



# Castle Courier



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As this newsletter hits the street the museum has just concluded its support of ENFORCE, and is preparing for the summer season. This summer we will be hosting three reunions and attending seven more. We received several significant donations in the past few months. This issue debuts an intermittent column; *New Accessions*. Please be advised that my email address has changed to: [troy.d.morgan12.civ@mail.mil](mailto:troy.d.morgan12.civ@mail.mil)

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### Engineer Museum Receive Donation of WW1 Uniform

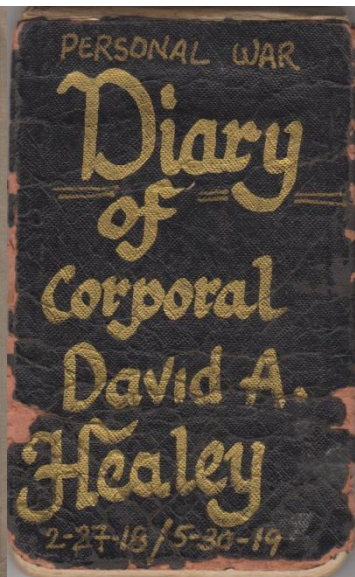
The Engineer Museum relies on donations to improve the artifact collection. Donations come in the form of cash, used to purchase needed artifacts, and artifact donations. Recently, a World War I collector donated a World War I uniform grouping belonging to Corporal David A Healey. Corporal Healey served in F Company, 32<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Regiment. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Engineers were a standard-gauge railway construction regiment. The 32<sup>nd</sup> arrived in France in June of 1918; after serving six months in France the Regiment returned to the United States.

### Seeking

The Engineer Museum is seeking a Vietnam era gas chainsaw. These chainsaws were made by several manufactureers, but all had a Corps of Engineers data plate. The Museum is designing an exhibit on the different types of "POWER" we have harnessed over the years. There are three chainsaws in the Museum's collection: two pneumatic powered and one electric. A gas powered saw is needed to complete the exhibit. If you have a gas-powered COE chainsaw, or know where one is, please contact the Museum Director.



The donation included, Corporal Healey's full uniform, three medals, a diary, and several photographs.



**Left: Photo of Corporal David A. Healey. Left center: Diary Corporal Healey used to record his daily experiences during World War I. Right center: Corporal Healey's uniform coat. Right: the patch on the left shoulder of Corporal Healey's uniform coat.**

## Engineer Museum Loses Key Employee

In July 2010, the Engineer Museum was able to hire an assistant curator as a two-year term employee. We were fortunate enough to hire David "Scott" Franklin. Scott has a diverse background that brought a wealth of unique skills to the Engineer Museum Team. An Air Force Veteran and former school teacher, Scott helped revitalize the Museum's education and outreach program. Scott was a fixture at Engineer Reunions during the 2011 season. The funding for Scott's position would run out in July. Recently, the director of the Military Police Museum announced Scott had been hired as a permanent employee. Although Scott will be missed at the Engineer Museum, we are all very happy to see him become a permanent member of the Army Museum Team. Congratulations Scott and thanks for all your hard work. ESSAYONS!



Scott preparing a WW1 uniform for exhibit.

## Annual Engineer Birthday Celebration

If you are in the Fort Leonard Wood area in Mid-June, join the Engineer Birthday celebration. The Engineer Birthday celebration will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> this year, as the 16<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday. The celebration begins at 1530 and runs until 1900.

## New Acquisitions

To quote a 70s love song, "Reunited and it feels so good." Last year we were able to scan several hundred photographs from the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion. In this lot were two large photos of the softball team from Alpha Company, 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion that won the *All Korea Softball Tournament* in 1953.

This spring the Museum was contacted by the son of a Retired Colonel Louis J. Feron. The son had the softball from the 1953 *All Korea Softball Tournament*. The story went that the softball team had presented the ball to then Major Feron, the executive officer of the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineers. The son donated the softball to the Engineer Museum, and the photos and softball are reunited.



*The members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion softball team pose for a team photograph after winning the All-Korea Tournament, 1953. Front Row: Corporal Carl Dodd, Sergeant Jim Loose, Corporal Gil Osborne, Corporal Bernard Dennis, Master Sergeant Sam Phillips. Back Row: Corporal Bob Ploof, Second Lieutenant John Fennel, Private First Class Tom White, Private First Class Willie Stallings, Private First Class Nicholas Maruschak, Private First Class Len Pavell, Private First Class Frank Lowery.*



*Front and back photographs of the softball. The ball was also signed by the players, however, the signatures are barely visible.*