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**TO: ALL FORMER MEMBERS AND THEIR LADIES
167TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION**

FROM: JESSE L. HICKS

SUBJECT: 2004 NEWSLETTER NO. 3

This Newsletter will be short because I will be heading back to Florida to work with FEMA on the hurricane recovery activities there. Hopefully, I will be back home again during Christmas week. After our reunion in Branson, I returned to Naples, Florida and then worked in Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Okeechobee, Jupiter, and Tampa. I talked with Paul Long on the phone, who is living in Zephyr Hills, but we did not get a chance to have a cup of coffee together.

REUNION IN BRANSON

We had good attendance at our reunion in Branson, Missouri on October 6 to October 9. And, everyone seemed to have enjoyed the music shows and especially the fellowship and hospitality. Dean and Fern Graves, with the help of Bill and Mary Stefanu served as co-hosts, and all did an excellent job. We especially appreciated the presentation made by John Wernick, nephew of Corporal Ronald Baker, who was the first to be killed in action from our unit. And, we appreciated the pictures made during the reunion by Steve Skroback and his son, Doug. Mary Stefanu made a wonderful presentation about activities on the home front during WWII, while we were serving overseas. I was so impressed by her remarks that I am including a copy of them with this newsletter. Dot and I were presented a nice plaque from the group for our service. We appreciated that very much.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The following members were chosen to serve as your Association Officers for the year 2005:

Sam Brown, Jr., President

Paul Long, Vice President
Bill Stefanu, Historian
Jesse Hicks, Secretary/ Treasurer

Now we hope everyone will make plans to attend the next reunion in Madison, Wisconsin and show support for our officers !!!

DUES ARE DUE

Well, its that time again. The 2005 Membership dues are due. Thanks to all of you who paid your 2005 dues at the reunion in *BRANSON*, and thanks to Bill Stefanu for collecting the money. We appreciate all of you and thank you for your help!! For those of you who have not paid we will appreciate your help also. The dues are \$20.00 and you may send your payment to me at the above address. As all of you know these funds are used for printing and postage for the *Newsletter*, correspondence and for incidental expenses at our reunions. All help is volunteered. No one gets paid for their service to this group.

NEWS FROM THE TROOPS

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Jim Donnelly. Jim was Company Commander of H&S Company while we were overseas in Europe. I served in his Company along with Dick Cain, Dean Graves, Francis Michael, Elmer Castle and others. He was a fine gentleman and respected by the men in the Company. He will be sorely missed by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Catherine and the family at this time.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

How good is your memory? Do you remember the following activities about 60 years ago when you were a soldier in the 167th Engineer Combat Battalion ? In December 1944, the Battalion was in support of the 44th Infantry Division. Christmas was spent in Herbitzheim, France. Christmas Day was just another working day for the Battalion. On 31 December the Battalion moved to a French Army Camp just outside of Sarralbe, France.

---(Taken from the Unit History).

REUNION IN 2005

Curly and Artis Allen have volunteered to host our 2005 reunion in Madison, Wisconsin. The dates will be Sept. 15-18, 2005. We will be staying at the Best Western East Town Suites, 4801 Annamark Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53704. The

room rate will be \$77.00 plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling 800 / 950-1919. So, mark your calendars now to avoid conflicts. Curly and Artis are busy working out the details and more information will be included in our next newsletter. So, stay tuned !

If you have suggestions for reunion activities, please contact Curly, (Tel. 608 / 251-0418), or our President Sam Brown, (Tel. 757 / 431- 2797).

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

“Laugh and the world laughs with you; snore and you sleep alone.

“ *There is no greater loan than a sympathetic ear*”

“ The saints are the sinners who keep on trying”

“*In America, anyone can become president. That’s one of the risks you take.*”

So long for this time until next time.

kindest Regards,



JESSE L. HICKS

Secretary/ Treasurer



MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE !!