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# WHAT THEY ARE DOING NOW



*ED NOTE: Sorry boys, these personals aren't in alphabetic order this month. As explained in other articles, we've had so little time to put this magazine together that we're just running the personals as they come in.*

**JOHN LETT**, Route 2, Montgomery, Indiana (Cpl, Sv Co, 424th Inf) didn't attend our first convention, but it took a truck wreck to keep him away. He spent the summer in bed with a cast from waist to knees, a broken hip, and two broken ribs, but is back in circulation now and would like to hear from some of his old friends.

**ROBERT H. CAUGHMAN** (Div Hq, Sig C) is with the 1st Signal Troop of the First Cavalry Division, as First Lieutenant. His address is APO 201, San Francisco.

**CHRIS J. CHISHOLM, JR.**, at home at 5 Moore St., West Somerville, Mass., writes for news of his buddies from 106th QM Co, where he was a Tec 5. He re-enlisted, served a hitch in the occupation forces in Austria, but is back home in civilian clothes now.

**DICK FRANKLIN**, 1692 Darien Court, Willow Run Village, Mich. (F Co, 424th Inf) writes us asking whether anyone can give him the mailing address of Capt Philip J. Antrim, M.D., of the 2nd Bn, 424.

**JOHN P. HAYES**, 1108 South Center St., Springfield, Ohio, (Pfc, F Co, 422d Inf) writes but doesn't say what he's doing now.

**RAINEY E. HORNER**, (C Co, 424th Inf), now living at 1400 Eastern Avenue in Rocky Mount, N. C., asks us for a roster of C Co, 424. We don't have rosters by company yet, but maybe some of the members from his outfit can pass addresses along to him. He is also interested in Co H, 424—must be a heavy weapons man from 'way back.

**MORTIMER D. KELLEY**, A Co, 424th Inf, is back at Princeton finishing his college education. His address is 94 Patton Hall, Princeton Univ., Princeton, N. J. He wants to know the address of Claude Taylor, Pfc from A Co, 424, whose last address in Baltimore doesn't seem to be up to date.

**MICHAEL R. RENDER**, 1419 Byron St., Chicago 13, Ill., is our newest member as this issue goes to press. He was a T/Sgt in C Co, 423d Inf, and was one of the few men who was with the Division from activation to deactivation.

**EDMOND D. KELLY**, 12 Fairway Ave., Bellevue, N. J., is our favorite correspondent this month. He wrote us (enclosing a return envelope) wondering why "No CUB — no love — no nuttin'". He wants to know whether the Association had a "post-convention hangover." We repeat our apologies to Ed and others like him who waited for answers to letters while we moved and re-moved the CP.

**THOMAS C. CLAYTON**, Thomas Hotel, High Springs, Fla., was a Staff Sergeant with Co B, 331st Med Bn and Co A, 159th Inf. He is now a locomotive fireman on the Atlantic Coast Line RR.

**WILLIAM H. ABEL**, former Field Director of the American Red Cross unit of the 106th, is a member of the Association and reports 106 Aberdeen St., Rochester, N. Y. as his new address.

**WESLEY W. ECKBLAD**, 75 Newell St., Brooklyn 22, N. Y. (Cpl, 106th Sig Co and Hq Co, 422d Inf, a POW at IV-F) recently joined the Association. He is employed as a bookkeeper.

**CLYDE E. WATTERS**, 142 Bronx Ave., Westview, Pittsburgh, Pa. (S/Sgt, who served at various times with Co I, 424th Inf and E, C & G Companies of the 423d) was a prisoner for two hours, but escaped to rejoin the Division. He is now an electrician.

**GERALD P. KELLY**, former Pvt in Co G, 423d Inf, deserves credit for rising from the ranks to gain admission at West Point, where he is now a Third Classman. His home address is 260 Springside Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.

**WILLIAM D. FARRELL**, 500 Fordham Ave., Pittsburgh 26, has broken a long-standing army tradition by actually volunteering for a job. He's going to send us some notes on the combat history of AT Co, 422d Inf, in the Ardennes. Look for them in a future issue.



**GILBERT ELLIOT**  
III, 222 East 71st St.,  
New York City, a Pfc  
with I&R Plat, Hq Co,  
422d Inf, was a POW  
at Stalag IX-B, Bad  
Orb. When last heard  
from, he was complet-  
ing his college educa-  
tion.

**BERNARD ZIEGLER**, 28 Wyoming St., Carbondale, Pa., (M/Sgt, Sv Co, 424th Inf) writes asking about back issues of the CUB. His question, which many others have asked, is answered in a separate article in this issue.

**JOHN R. RICHARDSON**, (Co A, 422d Inf), PO Box 21, Rochester, Ind., writes that he'd like to hear from some of the fellows in his outfit.

**CECIL M. BARNHART, Jr.**, Route 2, Box 100, Connellsville, Pa., (Co B, 331st Med B, and Hq Btry, 589th FA Bn) left the 106th in August, 1945, came home with the 104th Div, was reassigned to the 5th Div, then moved to the 3d Inf Div for discharge in November '45. He re-enlisted for a one year hitch, then after discharge joined the ERC and is now a member of Co G, 314th Inf, in his home town. Cecil is back at his old job as a fireman on the Baltimore and Ohio RR, was married two years ago, and has one son.

**BERT CAPLAN**, Co K, 424th Inf, of 4016 West Wilcox St., Chicago 24, Ill., is among our newest members. He's a student now, after spending about six months in the hospital as the result of a hand injury in the Ardennes Campaign.

**COL. CHARLES C. CAVENDER**, Hq 6th Army, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., writes that he expects transfer to duty in China in the near future.

**CURTIS E. CHRISTENSEN**, T/Sgt, Co A, 424th Inf, writes from a temporary address at 8480 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 36, Calif., that he is now an executive in the drug business. He has just moved to Los Angeles, and we hope his permanent address will be available for publication next month.

**DONALD A. STROH**, Commanding General of the 106th from February to August 1945, recently won a richly deserved appointment to permanent rank of Major General in the Regular Army. General Stroh, of 3614 Ingomar Place, Washington 15, D. C., was retired from active duty on November 30, but will continue with his present War Department assignment for an indefinite period.

**FRANK FRANEK, Jr.**, Med Det, 424th Inf (with Co K), writes from 1532 South Gundersen Ave., Berwyn, Ill., that he is now employed in the accounting department of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co. Frank was a Tec 3 in the medics, and won the Bronze Star Medal.

**CHARLES W. FRASER**, Box 1311, Jamestown, N. D., has re-enlisted and is now a Cpl with the Med Det, Brooke Gen Hosp, Area 900, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

**JOHN P. HAYES**, a mortar gunner with Fox Co, 422d Inf, was captured on Dec. 19, '44, and was a POW at Stalag IX-B. John now lives at 1108 South Center St., Springfield 19, Ohio, and is an armature tester at the Robbins & Myers plant in Springfield.

**ROY MILTON HILLARD**, former S/Sgt with Co D, 422d, and a POW at Stalags IX-A and IX-B, is now an apprentice machinist in Steubenville, Ohio. Roy is living at 808 Wilkins St., with wife Shirley and son Roy Jr.

**WILLIAM E. HOTALING**, whose new address is 294 Mix Ave., Hamden, Conn., planned to come to the Albany Dec. 16 reunion, but at the last minute had to miss it for business reasons. He writes "I hope the evening is a huge success as the whole idea sounds grand. Perhaps if there are any such similar gatherings in the future you'll be kind enough to advise us of them". To Bill, a 2d Lt with Hq Co, 422d Inf, we can promise that he'll be kept posted on all future affairs in the northeast part of the country.

**HAUER E. HOWELL**, 855 West 33rd St., Baltimore 11, Md., a Cpl with Co G, 422d Inf, Purple Heart with Cluster, and a POW at Stalag VI-G, is now employed as a printer in Baltimore.

**ELLIS OSBORNE**, whose new address is Zebulon, Ky., is studying auto mechanics at the Mayo State Vocational School of Paintsville, Ky. Ellis, a former member of Co E, 423d Inf, was discharged from the army on July 6th, 1947, after a re-enlistment hitch with the 616th QM Depot Co in Europe.



**LEIGHTON A. WASHBURN**, of Bartlett, N. H. was a Pfc with the 106th MP Plat. Before joining the 106th, he served in the Italian campaigns and in Northern France. He is now with New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.



#### FOR THE AGONY GRAPEVINE COLUMN....

*Each issue of the CUB must bring the sad news with the good, for each month brings us news of others of our comrades at arms who fell in battle or who have died or suffered misfortune since returning from combat. (This column's name comes from the now-famous "Agony Grapevine" of amateur radio operators who relayed news of individuals of the 106th around the country to anxious homes during the grim months of the Ardennes campaign).*

Mrs. Una Knowles, RFD 5, Lebanon, Tenn., would like to hear from someone who knows any details of the last hours of her son, SGT. JAMES KNOWLES, Co F, 423d Inf, who was wounded in the early days of the Ardennes campaign, and was reportedly last seen in a deep foxhole about 12 hours before his unit was captured.

S/SGT WOODROW W. SANDIFER, Co L, 423d Inf, has not been heard from since November 1944. Mrs. L. M. Hoover, 210 North Catt Ave., Hammond, Ill., asks that anyone with any information whatever about Sandifer write to her. He lived at her home for ten years before entering service, and was considered as a son in the Hoover home. Mrs. Hoover does not know whether he was killed or missing in action, and is most anxious to receive any news of him since November '44.

JOHN CHESBRO, former Pfc of Hq Co, 423d Inf, died on Jan. 30, 1947, according to a note from his mother, Mrs. M. E. Chesbro of Greenwich, N. Y.

JOHN F. LANAHAN, AT Co, 423d Inf, was killed in an auto accident on August 4, 1946, according to a touching letter received from his mother, Mrs. William J. Lanahan, Box 3, Clarks-ville, N. Y.

ROBERT D. JESSEE, 2186 14th Ave., San Francisco 16, Calif., is a sub-station operator for Pacific Gas and Electric, and wants to hear from any of the boys in or passing through San Francisco. Bob was 1st Sgt of Mike Co, 423d, and reports that his S. F. phone number is MO-45981.

The local organizer who arranged our Boston December 16 dinner reports that the mailing list we furnished from national headquarters contained the names of three men who were killed or missing in action. We have received moving letters from the families of each of these men who failed to return, and with utmost sincerity we regret that there is no way that we can avoid occasionally re-opening old memories by mailings to men who didn't come back. Our roster of KIA and MIA is nearly complete now, but each month brings us a few more names to add to the honor roll. The men from the Massachusetts area are RICHARD F. IRVIN, Hq Btry, 589th FA Bn, of 32 Grove St., Gloucester; FRANCIS P. MULDOON, Hq Co, 422d Inf, of 87 Russell St., Malden; and SGT. WALTER H. WEATHERILL, Co L, 423d Inf, % Francis Shaughnessy, 106 Main St., Brockton, Mass.

#### MISSING PERSONS

*In this month's issue we are starting a column to be devoted to securing addresses and information about men who are not listed in our files, or who are listed but whose mail comes back "address unknown". If you know the present whereabouts of any of the following, please write national headquarters. Some member of the Association is waiting for each of these addresses.*

BYRON HANNA, S/Sgt, Hq Co 3d Bn 422d Inf and Regt Hq 423d Inf, a member of the Association who moved from Eklutna, Alaska, leaving no forwarding address.

FRED KARP, Sgt, Co I, 422d Inf

WOODROW W. SANDIFER, S/Sgt, Co L, 423d Inf, who has not been heard from since Nov. '44.

RONALD WESTON, 1st Sgt, Co I, 422d Inf





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## BACK COPIES

If you still have your CUB for October, 1946 (Volume 3, No. 4), hold on to it—it's a scarce article! But we do have a very few copies of all other issues of the CUB, available at 25c each from national headquarters, as long as they last. The following list gives the picture of publications we have in stock:

Item	Available	Cost
CUB, August 1946 .....	130	25c
CUB, September 1946 .....	12	25c
CUB, November 1946 .....	18	25c
CUB, December 1946 .....	17	25c
CUB, Jan.-Feb. 1947 .....	22	25c
CUB, March 1947 .....	13	25c
CUB, April 1947 .....	18	25c
CUB, May-June 1947 .....	23	25c
CUB, September 1947 .....	86	25c
OVERSEAS CUB. Souvenir Edit.	140	25c
Stars & Stripes Pamphlet, "The 106th" .....	2,000	10c

A limited number of reprints of Cedric Foster's broadcast of January 21, 1945, and of the Indianapolis Star's "The Heroic 106th" are available, on receipt of 10c handling fee.

All inquiries about publications should be addressed to 237 South Manning Boulevard, Albany 3, New York.

## LAPEL PINS

The H. H. P. Whittemore Company, of Attleboro, Mass., has designed special lapel buttons for the 106th Infantry Division Association. These cost \$1.00 and can be ordered from national headquarters. They are miniatures of the shoulder patch, enameled in true colors, and fasten on with a screw-back button. If you've seen them, we know you'll want one. (ED NOTE—I've had mine for two years, and it still looks as good as new, doesn't even tarnish!)

## OFFICIAL DIVISION RING

The ring can be ordered direct from H. H. P. Whittemore Company, Attleboro, Mass. It costs \$6.00, postpaid and tax paid. We don't take orders for the ring at national headquarters, so if you want one, send your order direct to Whittemore Company.

## WANT CONVENTION PICTURES?

Speed-Graphic Pictures, 1941 No. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Indiana has made up a very interesting booklet from the pictures which they took at the convention. You may get a copy by writing directly to them at the above address.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The mailing address of the 106th Infantry Division Association was changed, on November 15, 1947, to the following:

**David S. Price, President**  
**106th Inf Div Ass'n, Inc.**  
**237 South Manning Blvd.**  
**Albany 3, New York**

Please address all future communications to the new address.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Below are summarized the operating expenses and income of the Association from its formation in September 1945 to November 30, 1947, together with a balance sheet as of November 30, and explanatory notes. Items entered prior to July 1, 1947, have been audited by Certified Public Accountant. Items from July 1 to November 30, 1947, will be audited at the end of the current fiscal year on June 30, 1948. These figures do not include Memorial Fund receipts.

## BALANCE SHEET, NOV. 30, 1947

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash .....	\$2,090	Accounts payable (1) .....	\$ 140
Equipment .....	135	Reserve, undelivered sales (2) .....	100
Inventory .....	1	Surplus .....	1,986
	<u>\$2,226</u>		<u>\$2,226</u>

## OPERATING STATEMENT, 1945 to NOV. 30, 1947

<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues .....	\$ 5,880	
Sales .....	1,900	
Other .....	210	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b> .....		\$ 7,990
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries (3) .....	\$11,100	
CUB .....	4,050	
Other printing .....	1,850	
Convention .....	2,700	
Postage, travel, etc. ....	2,150	
Office supplies, etc. ....	1,200	
Merchandise .....	1,400	
Legal, CPA, bond, taxes .....	330	
Rent .....	100	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b> .....		24,880
<b>NET OPERATING DEFICIT</b> .....		<u>\$16,890</u>

## ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS ACCOUNT, to NOV. 30, 1947

Original surplus, from unit funds .....	\$16,630	
Original surplus, contributions .....	2,240	
<b>SURPLUS AS OF SEPTEMBER, 1945</b> .....		\$18,870
Operating deficit to Nov. 30, 1947 .....		16,890
<b>BALANCE IN SURPLUS, NOV. 30, 1947</b> .....		<u>\$ 1,980</u>

## NOTES

- (1) Current accounts payable include \$89.26 to D. S. Price for expenses incurred in transferring national headquarters to Albany, and for postage, office supplies, and travel from August 1 to Nov. 30; and an estimated \$50 to A. McCathran for travel, telephone, and office expenses from Aug. 1 to Nov. 30.
- (2) The \$100 reserve for undelivered sales is to pay for lapel pins, etc., ordered between August 15 and November 15, and is of necessity an estimate only, since national headquarters has not yet received an itemized statement of merchandise ordered during this period. When such a statement is furnished from our Maryland office, this reserve will be adjusted accordingly, and merchandise will be shipped.
- (3) The figure of \$11,100 for salaries includes \$3,500 paid to Mr. Livesey up to September 30, 1946. From September 1946 to September 1947, Mr. Livesey served without pay. The \$3,500 was under terms of the original agreement with the Board of Directors, based on larger anticipated revenues than materialized. The remaining \$7,600 is for typing and secretarial service, and includes considerable amounts for postage and envelopes, since the large mailings were jobbed out, and the salary payments also included materials and supplies and postage used by the persons who addressed and mailed the material.



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## HELP WANTED

The cheapest and easiest way to raise money for the Association is through direct personal contact with friends of members. I ask every member of the Association to write a letter to three of his friends, telling them about the Association, and inviting them to join. I know this method works—I tried it last month, and within two weeks, two of the three men joined up. Below is reproduced the letter I used—you can copy it, paraphrase on it, or improve it, but *please* take an hour or two *now* to write to three of your friends.

Dear Joe,

Did you know that the veterans of the 106th have formed an active Division Association? The organization has been operating for two years now, and is trying to increase its membership. I'm writing to tell you about it, and to ask you to join.

The Association publishes a magazine, the CUB, which will appear every second month next year—and if more members join, the budget will stand monthly publication. The Cub carries news of what all the fellows are doing now, and has write-ups of Association activities such as the annual convention, regional and unit reunions, etc. The average magazine has run about 24 pages, and includes lots of photographs and items about the 106th in combat.

A central locator record is maintained on all men whose addresses are known, and national headquarters of the Association will put you in contact with your former buddies on request. Last year an annual convention in Indianapolis attracted 500 men for three days of solid entertainment. The Association has a Memorial Scholarship Fund for children of men who were killed or missing in action.

Dues are three dollars a year, which includes a full year's CUB subscription. You'll find the three dollars well spent. If you wish to join, send a check or money order for \$3.00 to national headquarters, care of D. S. Price, 237 South Manning Blvd., Albany 3, N. Y., and include information about what you're doing now, so that it can be printed in the CUB. With your application for membership, state what unit you were in, your highest rank, your decorations, and data about such matters as POW experience, etc. If you enclose a good photograph of yourself, the CUB will print it.

Please act on this right away. The Association has 1,100 members, and wants to build up to 2,000. I've been a member for a year, and I think they're doing a good job.

(Plus whatever personal notes you want to add.)

Yours,

(signed by you)

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## DON'T PUT IT OFF—DO IT NOW

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# REPORT TO MEMBERS

By DAVID S. PRICE, President

The four months preceding the publication of this issue have been a period of great difficulty for the Association. I can now report that the difficulties have been met and overcome, and that the outlook is good for the future.

I am aware that all correspondence received by the Association between August 15 and November 15 was unanswered until the latter part of November. This condition arose through our decentralization, and through our difficulty in establishing a new national headquarters. The condition has been remedied. Hereafter, members can count on immediate replies to all correspondence, and will receive CUB issues on time.

From the formation of the Association in September 1945 up to the convention in July 1947, Herbert B. Livesey, Jr., of Mamaroneck, N. Y., served as Secretary-Treasurer. Originally, we hoped to be able to promote an organization with about 10,000 members, and accordingly, the Board of Directors employed Mr. Livesey on a full time basis. He received about \$3,500 for the first year of this work. It became obvious that we had set our sights too high, and his salary was discontinued on September 30, 1946. He continued to devote from 15 to 40 hours per week to the Association's affairs until August 15, 1947, without pay. Due to ill health and the pressure of private employment, Mr. Livesey refused to run for re-election at the 1947 convention.

Arthur McCathran of Riverdale, Md., was elected as Secretary-Treasurer, on the assumption that our finances would permit employment of a full time stenographer for national headquarters. However, convention expenses ran higher than expected, and membership renewals were less than expected. Money was not available for clerical assistance to the Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. McCathran found that the demands of the position were such that it could not be accomplished without help—he has to earn a living, like the rest of us, and the duties of Secretary require an average of 25 hours per week. Mr. McCathran resigned as Secretary-Treasurer in November, 1947, and I assumed the duties of that office.

Since November 15, 1947, I have answered about 340 pieces of back correspondence, have brought the roster and locator files up to date, and have prepared this CUB.

## PLANS FOR FUTURE

Plans for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 are discussed elsewhere in this issue. There will be four issues of the CUB—this one, and February, April and June issues. Plans for next year's convention are in the making, and dates will be announced in the February CUB. 5,400 men have been contacted concerning

local December 16 reunions. Local chapter organization has been undertaken by five local organizing committees, with nine others contacted and about to begin such work. Negotiations for publication of the Division History have been re-opened with the Infantry Journal. Plans have been made to bolster the Memorial Fund and to promote membership.

Our present operating capital is about \$1,850. By increasing income and cutting down on expenses, I am confident that we can have \$300, plus all '48-49 dues, to turn over to the new President and Secretary-Treasurer at the 1948 convention. However, the assistance of many members will be necessary to accomplish this goal. The back cover of this magazine presents a concrete suggestion as to how you can help. Please cooperate.

## PAST FINANCES

The inside back cover presents consolidated operating statements and balance sheet from September 1945 to the present. In summary, for expenses totaling about \$25,000, the following has been accomplished in the formative period of the Association: preparation of alphabetic and geographic index files on 42,000 former members of the 106th; publication of 10 issues of the CUB; staging of our first convention, which resulted in a direct loss of \$2,700 to the Association, but which was successful from a goodwill and promotional point of view; preparation of a mailing roster for promotion of the Division History—this roster, on mailing address duplistickers, is worth about \$400; and establishment of an active paid membership of nearly 1,100.

In short, our original working capital is exhausted. Hereafter we must get along on what we can raise in dues, sales, and CUB advertising. I think that we can plan on a budget of about \$3,800 for the year beginning July 1, 1948. We have the nucleus of a good organization, and with membership participation, can grow. It's up to you.



# KARLSRUHE - CAMP LUCKY STRIKE CAMP SHANKS

By FRANCIS A. WOOLFLEY, Colonel, Infantry  
Senior Instructor, Louisiana National Guard

*All who attended the 1947 convention in Indianapolis will long remember the stirring session at which each of the 106th's General Officers spoke on the history of the Division. Brigadier General Francis A. Woolfley, CG from 16 Aug to 2 Oct '45, was unable to attend the convention, but in response to our request, has submitted a resume of the highlights during his period of command.*

At Hof, Germany, on 6 August 1946, orders were received relieving me from duty as Assistant Division Commander, 76th Infantry Division, and transferring me to the 106th Infantry Division, then located at Karlsruhe, Germany. Having received several days' warning of my new assignment, I was able to depart without delay and on the evening of 7 August reported to General Stroh at his quarters in the former Swedish Consulate at Karlsruhe.

Neither the 106th Infantry Division nor its commander were new to me, for I was even then well acquainted with the glorious sacrifices made by the Golden Lions in the Battle of the Bulge, and Don Stroh and I had entered the service together and had served together on the faculty of The Infantry School.

Upon joining I found the 106th Division performing occupational duties in the BRUCHSAL-KARLSRUHE area and preparing for redeployment to the United States. The 159th Infantry, a Class II unit, was attached to the Division and undergoing training at Camp Alan W. Jones. Low point men were scheduled for transfer to Class I and II units and further combat service against the Japanese. However, the week that followed brought a great change in the situation.

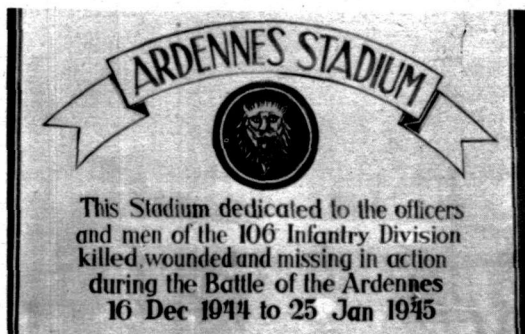
The Stars and Stripes headlines on 8 August featured the first use of the atomic bomb against Japan at Hiroshima. On succeeding days this paper bore equally startling headlines: on 9 August, "Russia Declares War on Japan"; on 10 August, "Nagasaki 2d Atomic Bomb Victim"; and on 11 August, "Japan Sues For Peace", and on 15 August, news was received by the Division in Karlsruhe that the Japanese had accepted the surrender terms. The whole picture had changed. The grim prospects of fighting in the Pacific faded for the Golden Lions.

On 16 August, Major General Donald A.

Stroh, who had commanded the 106th Infantry Division since 7 February 1945, left for reassignment in the United States, and I became the fourth and last commander of the Division.

On this same date, warning instructions were received by telephone from the Seventh U. S. Army to begin preparations for movement to an assembly area and for ultimate redeployment to the States. This was followed by written orders received 24 August to move the 106th Division, less the Band, to Camp Oklahoma City, arriving there 11 September 1945. On 25 August, the 159th Infantry relieved the 106th Division of occupational duties in the KARLSRUHE-BRUCHSAL area, was relieved of attachment to the 106th Infantry Division, and was attached to the 100th Division. On 27 August, the 106th Reconnaissance Troop which had been operating the Division Recreation Center at EUPEN, BELGIUM, closed in the KARLSRUHE area.

During the month of August, the transfer of personnel to and from the division continued and constituted a major problem. 209 Officers and 7,238 enlisted men were transferred from the division during this period and 239 officers and 10,344 enlisted reinforcements received. Thus the division received almost a complete turn-over in personnel in a single month and it became the task of commanders and staffs to make these combat veterans feel at home in their new outfit and to inculcate in them in a very short time the



*PERMANENT REMINDER of the Golden Lions is this plaque in the municipal stadium at Karlsruhe, Germany where our baseball Cubs topped the Seventh Army League in a full schedule in the 1945 summer season.*

proud spirit and bearing of the Golden Lions. A fine record of soldierly conduct and appearance in the march across Germany and France, and during the voyage home, leads me to believe we were successful in this and gives us reason to be proud of our last reinforcements.

On 2 September, a new movement order, dated 26 August 1945, was received which called for the movement of the division (less band) "direct to the appropriate port" and not to Camp Oklahoma City, in the Assembly Area Command, as previously ordered. On 6 September, the call from the LeHavre Port Commander was received through the Seventh Army. It specified that the division would arrive at Camp Lucky Strike 11-13 September, 1945, and that the advance detachment would precede the main body by 72 hours. This call was confirmed by Movement Order, Headquarters XXI Corps, 6 September 1945. Orders were also received on 6 September transferring the 106th Infantry Division Band to the XXIII Corps for the 3d Infantry Division. The Band departed on 7 September for REINHARDSHAVEN, GERMANY.

The readjustment of personnel continued with a total of 677 officers and men being transferred from the Division and 624 being received during the first eleven days of September. All Regular Army officers were transferred to other assignments, exception being made only in the case of the Division Commander. Colonels William B. Tuttle and John T. Zellars, commanding officers of the 422d and 423d Infantry Regiments, respectively, were permitted at their request to move with their regiments to the Port prior to their relief and reassignment to other duties in the XXI Corps; and Colonel William C. Baker, Chief of Staff received special dispensation to accompany the Division to the States with the proviso that he return to a new assignment at USFET by air. Thus Colonel Baker satisfied an ambition to serve with the Golden Lion Division until its day of deactivation. As far as I know, he is the only member of the division to serve continuously with the division throughout its entire existence—from activation to deactivation.

In spite of transfers of personnel and preparation for the movement home, the many and varied activities of the division continued right up to the minute of their departure from Karlsruhe. This is best exemplified by the Golden Lion Baseball Team which played its last game on the day preceding the movement of the division and left Germany leading the Seventh Army Baseball League.

The division completed its movement from Karlsruhe, Germany, to Camp Lucky Strike near St. Valery, France, during the period 7-11 September in accordance with Movement Order, 106th

Division, dated 7 September 1945. The Division Command Post closed at Karlsruhe and opened at Camp Lucky Strike 110800 September 1945, at which time the 106th Division was relieved from assignment to Seventh Army and attachment to XXI Corps and passed to the control of Chanor Base Section. The motor movement consumed three days, and included many places of historical interest in both World War I and World War II, on its route: Karlsruhe, Zweibrücken, Saarbrücken, Metz (first bivouac), Verdun, Ste. Menchould, Chalons, Reims, Soissons (second bivouac), Compiègne, Clermont, Beauvais, Gournay, St. Saens, Yerville, St. Valery, Camp Lucky Strike.

The stay of the Division at Camp Lucky Strike was brief. Here was held its last formal ceremony during which it was my honor and privilege to decorate the colors of the 81st Engineer Combat Battalion with the Presidential Unit Citation for their courageous action in the Battle of The Adennes in the vicinity of St. Vith, and to pin the unit citation badge on all original members of the battalion still present.

The Division commenced its embarkation on 20 September with the loading of the U. S. Victory at LeHavre. The complete story of the embarkation and journey home cannot be told. Loading plans were out of Division's hands and troops were loaded as ships became available. The second ship out carried Division Headquarters and we never knew on what ships the remainder embarked or where they landed. Division Headquarters and 3,700 troops of the division loaded on the "Marechal Joffre" during the afternoon of the 21st of September and sailed from LeHavre, France, Saturday, 22 September 1945.

The sighting of mines during the first morning out caused a flurry of excitement and the firing of the ship's guns in an effort to detonate these mines brought to many of those aboard memories of more exciting channel crossings.

The remainder of the voyage of the Marechal Joffre was uneventful. At 1030, 1 October, land was sighted and at 1300 the Marechal Joffre entered New York harbor with a huge Golden Lion proudly displayed on her side. We received a noisy welcome as we proceeded past the Statue of Liberty and up the Hudson. As the troops of the Marechal Joffre debarked at Camp Shanks, General Stroh was on hand to meet old friends and to extend the official welcome of the War Department.

The last order of the Division, its deactivation order, was issued 2 October 1945. Within less than twenty-four hours all troops arriving on the Marechal Joffre had cleared Camp Shanks for separation centers. The Golden Lion Division with a great record of courageous achievement passed into history.



## 1948 CONVENTION

Next summer, it'll be ON TO INDIANAPOLIS! At last year's perfect convention, the Board of Directors voted to hold our 1948 reunion in the same spot once again. So arrangements for definite dates are now in process, and the February CUB will bring you news of the where, when, what and how much.

We've been assured of the use of the splendid facilities of the War Memorial Building again, and although we won't have the superb management of Rooe and Florence Simpson behind us, we'll try to put on a good convention. It will be over a weekend, starting Saturday morning, with a Friday night get-together for the early birds. All we know now is that it will be either in July or August, because the definite dates are not ready for announcement.

SEE YOU IN INDIANAPOLIS!

## NEW PRINTER FOR THE CUB

Starting with this issue, the CUB will be printed by The Industrial Press, in Waterbury, Connecticut. They do splendid work, using the photo offset process. This means that we can run lots more photographs, but frankly, our supply of pictures is running low at national headquarters.

We urge all members to send in photographs of interest to the Golden Lions, for publication in the CUB.



*FROM Co G, 424th INF are these lads and lasses, shown at the First Reunion in Indianapolis. The photo is from Bob Morrison, 3122 La Vista Drive, Overland 14, Mo. We understand that the men of this company keep in close touch by mail, and we know that some enterprising fellow wrote everybody about the convention, but we don't know names or details. If Co G, 424, is forming or has formed a unit chapter of the Association, please let us know at the national CP.*

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## 550 ATTEND SEVEN DECEMBER 16 REUNIONS

We delayed the publication of this issue for a few days to bring news of the results of our December 16 memorial banquets. Thus far, seven successful dinners have been reported to national headquarters. Many new memberships have been received as a result of recruiting done at these dinners, and the national treasury benefitted by sale of some lapel pins and booklets at a number of the local reunions.

