

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

May 25, 1950

A powerful double-unit diesel engine pulled out of Crystal Falls hauling 66 loaded railroad ore cars headed for the Escanaba ore docks. This was the longest ore train ever to leave Crystal Falls according to "Ike" Rochon, Chicago Northwestern Railroad agent. Normally the ore train hauls 34 cars laden with ore from the Tobin and Bristol Mines.

Residents of Crystal Falls and the surrounding area will pause Tuesday to pay tribute to a total of 150 men who served their country in four different wars and whose remains now lie in cemeteries in this country as well as in Europe and the Pacific. Veteran's names will be read during Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Crystal Falls Cemetery which include Civil War (16), Spanish American (9), World War I (80) and World War II (45).

A Crystal Falls man, Ulias "Ole" Niemi, has entered his scale model of the giant ore carrier, SS Wilfred Sykes, in contest among Inland Steel employees. The model is 40" in length and 8" high. The SS Sykes, which made its first visit to Escanaba Monday, is 678' in length, with a 70' beam and a 20' draft.