 21 Dec 67, a mandatory meeting was held for all personnel of the 97th Engr Bn. The subject of the meeting was the redeployment of the 97th to Ft Riley, KS.

LTC Albert A Dupont, CO, 97th Engr Bn released the news that had been rumored for several months, that the 97th will redeploy to the States, sometime in Jul 68. LTC Dupont also said, "We will continue to wear the USAREUR patch while in the States." When the

LTC made this statement, he pointed to his own shoulder, which happened to be barren of the USAREUR colors; needless to say his tailor was embarrassed.

All members of the 97th have answered questions that have been asked in a questionnaire dealing with the coming movement to CONUS. Some of the questions asked have to do with shipping of POV's, sending dependents, whether housing will be desired on or off post, and if individual sponsored dependents would like to be sent directly to Ft Riley by aircraft.

The troops have also been informed that the move will not stop any overseas rotations prior to 15 Jul 68, also that single EM who have not been in Europe for at least three months before redeployment, single officers and EM whose command sponsored dependents who have been here less that 12 months, will not redeploy with the unit.

The unit's vehicles and heavy equipment will remain in Europe and be placed in depot storage prior to the move. This will mean an intensified maintenance program, which is scheduled to begin in mid-April.

The Bn's construction projects are scheduled to be finished on or before 15 Jun 68. The finished products of Access Roads, Pirmasens and Road and Drainage Improvements, ROB, Kaiseralautern should be off the charts in late April or early May depending on the weather. Road construction in Zweibrucken is in the design stage now and erection of a prefab building in Gross Auheim started on 2 Jan 68 will be going full steam to meet their completion date.

Overall the emotions of all personnel concerned are mixed, the old-timers from France and Germany, are looking forward to the move, where on the other hand the new arrivals to Europe would like to stay around and see some of the old world.

CLASSMATES?

New personnel in the 97th Engr

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|---------------|
| Mathis, Willie E | SP4 | Cilmer, TX |
| Wofford, James P | PFC | King City, CA |
| Rutledge, Kenton E | SP4 | Aztec, NM |
| Buchanan, Isaiah | SSG | Columbus, GA |

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|------------------------|-----|------------------|
| Self, Wilson | SP4 | Ft Pierce, FL |
| Morris, Joseph B | PVT | Chesapeake, VA |
| Fleming, Clarence W | SP4 | Kansas City, KS |
| Olson, Raymond B | PVT | Menomonie, WI |
| Carter, Robert G | SP4 | Trenton, GA |
| Thomas, Donald P | PVT | Oxnard, CA |
| Stone, James B | SFC | Morton, MS |
| Walters, John C | SSG | Mamau, LA |
| Roodge, Raymond W | SP4 | Canterbury, CT |
| Ibarra, Rodrigo C | SFC | San Antonio, TX |
| Anderson, Jesse W | PVT | Ferndale, MI |
| Samford, David | PVT | Bogalusa, LA |
| Ohotto, Ronald G | SP4 | Little Horn, MN |
| Allen, Garry C | PVT | Sevierille, TN |
| Allen, Larry G | PVT | Sevierille, TN |
| Younger, Douglas J | PVT | Green Bay, WI |
| Oliver, Edward J | PVT | Savanna, GA |
| Gabrielle, Douglas | PVT | Chicago, IL |
| Burford, Thomas | PVT | Petoskey, MI |
| Johnson, Webb M | SP4 | Rockford, IL |
| Sharp, Ronald W | PVT | Bakersfield, CA |
| Bailey, Joe E | SSG | Stroudsburg, PA |
| Torres, Fermin | PVT | La Mout, |
| CA | | |
| Hemitt, Frederik H | PVT | Fresno, CA |
| Hill, Donald A | PVT | Duarte, CA |
| Kristoferson, Gary | PFC | Peekskill, NY |
| Schmidt, Charles | SP4 | Seattle, WA |
| Martines, Alejandro | PVT | San Diego, CA |
| Brandon, Ralph B | PVT | Voila, IL |
| Quilles-Caban, Eddie M | PVT | NY City, NY |
| Clardy, John W Jr | PVT | Hopkinsville, KY |
| Wade, Charles L | SP5 | Columbus, OH |
| Vandever, Randy C | PVT | Lompoc, CA |
| Hornsby, Edward | SSG | Killeen, TX |
| Harmon, Dennis | SP4 | Freeport, NY |
| Nieman, Gregory P | PVT | St Paul, MN |
| Dickel, George L Jr | PFC | Trenton, NJ |

97TH EBC PROMOTIONS

| <u>TO</u> | <u>NAME</u> |
|-----------|-------------------|
| | <u>HQ Co</u> |
| SP5 | Fullman, Donald E |