Total attendance exceeded 550. Dinners were held at Chicago, Boston, New York, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, Galesburg and Albany. At Chicago, Minneapolis and New York, plans were developed for the organization of local chapters.

The February CUB will bring detailed stories of each of the local reunions, with photographs where available.

## DECEMBER 16th! REMEMBER?

*"Dec. 16, 1944: Springing from the bleak vastness of the Schnee Eifel with the speed of a coiled snake, Von Rundstedt's desperate but mighty counter-offensive struck toward the Ardennes . . . The full force of this massive attack was thrown against the 106th Infantry Division . . . Their heroism gained precious time for other units to regroup and strike back . . . (from Stars and Stripes "The 106th")*

Remember? Sometimes it seems like yesterday, and again, it fades into a vague confused hectic mass of memories which seem to be ages past. But December 16 is the day when the Golden Lions first met, and passed, the true test of the infantryman. In retrospect, it is a day to make hallowed to the names and memories of the men who gave their lives in the Belgian snow.

Continuing a tradition started last year by Herb Livesey, the Association is sponsoring a number of Memorial Dinners, December 16 local reunions, in all parts of the country where local organizers were willing to tackle the job. Some 5,400 men of the Division are being contacted about local reunions as this issue goes to press.

Six sections are definitely going through with plans for a dinner. Nine other cities are considering sponsoring such a get-together, but here at Association headquarters, we're still in the dark as to what luck they're having.

### BOSTON, MASS.

Vincent Harrold, 40 Imrie Road, Boston 34, a member of the national Board of Directors, has contacted 700 Bay State veterans of the 106th, and his plans are all set for a gala affair at the Steuben Vienna Room on Boylston Street.

### PITTSBURGH, PA.

Pete Frampton, Schenley Apartments, Pittsburgh, has sent two mailings to the 400 106'ers in the Pittsburgh region, and will have a steak dinner with all the trimmings at Pat McBride's Casino on Babcock Blvd. Pete is one of the three men who were re-elected to the Board of Directors at last summer's convention, and is one of our best organizers.

### CHICAGO, ILL.

Biggest of all the local reunions is the Chicago one, where a local committee has contacted over 1,400 Golden Lions. The organizing committee has done a stupendous job in the Windy City. We'll list all the names of the organizers next month, but our contacts have been with Charlie Robasse, 536 Grant Place, Chicago 36; Father Edward Boyle, 340 West 66th St., Chicago 21; and Bob De St. Aubin, 717 So. Gunderson Ave., Oak Park, Ill. All three were at the convention in July.

### NEW YORK CITY

Colonel Bob Stout, 248 Monterey Ave., Pelham 65, and our former Secretary-Treasurer, Herb Livesey of Mamaroneck, N. Y., are getting together to organize a memorial dinner in New York. Publicity for this affair has gone to men in Long Island, Westchester, New Jersey, and all of New York City. Last year, 200 attended the New York December 16 dinner at the Iceland Restaurant on Broadway.

### GALESBURG, ILL.

Master Sergeant Ed Roberts, 303 Peoples Building, in Galesburg, has contacted about 225 men in the West-Central portion of Illinois, and expects a successful dinner.

### ALBANY, N. Y.

Your Editor has sent out a couple of mailings to 200 106'ers within a 50 mile radius of Albany, N. Y., and present indications are that about 50 people will come to the dinner, being held at the Madison Tavern in Albany on December 16.

### OTHER AREAS

Col. Bob Hagman, Weatherford, Texas, has the roster of 106th veterans from the Lone Star State, and is going to try to reach the more than 1,000 men for a reunion of some sort this winter.

Alan Walker of Macomb, Ill., now a student at the University of Illinois, got our publicity too late to do anything about December 16, but will try to work up something around Champaign, Ill., later in the winter.

Tom Lowery, of Box 1511, Lakeland, Florida, asked us for the mailing list for all Florida men. We sent all 450 of them to him, and he will try to arrange something either on December 16 or later in the winter.

Ken Perry, Al Harding, and the other good men of the Hoosier Golden Lions (our first local chapter) in Indianapolis are working on a get-together there.

Oakley Utter, of Mine Hill Road, Dover, N. J., is planning to hold the second annual reunion of the 81st Engineer Bn later in the winter.

Sherod Collins, Box 133, Waycross, Ga., has a list of some 200 South Georgia vets of the 106th, and may organize a reunion there this winter.

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**WHERE IS IT NOW?** *An unidentified member of the 81st Engr (C) Bn puts finishing touches on the huge Golden Lion Emblem which was designed in Europe just before the homecoming. This hung over the side of the boat coming in to New York harbor, and hasn't been heard from since. The Association would like to get it for next year's convention. Anybody know who's got it now?*

## AUXILIARY

**MRS. D. B. FRAMPTON, President**

All members of the Auxiliary should have received a copy of the By-Laws along with their membership card and 5 membership blanks. If each member contacts the relatives and friends of veterans of the 106th she happens to know, and urges them to send in a membership application to our Secretary, Mrs. Earl Hopbell, 307 James St., Turtle Creek, Penna., our membership will grow by leaps and bounds.

Over 450 letters, containing the pertinent facts about the Auxiliary, have been sent to those who were in touch with the "agony grapevine" in early '45. We hope that many of them will still want to be a part of the 106th.

