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APPENDICES
TO THE HISTORY OF THE
97TH ENGINEER BATTALION
(CONSTRUCTION)

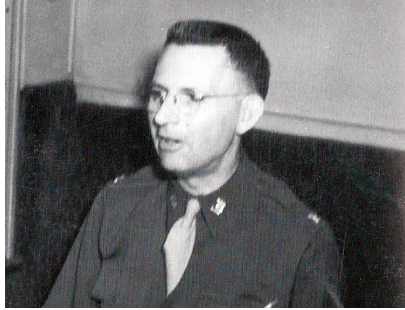
APPENDIX

I

**** COMMANDING OFFICERS OF THE 97TH ENGINEERS ****

COLONEL STEPHEN CARSON WHIPPLE:

Born 15 February 1889, died 2 September 1958, San Francisco, California.



1LT EDWARD F. BISHOP, 26 April 1946—.

MAJOR ROBERT C. HOLMES, JR., 25 September 1946—17 March 1947.

MAJOR ROBERT C. COFFIN, 18 March 1947—24 March 1947.

MAJOR JOHN E. VEATCH, 24 March 1947—Inactivation on 15 March 1948.

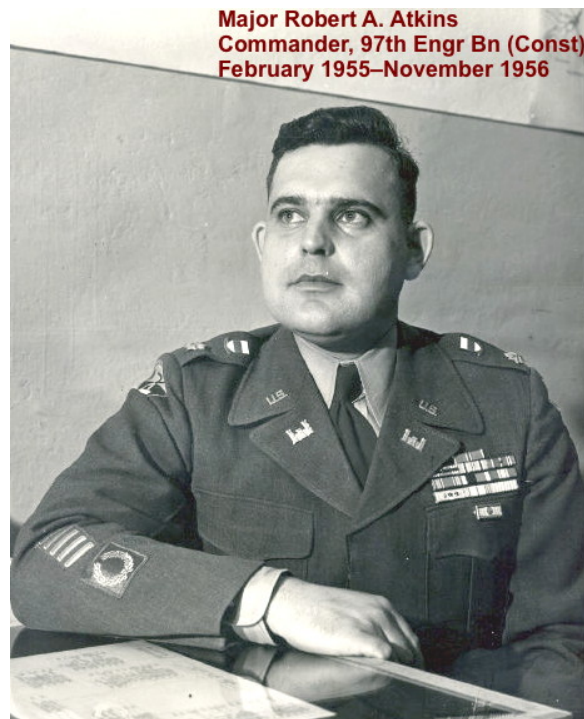
COLONEL CHARLES D. MCDANIEL, 3 October 1950—June 1951.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN B. CRAWFORD, June 1951—April 1952.

MAJOR JOHN D. WEIBEN, 13 April 1952—August 1952.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES B. MCNALLY [August 1952-February 1955]

MAJOR ROBERT A. ATKINS [February 1955-20 November 1956]:



LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHESTER D. BREWER [20 November 1956-]

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DALE O'BRIEN [circa 1958-to 31 July 1959.

Not in unit history files but LTC O'Brien's name and position appear on the photo to the right, which was taken before 31 July 1959. 1LT Thomas Montague was no longer A Company commander as of that date (see 97th EBC officer's roster for two periods—as of 1 January 1959 and as of 31 July 1959).



LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANK GAINES [circa 31 July 1959—1960;

This command assignment is not included within the unit's history files but appears in the TASCOM article at right:

The TASCOM Times

May 6, 1960

Entire 97th Engr Battalion Passes In Review At Etain Retreat



ETAIN — Members of the reviewing party salute the colors as the first retreat parade for all elements of the 97th Engineer Battalion begins at the battalion's new home here at Etain Air Base. (Right) Col Sam Williams, Executive Officer of the 32nd Engineer Group, pins the Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant on Lt Col Frank Gaines, retiring 97th commander, during the ceremonies.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM F. CRISE, 1960:



Photo courtesy James A Bodkins,

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN H. CARLSON, Fall of 1961—December 1962.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT H. MONTJOY, December 1962—September 1963.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FERNAND MITCHELL ACHÉE, JR.:

LTC Achée served from September 1963—February 1965;
Born 2 August 1921; Died 21 January 2005.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM P. GARDINER
[Verdun, France, February 1965-June 1966:



MAJOR HARRY L. HARVEY
[see note on page 9, history section "In France"]:



LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAROLD L. MYRON
[France, Germany, 1966-August 1967]:



LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALBERT A. DUPONT
[Pirmasens, Germany; Ft. Riley, Kansas; August 1967-January 1969]:



LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS E. GIOIOSA
[Fort Riley, Kansas, January 1969-28 February 1970]:



LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRED W. ARON, JR. [28 February 1970-December 1970]:



MAJOR MARTIN MACE ROGERS [December 1970-27 January 1971]:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANCIL R. PRESSLEY: 27 January 1971—22 October 1971 (inactivation)



LTC Pressley assumed command of 34th Engineer Battalion (Const), Fort Riley, Kansas, on 22 October 1971. Personnel from the inactivated 97th Engineer Battalion transferred to fill a majority of MTOE positions within the 34th Engineer Battalion.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 Headquarters, 34th Engineer Battalion Construction
 Fort Riley, Kansas 66442

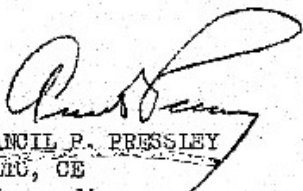
GENERAL ORDERS
 NUMBER 21

22 October 1971

1. TC 450. The undersigned assumes command.

Authority: AR 600-20, Chapter 3, para 3-1 (b)-(2)
 Orgn/unit: Headquarters, 34th Engineer Battalion Construction
 (WDZN AA)

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 ANCIL P. PRESSLEY
 LTC, CE
 Commanding

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters, 138th Engineer Group (Construction)
Fort Riley, Kansas 66442

SPECIAL ORDER
NUMBER 195
EXTRACT

21 October 1971

25TC 215. Following reassignment directed. No travel involved.

RELIEVED FROM: HHC 97th Engr Bn (WBAKATO) Ft Riley, KS 66442

ASSIGNED TO: 34th Engr Bn (WDZNTOA) Ft Riley, KS 66442

Auth: GO 496 HQ 1st Inf Div (Mech) Ft Riley, Ft Riley, KS 66442 19 Oct 71

PCSMDCZ: NZOZ

Reporting date: 22 October 1971

Leave data: NA

Special Instructions: NA

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SSAN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>DUTY ASSIGNED</u>
PRESSLEY, Ancil R.	[all redacted]	LTC	2800	
KIDES, George		MAJ	1331	
CAGGINS, Myles		CPT	1326	
CANRIGHT, Edward		CPT	1981	
CHEATHAM, Michael		CPT	1331	
DILLBERG, Phillip		CPT	1981	
HOWELL, William		CPT	1331	EM on Leave [emergency]
McANDREWS, Thomas		CPT	5310	
SHENEMAN, Danny		CPT	1981	
TURNER, Richard		CPT	1331	
WILLIAMS, Jim		CPT	1328	
WISCHKAEAMER, Larry		CPT	1331	
WERTZ, Ronald		CPT	1981	
MAIER, Gary		1LT	1328	
GORE, Richard W		2LT	0505	

A P P E N D I X

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HEADQUARTERS
97TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION)
APO 09189

**** CHRONOLOGY AND AWARDS OF THE 97TH ENGINEERS ****

- October 1933 – The Battalion was organized on the rolls of the Regular Army as the 56th Engineer Battalion (Separate)
- January 1938 – The Battalion was re-designated the 97th Engineer Battalion.
- June 1941 – The Battalion was activated at Camp Blanding, Florida.
- February 1942 – The Battalion was re-designated the 97th Engineer Battalion (General Services).
- April 1942 – The Regiment departed the United States for duty in Alaska, where they helped construct the Alaskan Highway.
- March 1944 – The Regiment returned to the United States but was soon shipped to the Pacific Theater where they remained until the end of World War II.
- March 1948 – The Regiment was inactivated at the Philippine Islands.
- September 1950 – The Battalion was activated at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
- November 1951 – The Battalion arrived in France, since that time the 97th Engr Bn has covered France like a blanket, with construction of Airfield facilities, Railroad lines, Hardstands and other construction projects to become the outstanding construction unit in France, and to live up to the motto “No Task Too Great.”
- March 1967 – The Battalion moved to United States Army Europe (USAREUR).
- 20 December 1967 – The Battalion received notification of its redeployment to Fort Riley, Kansas.
- 15 July 1968 – The Battalion left Germany and returned to the United States for duty at Fort Riley, Kansas.
- 22 October 1971 – The Battalion was inactivated at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Battalion Awards – Campaign Streamers for World War II, New Guinea, Asiatic – Pacific Theater