



36th Engineer Combat Regiment



Hello Marion:


Normally I open my letter with a Hello Seahorse as I write quite frequently to the old guys around the country. I suppose you have seen our Seahorse and we are very proud of it. We were the only separate Regiment in the entire army to have an individual shoulder patch.

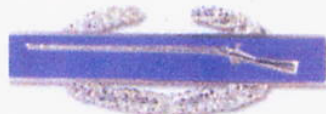
I am enclosing a brief history of the Regiment. You should be very proud of your Dad because he was a member of the finest regiment in the military service. You mentioned something about a web site and while I am very appreciative I don't think I know enough about computer to know what to do with it.

The letterhead you see was a tremendous struggle for which I bought a scanner and that is about the only thing I could do with it. I don't attempt to merge the letterhead with my letters, instead I print up a lot of letterheads and then print the message on them. Such things as attachments and folders and things like that are probably more than I will be able to learn in the time I have left.

Anyway I like to write and receive letters, both on the screen and in the mail box so I will be glad to include you in the 36th family. Incidentally, I notice that you have the wrong slant on some organizational things and I hope I can straighten them out. For instance, we were in the 5th Army in Africa and Italy and again after we reached Germany. We were in the 7th Army in France. Most of the time we were in the 6th Corps which consisted of the 3rd, 36th, and 45th Infantry Divisions plus the 1st Armored. In Italy it also included the 34th Infantry Division but they stayed behind when the 6th Corps went to France. The 39th Engineers and the 540th Engineers were also Engineers for the 6th Corps, both 2 Battalion Regiments and they were almost exclusively Engineers while we were used as Infantry a great deal of the time. We were never assigned to any Division but were usually attached to one or the other and we preferred the 3rd Infantry.

Stay RUGGED!!!! (traditional)


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This letter was sent to me shortly after our phone conversation that took place on 6-6-2004