We remind you: membership in the Auxiliary is open to all relatives and friends of veterans of the 106th and annual dues are \$3 with "Cub" and \$2 without "Cub". If you want to belong but have neglected to apply for membership, you may do so by writing to Mrs. Hopbell.

## COMPANY D, 422d INFANTRY

Ed Roberts, former Exec of the 422d's Dog Company, has sent a letter in September to all members of his outfit, informing them of the activities of the Division Association, and asking them to join. His letter winds up "I sure would like to hear from you, and above all send your three bucks to the Assn. Let's put Dog Company up on top of the list for total members."

To Ed and the rest of his heavy weapons men, heartiest congratulations for a good letter and an overwhelming response. In the two months following the mailing of this letter, we received twice as many new memberships from Co D, 422d Inf, as from any other company in the Division. It just shows what a little energy will do.

If we had a suitable award for the man who's done most for the Association since the convention, Roberts would be a leading candidate. In addition to his letter, which he did on his own with no prompting from us, he has organized a December 16 reunion for men in his area. Ed has re-enlisted as a Master Sergeant, and is stationed at 303 Peoples Building, Galesburg, Illinois.



Our scholarship fund for the children of 106th men who were killed in action is growing, slow but sure. We hope to have enough in this fund to see a few of the children through college, and we may have enough to authorize one small scholarship for next fall. If you know of any children of 106th KIA veterans who are in need of cash help to complete their education, please let us know at national headquarters.

We still have hopes of reaching our goal of adding \$5,000 to the fund this year. We hope that the May issue will bring surprise news of a big special donation to the fund, but arrangements are still so tentative that they can't be publicized yet. Meanwhile, send in a few bucks for the fund if you can spare it.

## FOX CO 423d INFANTRY

Energetic members of Co F, 423d Infantry Regiment, are now in competition with us. Their publication, "Company F Guidon", first appeared in October as a four-page mimeographed sheet, attractive with art work, and mailed to all known members of the company.

Art Kuespert, 816 East Jefferson Blvd., South Bend 17, Indiana, is editing the issues, and wants names and addresses of members of this company. The "Company F Guidon" is not only a fine idea, capably executed, but is something which may serve as a stimulant to other unit activity within the Association.

## DECEMBER 16 (Continued)

John Hall, the second of three re-elected Directors of the Association, moved recently from Port Alleghany, Pa., to Bushkill Park, Easton, Pa. He has asked us for a list of men from that part of the country, and will conduct some kind of reunion in the winter or spring after he gets set in his new job.

Col. "Mike" Belzer and Jim Hatch of Minneapolis are rumored to be brewing some sort of an affair in Minneapolis or St. Paul. Maybe it'll be a December 16 dinner, but we don't have definite information yet.

### WILL YOU HELP?

We can give *you* a list of all veterans of the 106th Infantry Division who live within a fifty mile radius of your home. You can use this list to get up a reunion, dinner-dance, beer party, local chapter, or to promote any local activities you can think of. We must have more of these local affairs—so many men can't travel the long distances necessary to attend our summer reunions that these regional meetings offer a wonderful chance of renewing interest and building up our membership. If you could tackle this job for your area, write national headquarters—your offer will be accepted with great thanks. We will furnish you with copies of publications, membership blanks, and free advice for whatever it's worth.

### THIS MONTH'S COVER

A truck carrying displaced persons turns the corner in front of the building which served as headquarters and printing plant for the overseas CUB, in Karlsruhe, Germany. Believe it or not, the building with the still-standing chimney housed a printing plant which, although heavily damaged by bombing, was able to produce our weekly newspaper overseas. (Photo by Oliver Winkler, Division PRO).

## DIVISION HISTORY

Colonel R. E. Dupuy, a military historian who served in the European Theater, has completed a well-written and fast moving story of the 106th in the Ardennes Campaign. Arrangements have been completed with the Infantry Journal for publication of this manuscript in book form. There has been a delay in setting a publication date, due to the feeling of several of our Board of Directors that the history, while excellent for the story of the Bulge, does not deal in sufficient detail with the pre-combat and post-VE-day activities of the 106th.

The question of acceptance of the manuscript has been referred to our Board of Directors, and it is hoped that we will be able to complete the negotiations with the Infantry Journal in the near future. Under the terms of the original agreement with the publishers, decision as to acceptance or rejection of the manuscript was to lie with the Association's Board, and the suggestion that material about the non-combat activities be included in appendix form may solve our difficulties.

We regret the delay in the printing of this book, and, in fairness to the Infantry Journal and the author, should state that the manuscript has been in our hands, without decision, for many months. This time lag has been due, in part, to the length of time required to circulate the single copy of the manuscript to those in the best position to appraise its accuracy, completeness and appeal. While everyone who has seen the manuscript has returned it promptly, the process has been time-consuming. We hope that the February CUB will bring news of concrete accomplishments in advancing the publication date.

### MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Don't miss the suggestion on the outside back cover of this issue. If you want names of men in your home town or in your old company, write in to national headquarters, and we'll try to send you five or ten names of non-members whom you might contact for us.

Please take us seriously on this matter. It is essential to build up the membership, if the Association is to survive. The only practical way to do this is by the collective effort of all members. Don't let us down — do it today.

### IS YOUR WIFE A MEMBER?

If not, and if she wishes to join the Auxiliary of the 106th Infantry Division Association, tell her to write to Mrs. Earl Hopbell, 307 James St., Turtle Creek, Pa. Dues in the Auxiliary are \$2.00 per year.