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5/3/04

Hi

Received your second letter today and it will take me a few days to get things together but I will try to give you some history of the 540th Engrs while we were in the 5th Army the name changed after we landed in France the name was 540th Engrs Combat Regiment Amphibious in France it was 540th Engrs Combat Regiment we had been in the 6 Corps with the 3-36-45 Infantry Div. We started training in Camp Edwards Mass on Wachusett Island then went to Camp Bradford Va. Trained with the marines then went to Fort Bragg N.C. Trained with the Commandos left there and went to take the boat for over seas 21 days to Africa landed in Sidi north Africa 1st Battalion landed up the coast further the first Chaplin in the war was killed there your father was in that Regiment first Battalion was A.B.C. Company's 2nd Battalion was D.E.F. Co. After the war in Africa went to Sicily we went to Salerno Italy went to Naples and up in the mountains came of the line and went back to Salerno which was a training base trained to go to Anzio under Jan 22 left Anzio May 8 when we pushed out of Anzio we went as far as Florence Italy back to Salerno training for St Raphel France where we were 540th Engrs Combat group 7th Army no more landings

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put two bridges across the Rhine river one for
the 7th army and up river for General Leake's French
Army 2nd Armored Division next in Germany some time
later the war was over thank God!

I'm going to give you the address in St Louis you
can write them that is where the file was and
of the records were lost you should get a address
in Bonn. I have one but can't find it at the present
time. in St Louis the address is

Dept Of the Army Administration
and record Center 970 page Blvd
St Louis Mo.
63132

If you don't get the address for Bonn from them
go to a V. F. W. post and ask for the service
officer and he will have the address in Bonn.
Good luck and if you can read this and I can
help you in any way let me know.

If you are a reader and want a good book
get Darty's Rangers ~~which~~ We did the war
they are just about all killed or wounded in Africa
Sincerely

Gene P. Pensette

I'm 81 years young and my writing isn't
as good as it used to be.

Good luck to you