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#### In Memoriam

To our comrades who left us to answer the last roll, call in the snowy shadows of the Ardennes, we who have yet to pass through the Valley give pledge that they shall not have died in vain. We shall keep the soldier's faith.

NORTHERN FRANCE

★ THE ARDENNES

\* THE RHINELAND

CENTRAL FUROPE

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The following poem was sent to us by ex-Pfc Conny W. Morgan who says: "Am enclosing a poem I composed while in the hospital in England. I was thinking of the boys of F Co., 424 Inf who fought and died on that Christmas day and thought some of the 106th boys would like to read it."

#### **GOD WILL LISTEN**

There in the Ardennes where cold stars glisten,
Brave men can talk with God and God will listen;
And as we knelt in the snow to pray,
God was with us that Christmas day.
From the blanket of snow I raised my head
Through the smoke of battle I could see the dead,
My buddies that only the day before
Had laughed at danger, now they laughed no
more.
As I looked up at that star spangled sky

We drove them back to the Siegfried line, "The news is good, they are doing fine!" But don't forget as you sit and read About the towns the boys have freed. How they lived in horror, filth and mud And stained the earth with human blood. No, don't forget when you read the story, That they paid the price, we got the glory-And in another battle another day That we, too, may be called on to pay. But when the world again is free, Pure the air and safe the sea, When all the world again is sane, Let it not be said they died in vain. As I looked at the trees, so green and tall, The sky so wide and me so small, I thought and thought and it got my goat Then there was a lump that came into my throat. There in the Ardennes where cold stars glisten, Brave men talk with God and God will listen, All I could say as I knelt to pray, Was, "Thank you, Oh God, for another day!"

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The Association has purchased one hundred copies of the 9 November issue of the SATURDAY EVENING POST containing the article by Stan-

There was a question in my mind—a tear in my eye;

The tear was for my buddies who had died that day,

The question was why—why, was I allowed to stay?

Yes, we won the battle and they say It was worth the price we had to pay; ley Frank, "The Glorious Collapse of The 106th." Copies may be purchased for twenty-five cents, post-paid.

#### **BEG YOUR PARDON**

In the September issue of the CUB General Stroh's serial number is incorrect. It is 0-5845, not 015845.

### CAPTURE OF THE "GREIF" PLAN

BY

#### COLONEL ROBERT P. STOUT

#### DIVISION G-2

The German counter offensive in the Ardennes struck the 106th Infantry Division at daylight on the 16th of December 1944. That morning the 424th Infantry on the south of the Division sector was attacked by a German unit which proved to be the 62nd Infantry Division; this attack reached the outskirts of the town Winterspelt, where the initial assault was thrown back and our positions reestablished. In repulsing this attack a German Battalion Commander and some of his staff, who were leading the foremost battalion, were captured. In the dispatch case of the Battalion Commander were found a copy of the orders of which the following is a translation and also an operation map showing the complete disposition and plan of the 62nd Division for the attack and capture of St. Vith. (I do not know the exact details of the unit of the 424th or the persons who captured this document. Major William B. Perlman, S-2 of the 424th probably knows these details; in any event credit should be given to the individuals capturing this officer for their action in finding these documents before he could destroy them, in immediately recognizing their importance and promptly reporting them.) This document which follows is an exact copy of the translation as it appeared in the G-2 report of the Division for the night of the 16th of December, except that misspellings of the geographical names in the third document have been corrected.

I recall receiving a personal telephone call from either Major Perlman or his assistant around noon or shortly thereafter telling me of this document and particularly the routes of the "Greif" force, which I personally wrote down including their identification would be absence of helmets and the use of colored flash lights at night. At 1420 G-2 called VIII Corps, telling them of this captured document and requesting that they send someone to our headquarters to receive it as soon as it arrived.

The information was also given that afternoon to an Assistant G-2 of VIII Corps who was then at our headquarters (Col. William Slavden) and I believe he personally called Corps about it. I am not certain whether Corps sent someone to receive it or whether Col. Slayden or the Sgt. from his section, a German speaking translator, took the original to Corps. In any case it was in the hands of Corps that night and the translation. hastily made by the interrogators, was published in the G-2 report of midnight that night; the latter report was in the hands of Corps, 1st Army and the adjacent Divisions by morning of 17 December. The captured German Battalion Commander was forwarded to Division and further interrogated in the evening of the 16th of December and gave valuable information concerning his Division and its attack plans but insisted he knew nothing more about the "Greif" plan than was contained in the documents.

Evaluation of the importance of this report was possible because of previous information contained in SHAEF reports of the formation by the Germans of a special task force with captured allied vehicles, weapons and equipment, which they were believed to be organizing in September or October. It was believed to be about the strength and organization of two battalions of mechanized reconnaissance units and including a considerable number of English speaking German soldiers.

the mistakes and misspellings and immediately thereafter checked from and plotted on the map. I told them to forward the original as quickly as possible by special messenger.

The G-2 Journal indicates that we received a message concerning this document with identification of the 62nd Division and the Regiments taking part in the attack at 1320 (1:20 P.M.). At 1359 a Staff Sergeant of Engineers told G-2-3 Operations Desk that they had received a report of the action at Winterspelt including the capture of about 32 prisoners including 2 officers and the information that the Germans intended to use captured vehicles for deception purposes and that

This proved to be the 150th Panzer Brigade with the English speaking teams of "Einheit (unit) Stielau" which were organized and trained by Otto Skorzeny, Hitler's Chief of Sabotage in the SS Security Service. With this background and information the G-2 section had no difficulty in appreciating the importance of this document and the information as to the routes which this force would take. I recall that we had a hard time convincing the staff of one of the Armored units with us that this was authentic information, but its genuineness was quickly confirmed by subsequent events.

The dissemination of this inforantion was ap-

parently prompt and thorough throughout the 1st Army. On the afternoon of the 17th, the 9th Air Force Fighter-Bombers, getting a break in the weather for a couple of hours found enemy Armored columns massed on the route toward Malmedy through the gap between the 106th and 99th Divisions. Our Air Liaison Section, listening to the 9th Tac by radio, heard the flyers remark "Those look like our vehicles. They have white marks on them" then "I'm going down and lookthose aren't ours, let them have it." They were also reported to have noticed white shoulder patches on the men's uniforms. These columns consisting of parts of the 1st SS Panzer Division and the 150th Panzer Brigade, including the task force of the notorious Col. Joachim Peiper who, with members of his command, were recently tried at Dachau and convicted for the massacre of American prisoners and Belgian civilians near Malmedy. That unit following the first of the two routes given in the captured plan got as far as La Gleize (near Trois Ponts on the plan) where they were surrounded and pounded to pieces, a couple of hundred men escaping on foot. (A team of three Germans in American uniforms in a jeep were captured by 1st Army MP's at Aywaille bridge on 18 December.)

Further confirmation of the authenticity of this plan came on the night of the 17/18 December as part of the 7th Armored Division was moving up to our support along the second of the two routes mentioned in the captured plan. Some of the Division staff also were moving back that night on the same route and found the road junction at Poteaux under direct fire of enemy forces coming down from the north-east from Recht. This enemy force was driven back by elements of the 7th Armored and the Mechanized Cavalry attached to our Division.

On the morning of the 18th of December a liai-

These orders gave us the information that the two latter attacks had the objective of cutting off the Schnee Eifel while the 62nd Division were designated to take St. Vith from the south-west. Accordingly, when a defensive position was formed along the Our River by the 424 Infantry and CCB of the 9th Armored the main attack on St. Vith was stalled. The 18th VG Division which had cut behind the units in the Schnee Eifel could not bring their full strength against St. Vith from the east until that position was reduced. Until after the 19th, therefore, St. Vith was attacked from east, north-east and north by various units; but, with the heroic defense, on the night of 17/18 December by 81st Engineer Battalion and other troops 2,000 yards east of the town and with the arrival on the 17th of two Armored Combat Commands from the 7th and 9th Armored Divisions and a day later the remainder of the 7th Armored Division the road net of St. Vith continued to be denied to the enemy. The position on the Our River was held until the enemy further to the south had passed far beyond our flanks as far as Houffalize, 10 miles to the rear, when the defenders of St. Vith, which by then included our Division and attached units, the whole of the 7th Armored Division, CCB of the 9th Armored and 112th Infantry Combat Team of the 28th Division, took up a perimeter defense with the enemy on three and one half sides in an oval between St. Vith and Vielsalm, until ordered to draw back through the 82nd Airborne Division.

The prompt recognition and forwarding of these important orders and enemy plans together with information from prisoners enabled us to definitely identify the units against us which by the 18th consisted of at least three and parts of a fourth enemy Division (two Infantry and two Armored), toegther with information of two other adjacent Infantry Divisions and at least three

son detachment from a unit of Corps or Army Artillery which had come into St. Vith from the north-west reported having been fired at by enemy in American vehicles. I spoke to an officer of this detachment personally, and he also gave us the first warning of the presence of tanks in the woods just north of St. Vith, by which an attack was launched shortly thereafter. This attack was met and driven off by tanks of CCB of the 9th Armored Division about 10 A.M.

On the same first day of the offensive, 16th of December, the 422 Infantry captured and sent in an attack order giving the composition, routes and objectives of a task force of 18 VG Division with their position on the Schnee Eifel. The next day another similar task force attacked and overran the town of Bleialf, on the south flank of the Schnee Eifel salient; the orders and plans of that force were likewise captured and forwarded.

other Armored Divisions in reserve, with elements of all of which we were engaged during the defensive of the perimeter.

The failure of the "Greif" plan to which the early capture and prompt dissemination of this document undoubtedly contributed, was attested by prisoners taken later who formerly were members of 140 Panzer Brigade and Einheit Stielau. They said that the remnants of these units were disbanded shortly after they were withdrawn from the Ardennes and that their scheme had been a total failure because "for some reason" the Americans seemed to be ready for them.

### TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1.

Soldiers of the West Front!! Your great hour has arrived. Large attacking armies have started

against the Anglo-Americans. I do not have to tell you anything more on that. You feel it yourself:

WE GAMBLE EVERYTHING!

You carry with you the holy obligation to give everything to achieve things beyond human possibilities for

Our Fatherland and our Fuhrer!

von Rundstedt
C in C West
Generalfeldmarshall

Dist:

Feldjager Kdo z.B.V., G-3 66 Corps G-3, Chief of Section

Addition to the order of the day of C in C West. We will not disappoint the Fuhrer and the Homeland who created the sword of revenge. Advance in the spirit of Leuthen. Our password will remain now more than ever: No soldier of the world can be better than we soldiers of the Eifel and Aachen area.

MODEL

Generalfeldmarshail
Forward double time! Remember the heritage of
our dead comrades as well as the tradition of our
proud Wehrmacht.

von Manteuffel General d. Panzertruppen

Dist:

Feldjager Kmdo z.B.V., G-3 66 Corps G-3, Chief of Section Subject: Undertaking "Greif"

(1) Higher Hq planned to include in the opera-

- At night by red or blue light signals with flashlights.
- (4) Forces of the undertaking "Greif" will also indicate the employment by painting white dots on houses, trees, and roads used by them.
- (5) Employment of forces of undertaking "Greif" is planned along the following roads:
  - a. Trois Ponts (5 km SW Stavelot). Basse Bodeaux, Villettes, Bra, la Fourche, Harre, Deux Rys, Roche a Frene.
  - b. Recht (8.5 km NW St. Vith), Petit Thier, Ville du Bois, Vielsalm, Salmchateau, Roadcrossing at point 444 (0.5 km N Joubieval) Hebronval, Regne, Roadcrossing at point 538 (2 km SW Malempre), Manhay, Road fork at point 430 (East of Grandmenil), Roadcrossing at point 200 (1 km N Mormont), Roche a Frene.
  - c. Roche a Frene, Aisne, Juxaine, Bomal, Road fork 2 km SW Bomal, Tohogne, Oneux, Amas, Ocquier, Veroox.

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Reference: G-3 66 Corps

Subject: Undertaking "Greif"

The following further identification for our own

troops has been decided upon:

Swastika flag, white flares, partial head bandage. for the General Staff SIEBERT, C o S

CP 15 Dec 1944

tion the undertaking "Greif".

(2) Undertaking "Greif" could also include own forces with American equipment, American weapons, American vehicles, American insignias especially the 5 pointed yellow or white star.

(3) To avoid confusion with enemy troops, the forces employed in undertaking "Greif" will identify themselves to our own troops:

a. During the day by taking off their steel

helmets.

62 Volksgrenadier Division G-3

The above mentioned identifications are to be followed precisely.

for the Div. Staff

TROITZSCH, Chief of Staff CP 15 Dec 1944

183 Infantry Regt., G-3

Above order acknowledged and to be followed precisely.

DUVE

Major and Rgtl. CO

DIVISION HISTORY
by Colonel R. E. DUPUY
SPRING 1947

# BELGIAN SOLDIERS COMMEND THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Editor's note: When acting as Commandant at the Division Recreation Center at Euven, I became quite well acquainted with Colonel Rustin, Commanding Officer of the Belgian troops in that town. I sent him a copy of the first issue of the CUB which mentioned the plans for the Memorial Scholarship Fund. And while a personal letter, I believe the members will be interested in his reply because it centers about the 106th and also because it includes a resolution of the 6th Bn Fusiliers of thanks to the Association for planning these Belgian Scholarships. HBL.

LIEGE, le 9 Septembre 1946 40. Quai ORBAN

My dear friend,

Since a year ago, I have profoundly regretted that I had not taken your address in U-S before our separation in EUPEN because I have very often thought of you and I wished that we may have had the happiness to meet us again.

Your picture is always exposed in my drawing room and I see your sympathetic smile every He often writes to me and he will enjoyed to read your letter. I go send him a copy of this. Surely, Duque, will send you a long letter in order to go on the relations so well realised in Eupen. Do you remember when we were there all the regrets we have had to part you from each other. And in Brussels, we wanted your promised visit but you are not coming. And now, I am very glad that you may have had the nice idea to write to me.

I remember you our visit to MALMEDY, where we made the acquaintance the nice girl of the Commissaris of Verviers. She is engaged with the English Captain who is demobilised and I think it will have a good match (wedding) soon. The couple will come to my home at last September, had said the Captain HOLDERNESS when I have seen him in the Hq in Brussels on last June.

Certainly, this day, they will speak about you and we will drink up a glass "to your health." The engaged called me "The Benefactor" because I am the cause of their meeting.

I have had and Comdt DUQUE too, the

day. You cannot guess how much I was happy to read your letter from 15 Augustus and the books of the 106th Division. Please receive my best thanks for this sending and your delicate attention has got to me a great pleasure.

You will read further the result of my reading your magazine the CUB. Before I have many things to tell you and the earnest part of my

letter will come in the end.

You see, I have learned your language and made grants progress since a year because I have wanted to do it. Every day, I spent hours to practice English and for my improvement with the American style I have taken a subscription at the "Saturday Evening POST," which is a very interesting journal. The great difficult is the pronunciation and I wish I had your presence by my side in order to improve that.

Your letter is going to Brussels but the 17th Brigade is suppressed since a few months and the Ministery has received it and sent to my home in LIEGE, 40, Quai ORBAN, where I am at present because I am pensioned. The Commandant Jules DUQUE, who was my Chief of Staf in EUPEN, is also in the same situation. You speak of him in your letter as you said, "the expert cavalry man"

lowing:

Jules DUOUE. 31. Rue Fritz Toussaint. IXELLES. (Bruxelles)

is now "a smart civilian." His address is the fol-

BRUNZE STAK MEDAL, for our participation with the 6th Battalion Fusiliers at the operations in Germany with the First U-S Army (VII Corps) during the period 12-12-44/26 April 45. It was for us a great honour and the citation which attend the medal is very eulogistic. It was only 6 men of the Battalion who have this distinction.

I have been happily surprised to receive your magazine the CUB and to hear the constitution of the Veterans Association of the 106th Division. Your idea to form this Association before return in U-S and the dislocation was an excellent initiative because it would have been difficult to obtain this result after the dispersion of the members the Division. Please, will you receive my best congratulations for your important work in this case and I wish you great success. Your plans being very interesting and the monthly magazine is certainly called to bring together again all the Veterans of the Division by its feelings of fraternity expressed in all the pages.

What has me most interested is the reading of your article relative at the Association to establish memorial scholarships. If everybody was enthusiastic in U-S, I have got the same sensation. And I am very moved to know, you have thought to commemorate the memory of your died in action in establishing plans for scholarships in our University of LIEGE. That is the matter, of course, the people of Belgium will be very honoured if your idea may be realised because it does

not forget that the great American Army has made a good job for the liberation of our country and the 106th Division, in particular, has been at the first rank in Saint-Vith to prevent the germans from reaching LIEGE through the Bulge.

Allow me to tell you that I have made a translate in French of your article and I have intend to give it at the Association named "Amites Belgo-Americaines" here in Belgium and of which the Minister VAN ZEELAND is the President. I think that will be very interesting for them and for you. in order to obtain facilities for the relations with

authorities in Belgium.

But we have here in LIEGE also, the Fraternal of Veterans of the 6th Battalion Fusiliers, which I am the President of Houour. This Battalion was under my commanding by the Germany campaign (December 44 till the Victory) with the VII Corps -1st U-S Army and the recognizance of the Battalion towards the American Army is profound. I have read your article at the Committee which was of Veterans of the 6th Battalion Fusilers—Belgian Army—(unit formed on 11 October 1944, in NAMUR and which had the great honour to be attached to the First Army (VII Corps) of the U-S Army from 12 December 1944 till the Victory), received communication from Lieutenant-Colonel pd RUSTIN, Simon, President of Honour of the Fraternal and former of the Battalion. the below article, published in the No 1 of the monthly magazine of the Association of Veterans -106th Infantry Division-U-S Army, publication sent to him by his friend, Lieutenant-Colonel LIVESEY (Editor and Secretary-Treasurer of the Association).

This reading has particularly made an impression on the Committee which at the remarkable unanimity of all members, wished the realization of the plans the 106th Division to perpetuate the memory his members deceased on the ground of Belgium, by establishing scholarships at the University of LIECE for their shillwhen your recipient of the honour will come here in LIEGE for a long time. I beg you to read the resolution adopted by the Committee of the Fraternal of 6th Battalion in this letter. I suppose that the Board of Directors of your Association will be glad of that.

As you say, the plans are still tentative but the Fraternal of 6th Bn would like and wishes that the success complete your efforts.

Will you tell me what you think of it and I shall communicate it at the Committee of Fraternal. Comdt DUQUE is also member of The Honour Committee. The members of Executive Committee are war-voluntaries and NCO or officers (captains and lieutenants).

I have also intend to translate in French the little book of the story of the 106th Division, you have kindly sent to me.

Now, I finish my letter and I thank you again for your remembrance of our enjoy period in Eupen and the happiness I have had to meet you.

I shall always be glad to read you and I form wishes for your good health and your family.

Yours very truly

RUSTIN

September 1946

FRATERNAL OF VETERANS of the 6th Battalion Fusiliers Belgian Army

BILL

During his meeting of 4 September 1946, in the building U.F.A.C., 140, Boulevard de la Sauveniere, LIEGE, the Committee of the Fraternal versity of LIEGE for their children.

The 6th Battalion Fusilers formed in a grand part which citizens of LIEGE, war-voluntaries at the first time after the Liberation of Belgium, has not forgot the recognizance he has towards the American Army which has liberated the province of LIEGE and a large part of National territory of Belgium. He participated with the 1st Army at the battle of Ardennes, December 44, and has the remembrance the gigantic effort accomplished by our Allied Forces to dam the German offensive and to save finally ours homes and families. He lived during eight months in the bosom of the great American Army which has always showed towards our soldiers a sympathetic affection and steady solicitude.

The brotherhood-in-arms and the bonds of friendship forged during the German campaign are staid imprinted in the souls of all the Veterans of 6th Battalion which desire to bring up all their cooperation the intents of Veterans of the 106th Division.

In this purpose, the Committee of the Fraternal invited Lt Col Simon RUSTIN to inform Lt Col Herbert LIVESEY he expressed at the Association all his profound gratitude for his choice the University of LIEGE for the beneficiaries of memorial scholarships. He wishes to get in relation with the Board of Directors of the Association to help it in the material organization the living of Americans students in our town of LIEGE where the citizen members of the Fraternal will make themselves a honour to receive them in their family, to procure them honest recreations during their leisure time and showed them friendly feelings which will sweeten them removal stay away their native ground.

### Story of the 422 Cannon Co. by Lt. Irwin Juster

On the morning of December 16, 1944, when the Germans started their drive through the Ardennes, we were occupying positions in the Siegfried Line. Our company area and gun positions were located approximately 3,000 yards Southwest of a little town called Schlossenbach, which at that time was our regimental headquarters C.P. Between regimental headquarters and our positions was located the anti-tank company of the 422 Regiment. We had occupied these positions from December 11 until December 18, 1944. Our guns were so registered as to be firing due East, and we had fired on numerous targets within

had to be made across wide open terrain which offered us absolutely no protection or concealment.

After we had proceeded about 250 yards, we were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. We had also noticed a German armored car to our Northeast. We dispatched a patrol to investigate this armored car. The majority of the machine gun fire seemed to be coming from a small clump of woods located to our Northeast. We dispatched another patrol to make a wide encirclement and come into the woods from the rear of where this machine gun fire was located. In

On December 11, 1944, amid much confusion and in bitter cold, we moved into our positions that were formerly occupied by the Second Division. It was surprising to our inexperienced minds to find such well prepared gun positions and section huts. The particular position that we occupied was a beautiful pine woods with a broad opening to the East, which gave us excellent fields of fire for our howitzers. We immediately layed our guns, and got everything in instant readiness for whatever surprises might arise. We were all quite excited and anticipative of what was in store for us, this being our first experience in actual combat.

The days between the 12 and 16 passed with routine duties, such as improving our gun positions, establishing O.P.'s, reconnoitering routes to our battalions, and working out fire plans with our S-3. On the morning of December, 16, we were awakened at approximately 0500 by artillery fire which began falling in our area. We were quite surprised as this was our first taste of enemy fire. At about 1300 commanding officer of Cannon Company received a message from Regimental Headquarters stating that about 70 German infantrymen and several tanks had broken through to the Northeast of our positions and were endangering the positions of the Regimental C.P., anti-tank company, and cannon company, and ordered us to establish a defense line running East and West, with our positions facing to the North. We quickly organized our company into three platoons, leaving just enough men behind to man the howitzers. We established this defensive line which ran along the road from Schlossenbach to Auw to St. Vith. Shortly after establishing these positions we received word by radio that our company was to advance to the Northeast and attack the town of Auw. We were to do this with the help of Company L. Our company being a cannon company had only carbines, M1 rifles, and a few anti-tank grenades. This attack the meanwhile we had contacted our company C.P. and asked for some support. We were given two howitzers, which firing from our original company positions were able to knock out two enemy machine guns and rout an enemy tank.

After this we pressed the attack further, feeling that our patrol which had gone down to silence the machine guns in the woods was at that time reaching its objective. At this point we received a message from our regimental C.P. telling us to withdraw to our original company area and set up a perimeter defense. We had to inform our patrol of these instructions. Pfc Eldon E. Marks volunteered for this assignment. Showing outstanding courage, and at great personal risk, he crept, crawled and finally ran to the woods, enemy fire constantly kicking up the dust behind him. Our withdrawal to our company area was executed without suffering any casualties. We returned to our C.P. and established a perimeter defense for the night. On December 17, we had our communications with regimental C.P. severed.

At 1100 of that day was the time it happened, and we tried to combat this deficiency by sending Lt Clarence A. Husterlid with his radio operator and another man as liaison. On their way to the C.P. they had to pass through the area occupied by our anti-tank company. As soon as they reached this area they were fired upon by members of the A.T. Co. thinking they were enemy machine gunners, and they were never able to complete their mission. Lt Husterlid at this point was very seriously wounded.

Later in the day, the commanding officer of the cannon company made his way to the regimental headquarters, where he stayed, and was able to direct the fire of our howitzers on several enemy convoys, knocking out many horse drawn artillery pieces, and ammunition trucks. Our observers constantly on the watch throughout the day were able to spot a large concentration of enemy vehicles that were located to our Northeast. That night plotting our fires very carefully we were able to

set fire to the woods in which these vehicles were located causing a large explosion and a huge fire, and probably demolishing most of the vehicles.

From about 1600, we had been out of contact with the regimental C.P. and had no information as to what the situation was, as our commanding officer did not return. We received a message at about 1900 stating that supplies of food and ammunition would be dropped at certain coordinate points, and that we were to send a patrol out to pick these up. Whereas regiment could contact us,

the day progressed we noticed a large number of men at a great distance to our northeast. At first we thought, perhaps, they were the advancing Germans, and we were getting ready for a real fight. At this point two officers from our regiment came upon us and told us that the men we saw in the distance were our own men that had been captured by the advancing Germans, these two having escaped capture. We were also told that the Ninth Armored Division was on its way to assist us, and we could not contact them. Later we received a message that these supplies would not be dropped. Sensing the worst, a meeting was called, and it was decided that if we had no further word, we would withdraw from our positions, and head in a Southwesterly direction the following morning. We layed plans to destroy all of our howitzers and vehicles. None of the men were told about the plans to destroy the weapons and vehicles, so as not to cause any alarm.

At about 0500 of the morning of the 18th of December, we contacted the company commander of regimental headquarters company by radio and asked him what the situation was. He said he could not tell us over the radio but that there was a plan. The reason he could not tell us more was that the Germans were in on our radio frequency and had succeeded in tapping some of our phones. As we were making ready to vacate our positions the morning of the 18th, we received a message from the regimental headquarters stating that we were to fire smoke and whatever remaining ammunition at points designated by regimental headquarters to cover their withdrawal, and the withdrawal of regimental headquarters company.

After firing this mission, we made ready to vacate our positions. Our instructions were that after firing this mission we were to destroy our howitzers. We left in vehicles by a route which we had reconnoitered earlier that morning. After we had gone approximately four or five miles, we ran into the 423 regiment of our Division, which was going to attack the town of Schoenberg. Later that afternoon, we contacted elements of our Regiment; namely, headquarters company, anti-tank company, and together with them, and the majority of the regimental vehicles, set up positions about four miles west of Schlossenbach. We were told to remain here while the remainder of our regiment went into the attack of Schoenberg with the 423 Regiment.

We spent the night of the 18 being constantly harassed by enemy patrols. The following morning we set up a perimeter defense around the woods that we had occupied during the night. For the first time in our army career we found the men anxious to get their fox holes dug a little deeper and to have their fields of fire exact enough. As

at this time should be at the town of Blieair.

At this point, Capt E. Bruce Foster, the commanding officer of the special units battalion; namely, cannon company, anti-tank company, and headquarters company, asked for a volunteer to go to the town of Bliealf and contact the Ninth Armored Division. A patrol of three jeeps was organized. As the patrol proceeded to the town of Bliealf we realized that the Germans were already to our rear, as we captured two German linesmen stringing communication wires, but we decided to proceed to the town anyway.

As we approached the outskirts of the town we were met by overwhelming enemy forces which opened fire on us as we went down the road, causing the vehicles to stop. Showing exceeding courage, Corporal Troy H. Kimmel manned a 50 calibre machine gun, and emptied a full belt of ammunition into the onrushing enemy. After doing this, he wanted to bring up another jeep and continue firing into the advancing Germans, but he was ordered not to do so.

By this time, our patrol numbered about twelve men. We had all left our vehicles and were lying in a ditch alongside of the road. It was decided that we would try to withdraw over a hill to our left and rear. As we made our way up the hill, being hotly pursued by the advancing enemy, we discovered that the hill was much steeper than we had anticipated, and we were forced to stop. Corporal Kimmel was sent to the top of the hill to have a look on the other side to see whether the coast was clear so that we could continue our withdrawal. As we got up to continue our withdrawal, several men were wounded, one of them by a land mine. As we once again paused to regain our breaths we decided to make one more try to get over the hill. However, we were so greatly outnumbered that we were overtaken and captured by the enemy. As to how the remainder of the special units battalion was captured is not known by me; as I was a member of the advance patrol.

As it was my pleasure to be an officer with the cannon company from its inception until the day that it no longer existed, I wish to commend each and every man for the spirit and loyalty which they displayed throughout their training as well as their fighting days.





Addresses for the following wanted at Association Headquarters:

Allee, Calvin W. Allen, Harold R. Allen, James T. Allen, Robert J. Allen, William Allietta Alper, Alex M. Altaras, Henry H. Alvarez, Ben N. Amerson, Roy D.

Amerson, Therman E. . Amos, B. M. Ampelas, Stephen Anderson, Albertus C. Anderson, Alvin A. Anderson, Drell Anderson, George A. Anderson, Harold C. Anderson, John H. Anderson, Lyttleton C.

PFC. ROBERT H. HASLBECK, 423 INF, killed in action. His mother, Mrs. Della E. Haslbeck writes as follows: "Pfc Robert H. Haslbeck trained with 106th Division from March 1943 to April (late) 1944. Sent to England in May 1944. to France in early July 1944, joined General Patton's 3rd Army-Fourth Armored Division in July, fought across France to St. Diziers, where he fell in battle, on August 30, 1944. He was a replacement as a bazooka gunner, and also machine gunner when sent overseas. Is now buried in Champignuel Cemetery in France."

\* PFC CHARLES C. FRAIR, 42110634, CO B 422 INF, killed in action 22 December 1944. His widow, Mrs. Viola M. Frair, R.F.D.#3, Sherburne, N. Y. writes: "We never knew much about my husband's death as he was reported missing since December 16, 1944 in January, and in March we received the second telegram saying he was killed in action December 22nd. We had a letter from William Atkinson, Harrisville, N. Y. who was taken prisoner December 19th. He said he saw him and talked with him early that morning but was separated from him at the time he was taken prisoner. I am sending my husband's assignment number and wonder if you will publish an appeal in your paper to anyone who might have known anything about his death to contact me. I have three children, two boys and a girl. The boys are seventeen and twelve and the girl is fifteen. They are all interested in learning more about their Daddy."

EUGENE CLIFTON, CO D, 424 INF, reported missing in action 17 December 1944 and was declared dead 18 December 1945. His widow, Mrs. Eugene Clifton, Box 23, Kingston, Tennessee is very anxious to hear from men who were with her husband and know how he lost his life. The following is the only information she has received: "The record concerning your husband shows that on December 17, 1944, he was a member of a machine gun platoon which was engaged in defending the vilage of Winterspelt, Germany. During this mission their positions were overrun by enemy troops and your husband was not seen following this action." Mrs. Clifton says: "If you can help me in any way about getting information concerning my husband it will be greatly appreciated by my family and his and by myself."

PFC GLENN W. RONK, 16175160, CO A, 424 INF, killed in action December 17, 1944 at Winterspelt, Germany. His mother, Mrs. Edith Ronk, R.F.D. #1, Girard, Illinois writes: "Is there any way that you could help me get in touch with any of the boys of his squad, so I could learn more about what happened? He was missing in action until last May. His squad leader (Sgt Knisley) was wounded on December 16th and the assistant squad leader was captured. Glenn's assistant gunner's name was Sandberg but I don't know whether that is spelled Sandberg, Sanburg, Sandburg or Sanberg. I would like to get in touch with him (they were last seen together) or some other member of the squad. My son was in the second squad and I believe the first platoon. (I'm not sure about the platoon.)"

Lt Edward J. Bouldin, Ward 6cd, Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. writes: "I am very anxious to contact Lt Col Brock who was Commanding Officer of the 1st Bn, 424th on 12 March 1945. I certainly would appreciate it if you could forward his address to me. Please state if possible his home address or military address if still on active duty." We do not have this at the Association C.P. Anyone knowing Col Brocks's present address please write Lt Bouldin and the

Association in order that it can be added to our records.

Jay C. Hirsch, 423 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn 24, N. Y. is very anxious to have any information about PVT ERNEST WILSON, formerly of Berkeley, California. Mr. Hirsch writes: "Pvt Wilson was wounded in the left leg, just above the knee right at early hours of the attack on 16 December 1944, while carrying a radio, and although I put a tourniquet on him and gave him all the medical aid I could; I was told by a medical officer to let

him lie where he was and the litter bearers would attend to him. We withdrew shortly thereafter and I was wondering if he succumbed for any of several reasons or by some remote possibility he survived the cold, shock, enemy, lack of food and water, loss of blood, etc. I am vitally interested in knowing what records you might have about him." Our records here at Association show Pvt Wilson as Missing in Action. Anyone having information about this Veteran please contact Mr. Hirsch and Association Hq.



\*T/5 David B. Walker, 106th Div Hq Spec Troops, is a public accountant. His home is at 1124 Herbert Street, Philadelphia 24, Pa.

\*Lt Col Leonard Umanoff, 424 Inf, Bronze Star and Purple Heart with one oak leaf cluster, tells us his vocation is real estate. He's living at 17734 Leslie Road, Springfield Gardens 13, N. Y.

"To all former members of H Company, 424th Infantry, come wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy Prosperous New Year from Raymond Marcus of Pittsburgh."

\*Cpl Paul H. Banet, 106th Sig Co and Hq Co 1st Bn 424, Purple Heart, was a prisoner at IVA and IVB, Kommando worker. He tells us he's attending St. Joseph's College as a pre-med student. His home is in Fort Wayne, Ind. at 1118 Jones Street.

\*George A. Sciullo, Btry A 590th FA Bn is living at 4743 Friendship Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pa. His membership application was one of those without printing on the reverse side so we have no further information about him. How about a line about yourself, George?

\*Capt Charles A. Burmaster, Service Co 423, Purple Heart, was at IVG and IVB. He is asst. \*T/5 John J. Breen, Co C 424, Personnel and Sp Troops Div Hq, Bronze Star, tells us he's a bookkeeper in Farmington, Mich. His home is in Detroit at 14911 Pinehurst Avenue.

\*T/5 Robert C. Boesch, Btry A and Btry B 592d FA Bn is a silk screen technician. His home address is 37 Granite Street, Brooklyn 7, N. Y.

\*T/Sgt Thomas W. ("Blackie") Black, I & R Platton, Regt Hq Co, 422, Purple Heart and CIB was at IXB and IXA. At the time we received his application, Blackie was a patient at Bruns Gen Hosp in New Mexico recovering from TB contracted while a POW. We haven't heard from him since but he was due to be discharged in December to return to his home, 306 Williston Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa.

\*S/Sgt William R. Broedel, Co M 424, CIB tells us he's now a railroad brakeman. 922 Poplar Street, Mt. Carmel, Ill. is his home address.

\*Pfc Walter L. Brenner, Co K 424, Purple Heart and CIB, doesn't say what he's doing. His address is 921 W. Lapeer Street, Lansing, Mich.

\*Major Howard R. Clement, 331st Med Bn,

parts manager for the Cooley Chevrolet Co. in New Haven, Conn. and his home address is 38 First Avenue, Seymour, Conn. Roxbury Veterans Hospital in Mass. His home address in West Roxbury is 16 Moville Street.

\*T/4 James V. Calderone Jr., 591st and 590th FA Bn, doesn't tell us what he's doing but says: "I was one of the first in the 106th Division and I stayed with it 'till it broke up in Virginia after it came back to the States. I was on the Cadre which formed the 106th." His address is 926 Gaskill Avenue, Jeannette, Pa.

\*T/5 Robert J. Cohen, 106th Sig Co, is now a student. 111 South Street, Northampton, Mass. is his home address.

\*Pfc Donald A. Cutter, 106th Sig Co, tells us he's an installer and repairman for N.E. Tel. and Tel. Co. His home address is 95 Laurel Street, Athol, Mass.

\*Pfc Christopher C. Carawan, Jr., Co F and Personnel 424, is a store manager and radio repairman in his home town of Bath, N. C. Address him, Box 116 in Bath.

\*T/Sgt Nicholas Cook, Co A 81st Eng (C) Bn, Unit Presidential Citation, tells us his vocation is farming, at Route #1, Holley, N. Y.

\*Capt Michael E. Connelly, Bn Surgeon for the 589th FA Bn, who was a prisoner at VIG, has returned to his practice as physician surgeon in Sharon, Pa. His address there is 449 W. State Street.

\*Carl M. Christianson, Co A 424, is living in Hendricks, Minn. His was also an application that missed being printed on the reverse side. How about some additional information about yourself, Carl? If anyone has any pictures of Winterspelt, Carl would like a set. He tells us he was captured there.

\*T/5 Nicholas S. Gandolfo Jr., Co A 424, was at XIIA and IIIA. He's now a student at Occidental College. His address is 518 W. 17th Street, Artesia, Calif.

\*Pfc George M. Guthrie, Co E 424, received the Purple Heart for wounds received while fighting in the Netherlands East Indies. He left the 106th in September of 1943. His address is Box 26, Lincoln, Vt. \*Cpl Edward L. Green, M Co 422, Purple Heart and CIB, was at IIA and XIB. He's a student and his address is 5231 W. National Avenue, Milwaukee 14, Wis.

\*Sgt Richard E. Griffin Jr., Co B 331st Med Bn, tells us he's a buyer for a department store in his home town of Memphis, Tenn. His address there is 244 S. Cleveland, Apt 3.

\*Pfc Morton T. Smith, 159th Inf and 590th FA Bn, tells us he's now a mechanic. His address is 4 Maryland Avenue, Tuxedo Park, Newport, Dela.

\*T/5 Robert M. Shaver, G Co and Regt Hq Co 424, is now a student. 724 S. 2d Street, Charleston, Ill. is his home address.

\*S/Sgt Edward L. Shute, Co G 159th Inf and Co A 423, tells us he's a farmer and student at RR #2, Waynetown, Ind.

\*1st/Sgt Mandeville J. Sangassan Jr., Hq Btry 589th FA Bn, was at IXA and IXB. He says he's a "professional soldier"—re-enlisted in November 1945 and is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas. His permanent address is 2133 Burdette Street, New Orleans 18, La.

\*Pfc John Shama, 423, is attending Salem Commercial School. His home is in Danvers, Mass., 9 Cheever Street.

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\*T/Sgt John F. Finnegan Jr., Co A 423 and Co A 424, Purple Heart, tells us he's a fire fighter with Engine Company #8 in his home town of Richmond, Va. His address there is 1014 Jamestown Avenue.

\*Sgt Frank J. Fradianni, Hq Btry 589th FA Bn, was at IXA and IXB. Tells us he was "liaison cpl working with 2d Bn 422, captured Dec 19th, was held until March 30th when liberated by 3d Army at Zieganhain, Germany. Got frozen feet while being marched back." His address is 205 Vine Street, Hartford 5, Conn.

\*1st Lt Benn Fleissig, 3d Bn Hq 422, was a

\*M/Sgt John J. Gribbin Jr., Co C 424, Purple Heart, was at XIIA. He's now an electrician and his address is 667 East 163d Street, Bronx, N. Y.

\*Cpl Lloyd W. Galloway, Svc Btry 590th FA Bn, Purple Heart, was a prisoner at Fallinghostel. He doesn't tell us what he's doing now. His home is in Kingston, Mo. Mooseburg, Muhlburg. He tells us he'll be a dentist "in four or five years." His home is at 2247 E. 21st Street, Brooklyn 29, N. Y.

\*S/Sgt William V. Luoma, Co A 81st Eng (C) Bn, was at IXA and IXB. He is now an iron ore miner in Wakefield, Mich. Address him there at R #1, Box 77.

\*T/4 Russel W. Lee, 423, Belgian Fourragere, is now a student. His home address is 1345 South 26th Street, Louisville 10, Ky.

\*1st Lt George P. Lo Cascio, Co K 422, Purple Heart and CIB, was at Bad Orb and Meiningen. He's now an optometry student. His address is 651 W. 190th Street, New York, N. Y.

\*Pfc Hyman Lass, Co I 424, tells us he's a meat market manager in his home town of Dorchester, Mass. 130 Callender Street is his home address there.

\*Cpl Boyce M. Leslie, Co M 422, tells us he joined the Division as a replacement at Rennes. He's now attending school and his address is 1534 Hemlock St., Louisville, Ky.

\*Pfc Francis R. LaPierre, Co E 424, doesn't say what he's doing now. Gates Avenue, Victory Mills, N. Y. is his address.

\*Cpl John Lombardi, Co B 424, tells us he's a shipping clerk. His home is in Chicago at 3953 Lexington Street.

\*Pfc Ovila E. Dutile, Co C 424, is asst. manager of the Farm Bureau Ass'n in Lowe, Mass. His home address is 24 Wilson Street, No. Billerica, Mass.

\*M/Sgt George S. Durst, G-1 Division Hq, Bronze Star, is a student at the University of Wisconsin. 510 W. Main Street, Rockwood, Pa. is his home address.

\*Pfc Billy M. Devaney, 2d Bn Med Sec 423, was at IVB. He's now a student and his home is in Tarkio, Mo.

\*S/Sgt Frank M. Harr, Co L 424, tells us he's a sales supervisor for a food manufacturer in his home town of Chicago. His address there is 6640 422, was at IXB. He's a machinist and his home is at 224 Ross Avenue, Wabash, Ind.

\*T/5 Adolph S. Kruppo, Svc Co 424, Purple Heart, is an automobile mechanic in his home town of Ridgewood, N. J. His address there is 536 N. Maple Avenue.

\*T/4 Thomas M. Kolas, Hq Btry 589th FA Bn and A Btry 592d FA Bn, tells us he's a short order cook. His home address is 1506 University Avenue, Bronx 52, N. Y.

\*M/Sgt Verlin D. Kauffman, 106th Sig Co, is a farmer and electrician at RR #1, Berne, Ind.

\*Sgt-Ralph H. Klein, 106th Q. M. Co, tells us he's a script writer for radio station WONS in Hartford, Conn. His home is in West Hartford at 134 Ballard Drive.

\*Sgt Joseph B. Kohs, Jr., Btry A 591st FA Bn, doesn't say what he's doing now. His address is 725 So. Wood Street, Chicago 36, Ill.

\*1st Lt Daniel E. McIntosh, Jr., Hq Divarty, 591st and 590th FA Bn, Bronze Star, was aide de camp to General Leo T. McMahon. He's now a banker in Clay Center, Kansas. 402 Huntress is his home address there.

\*Pfc Harry F. Martin, Jr., Co L 424, Purple Heart and CIB, is now a student at Union College in Cranford, N. J. He tells us he was "inducted into Army as limited service but volunteered for Infantry after spending a year in the M.P.'s. Spent four months in hospital recovering from shrapnel wounds. I was then transferred to GPA (General Purchasing Agent) in London as a clerk. After GPA was dissolved I was transferred to Surplus Property Accounting Division in Paris. Spent two months at Bearrity University in France." Harry's home is at 185 North Avenue in Plainfield, N. J.

50. Parnell Avenue.

\*Sgt Wesley S. Hermance, Div Hq, tells us he's now a salesman. His home is in Belleville, N. J. at 80 Tappan Avenue.

\*Capt Frank A. Hohenadel Jr., Co E, 2d Bn Hq, Co C, 3d Bn Hq 424, is a field representative for the Aetna Casualty and Surety Co in Chicago, Ill. His address there is 1252 Catalpa Avenue.

\*2d Lt Dale Harned, Jr., M. P. Platoon tells us he's now a student. His address is Carleton, Mich.

\*Cpl Robert H. Koehler, Co L and Regt Hq

\*T/5 Benedict W. Messing, Co E 424, tells us he's now a farmer at Rt. #1, Box 46, Shelby, Nebraska.

\*T/5 Robert C. Maddox, Co B and Cannon Co 423 and Cannon Co 424, is a student at the Washington & Lee University. His home is in Plainfield, N. J. at 551 Belvidere Avenue.

\*Pfc Thomas F. McCarehy, Co B 423, was at IVB. He says: "13 years worked as printer. After discharge went farming for myself on account of both feet frozen in P.W. Camp and also had a bad case of malnutrition." His address is R #2, New Richland, Minn.

\*Pfc Thomas H. Monahan, Jr., Hq Co 3d Bn 423, was at IVB. He's now a student and his address is Pleasant Street, Rochdale, Mass.

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\*Pfc Harry L. Madison, 1st Bn Hq Co and Co B 422, Purple Heart, is attending the University of Maryland. He tells us he was "Captured on Dec. 19, near St. Vith. At Stalag IVB for three weeks. Sent on work detail to village of Gleina. Worked at benzine factory (technitz), liberated April 14, 1945." His home address is 1322 15th Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

\*Pfc Mahlon L. McKay, Co A (Medic) 424, Combat Medical Badge, was at XIIA and IIIA.

He's a student at Occidental College where he says he'll be a pre-dental student for one more year; then a dental student. Address him at Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles

41, Calif.

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\*Sgt LeRoy C. Meads, Anti Tank Co and Regt Hq Co 423 and Hq 106th Div, is a design draftsman in his home town of Baltimore, Md. His address there is 108 N. Rose Street.

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\*T/5 Robert E. McVoy, Svc Co 423, Purple Heart, was at XIIA until he escaped March 28, 1945. He's now an automobile salesman and his home is in Poland, N. Y.

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\*T/4 James J. Monaghan, Med Det 423, was at XIIA, IVB, IIIA and IIIB. He's now a bottle worker with the Pepsi Cola Company. His home is in Philadelphia, Pa. at 785 So. Front Street.

\*Pfc Steven Michel. 591st FA Bn and 106th

us he's a granite manufacturer in Barre, Vt. His address there is 5 Long Street.

\*T/4 Harvey S. Perloff, Co B 422 and Div Hq, is an economist. His home is at 1221 Raum Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

\*Pfc William T. Powel, Co D 422, CIB, was at IXB and IXC. He's now a student at Clarkson College in Potsdam, N. Y. His home is in Ogdensburg, N. Y. at 1007 Pickering Street.

\*1st Lt Herman L. Philipson, Jr., Co H 423, Purple Heart with one oak leaf cluster and CIB, was at Andernach Hospital. He's now a student in Dallas, Tex. and his address there is 6711 Country Club Circle, Dallas 14.

\*Pfc Carlo E. Richards, Svc Btry 590th FA Bn and Co C 81st Eng (C) Bn, tells us: "When I arrived in the United States from overseas I was given my rehabilitation furlough and was to report back to Ft. Dix. After I reported back I was sent to the 5th Division and served in the 19th and 21st FA Bn. I was finally discharged at Camp Campbell where the 5th Division is stationed." Carlo is now a student and his address is 72 Park Avenue, Maplewood, N. J.

\*S/Sgt Frank E. Ross, Jr., Co C and Cannon Co 424 and Cannon Co 423, CIB, is a student at Northern Illinois State Teachers College in DeKalb, Ill. His home is in Chicago at 8400 Paxton Avenue.

\*S/Sgt James C. Ricks, Co A 81st Eng (C) Bn, Purple Heart, was at XIIA and XIIIC. He's Div Hq (I & E), tells us he's now a manufacturer in New York City. His address is 251 W. 92d Street, New York 25.

\*T/3 John B. Nash, 806th Ord Co, says he was transferred to 135th Ord Co, 35th Division in July 1945. His home is at 247 Van Duzer Street, Staten Island 4, N. Y.

\*Pfc Ludwig S. Nolfo, Co A 423, tells us he's a bartender in St. Louis, Mo. His home address there is 6567 Tholozan Avenue.

\*Cpl Kenneth M. Newton, Hq Co 1st Bn 423, was at IVB. He doesn't say what he's doing. His address is Box 462, Glasgow, Montana.

\*Leo J. Poisson, Co I 422, was at IVB and IVD. He has changed his last name to Fisher and tells

now a mechanic at Lake Fark, Ga., his nom

\*Pfc Arnold H. Rimer, Co G 422, Purple Heart and CIB, was at IVB and IVF. His home address is 402 Smith Street, Lexington, N. C.

\*Cpl Charles S. Rogers, Co A and Co H 422, CIB, was on kommandoes in IVA area. He's now a clerk and his address is 20 E. Collings Avenue, Collingswood, N. J.

\*Cpl Carlton D. Russell, Co D 422, was at IXB. He's attending Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala. His home is in Augusta, Ga. at 1326 Meyer St.

\*T/Sgt Charles W. Rechtfertig, 331st Med Bn, is a fender and body repairman and painter in Waterloo, Iowa. His address there is 427 Saxon Street.

\*Sgt Fred R. Veith, Co C 423 and Co A 424, Purple Heart and CIB, is now a student. 619 So. Grand Avenue, Ft. Thomas, Ky. is his home address.

\*T/Sgt George J. Vrana, Hq 331st Med Bn, doesn't tell us what he's doing. His home address is 19-05 22 Road, Astoria 5, L. I., N. Y.

\*Sgt William E. Witt, 331st Med Bn, tells us he's a licensed embalmer. His home is in Elkader, Iowa.

\*Pfc Bernard Waldow, Jr., Anti Tank Co 423, was at IIIA, XIIA, VII and XIA. He's a student and his home address is 121 Commonwealth Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

\*Pfc Anthony F. Woerner, Co H 422, was at IVB and IVA. He's working with the Long Island Railroad. His home is in Floral Park, L. I., N. Y., 117 Memphis Avenue.

\*T/5 Joseph G. Winters, 106th Sig Co, doesn't say what he's doing now. His address is 2654 Mack Road, Saginaw, Mich.

\*T/4 Stephen Osciak, 106th Sig Co, is a traffic clerk with the Holland Terminal Corp. in New York. His home is in Brooklyn at 4324 4th Ave.

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\*Pfc-Ralph C. Seum, Co E 424, Purple Heart and CIB, is a collection manager and asst. manager for a loan company in Cicero, Ill. His home is in Chicago, Ill. at 8233 So. Green Street.

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\*Cpl Gordon B. Zicker, Regt Hq Co 423, was at IVB. He's now an asst. cashier in a bank. Woodcliff Lake, N. J. is his home address.

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\*T/4 John A. Yatteau, Regt Hq Co 424, was transferred to the 28th Div 30 June 1945 for redeployment to CBI by way of the USA. He's now attending Columbia College in New York City. 326 New York Avenue, Brooklyn 13, N. Y. is his home address.

\*Stewart W. Yost, American Red Cross Director 424, is a personnel interviewer for Douglas Aircraft Co. in El Segundo, Calif. His home is in Inglewood, Calif., 5509 W. 119th Place.

\* \*Cpl Charles P. Hostek, Co I 423, is now a college student. His home address is 146-38 Beechave, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.

\*Pfc Lloyd H. Anderson, Co L and Svc Co 424, tells us he's a supervisor. His home is in Springfield, Mass. at 19 Knollwood Street.

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\*1st Lt Sidney H. Auerbach, Co H 424, CIB, is associated with the Luxite Silk Co. in W. Hazle\*Capt Joseph P. Salber, 423 and 424, CIB, is now a salesman for the Masonite Corp. 208 Piedmont Road, Columbus 2, Ohio is his home address.

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\*T/4 Harry L. Brown, Svc Co 424, has changed his last name to Stewart. His home is at 807 S. Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles 5, Calif. and he tells us he's a mechanic and service station attendant.

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\*Pfc Charles A. Savage, Co F 424, says he was 'transferred from 106th 18 Nov 1943 to Air Corps, Air Crew Tng. Left AAF 19 April 1944 to 16th Armored Division. Overseas 5 Feb 45 to 2 Aug 45. 6 months hospital—back injury—discharged 5 Nov 45." He's now a student at Bloomsburg State Teachers College. His address—558 Leonard Street, Bloomsburg, Pa.

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\*S/Sgt Ralph M. Stratton, Co K 424, Purple Heart and CIB, is an engineer. His home is in Garden City, Kansas, 203 No. 5th Street.

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\*1st Lt Ralph A. Swisher, Co G 424, Purple Heart and Bronze Star, tells us he's now a farmer at R.F.D. #2, Eau Claire, Mich. ton, Pa. His permanent address is 211 Central Park West, New York, N. Y.

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\*Frank P. Agnello, Co I 422, doesn't tell us what he's doing. His addess is 614 W. 16th Street, Erie, Pa.

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\*2d Lt Alan G. Bishop, Co L 424, tells us he's a student. 3801 T Street N.W., Washington 7, D. C. is his address.

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\*Pfc Oscar A. Backlund, Co L and Hq Co 3d Bn 422, is a student. His home is in Minneapolis, Minn., 3628 Bloomington Avenue So.

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\*Pvt Edward J. Bruno, Co D 423, is an electrician in Chicago, Ill. His address there is 646 N. St. Louis Avenue.

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\*T/4 Edward M. Brown, Btry C 589th FA Bn, is an engineering student. His home address is 618 Chester Street, Brooklyn 12, N. Y.

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\*S/Sgt Peter H. Thornley, Co G 424, Purple Heart and CIB, is a mine foreman. Box 15, Helen, W. Va. is his address.

# 106 INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Adopted September 16th, 1945, Camp Lucky Strike St Valerie-en-Caux, France

#### ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. The association shall be known as "The 106th Infantry Division Association."

Sec. 2. The purpose of this association shall be educational, charitable and fraternal.

a. To perpetuate the name and symbol of the 106th Infantry Division as an active and living monument to those brothers in arms who have died while fighting under its standards and whose every act has reflected great glory and prestige on its now remaining veterans.

b. To permit the members to continue the many friendships that have been cultivated within the division.

c. To aid the members of the association in their peacetime endeavors.

d. To establish memorials in the form of scholarships for the children of deceased members.

Sec. 3. The educational, charitable and fraternal benefits of this association shall be limited to the members thereof, except that members of the families of deceased members of the 106th Infantry Division shall be eligible to the educational and charitable benefits.

ity, not inconsistent with this constitution and said by-laws, as may be delegated to it by the board of directors.

Sec. 3. The president shall have the duties customarily associated with that office, but shall have no authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the association without authority from the membership, the board of directors, or the executive committee.

Sec. 4. The vice president shall act as the president in the event of the president's absence, disability or death.

Sec. 5. The honorary vice presidents shall be former general officers who served with the division. They shall have no vote or control in the affairs of the association, but they may be consulted for advice and recommendations in connection with the affairs of the association.

Sec. 6. The secretary-treasurer shall be the executive secretary, office manager and custodian of the records and funds of the association and will be subject to such control as to security of funds as may be fixed in the by-laws.

#### ARTICLE V

Sec. 1. This constitution is temporary and provisional

Sec. 4. To be eligible for membership in this association a person must have served honorably as an enlisted man, or an officer, or warrant officer, in one of the organizations of the division, or with an organization which was at any time attached to the division.

#### ARTICLE II

- Sec. 1. The association shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of seven members.
- Sec. 2. The board of directors shall elect a president, a vice president, five honorary vice presidents, and a secretary-treasurer.
- Sec. 3. The board of directors may in its discretion, elect an executive committee to be composed of three of its members.

#### ARTICLE III

- Sec. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership at such time and place as the board of directors shall fix and publicise at least one month in advance.
- Sec. 2. At the annual meeting a board of directors shall be elected to serve for one year or until such time as a new board is elected.
- Sec. 3. Vacancies in the board of directors shall be filled by appointment by the president of the association.
- Sec. 4. There shall be at least one annual meeting of the board of directors, at which time the officers shall be elected to service for a period of one year or until new officers are elected.
- Sec. 5. Vacancies in offices shall be filled by appointment by the president of the association.

#### ARTICLE IV

- Sec. 1. The board of directors shall be governed by bylaws to be prepared and adopted by the members of the association at their annual meetings.
  - Sec. 2. The executive committee shall have such author-

- is changed from its present type of organization into a legal corporation.
- Sec. 2. Until such time as an official seal can be obtained, all official papers may be authenticated by the signature of the secretary-treasurer.

I certify that the above is the constitution adopted at the meeting of the charter members of the 106th Infantry Division Association, held at Camp Lucky Strike, vicinity of St. Valerie, France, on the 16th day of September, 1945.

/s/ Herbert B. Livesey
HERBERT B. LIVESEY
Lt Colonel, CWS
Secretary-Treasurer

A true copy HERBERT B. LIVESEY Lt Colonel, CWS

#### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. The 105th Infantry Division Association shall maintain an office in or near the city in which the secretary-treasurer resides.

Sec. 2. The office of the association shall be open for business throughout each year.

Sec. 3. All official records of the association shall be stored in the office of the association.

Sec. 4. All funds of the association shall be deposited in a bank in or near the town in which the secretary-treasurer resides.

#### ARTICE II

Sec. 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the association and at all meetings of the board of directors. At meetings of the association he shall not cast a vote except in the case of a tie.

Sec. 2. The vice president shall act as the president in the event of the absence, death, or disability of the presi-

dent, with like powers.

Sec. 3. The honorary vice presidents shall render such advice and recommendations to the board of directors as such vice presidents deem proper upon the request of any member of the association.

Sec. 4. The secretary-treasurer shall be the executive secretary, the manager of its office, and the custodian of its records and funds. As executive secretary he shall have authority to make administrative decisions within the policies expressed in the constitution, these by-laws, resolutions of the board of directors, administrative directives of the president, and precedents established in operation of the association. He shall keep a roster of former members of the division, and a roster, which may be accomplished by mere posting to the former, of those who have paid up dues and may be properly considered members of the association. He shall be custodian of the minutes of the first meeting of the charter members, the constitution, these by-laws, all resolutions, and the minutes of meetings of the association, meetings of the board of directors, meetings of the executive committee, and all other committees. He will be responsible for recording the minutes of all such meetings except those of committees other than the executive committee. He shall be responsible for all funds of the association. He shall keep them on deposit in an established banking institution to the credit of the certify that said former member is financially unable to pay such fees or dues and that his case is just and deserving.

#### ARTICLE V

- Sec. 1. No officer, or any member of any committee of this association, shall receive any compensation for his services as such, except that the secretary-treasurer shall receive such salary as the board of directors shall determine from time to time to be reasonable, proper, and necessary.
- Sec. 2. Members of this association, including officers and members of committees, may be paid reasonable, proper, and necessary expenses incurred by them in connection with their official duties for the association, on approval thereof by the board of directors.
- Sec. 3. No officer or any member of any committee shall engage in business transactions, directly or indirectly, with the association unless the full particulars thereof are freely presented to the board of directors and discussed openly and approved by the board of directors, and made known to the members at large through the medium of the association's publication.

association and draw checks thereon countersigned either by the president or the agent of an established surety company, acting under a joint-control agreement with the bank. He shall furnish a surety bond guaranteeing his fidelity, by an established surety company, premium thereon to be paid by the association. He shall keep an accurate, detailed record of all receipts and disbursements.

#### ARTICLE III

Sec. 1. The president shall appoint a scholarship committee consisting of three members of the association; a membership committee consisting of three members of the association; and a publications committee consisting of three members of the association.

Sec. 2. The scholarship committee shall prepare a study of the abilities, and potential abilities, of the association to establish memorials in the form of scholarships for the children of deceased members; prepare plans for the financing thereof and the selection of the beneficiaries thereof; review all applications and recommendations for designation of beneficiaries, and make recommendations thereon to the board of directors.

Sec. 3. The membership committee shall prepare a study of the current membership, and the potential membership, of the association; prepare plans and make recommendations for increasing the membership; and prepare plans and make recommendations regarding membership fees, if any, and dues.

Sec. 4. The publications committee shall prepare a study of the abilities, and potential abilities, of the association to publish a newspaper, magazine, or bulletin for the benefit of the members, with or without advertising; prepare a plan and make recomendations for such publication as it deems within the abilities of the association; review current contractual abilities of publishers, editors, and advertising agencies; and make specific recommendations to the board of directors for accomplishment of the recommended plan.

#### ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1. The board of directors on signed application of ten members of the association is approved to waive membership fee, if any, and current dues of any former member of the 106th Infantry Division, when those members Sec. 4. Any member of the association, exclusive of ourcers and members of the committees, is free to enter into business transactions with the association.

#### ARTICLE VI

Sec. 1. No scholarship shall be established in final and binding form except pursuant to the vote of the members of this association.

#### ARTICLE VII

Sec. 1. The board of directors may elect an executive committee consisting of three members, and may delegate to such committee such authority as said board of directors deems proper, reasonable, and necessary, provided, however, that said executive committee shall have no power to incur debts or make disbursements in excess of five hundred dollars without specific and express approval by the board of directors.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Sec. 1. The officers of the association shall be elected by a majority vote of the board of directors.

Sec. 2. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members attending any annual meeting of the association; provided, however, that when the board of directors shall determine that the status of membership, funds, or progress of the association is such that an annual meeting would be unwarranted, unprofitable, and impracticable, then such by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all written ballots received at the office of the association after due and proper distribution of ballots to the members of the association.

I certify that the above are the by-laws adopted at the meeting of the charter members of the 106th Infantry Division Association held at Camp Lucky Strike, vicinity of St. Valerie, France, on the 16th day of September, 1945.

/s/Herbert B. Livesey HERBERT B. LIVESEY Lt Colonel, CWS Secretary-Treasurer

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### WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

Walter J. Cochara, 148 Banta Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey says: "Would like to get in touch with some of my friends from E Company, 424 Inf. Will answer any letters as soon as they arrive."

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George T. McDaniel, 1042 Blythe, Memphis, Tennessee tells us: "Mother was Chin-Up Girl of America published over the nation. I was one of five sons in the service."

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Dale Patrick writes: "I received my first two copies of the CUB. I can't tell you how much I

ter. He was in town to see his boss, Major "Tubby" Davis, of the Visual Education Service. I spent the evening with them in the usual way and later had dinner with them. I really enjoyed the visit and expect to see them again soon. Since Major Davis travels a lot, I can't see him as often as one would like. Unfortunately, I have been unable to see or contact Colonel Vaden Lackey who is back at his business down town. Please keep up the good work on the Association for I'm sure every member will always be glad he became a part of it. I'm very anxious for the first reunion and am saving up my

enjoyed them."

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Vollie McCollum says: "I have received the lapel button and the first two issues of the CUB. I am justly proud to wear the button and especially on a brand new suit I have just been able to get. I was so enthusiastic for having received the CUB that I sat right down after dinner and read them from cover to cover. I can readily say that I have never had quite the same feeling before as I read of many of the officers and men with whom I was so closely associated from March 15, 1943 until October 2, 1945. A great many pleasant memories flashed through my mind as well as a few unpleasant ones. It has been a great pleasure to have seen a few of our comrades and to have heard from so many of them. I must pass on to you the little experiences I have had since being at home. Sgt Wayman Jones of the Classification Section, A. G. Office has been in Vanderbilt since his discharge and we have been around quite a lot together. I happened to recognize Lt Marvin Fish, O.M. Company at the Knickerbocker one evening. He, too, is in Vandy. They both live only a few blocks from me. Sgt Max Salmon and wife stopped by for a few hours last December on their way home, Whiting, Indiana, after being married in Alabama. Lt and Mrs. Barlow were also by on their way home after a vacation in Florida. I hailed a cab uptown recently, when I was without my car, and argued with the driver all the way home because he kept insisting that he knew me. He asked me several questions as to my employment prior to induction which I answered wrong to his amazement. Finally, I asked him to turn the light on his face and readily recognized him as Stamps from Message Center who always awakened the C.O. and Duty Officer at all times during the night. He lives about two blocks from me. About two weeks ago, I had a phone call at the office which turned out to be Major "Ozzie" KarINDIANAPOLIS, after spending a grand weekend there in September with Wayman Jones and Harry Brammer, formerly of the 424. We saw Johnny Wischmeier there and talked with John Siegesmund's mother. Best regards to you, the Board of Directors, and all who might have a hand in creating such a fine organization. I shall look forward to seeing you in the not too distant future."

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Jim Klett says: "Just a few lines to congratulate you on the fine job you and the committee are doing to establish a permanent Association for the "good old 106th Division." We all want it to be the best and most active Association of its kind in existence. If I can be of any assistance at any time do not hesitate to call on me."

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Albert C. Kosow who is the Treasurer of American Prisoners of War, Inc. and now attending Champlain College at Plattsburgh, New York writes: "I found that the reading of the CUB was very exciting and had much pleasure from doing so. I only hope that you will continue the work that you are doing on it now. Since the College is made up mostly of veterans, I passed the publication around and it was unanimously agreed upon that it was undoubtedly the finest veteran publication that they have read. Here's luck and here's hoping that the CUB and the 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION has a long and successful life."

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Marlin H. Hawkins tells us he: "Received the issues of the CUB and was proud to see that such a fine publication was representing the Division which I was in. I failed to tell you much about myself but will try to do so at this time. I am working with the Veterans Administration here in Nashville at the present time. While a prisoner of war in Germany I was at Stalag IVB, VIIIA,

and at IXC in Brunswick, Germany, where I was liberated on April 12, 1945."

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Henry Eidelman writes: "It sure was a pleasure to get the first two issues of the CUB and read about the various fellows. During the past few months I've been able to see and get in touch with a few of the old boys of Service Company, 424 and in case any of the fellows want some news here goes: Took a trip to Scranton, Pa. in May and saw,

M/Sgt George Dash, formerly 1st Lt at the Rec. Center at Eupen is now with Squadron BP-4, 3543d AAF BU, Indoctrination Div., Air Tng Cmd, San Antonio, Texas. Says it's so far away from anything it's Foreign Service w/o pay. On his way down from N. Y., passed through Indianapolis and "was immensely surprised at the reception I received when they saw the 106th patch on my right shoulder."

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Thomas S. Knisley. Jr. writes: "I am a member

all formers, M/ ogt bernie Liegier (ROU) his wife and little son. They are all fine. Zig has put on a little weight but looks fine. Also saw T/5 Larry Schneider (Dispatcher, Motor Pool). He is fine and looks pretty snappy as a civilian. He recently became a father for the second time. During the summer I vacationed around New York City. Met a couple of the boys and had a little get-together. Among them were 1st/Sgt John Walker, T/4 Ray Mayerman and Pfc Blue Barron. We had dinner at the Hotel Edison where Blue is playing. I spoke to old 1st/Sgt Herb Laibach. He's building houses on Long Island for veterans. Walker is working for an adjustment company, Mayerman in a furniture shop. Sam Aaronson is carrying mail around 46th and Broadway. That takes care of New York. In Boston, looked up Capt Foley but he wasn't home. However, he became a father for the second time. Here in Detroit, T/5 Harry Seckel is married and T/4 Curtis Crowell is going to school around Chicago. That's about all for now. I hope you keep publishing as nice a CUB as the first two issues.

John Shama says: "I enjoy reading the CUB every month. My suggestion as to where the Division convention should be held is either in New York City or Boston or some place in the New England states."

Joe A. Aparicio says: "I am employed at the Gates Rubber Company. My address (3136) Marion Street, Denver, Colo.) is my home I am buying with a G.I. loan. I've been mighty lucky. I hope all of my buddies have been too. I was a scout with the First Army and then attached to the 106th. Then I was on patrol with Co K, 424. Was at St. Vith and on all other battles until Germany surrendered. I can't recall very well the name of our Captain but it was Joe or John Coleman. Would like very much to know where he is, for he was a wonderful Captain to his men."

of the 106th and would like also to add how much I like the CUB. You are all doing a swell job and I would like to add my appreciation along with so many others."

George E. Balch says: "I just received my third copy of the CUB and really appreciate them. I've been wondering if anyone at IXB at Bad Orb ever wrote a story about the camp, and also if any of the Signal Corps photos taken the day we were liberated are available-say for publication in the History or in the CUB. Could you let me know if there was any published story such as this?" We at Association don't know of any and have asked George if he'll write one for the CUB. We don't have the pictures of the liberation and would appreciate hearing from anyone who can tell us where these might be available.

\* .\* Pfc Ellis Osborne, 33665044 writes from Nurnberg, Germany as follows: "I am a Veteran of E Company, 423rd Inf. 106th Infantry Division and would like to make a contribution to the Division Memorial Fund and if it is possible I would like to get the small pamphlet of the Division History. I obtained the address from an old buddy of mine I recently met who had received the letter and booklet. I was with the 106th from April 1945 till August 1945. It wasn't a long time but I am still proud to wear the Golden Lion on my right shoulder sleeve. And also proud of what it stands for. I would appreciate it very much if I could receive all the literature that you publish and also the CUB Division Newspaper. My mailing address is, Hq. 580th QM Bn, APO 124, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.".

Louis S. Le Tellier, Jr. writes: "I am deeply appreciative of the interest of the Association in all of us who fought with the Golden Lions. The CUB is, I think, just what it should be. I read every line of it.

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Only Three Picture

March

1-2—Bad Berka

3-7-Erfurt

8—Gotha

9—Eisenach

10—Gotha

11—Langensalza

12-Muhlhausen

13—Dingelstadt

14-20—Duderstadt

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The following list of dates was forwarded to us by Marlin Hawkins:

December 21, 1944—Captured near St. Vith

December 22-Stayed in Pruim

23-25—Gerolstein

26-Mayen

27—Koblenz

28—Bad Ems

29—Hadama

30—Boarded train

31—Muhlberg, arriving there about 1630 and stayed approximately 1 week, leaving there by train to go to Gorlitz Stalag VIIIA. Left Stalag VIIIA Feb. 14, 1945 about 0700.

February 14—Stayed in Reichenbach

15—Bautzen

16-Kamenz

17—Konigsbruck

18-Klotzsche

19-Meissen

20—Lommatzsch

21—Dobeln

22—Leisnig 23-24—Bad Lausick

25—Borna

26—Meuselwitz

27—Zeitz

28—Eisenberg

21—Usterode

22—Goslar

23-24—Vienenburg

25—Borssum

26—Entered Stalag IXC Braunschweig

(Brunswick) about 1430.

You will notice that there are quite a few days that are at the same place, the reason for this being that we stayed at those places the number of days indicated. Hope that this will help you or any other member that wants this information.

#### **PERSONALS**

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2 November 1946

#### SPECIAL ORDERS NUMBER 1

1. Pursuant to authority granted 6 October 1945, Chicago, Ilinois, and in accordance with rules and provisions pertaining to matters of this nature, a board met at Columbia Hospital, Washington 25, District of Columbia, on or about 2 November 1946.

2. As a result Patricia Christine Fogarty, Eyes, blue; Hair, blond; Weight, seven (7) pounds, seven (7) ounces, was transferred in grade of baby from expectancy to infancy and reported for duty on or about 0230 hours, 2 November 1946.

3. Patricia will be stationed at 814 North Taylor Street, Arlington, Virginia. EDCMR 12 No-

vember 1946.

4. It is recommended that Capt. J. C. Fogarty be held responsible and accountable.

5. Line of duty—Yes.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

/s/ E. R. Fogarty

ELIZABETH R. FOGARTY

Chief of Staff

#### OFFICIAL:

/s/ Joseph C. Fogarty JOSEPH C. FOGARTY

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