



**HAPPY BRIDGE BUILDERS**

The men of Co A, 54th Engr Bn are all smiles after winning the 37th Engr Gp's annual panel bridge competition at Campo Pond.

—Photo by Tom O. Hansen

# Co A, 54th Engr Bn Wins Bridge Contest

THE 54th Engr Bn's Co A nosed out the 317th Engr Bn's Bravo Co in the annual panel bridge competition at Hanau's Campo Pond training area Wednesday.

Under the watchful eyes of judges from the 516th Engr Co and 37th Engr Gp S3 section, the contest was conducted over equal-sized gaps only a short distance apart.

Scoring was based on time elapsed between receipt of the construction order and the completion report as well as the

planning and construction of the metal bridges. The 54th Engrs, commanded by Capt. Walter W. Zehner, completed their bridge 20 minutes before the 317th.

Both companies were limited to three officers and 130 enlisted men for the event.

Earlier last month the 317th Engr Bn had erected a Timber Trestle Bridge in record time to ace out the 54th in the first phase of the current series of intra-group bridging competitions being conducted by V Corps' 37th Engr Gp.

# 54th, 317th Engrs Work Together

# Storage Area Is Built

LONG HOURS of hard work resulted in the completion of constructing a 25-acre storage area near Munster two weeks ahead of schedule last month.

Companies B and D, 317th Engr Bn joined hands and equipment for the project with 94th Engr Bn's Co C, all of 37th Engr Gp. Capt. Ronald E. Thomas, commanding officer of Co D, 317th Engr Bn, was the project officer.

### Work in Deep Water

Before being burned, machetes, brush-hooks and chain saws were used by the men in knee-deep water to clear away the trees and brush. Bulldozers were used to construct or repair roads leading to and within the area. Culverts were put in place to insure proper drainage.

In addition to providing a much needed storage facility the Engineers also had excellent training in the use of Engineer hand tools, plus the construction of roads and fences.



### PIPE LAYERS

Men of 317th Engr Bn's Co D rest after laying parts of a drainage pipe for the storage area.

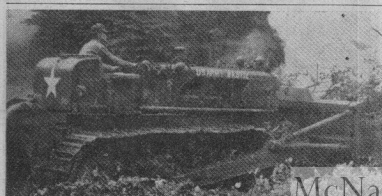
—Photo by Thomas

# Top Man at 54th Engr Bn

SCORING over the other men was Sp4 Ronald L. Ellis, Co D, to become the 54th Engr Bn's "Soldier of the Month" for July.

The Soldier of the Month is picked by displaying military conduct, engineering know-how, neat appearance, and other aspects of military life. Each month one man is picked from each company to compete against the others for the monthly award.

Sp4 Ellis was presented a \$25 check and a three-day pass for his outstanding accomplishment.



### FOREST RANGER

Clearing off a wooded area for a road is Sp5 Joseph V. Verman, Co D, 317th Engr Bn.

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# V Corps C/S Visits Border

By Sp4 Clifton Carter

A CLOSER look at the guarded divided border was seen by Brig Gen Olinio M. Barsanti, V Corps chief of staff during his recent visit to the 14th Armcd Cav Regt.

Regimental Commander Col Charles M. Ferguson Jr. met Gen Barsanti's helicopter at the 3rd Squadron's border outpost. Lt Col James R. Anderson, 3rd Sqn Co, briefed him on the part that his squadron plays in the

regiment with the aid of a sand model of the area. After the brief orientation the party climbed the steps of an observation tower to get a better look across the Iron Curtain slashing Germany.



### CLOSER LOOK

To get a first-hand view of the divided border Brig Gen Olinio M. Barsanti, V Corps chief of staff, is accompanied by 14th Armcd Cav Regt Commander Col Charles M. Ferguson Jr. and Lt Col James R. Anderson, 3rd Sqn, 14th Armcd Cav Regt commanding officer.

—Photo by Clifton Carter

# Tryouts at Hanau Theater

THE 5 Pfennig Players of the Hanau Entertainment Center will hold auditions for "A Thousand Clowns" at 7 p.m., Aug. 17, 18 and 19 in Building 461, Old Arsonner Housing Area.

The three-act comedy was once a Broadway success and recently was an Academy Award winner. It is about a kooky, non-conformist television writer in New York City.

There are four male and one female roles to be filled. A boy between the ages of 12 and 15 is also needed.

Anyone interested should call the Hanau Entertainment Center, Hanau Mil 8316 or 8960 for further information.

# PLL Deficiencies Found

RECENT AGI-CMMI and other inspections have revealed that certain deficiencies were discovered in PLL (Prescribed Load List) shops of different units.

Current publications were not on hand for all equipment supported by the PLL. Careful attention should be made to insure that the proper publications request channels are notified of the section's needs.

Timely action has not been taken to add items to the PLL, particularly items that qualified for stockage as "demand supported." Enough spare parts must be available whenever needed by the personnel of the unit.

Requesting Parts Request for repair parts to remove equipment from an inoperable or declined status were not correlating with current high priority requirements. Every effort must be made to make sure these items are ordered immediately under the proper priority designators. When the items come in, the section should immediately be notified. Doing these two simple motions will keep equipment out of the inoperable status for the least possible time.

Proper and timely actions had not been taken upon receipt of supply status codes. These codes can be of much benefit for show-

ing the exact status on an ordered part.

Many open requests indicated on the Document Register were not correlating with the open requests on Record of Demands Cards. PLL section chiefs should keep on the alert of this.

Demands recorded in the Document Register had not been posted to the Record of Demand Cards. Persons doing these two items must make certain that the demands are recorded for possible later stockage.

Record of Demands Cards in Fringe and Visible Files were not correctly reviewed every 30 days. This could cause strains on the unit's PLL system.

Fringe items qualifying for addition to the PLL as "demand supported" had not been flagged or annotated. Careful review will prevent this recurrence.

The stockage levels were incorrectly listed. This could be the result of excess items on hand or shortages on request.

To be "combat ready" at all times, everyone must share to insure that the unit's equipment is operable all the time. Each PLL section alone cannot do the whole job for the units.