



ENGINE - 41 Fireboat "Fred Busse" cruises out into the south branch of the Chicago River from her berth at 23 RD Street Bridge near Throop Street in BRIDGEPORT. The "Busse" was commissioned in 1937, and assigned as Engine 37, built in that year by the Christie-Defoe Shipbuilders, and capable of throwing a barrage of 12,000 GPM from her powerful turrets or "guns" as they are referred to. Built long and low to fit under shallow bridges in the city, (RF) circa 1955



Truck - 9 Westbound in Hubbard Street just east of State Street in 1955 enroute to Station 21127, at Ontario and Clark Streets; fast foot work by this writer proved it to be a false-alarm. This company is a regular "change of quarters company" and can travel as far as FIVE miles in either direction to fill the quarters of a sister company that has responded to a working fire. (RF)



Companies of the 3 RD Battaien on a routine "still" in 1954 at 1725 North Wells St as pictured near St Paul Avenue in OLD TOWNE. A familiar site in those days was the shiny FIRE PATROL who are pictured upper far left. The Fire Patrol became history here in June 29 TH, 1959. (RF)



Built on the site of the Norwood Park volunteers in 1919 this house was occupied alone by Engine 119 until 1948 when an addition was added to the east side of the original building for the organization of Truck 55 which went in service in 1950. Circa 1948(RF)