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The Rugged
36^m

The "Rugged" Thirty-Sixth

We were born at Plattsburg Barracks^①
On the Shores of Lake Champlain
We earned our title of "Rugged"^②
While we learned to play the game
Our missions may well be many
But we'll face them without fears
We know how to give and take it
We're the "Rugged" Engineers.
We were born to fight for freedom
And when e'er we hear the call
The Thirty-Sixth will be in there
'Cause we're always "on the ball"^③
We will blaze our trail with valor
And throughout the future years
We shall always be referred to
As the ~~so~~ "Rugged" Engineers

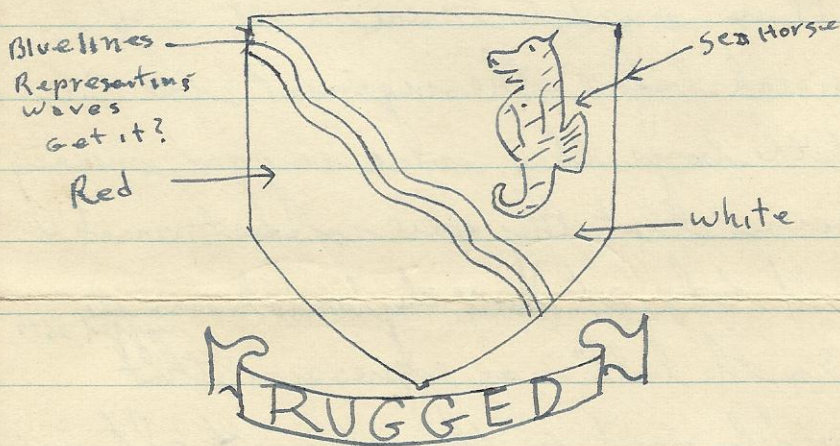
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① The 36th was first activated at Plattsburg Barracks in July, 1941

② The first commanding officer of the 36th was a fanatic on physical condition and after about a month of tough going the fellows seemed to thrive on it. In a speech before the regiment the c.o. told the boys they were regged, meaning of course that they were robust and could take it. Hence they became known as the ^{regged} 36th

③ "On the ball" is an expression that is widely used in the regiment. Its meaning may not be clear to everyone but it is used by football coaches when they want the team to line up ready to go, i.e. "O.K. fellows let's get on the ball (over)"

In other words, on your toes, get ready, etc.
To any one in the 36th these notes are
not necessary but I thought they might
help you to understand it. I'm
strictly a Valentine poet myself but
I thought I'd try my hand at this.
Let me know what you think of it
This is our proposed ~~cut~~ insignia



O.K. So I'm not an artist but you
get the idea don't you.

Please keep the whole thing to yourself.