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See page 68 for news about  
chapter plans and activities in  
your area.

JOIN THE CHAPTER IN YOUR AREA  
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## INTRODUCING THE CUB

*This issue of the CUB goes to many men who are not on the regular subscription list. Therefore this brief article—to acquaint these men with the existence of the Association, its program, its aims, and its local chapters which provide the funds to bring the CUB to ever increasing numbers of veterans of the 106th.*

The 106th Infantry Division Association, Inc., is a non-profit organization of American citizens, bound together by ties of war-formed friendships. Its mission is to perpetuate the memory of those who gave their lives under the Division's colors, and to help the orphans and members of the Division in their peacetime endeavors.

The Association holds a national convention each year. Last year's convention, with 510 men registered, saw three days of top-flight entertainment in Indianapolis, with Joe E. Brown, Cedric Foster, and others appearing on the program. This year we are to return to Indianapolis, starting July 31, for our second annual reunion. Details are elsewhere in this issue.

During 1947-48, we have organized 14 local or unit chapters. Nine of these chapters have held local reunions during the year. Chapters are being formed in a total of 23 areas of the country, and this will put a local party or reunion within traveling reach of nearly every member of the Association. Details about chapters, where they are, what they're doing, and how much it costs to join, are on page 68 and following, in this issue.

We have a Memorial Scholarship Fund for children of men who were killed in action. This fund is now over \$1,000, and is growing slowly but steadily.

Since August, 1946, we have published 13 issues of this magazine. We plan to bring out an issue every two months in 1948. This is a typical issue—lots of pictures, an action story or two, a historical article by one of our leaders, and all

For your convenience, we have printed a membership application blank on the back cover of this issue. We'd like to have you as a member. We need your support. In the words of General Herbert T. Perrin, at Indianapolis in 1947,

**"There are many reasons why the 106th Infantry Division Association should be kept alive. Were there only this one, however, its continued existence would be more than justified. In the dark hours of the Bulge an American columnist broadcast an unverified and unconsidered report traducing the character and valor of some of the bravest men you and I will ever know. This report went unchallenged until Cedric Foster took up the cudgel to deny point blank the implications which had been drawn. We owe it to our fallen comrades and to ourselves to keep their memories alive for future generations of Americans. I think the Association can well take as its own these words of Lawrence Binyon:**

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."*

Dues are three dollars a year, or four or five if you are in an area where an active chapter program gives you more service. Dues include a subscription to the CUB until 30 June, 1949.

the "What They're Doing Now" items we can get from our daily mail. We maintain a national headquarters, and will be glad to supply addresses or other information, when possible.

We have completed arrangements with the Infantry Journal to publish a book-length history of the 106th, with maps and photos. Written by Col. R. E. Dupuy, noted military historian, the book is nearly ready for publication. Association members will be the first to receive an opportunity to order copies of this history.

In addition to the history, we have contributed toward keeping the name and symbol of the 106th before the American reading public. The Saturday Evening Post of 9 Nov. 1946 carried an article on the 106th in combat, by feature writer Stanley Frank—we collaborated in furnishing information for this article which reached millions of American homes. The same magazine, in the issue of 20 Dec. 1947, featured another 106th story, "The Incredible Valor of Eric Wood," by Col. Dupuy. Our scrap book contains clippings from more than a hundred leading American newspapers, with 1947 and 1948 datelines, telling of the Division and its war-time activities.

Our fiscal year starts 1 July and ends 30 June 1949. We plan on a budget of \$6,000 to continue our program in this coming year. This means that we need about 2,000 members. We have about 1,400 members now, and have another 80-odd Auxiliary members—our Auxiliary is made up of friends of the Division, wives and parents, who subscribe to the CUB.

# THE LAST BIG MISSIONS

FEBRUARY TO AUGUST 1945

## THE HISTORY OF THE 106th UNDER GENERAL STROH'S COMMAND

By DONALD A. STROH, Major General, USA, Retired

The final combat advance of the 106th—St. Quentin—Rennes and reactivation of the re-constituted units—the overwhelming immensity of the Division's POW mission, and the Division's splendid performance of its difficult assignment—the Karlsruhe occupation task: these are fragments of the story which General Stroh places before us in this concise summary of the activities of the Division under his command. We present this article as a part of the series of division history speeches made by our generals at the 1947 convention.

The first week in February found the 106th back on familiar ground. Relieving the 99th Division on the 9th, the Division took over a defensive position centering at the crossroads of Losheimergraben, less than 12 miles in an air line northeast of St. Vith. It will be recalled that Losheimergraben was the contact point between the cavalry group and the 99th Division in December. To make the coincidence even more marked, the 106th found itself again confronted by the 26th German Division, which had participated in the big push two months before and had been badly mauled at Bastogne. This division had been reduced to between 450 and 850 men.

The 106th was assigned to the V Corps, First Army, and charged with the protection of the extreme southern flank of that Army. The 87th Division, Third Army, was on our right, and the 69th Division, in combat for the first time, on our left. The 424th occupied a position nearly four miles in width, tight up against the pill boxes and dragon's teeth of the Siegfried Line.

The next four weeks passed without major incident. Days and nights were spent in vigorous patrolling and minor raids, one of the largest and most successful of which took place 28 Feb. when a platoon of Company C captured a bunker. Orders from Corps prevented more forceful offensive operations, but our whittling tactics resulted in the complete elimination of the German 26th Division by the first week in March. It was the lull before the storm of the last great American offensive. Existing units of the Division were brought up to strength by the arrival of nearly 2,500 replacements.

On 7 Mar. the 106th began its last combat advance into enemy territory. Against practically no opposition the 424th advanced on that day nearly six miles over hilly country as far as the Simmer River, about 40 miles due west of Koblenz. Here



GENERAL STROH

the advance was stopped by higher authority in accordance with plan, and by the converging advances of the 69th and 87th Divisions.

One week later the Division, now under the Fifteenth Army, started back to France for rebuilding. St. Quentin was reached on 16 Mar., and there we stayed for about two weeks. Every unit participated in at least one ceremony during this time, and many individual decorations were presented. All organizations of the 424th were decorated with combat infantry streamers, symbolic of the fact that at least 65% of all personnel in the Regiment had qualified for that coveted honor.

### RENNES

By 6 April the Division had completed another move, this time to Rennes in Brittany. There reactivation of the 422d and 423d Infantry, the 589th and 590th FA Battalions, and the 106th Reconnaissance Troop was to take place. Receipt of some 9,000 officers and men, organization,



and training was ordered to be completed by 5 May—one month—on which date the 106 was to relieve the 66th Division in the investment of St. Nazaire and Lorient, nearby ports where the Germans were still holding out. Until organic units could be trained and made ready, two infantry regiments, the 3d and 159th, and two artillery battalions, the 401st and 627th, just arrived from the United States, were attached to the Division. By April 14 all personnel had arrived, and plans were complete to begin training on the 16th.

### RECONSTITUTION CEREMONY

On the 14th an inspiring ceremony was held on the Rennes airport. The reactivated units were formed on one side of a hollow square. Directly opposite were the survivors of the Bulge, formed in the same order. On a third side of the square were the remaining organic units, and those attached, in all, 29 massed battalions of nearly 25,000 men. The survivors of the Bulge carried the colors, standards and guidons of the units to which they belonged. At a signal, the bearers of these advanced to the center of the square, where the flags were transferred to bearers from the newly activated units. All then marched to rejoin the newly activated units, and the entire command passed in review. The 422d, 423d, 589th 590th and Recon Troop were reborn.

Plans changed abruptly. On the very next day, 15 April, orders were received to move the Division 600 miles to the east again, to take over a desperate situation involving prisoners of war. The newly activated units remained at Rennes, attached to the 66th Division to complete their training under the immediate command of General Perrin.

The 159th Inf led the way on 17 April and the entire Division closed into the valley of the Rhine eight days later.

### POW MISSION

The job confronting the 106th was staggering. Hundreds of thousands of prisoners of war, sent to the rear from four American Armies, were overwhelming the facilities set up to care for them. Supplies of all sorts were inadequate. Shelter was almost completely lacking. Tens of thousands were sick. The weather was cold and rainy. Guards were pitifully few in number. Prisoners were confined largely in open fields, each surrounded by a single barbed wire fence. Fourteen different nationalities were represented in German uniform. There were individuals of both sexes, men of eighty and boys of eight. Sixty-eight generals were confined in a single building.

The 3d Inf was rushed to the north to take over a group of inclosures near the border of Holland. The 159th Inf remained in the center, between Bonn and Koblenz. The 424th took over further south, near Bingen, and the Artillery manned the most southerly group, near Heilbronn, not too far from the border of Switzerland. The Division was deployed on a front of 340 miles and a depth of 600. Attachments of individuals and service units raised its strength to 40,000 men. Every company and battery was 100 men overstrength. In general, one battalion guarded each of the 16 enclosures, each of which contained up to 100,000 prisoners.

Every man and unit in the Division did a magnificent job for the next ten weeks. Without precedent to guide them, and in the face of almost prohibitive odds, order was gradually brought out of chaos, the camps organized, food and other supplies procured, medical installations set up, a thousand and one almost insurmountable obstacles overcome. The peak load was reached 18 May with nearly 920,000 men under guard, said to be 15 times the number of prisoners captured by the entire AEF during World War I.

The strain on the Division's service units was especially severe. Imagine establishing signal communications on a front of 340 miles with a division signal company; or caring for 1,750,000 men on sick call with a division medical battalion; or building 28 miles of roads and 65 miles of barbed wire fence with a division engineer battalion. These are the briefest of highlights.

Soon after the peak was reached, the prisoner population began to decline—by shipments to the west for labor, but principally by discharge. Having been carefully screened to insure that no dangerous Germans would be released, the others were processed for discharge, paid, and transported by train or truck to their homes all over Germany. Never has a division accomplished such a mammoth transportation job. As many as 19,000 prisoners were discharged and transported on a single day. On 12 June the British took over in the 3d Inf area, and on 10 July the French assumed responsibility elsewhere, except in the extreme south. The prisoner population had by that date been reduced to 170,000. By that time, the Division had processed a million and a quarter through its inclosures. It moved to occupational duty near Karlsruhe with the satisfaction of a superb accomplishment.

There remains for me to describe only two isolated incidents of much dramatic importance in the history of the 106th.



During the fury of the Bulge the colors of the 424th had been captured. Months later they were recovered in Czechoslovakia by the 2d Division and returned to the 106th. At an impressive regimental ceremony, on the bank of the Rhine in June, these honored emblems of a proud outfit were returned to the custody of the regiment.

After the cessation of hostilities in Europe the 106th was scheduled for deactivation. In anticipation of possible assignment to the Pacific, the training of the 422d, 423d, 589th and 590th was continued until early in August. By that time it appeared certain that the Division would never again participate in combat during World War II, so these units, trained and ready, began occupational duty with the remainder of the Division. For the first time since December, the entire 106th was operating as a unit.

The conclusion of training was marked by a graduation parade, during which all companies of both the 422d and 423d received combat infantry streamers—an award not earned by the bulk of the men who marched that day, but by their predecessors in the Schnee Eifel.

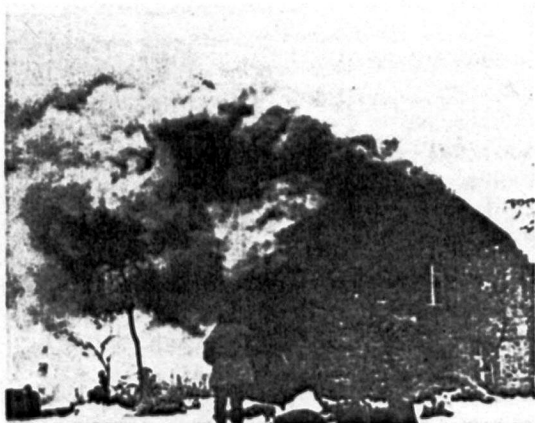


*PROUD OUTFITS receive combat infantry recognition as General Sirob attaches battle streamers to guidons of companies of the reconstituted regiments.*

#### **CHAPTER CHARTER MEMBERS TO BE HONORED AT CONVENTION**

A high spot of the 1948 convention at Indianapolis will be the presentation of charters to the newly-formed chapters of the Association. This ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Sunday afternoon, 1 August, and will mark the first formal step in our long-range plan to develop 25 active chapters.

All who join chapters before 1 August will be considered as charter members of their respective chapters, and the names and addresses of all charter members of chapters will be published in the first issue of the CUB after the convention.



*ENTERING LOMRE, BELGIUM: A soldier from the 106th looks at a building burning from a direct mortar hit while the division was taking Lomre.*

*Photo by US Army Signal Corps.*

## **QUARTERMASTER REUNION**

**HARTFORD, 22 MAY**

Plans are completed for a reunion of all former members of the 106th QM Co, to be held on Saturday afternoon and evening 22 May 1948, in Hartford, Conn. The program will start with a luncheon, and continue through the afternoon, with a buffet supper scheduled for the evening.

Organizers of the affair are Frank J. DeLuca, 144 Adams St., Hartford, Conn., and Jim Senatro, 150 Homestead Ave., Hartford. They are writing direct to about 140 members of the company whose addresses are on file at national headquarters. Persons interested in attending this company reunion can get in touch with either DeLuca or Senatro for full details.

This issue of the CUB is being mailed to all former members of QM Co, to inform them of the proposed get-together. Plans call for the formation of a QM Chapter of the Association at this reunion, and the chapter will be among those to receive charters at the 1948 national convention in Indianapolis.

Men from other outfits of the 106th who are interested in dropping in at this reunion are invited to write the organizers for details. This will be the first reunion of the 106th to be held in the State of Connecticut.

**All men of the 106th Quartermaster Company are strongly urged to attend this reunion, and to pass the information along to their buddies.**

## FROM THE DECATUR ALBUM



**SENTINEL IN THE SNOW:** A member of the 106th on the alert at Medell, Belgium.

Photo by US Army Signal Corps.



**THE TERRAIN WAS TOUGH:** Ice, snow and woods made our capture of Hennumont difficult. Tree bursts have messed up this forest considerably.

Photo by US Army Signal Corps.



**GRACING OUR '47 CONVENTION** were Joe E. Brown and Mary Beth Underwood, convention queen. A high spot of the show was Joe's clowning in the lead car of our 60 vehicle motorcade to the Shades Park when, in every small town, he stuck his head out of the car window and, pointing inside, bellowed "Queen Mary".

**MOPPING UP:** A German is flushed out of a building and captured as the 106th plays its part in liquidating the Bulge.

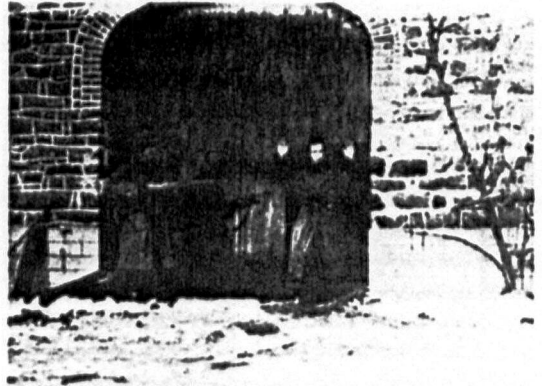


Photo by US Army Signal Corps.

**FORTY MEN, EIGHT HORSES, OR FOUR BANDSMEN.** We don't imply that the boys of the 106th band traveled in style, but print this photo to bring back memories of the way we used to travel. Shown are, from left to right, John Cagle, Gene Battin, Ellis Leighty and Steve Quarrella of the 106th Div Band.



**WELCOME SIGHT** to homecoming GIs was the Transportation Corps yacht in New York Harbor, shown here escorting the Marechal Joffre and troops of the 106th.





*Thomas is shown receiving the Distinguished Service Cross from Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, CG, Sixth Army, at the Presidio of San Francisco. Photo by US Army Signal Corps.*

## COMPANY H, 422d INF

The June issue of the CUB will feature a grim stark story of heroism in combat. Watch for the saga of heavy weapons Company H in its life and death battle on the open slope of a hill overlooking Schonberg on 19 Dec. 1944. Told in the words of Lewis R. Walker, only surviving officer of the company, this story will take its rightful place in the all-time annals of the American infantryman.

## SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

An amendment to the Association's charter will be introduced at the 1948 convention, to create the class of SUSTAINING MEMBER. Sustaining membership will be open to all, on a purely voluntary basis, at \$10 per year. It will offer all the rights, privileges and services of ordinary membership — nothing more. It is suggested simply as a method of raising more money for our budget, from those who feel able to offer financial help to the Association beyond the usual three dollar a year dues. If you can spare that extra seven bucks, and want to help the Association remain in business, we suggest that you take out a sustaining membership this year.

## S/SGT RICHARD A. THOMAS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Richard A. Thomas, 930 Bay St., San Francisco, Calif., is among the charmed circle of living American infantrymen to wear the Distinguished Service Cross for valor above and beyond the call of duty. We do not have a copy of the citation accompanying this award, so we bring you the story as told by 2d Lt. Lewis R. Walker, as an excerpt from the full story of Co H, 422d Inf, which will appear in the June 1948 issue of the CUB. It is nightfall, on 19 Dec. '44. Remnants of the 422d are gathered in a 1,000 yard oval, defending on all sides against the steel ring thrown around the regiment after the Schonberg attack. Continuing, in the words of Lt. Walker:

"Complete darkness fell. My sergeants came to the log shelter which served as CP for Company H. It was here that I learned of the heroism of S/Sgt Richard A. Thomas, company motor sergeant.

Walker goes on to tell of four separate acts of valor performed by Thomas. Details are lacking from this narrative, but those who served in the Ardennes can visualize what each of the following direct close-packed sentences means.

"He had led a patrol through enemy territory, and brought back a trailer and truck of food to the encircled regiment. He saved the remnants of the 81st Engineer Company at Auw. He scouted out cross-country routes to St. Vith, through enemy terrain. He attempted to recapture an American officer-prisoner from a strong force of Germans. For these and later deeds, attested to by eye-witness affidavits, he has been awarded the DSC.

"For participation in these actions, Silver Star Medals were awarded to Tec 5 Ernest C. Gerry, Co F, of Lovell, Maine; Sgt Herman W. Pace, Co H, 58 Jefferson St., Schuyler, W. Va.; Cpl Clyde McDaniel, Co H, of North Carolina; Sgt Roy J. Jensen, Co H, 300 S. Sprague St., Ellensburg, Wisc.; and Cpl Lawrence J. Doerr, Box 308, Oroville, Wash. If I can learn the full name and ASN of Pfc Potter of H Co, he too will be a Silver Star wearer.

"Later that night I saw a first hand example of Sgt Thomas's leadership. While in the log shelter, we heard an enemy sound truck open up from a hill across the valley. It demanded our surrender, played popular American songs, and told us how nice it would be to be playing baseball in a prison camp. Thomas left the log shelter, rounded up a few volunteers, took out a patrol, and one of his men erased the sound truck with a well thrown grenade."



# CHAPTERS

At last year's convention, we realized that we would have to start local chapters if the Association was to stay alive. There are four reasons for this: to promote membership; to make local reunions possible so that the men who can't travel to a national convention can assemble in their own regions a few times a year; to stimulate leadership and organization so that the job of running this Association can be decentralized; to raise money. The chapter organization program has progressed to the point where chapters are being formed by 23 local or unit organizers. 15 of these chapters are beyond the plans stage. 8 are not in full scale operation, yet. We are still looking for chapter organizers to volunteer to start something in Cleveland, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Connecticut and Memphis.

A few chapters already show unusual signs of strength. One has its own unit publication, several are planning to secure permanent chapter rooms, one has a team entered in municipal athletic competition, and two are raising scholarship money for the Association's Memorial Fund. All chapters will hold an annual December 16 memorial reunion, and probably several other program events during the year each year.

Chapter dues have been set by the organizing committee of each chapter. In every case, chapter dues also include full membership in the National Association, and a subscription to the CUB. In order to belong to a chapter, you must belong to the National Association. If you live in an area where there is a chapter, we strongly urge that you support the chapter. A single payment covers dues to both the chapter and the national organization. An application blank for chapter and national membership is on the back cover of this issue—cut it out, and mail it in with your check, postal note or money order. Chapter dues are spent for local activities such as parties and reunions.

The June issue will bring you news of chapters in Washington, Maine and Texas. (We hope). Anyone in any part of the country not represented by a chapter is urged to get in touch with us if he wants to help to start something in his own territory. If a chapter has already been started in your territory, get in touch with the organizer if you want to help—he'll be glad to get help, because it's a tough job to get something started.

## CHAPTER DUES SUMMARIZED

For your convenience, arrangements have been completed so that a single payment covers both chapter and national dues. To join your local or unit chapter, follow the instructions summarized in the table below:

CHAPTER	DUES	SEND DUES TO
Albany, N. Y. ....	\$4	D. Price, 237 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 3
Boston, Mass. ....	4	V. A. Harrold, 40 Imrie Rd., Boston 34
Chicago, Ill. ....	5	R. H. Villwock, 1115 Patterson Ave., Chicago 13
G Co, 424th Inf ....	4	S. S. Blandford, Easton, Maryland
Metropolitan ....	4	J. A. Middleton 3rd, 60 Green Ave., Madison, N. J.
Minnesota ....	4	Glenn Schnizlein, 3114 4th St. S.E., Minneapolis

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Lehigh Valley, Pa. ....	4
Florida ....	4
Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	4
So. California ....	4
St. Louis and S. Illinois ....	4
Nashville, Tenn. ....	4

Send dues for these chapters direct to national headquarters:

237 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 3, N. Y.

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D Co, 422d Inf ....	3
F Co, 423d Inf ....	3
106th QM Co ....	3

No chapter dues have been set yet for these company chapters. Send national dues direct to national headquarters.

## METROPOLITAN CHAPTER

The biggest membership promotion campaign undertaken by any chapter of the Association is well under way in New York City and the surrounding suburbs, where a mailing has been sent to 4,125 former members of the 106th. The Metropolitan Chapter organizing committee is paying expenses for sending this issue of the CUB to all men in their territory who sent in a return postcard from their big mailing.

The chapter plans to hold a big local reunion

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some evening this spring, and invites all former 106ers from the city, and from down-state New York and Northern New Jersey to attend this party. Successful December 16 dinners were held in New York in 1947 and in 1946, and the chapter plans to sponsor a memorial dinner as an annual event in December.

The job of addressing, stamping, and stapling 4,100 cards is indeed an overwhelming task. The committee has done this entirely with volunteer help. The Chapter and the National Association wish to thank those who contributed time and energy to this project.\*

Milton Edelman, 106th Sig Co, contributed tremendously to the success of the chapter promotion mailing by printing the 4,500 double postcards. The original estimate (your editor is guilty of this boner) was that there were 2,500 men in the area. After a week of sweating over the mailing list, the estimate was raised to 3,500. Another few days brought it up to the final figure of 4,125. And each time we upped the number, Edelman smilingly came through with the extra postcards necessary.

Just as we go to press comes word that the Editor was wrong again—the final count of postcards sent out by the chapter ran to 5,025.

Details concerning the organization and plans of the Metropolitan Chapter can be obtained from Jack Middleton, 60 Green Ave., Madison, N. J., who is secretary.

A mimeographed insert, being sent with this issue to all residents of the Metropolitan Area, tells more about this chapter's doings and provides a special membership application blank for joining the Met. Chapter.

\*Help was received from the Pioneer Printers, 479 Jersey St., Staten Island through its owners, Milton M. and Isidore Edelman. The employees of Advance Solvents and Chemical Corp., 245 Fifth Ave., New York, pitched in to give chapter president Jerry Farnkel a hand with the addressing job—those helping included Edna Taylor, Claire Breitman, Mary Grey, Margaret Gergay, Teresa Apicella, Donald Carpenter, Gordon Wallin, Anthony Costellano and Thomas Castrigan. Members of the Frankel family, Sam, Anna, Lester, Doris and cousin Leo Wolosky, addressed, stamped and stapled cards in the evenings. All members of the chapter organizing committee, named on page 59 of the February CUB, contributed to the planning, execution and financing of the chapter's drive for members.

## CHICAGO DANCE 28 MAY

On 27 Jan. 1948, the Chicago Chapter of the 106th Infantry Division Association was incorporated under the laws of Illinois. Chapter meetings have been held on 16 December, 18 January and 14 March—the last meeting brought out 75 men, featured a business session and free refreshments, and saw election of the chapter's board of directors. The Chicago Chapter has 58 paid members, and is about to launch an intensive campaign to increase its membership. Plans are laid for a huge turnout from Chicago for the coming national convention.

Chapter officers are: President—Robert de St. Aubin; Vice President—Frank A. Hohenadel, Jr.; Secretary—Charles N. Robasse; Treasurer—Francis E. Anderson; Recording Secretary—Russell H. Villwock; Chaplain—Father Edward Boyle. The board of directors, elected on a unit representation basis, includes: 422d Inf—Chester Johnson; 423d Inf—John Loring; 424th Inf—Vincent Stiles; 589th FA Bn—Clifford Geier; 590th FA Bn—Edward Nelson; 591st FA Bn—Vernon Lee; 592d FA Bn—Arvo Paananen; Special Troops—Florian Lewandowski.

**All correspondence for the Chicago Chapter should be addressed to:**

Russell H. Villwock  
1115 Patterson Avenue  
Chicago 13, Illinois

**All renewals and new memberships from the Chicago area should be sent direct to Mr. Villwock.**

The Chicago chapter has completed arrangements for a dance to be held on Friday, 28 May, at Keymen's Hall, 4721 West Madison St., Chicago. Tickets are \$1.20, tax included, and may be obtained at the door or in advance from Russ Villwock. All 106th men, their wives, friends, and all friends of the Division are invited.

## LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER

Plans are being set for a May or June reunion of men in the Easton-Reading region of Pennsylvania. John L. Hall, Bushkill Park, Easton, and Clayton P. Rarick, Box 25, Blandon, Pa., are the local organizers.

## FLORIDA CHAPTER

Three Florida veterans of the 106th have come forward with suggestions about a Florida Chapter and local reunion, and it is hoped that a strong and active chapter will be developed in this state. Organizers are John Morse, 1035 East Robson St., Tampa; Thomas M. Lowery, Box 162, Lakeland; and T. C. Clayton, Thomas Hotel, High Springs.

## ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

Harold H. Pax of Beckemeyer, Ill., is tackling the big job of starting a chapter in the Southern Illinois and St. Louis region. Veterans of the 106th in this area will receive a direct mailing sometime this spring telling of plans for chapter doings here.

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Following the successful December 16 memorial reunion of last year, veterans of the Pittsburgh area plan to form a local chapter, with a possible June get-together. The Pittsburgh region will definitely hold a December 16 meeting again in 1948, and will schedule other events during the year if the chapter membership grows to a point where finances permit an active program.

Dr. Gerald Cessna, Alleghany General Hospital, Pittsburgh, is the local organizer, and will be assisted by a committee from those who came to the December reunion. Persons interested in helping with the job of organizing the chapter are asked to contact Doc Cessna.

Pete Frampton, who had so much to do with the success of the December dinner, has moved from Pittsburgh to 127 Humes St., Memphis, Tenn.

## AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of the 106th Infantry Division Association, now about 60 members strong, is planning program events for the 1948 annual convention. The Auxiliary is composed of parents, wives and friends of the 106th.

Its current projects include arrangements for the convention and entertainment of the wives and parents who attend. Also, a list of all veterans hospitals in the United States has been obtained, and through contact with chaplains and Red Cross the Auxiliary hopes to get a complete list of hospitalized vets of the 106th.

Mrs. D. B. Frampton, Sr., national President of the Auxiliary, has moved from Pittsburgh to The Cambridge Arms, 926 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio. Correspondence for the Auxiliary should be addressed to Mrs. Earl Hopbell, Secretary, 307 James St., Turtle Creek, Penna.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### REUNION IN JUNE

As this issue goes to press, a mailing is going out to all Southern California veterans of the 106th, with news of a local chapter being formed in the Los Angeles-San Diego area. Depending upon the number of return postcards received from this mailing, a local dinner-dance, beer party or other type of reunion will be planned for the region.

Organizing the chapter is Claude S. Webb, 814 "C" Avenue, Coronado, Calif. Webb, a former T/Sgt with Hq Co, 1st Bn, 423d Inf, came forward with an offer to tackle this big job of chapter organization, and would like to hear from men in the Southern California territory who will work with him on the chapter organizing committee.

## MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Minneapolis and St. Paul men of the 106th have held a successful December 16 local reunion, another chapter meeting, and are planning bigger and better functions. The chapter already has 25 members, with large prospects when all the men of Minnesota are contacted.

Roy Kuhlke, 4207 Bloomington Ave., Minneapolis, is chapter president, and Glenn Schnizlein, 3114 4th St. S.E., Minneapolis, is secretary-treasurer. Other promoters of the chapter include H. M. "Jim" Hatch, Dr. Meyer Belzer (former Div Surgeon), and John M. Shanard.

Any Minnesota veteran of the 106th may obtain full information about the chapter by contacting Schnizlein or Kuhlke. Plans for future meetings include a dinner-dance at the Fort Snelling Reserve Officers' Club.

For information on how to join the Minnesota Chapter, see page 68 of this issue.

## BOSTON CHAPTER

Eastern Massachusetts promises to be the home of one of our larger chapters. The December 16 dinner there brought the largest proportionate turnout of any of our mid-winter local reunions, and the Boston area has a current mailing list with nearly 600 names. Local organizers include Vin Harrold, 40 Imrie Road, Boston 34 (our national treasurer), Joe Aborn of 11 Pemberton Square, Boston, and Edward Podworny (Div Air 0).

For information on how to join the Boston Chapter, see page 68 of this issue.



## COMPANY F, 423D INF

Art Kuespert of 816 East Jefferson, South Bend 17, Indiana has built up a mailing list of over 150 correct up-to-date addresses for former members of the 423d's Fox Company, and publishes an attractive mimeographed newspaper, **THE COMPANY F GUIDON**, "only company publication in the United States."

F/423 is in close competition with G/424 and D/422 for the company which has done most to promote the Association and its program — the company is forming its own chapter, has plans for a large turnout at the convention, and will continue its publication.

Renewals and new memberships from this company should be sent to national headquarters until the time of the convention, when company members will meet to elect chapter officers and set chapter dues.

## COMPANY G, 424TH INF

Sparked by the organizing efforts of S. S. Blandford of Easton, Md., 21 members of George Company, 424th Inf, have joined the national Association. This is believed to be the best record of any company-size unit, and represents about 12% of the known members of the company.

Sam Blandford has submitted an up-to-date mailing list, with the names of 153 former members of Co G. This issue of the CUB is being sent to all of these men, paid for by the G Co Chapter. Plans have been made for the setting up of a company command post at the convention, and Co G hopes to again have the largest company turn-out at the convention.

1948-49 dues for the men of G/424 will be four dollars instead of the customary three. The extra dollar will go to the chapter treasury to cover the cost of postage, mimeographing, and bringing one CUB each year to all men of the outfit whose addresses are known. The chapter will adopt by-laws and elect officers at the '48 convention.

Renewals from present members and dues from new members should be sent direct to S. S. Blandford, Easton, Md.

## NASHVILLE CHAPTER

Planning a local reunion and chapter for vets of the Division in the area of Nashville, Tenn., is Vollie McCollum, 220 Mockingbird Rd., Nashville.

**EARLE B. WILLIAMS**, Lt Col, Div Sig O, announces a change of address from Louisville to Beechwood Ave., Route 9, Frankfurt, Ky.

**MAJOR CARL WOHLFEIL**, former CO of the 590th FA Bn, is now an instructor at the FA School, Fort Sill, Okla.

## COMPANY D, 422D INF

First of our infantry companies to start direct mail promotion of Association membership was 422d's Dog Company, and this outfit now has the second largest company membership in the Association. M/Sgt Ed Roberts, 303 Peoples Building, Galesburg, Ill., organizer of the Co D Chapter, hopes to have a big turnout at Indianapolis this year. D Co will select chapter officers and decide on chapter dues, if any, at the 1948 convention in Indianapolis. Meanwhile, renewals and new memberships should be sent to national headquarters.

## ALBANY CHAPTER

Veterans of the 106th living within a 50 mile radius of Albany, N. Y., plan to form a chapter, with a June or July beer party as the next scheduled meeting. A December 16 dinner was held in this region, and there are 18 members already. The chapter has an up-to-date mailing list of about 200 men in the territory, and promises to be active though small. Information about the Albany Chapter can be obtained from Dave Price, 237 So. Manning Blvd., Albany 3.

For information on how to join the Albany Chapter, see page 68 of this issue.

## MEMBERSHIP IN TWO CHAPTERS

Since some of our chapters are by units and others are by geographic region, there will be a number of men who will want to belong to two chapters. We suggest that in such cases, members pay dues to their geographic chapter rather than to the unit chapter. The reason for this is obvious — it is the arrangement of local reunions which costs money, and the geographic chapters will be able to schedule more local reunions than will the more dispersed company units.

Of course, we'd like to have you pay dues to both your unit and geographic chapter, if you feel able to. However, on joining your geographic chapter, you will also be entitled to membership in your unit chapter by sending a postcard to national headquarters stating that you are a member of one chapter and would also like to be carried on the roster of the other chapter.

**W. LYLE MOWLDS**, 820 So. State St., Dover, Del., former Major and Div Provost Marshal, announces an addition to his family — son Robert Eugene, weight 6 lbs. 12½ oz. at birth on March 18, 1948. Our congratulations to Major and Mrs. Mowlds. Mrs. Mowlds is a member of the national board of directors of the Auxiliary.

## DIVISION HISTORY

Publication of the book-length history of the 106th Infantry Division is one step nearer as the result of a satisfactory conference held in Washington on 13 February. Representing the Association were Maj. Gen. Alan W. Jones, Maj. Gen. Donald A. Stroh, and Association President David S. Price. Also present were the author, Col. R. E. Dupuy, and the general manager of the Infantry Journal publishing company, Col. Joseph I. Greene.

All agreed that the present manuscript provides superb coverage of the combat phases of the division's history. Additional material, to be prepared by the author, will be included to cover the training and post-combat experience of the 106th. Maps and photographs have been selected. As soon as Col. Dupuy completes the additional manuscript material, the publisher will proceed with the actual printing of the book. No definite target date for publication could be set, due to the heavy demand for printing facilities which often results in delay.

Before publication, the Infantry Journal will offer all men of the 106th an opportunity to place advance orders for the history. The price is expected to be about five dollars, although it cannot be set definitely until it is ready for publication.

Thus, although we can give no guarantee of date of release, substantial agreement has been reached on all details. The next step is now up to the author and publisher. Since it is to their advantage to bring the book out as soon as possible, the Association representatives believe that the conference provided a definite progressive step in the arrangements.

## NO RAISE IN DUES FOR 1948

The cost of living may be going up, but our dues remain at the same three dollar a year level as in the past. This decision was reached by mail vote of the Board of Directors. Dues for the year beginning July 1, 1948, are payable now, renewal blank on back cover. Send in your check or money order now, and save us the expense of sending a bill to you.

### COMMANDANT OF STALAG IX-B

Watch the June CUB for an authentic story of war crimes trials of Col. Sieber, infamous commander at Bad Orb, and for other details of POW life.

## NATIONAL CHAPLAIN



**JOHN B. DAY**

Father John B. Day, formerly Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Chaplains, was unanimously elected as national chaplain of the 106th Infantry Division Association at the 1947 convention. His many friends will be glad to hear that he has recently been appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Quincy, Illinois. With the 106th, Father Day served as Assistant Division Chaplain, and was with the Division longer than any other chaplain.

## CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Our constitution and by-laws provide for amendment by a two-thirds vote of those present at an annual reunion. The June CUB will carry the full text of amendments to be proposed at the 1948 convention. These amendments will deal with revising the number and manner of election of the national Board of Directors, so as to provide for representation of chapters on the Board. Other amendments will make it possible to modify and divide the present constitutional duties of the Secretary-Treasurer because, as stated in our charter these duties are far too much for anyone to carry on a part-time basis.

# WHAT THEY ARE DOING NOW



**FRANCIS H. ASPINWALL**, 1411 No. Madison St., Rome, N. Y., was a Sgt with 589th FA Bn, and is now a member of the Association's national board of directors. He is a civil engineer with Merritt, Chapman & Scott, and in the last two years has worked on jobs in Minnesota, Ohio, New York City, and up-state New York. He promised us some photographs taken at Schonberg, St. Vith, and Parker's Crossroads—you'll see them in a future CUB.

**THOMAS H. BEAL**, Box 203, Hanover, Mass. (Tec 4, Sv Co, 424th Inf Band) writes that he is now a student, but doesn't say where.



**JOE F. CUCAROLA**, S/Sgt, Co B, 422d Inf, a POW and wearer of the purple heart, now has his own successful farm on Route 2, Sterling, Colorado.

**MICHAEL BELL**, Pfc, 3d Platoon of 423d's Able Co, is living at 104 Garden St., Sayre, Penna., and is a new member of the Association.

**DOUGLAS BROOKS**, Med Det, 424th, is a dental student at the Univ. of Tenn. His address is 1234 Union Ave., Memphis. He'd like to hear from any of his old pals.

**JOHN F. GOODWIN**, M/Sgt, Sv Btry, 589th FA Bn, writes that he is now a tree surgeon, and is living at 253 No. Broadway, Portland 12, Ore.



**BARTHOLOMEW E. CARRINO**, S/Sgt, Med Det, 424th, is a new member of the Association from 148 Coeyman Ave., Nutley, N. J.

**RICHARD H. DILL**, PO Box 32, West Southport, Maine, is thinking of starting a local chapter in southern and central Maine. He was a member of Hq Co, 2d Bn, 422d Inf, and was a POW.

**CARL V. DREISBACH, JR.**, Hq Co, 1st Bn, 422d Inf, is an industrial arts instructor at State Teachers College, Millersville, Penna. He is helping us by writing to 30 men of his outfit, telling them about the Association.

**HOWARD S. EDWARDS**, Tec 3, Co E, 423d, was discharged from the service in December after long hospitalization due to rheumatic fever. His new address is Route 1, Lyerly, Ga.

**THEODORE J. ENGEL**, Pfc, 81st Engr Bn, is living at Route 5, Box 838, Waukesha, Wisc.

**JOHN LETT**, Cpl. Sv Co, 424th, is back on his job as a long-haul truck driver. He was in a bad wreck last summer, but is okay again now. His home address is Route 2, Montgomery Ind.



**WILLIAM K. FOWLER**, 2622 32d St. S.E., Washington 20, D. C., is secretary to the Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager of Southern Railway. A former Tec 4 in the Div Surgeon's office, Bill will cooperate with anyone in Washington who wants to start a local chapter there.

**CHARLES E. HACKLER**, Co L, 424th, has recently returned to 719 So. Meridian St., Washington, Ind. He had been working in Henri Chapelle Military Cemetery near Liege, Belgium, where some of our men are buried. He volunteers to supply any information that he can give to anyone who writes to him.





**B. R. "DICK" EASTON**, 1st Lt, 6988th Escort Guard Co, lives at 25 12th St., Attleboro, Mass. With the check which makes him prepaid member #4 for next year, Dick tells us that he plans to open a tavern in his home town, to be named "The Golden Lion's Den".

**JOHN C. HEBENSTREIT**, Sgt, Btry C, 589th FA Bn, a former POW at Stalags IX-B and IX-A, is now an engineering student. His address is Shullsburg, Wisc.

**ALBERT W. HENDERSON**, Capt, Btry B & Btry C, 590th FA Bn, purple heart with cluster and a POW, notifies us of a change of address to 2055 Saint Raymond Ave., Bronx 62, N. Y.

**LT COL PHILLIP HOOVER**, who commanded the 591st FA Bn, is now on AGF Board #1 at Fort Bragg, N. C.

**HAROLD V. HARDOIN**, Tec 5, Co K, 424th, is a teller at the National Bank of Detroit. He lives at 14215 Mayfield Ave., Detroit 5, Mich.



**PETE HOUSE**, Btry A, 590th FA Bn, and a former POW at Stalag IX-B, writes us from the University of Florida. He is active in dramatics at the university, and reports that his mailing address is now General Delivery, Univ. Station, Gainesville, Fla.

**CLYDE W. KISTLER**, Box 113, Boger City, N. C., a Sgt who was with the 81st Engrs from activation to deactivation, is a barber in Boger City. He is married, has two daughters — Linda and Faye.



**CHRISTIAN P. SUTICH**, Pfc, D Co, 424th, works in the insulation branch of the building trades. Chris lives at 350 Patersen Plank Rd., Jersey City 7, N. J., with wife Gloria and son Mark.



**HENRY VADEN**, Pfc, Sv Co, 424th, writes from 16 Torque Way, Baltimore 20 Md., that he is now with the Chevrolet Div. of General Motors. Hank married a WAVE in 1945, has a daughter, Angela Carol, born 30 Dec. 1946. He says

"would like to hear from any of my buddies, especially from Service Company 424th. Hope to see you all at the 1948 convention."

**ART KUESPERT**, 816 East Jefferson Blvd., South Bend 17, Ind., is publishing a mimeographed periodical for men of Company F, 423d Inf. He has built up a nearly complete current mailing list for this company. Art, a former Tec 4, was a POW and earned the purple heart. He is now in the office supply and equipment business.

**DR. JOHN B. MARTIN**, Bn Surgeon, 2d Bn, 422d, writes from Fredericktown, Penna., that he'd like a list of addresses of EM of the 422d Med Det and of officers of 3d Bn, 422d. We don't have such lists, and ask that readers from either group get in touch direct with Dr. Martin.

**JOSEPH A. MEOLA**, Tec 4, Btry A, 591st FA Bn, is a new member from 397 Willis Ave., Bronx 54, N. Y. Joe writes that he is a student in an electrical course.

**HAROLD H. PAX** of Beckemeyer, Ill., writes that he is interested in tackling the big job of starting a St. Louis Chapter. Any other offers of help from the St. Louis area will sure be appreciated. Pax, who wears the purple heart, was a member of Hq Co, 3d Bn, 422d Inf.

**HERBERT J. AR-ENDT**, Tec 4, Hq. Btry, 591st FA Bn, shown with his wife Florence at their wedding on Thanksgiving Day, 1945. Herb now has a fine baby boy, Gordon, and is a high school teacher. His address is 4709 Balfour Road, Detroit 24, Mich.



**IRVING C. POSTER**, Item Co, 424th, has changed address to 535 West 110th St., New York City. Irv, who is in the selling business, is a member of the organization committee for the Metropolitan Chapter.

**GORDON STRYKER**, Tec 5, Hq Btry, 592d FA Bn, is a student at Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. His home address is 121 East Poplar St., West Nanticoke, Penna.

**FREDERICK THUL**, Sgt, King Co, 422d, writes from 955 Carnegie Ave., Plainfield, N. J. He is a machinist.

**NOEL D. TRUEBLOOD**, mess sgt of 424th's Item Co, is now manager of the Mount Carmel A&P store, where he lives at 1004 West 3rd St. Congratulations to Noel & Mrs. Trueblood for the birth of a fine baby girl, Karen Ann, on January 23, 1948.

**JOHN WARREN JR.**, aide to General McMahon, is living at Still Pond Farm, RFD 417, Red Bank, N. J., and is completing his last year at New York Univ. law school.

**HARRY PULLEN**, Fox Co, 424th, writes from 3963 Myers Rd., PO Box 162, Buntyn Sta., Memphis 11, Tenn., that he joined the Association because of a letter from **CHRIS CARAWAN**, Box 116, Bath, N. C., also of F/424.

**HYMAN SLAVIN**, Hq Co, 3d Bn, 424th is back at Albany Business College after being down 10 weeks with a bad fractured leg — skiing accident. Hymie's home address is 24 William St., Newburgh, N. Y.

**RAYMOND E. SLOTTEN**, 745 Spruce St., Indianapolis 3, Ind., is working for the Pure Oil Co. Ray was with the 592d FA Bn.

**ALFRED C. STOVER**, Co F, 422d Inf, writes that he is now living at Madison Hill Rd., Rahway, N. J., and is working as a teller at the Peoples' Bank and Trust Co. in Westfield. He would like to get addresses of men from his company.

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**JOSEPH P. SHLAZAS**, Pfc, Co G, 423d Inf, was captured on 21 Dec '44, was interned at a POW camp in Herschberg, Germany, and died there on 8 April '45. His father, Joseph Shlazas, 136 Bellevue Ave., Brockton 18, Mass., is seeking information as to his capture, POW life, death, and burial. If you recognize his picture or



can furnish any information about him, please write at once to Mr. Shlazas.

**PFC BEN WENCL**, 37300254, Co L, 422d Inf, was reported MIA 16 Dec '44, and later was heard from as POW #316874 at Stalag IV-B. He died on 17 Mar '45, in Seifhennersdorf, Germany, of malnutrition and heart failure. His mother, Mrs. L. J. Wencl, RFD 4, Owatonna, Minn., would like to get in touch with anyone who knows anything concerning his capture, prisoner of war life, or death. Please write to Mrs. Wencl immediately if you have any information about her son's last months.

**1st LT CHARLES L. WEEKS**, 30 So. St. Albans St., St. Paul, Minn., was captured with the 423d Inf on 21 Dec '44, and was killed in an air raid on 21 Mar '45. He was awarded the bronze star medal posthumously.

**WILLIAM B. UMSTATTD**, Co D, 423 Inf, died of leukemia on 29 Dec '47, as the result



of prolonged exposure and hardship as a prisoner of war. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge, and was interned at Stalag IV-B where he contracted pneumonia after a period of hard labor, 14 hours a day, on a railroad gang. After liberation, he was hospitalized for many months in Leipzig, in England, and at Walter Reed. He never fully regained his strength, but had recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital and to resume his studies of aeronautical engineering at Princeton, where he was a junior. His sacrifice to our country is of exactly the same high order as though he had fallen on the field of battle.

## 81st ENGINEERS HOLD THIRD REUNION



*PRESENT AT THE ENGINEER REUNION WERE, seated at right, James Wells and E. E. Fuller; standing, from left to right, Walt Bandurak, Mike D'Alvia, Frank Capalbo, Joseph Messineo, Thomas Burke, Joseph Puzio, Charles Pecker, George Labes, Peter Jamieson, Nicola Risola, Leonard Scalia, Walter Rooney, Oakley Utter, Ed Psolka, Robert Stevenson, Bertram Hartzell, Roy Fava, Mort Rubenstein, Neil Gossom, Floyd Steickler, Harry Baird, John Gallagher, and Dr. Gerald Cessna. Photo by Steven Shoban. Among those attending, but not in the photo, were David Brumaghin, Richard Hammerstrom, Herbert Beard, Robert Stack, Nick Cook, Robert Meck, Joseph Newman, Joseph Conforti and Joseph Recchio. Many of the wives also attended, but no picture.*

The 81st Engineer (Combat) Battalion held its third annual reunion on 13 March 1948, at the Military Park Hotel in Newark, N. J. The attendance of 50 included men from Georgia, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Pittsburgh and other distant spots. The program was informal—a dinner, followed by plenty of free time to renew old friendships.