SP4 Huff, Steven W
 SP4 Baniel, Kenneth A
 SP4 Overman, Winfred L
 PFC Anderson, Jesse W
 PFC Dyson, James V
 PFC Franklin, Harold R
 PFC Howe, Skipper L
 PFC Hussak, James F

A Co

1LT Burgin, Gary S
 SP5 Green, Cloulter J L Jr
 SP5 Cundiff, Henry L
 SP5 Blakney, Robert G
 SP4 Davis, Lee R
 SP4 Hardy, Daniel W
 PFC Lane, Willard F
 PFC Strickland, Riley L

B Co

SP5 Statt, Daniel J
 SP5 Robinson, Raiford L
 SP5 Self, Ira A
 SP4 Buhrmann, Paul J
 SP4 Emery, Jerrol B
 Sp4 Gove, Charles A Jr

C Co

SSG Hart, Robert D
 SGT Sherrod, Larry D
 SGT Mallisham, Lincoln J
 SGT Lane, James E
 SP4 McFathridge, Robert J
 SP4 Bunning, John R
 SP4 Parslow, Thomas I
 SP4 Tarrant, Raymond E
 PFC Ashworth, Charles W Jr
 PFC Brandon, Ralph B
 PFC King, Calvin W III
 PFC Martinez, Tiofolo
 PFC Nieman, Gregory F
 PFC Robinson, Leroy A
 PFC Sypult, Mitchell E
 PFC Vandever, Randy C

PFC Wallace, Larry L

D Co

1LT Hunter, Addison A III
 SP5 Paige, Eddie Jr
 SP5 Morris, George
 SP4 Reeder, Ronald E
 SP4 Galli, Robert K
 SP4 Cook, Donald C
 SP4 Remmel, Russell D
 SP4 Card, Ronald W
 SP4 Campbell, Nathaniel
 PFC Duttonheffer, James
 PFC Klitzke, Edward E
 PFC Saucedo, Florencio A
 PFC O'Brien, George M Jr
 PFC Sharp, Ronald W

SPORTS CORNER

SFC Archie H Hayes, Sports Editor

(01-68-1.jpg: SFC Archie H Hayes)

1SG Patrick Raleigh, HQ Co, 97th and SSG Joseph Stadler were flexing their muscles around the bowling center here in Pirmasens. They each rolled a perfect score of 300 and racked up a total of 1,370 pins in the tournament which is a 9 pin no top.

Both men are money ahead now and look as though they will finish well in cold green cash.

RIFLE NEWS

Our rifle team is still waiting for orders to go TDY for the EDOM team. They will participate in the USAREUR matches.

SKING NEWS

SSG Zygmund Nedwick, HQ Co, took 1st place in the advanced class at Gerchagaden Ski School. This was quite an achievement since there were approximately 150 students attending the course.

SP5 Donald Fullman took 1st place in the Intermediate course. Upon their arrival back to the company area, SP5 Fullman and SGT Nedwick were displaying broad smiles and their gold medals. SP5 Dominic Prato limped in saying all he managed to

come up with was a few bruises. SP5 Prato had a skiing accident, but will rotate on time.

PHOTO CONTEST

There is still time to enter your pictures in The Constructor's picture contest. Deadline for the contest is 29 Feb 68. So bring or send your pictures to S-3. Contact 1LT Thomas Heverin or SP5 Donald Fullman. Pictures must have name, rank, company, and name of persons in the picture, if any. The pictures are to be of the Bridge Training that we had in Dec. Remember that 1st place award is a three-day pass, Tue, Wed & Thu of any week. 2nd place is any Sat off.

NEW CO FOR HQ COMPANY

(01-68-2.jpg: L to R, 1LT Martin G Olsen hand 1LT James M Hemsley, HQ Co's guidon, in change of command ceremony held 2 Jan 68.

(Photo by: SP4 Eisenschenk)

PIRMASENS, Germany (Const). 2 Jan 68, HQ Co had a change of command ceremony. 1LT Martin G Olsen gave way to 1LT James M Hemsley in the midst of the frantic preparation for the IG Inspection.

A short break was taken at the 0730 formation for change of Unit Commanders. 1SG Patrick presented the company guidon to the departing 1LT Olsen, who then presented it to 1LT Hemsley.

Although an unlimited amount of snow had fallen and continued to fall several of the wives braved the weather to witness the ceremony. "We salute you ladies."

Troops were in full winter dress and itching to return to their busy schedule. All eyes were fixed on their new CO during a brief acceptance speech, followed by a pep talk on preparation for the IG Inspection. Knowing of course with such outstanding men this was not really necessary.

1LT Olsen is now on his way to Vietnam. Sixty-days leave in Colorado will be followed by a February 24th assignment to HQ, Area Command there.

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