

The Scoop From Group



48th Engineer (C) Battalion
(Formerly 1st Battalion, 48th Regiment)



1108th Engineer (C) Group
(Up to 1943 The 48th Engineer (C) Regiment)



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Editor's Message

This is the eighteenth regular issue of the newsletter, *Scoop From Group*, since the first one in February 1999. In the February 2007 issue, I said I would continue with the *Scoop* as long as I have subscribers and contributors, assuming my ability and my computer and printer all hold up. Well, the number of subscribers has dropped from 230 in 1999 to the current 49. (It dropped from 123 in February 2007 to 49 in August 2007.) The new article contributions have dropped to zero since the last issue.

While we may be fortunate in only having one veteran join the TAPS list in his issue, I tend to believe that I'm just not getting the word when some of our members die. Also abilities in terms of my energy, my computer and my printer have all suffered. These factors in themselves suggest it may be time to consider closing down the newsletter. But the more significant influence is the waning interest by our people both in attending the reunions and contributing to the newsletter. Baxter Nash's candid and honest comments (reflected in his "Personals" item in this issue) express pride in our service together but also a recognition that it is time to end active efforts such as traveling to the reunions and writing letters and articles to the Editor. Continuing as in the past is not feasible anymore. Thus, with much sorrow and reluctance to accept the inevitable, I plan to publish the last issue in February 2008. I hope the VI CORPS Engineer's web site will ease the impact.

I hope you can sympathise with my decision. I encourage all to consider writing some parting remarks which I can include in the "Personals" section in the February 2008 issue. (I have repeated this invitation on the back page.)

I am printing and distributing an updated roster along with this August 2007 newsletter in the normal fashion. I am contemplating continuing the practice of an annual roster update. However, it may be a good idea to expand it's scope to contain a TAPS section and possibly some kind of report on any group activities such as small local gatherings or visits by one veteran to another (assuming people are willing to inform me about them). I invite readers to submit some thoughts to me on this idea before my preparation of the February 2008 issue. Perhaps some could volunteer to help monitor our members to obtain data on deaths or other significant happenings.

My best wishes to you all.

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