As in 1946 and 1947, the reunion was organized by Oakley E. Utter of Mine Hill, Dover, N. J. He tells us that he is working on a complete mailing list for the battalion, to be ready for distribution in about six months.

The 81st Engr (C) Bn was awarded the coveted Presidential Citation for the organization's gallant stand at St. Vith. As far as we know, it is the only unit of the Division so honored, although we understand that recommendations are pending for similar awards for other outfits in the 106th.

### CONVENTION PLANS

The story of Parker's Crossroads and the gallant 589th FA Bn will be told as one of the feature speeches at our 1948 convention. Major George Huxel of Cleveland, S-3 of the 589th, is tentatively scheduled as the speaker. More about this in the June issue after plans are completed.

### NEW YORK REUNION 29 JUNE

The first big reunion of the Metropolitan Chapter will be held in New York City on Tuesday night, June 29, at the 71st Regiment Armory on Park Avenue at 34th Street. Present indications are that about 300 men will attend. The program will include a short business session to organize the chapter formally, refreshments including beer, and some professional entertainment.

The facilities of the armory have been placed at the Chapter's disposal through courtesy of the New York National Guard and Col. Alfred D. Reutershan, CO of the 71st Inf.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The idea of a Southern California Chapter is spreading fast, and three more men are now working with Claude Webb on the organizational details: Marshall Lipkin, 1828 South Wilton Place, Los Angeles 6; Roy Wentzel, 1419 South Olive St., Santa Ana; and Charles Brown, 3124 Stocker Ave., Los Angeles.



## HALL AWARDED BRONZE STAR

John L. Hall, M/Sgt, Sv Co, 423d Inf, now living at Bushkill Park, Easton, Pa., was awarded the Bronze Star Medal by WD GO of 31 July '47. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Association since its formation in 1945. The citation reads, in part:

"M/Sgt JOHN L. HALL, 12 003 780, on 16 and 17 Dec '44, distinguished himself by heroic achievement. In charge of a rations convoy that was fired upon by German infantry as it drew near Auw, Belgium, Sgt Hall ran to a nearby farmhouse, set up a machine gun, and beat off repeated assaults by enemy infantry until his position was attacked by four German tanks. Breaking away from this overwhelming attack, he returned with one other man to St. Vith, where he again obtained trucks, loaded them with rations, secured armored escort on his own initiative, and set out over a different route. The convoy was attacked by German armor and the trucks lost, but Sgt Hall and his companion successfully returned to St. Vith and, further demonstrating outstanding courage and determination, loaded trucks with rations to attempt again to reach the regimental position."

CLAUDE S. WEBB, T/Sgt, Hq Co, 1st Bn, 423d, and a former POW at Stalags IV-B and XII-A, writes that he has plans for formation of a local chapter in Southern California. He'd like to hear from some of his friends in the 423d.

## McMAHON RETIRES

Col. Leo T. McMahon has retired from the regular army after thirty years of service, and on March first, joined the staff of the Chamber of Commerce of Harrisburg, Penna., where he will



be assigned to the direction of several large civic projects including traffic and highway development.

McMahon, who commanded the 106th Division Artillery as a Brigadier General in World War II, enlisted in 1917. He won a

commission, and saw active service in the first World War, and in the latest global conflict, before assignment to our division, was a member of the undercover reconnaissance team which went in ahead of the African landings. After the war he reverted to his peacetime rank of full colonel, and was assigned as Chief Instructor, Pennsylvania National Guard. He has been an honorary vice-president of the Association since its formation.



### BACK COPIES AVAILABLE

Below are listed all of the publications which we have in stock, with the price or handling fee which we charge for each. Send orders for back issues direct to national headquarters at 237 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 3, N. Y., with your check, money order, or postage stamps for payment. Please don't send cash.

Item	Available	Cost
CUB, August 1946 .....	100	25c
CUB, September 1947 .....	50	25c
CUB, December 1947 .....	100	25c
CUB, February 1948 .....	200	25c
This issue .....	200	25c
Stars & Stripes Pamphlet,		
"The 106th" .....	2,000	10c
Reprint, Indianapolis Star,		
"The Heroic 106th" .....	100	10c

Chapters may order CUBs in quantity, at \$10 per hundred for all issues beginning with December 1947.

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### 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.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION, INDIANAPOLIS, JULY 31

Program details are nearing completion for the second annual convention of the 106th Infantry Division Association. Dates are Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and August 1, in Indianapolis. There will be an "early-bird" session Friday night for those who arrive in town the day before the convention opens.

Highlights of the program are to include a banquet and dance Saturday night, the presentation of charters to at least 14 chapters, a memorial service, a tea and entertainment for the women and guests on Saturday afternoon, featured speakers on Sunday noon, and business sessions. Directors will meet in Indianapolis on July 30, afternoon and evening.

Arrangements haven't reached the stage where we can set a definite convention fee. It looks as though about \$15.00 would cover meals and entertainment—but we won't know for sure until we see how many people plan to come. If you plan to stay at a hotel, we have worked out an excellent arrangement for hotel accommodations and believe that you'll do better to book your room through us.

The advance registration fee will be five dollars, payable at any time between now and July 1. If you plan to come, please send your registration fee promptly—it will be a big help to us to know as early as possible how many to plan for. If you send us your fee, and then find that you cannot come, we'll refund the registration fee if we are notified before July 1. After that date, we'll have definite commitments signed and won't be able to make any refunds.

Wives, guests, parents and friends of the 106th are welcome at the convention, at the same rates and charges which are offered to members. The June issue of the CUB will present the program and costs in detail.

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## REPORT TO MEMBERS

By DAVID S. PRICE, President

Accomplishments make better reading than plans. My December report dealt with plans. Happily, we now have some accomplishments to report.

The program of chapter organization is advancing beyond my initial hopes. Since this issue is largely devoted to chapter promotion, details need not be repeated here. It now looks as though we can present charters to 14 chapters at the mid-summer convention. This total of 14 is better than double our goal for the year. And there are other regions which have started the ground-work for local chapter organization.

We will be able to continue publication of the CUB on a bimonthly basis. Our cash position is not strong, but is improving.

We have completed preliminary arrangements for a good program for our 1948 convention in Indianapolis on July 31 and August 1.

We have held a conference with the author and publisher of the proposed history of the 106th. We still can't give any promise of publication date, but it is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

Our December 16 dinners and local reunions were successful in nine different cities.

Your cooperation in chapter organization and in membership promotion is still of vital importance to the success of the Association.

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## MISSING PERSONS

Anyone with any information whatsoever about any of the following men is urged to write at once to national headquarters so that we may pass the information along to those who have requested this information. (On receiving a request for help in locating the address of a buddy, or in learning details of the death of a son or husband, the name of the subject of inquiry will appear in this column for one year after receipt of the request.)

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

**FRED KARP**, Co I, 422d Inf.

**PETER STEC**, Warrant Officer (JG), Sv Co, 423d Inf, killed in action. National headquarters is attempting to secure information about his death from any who knew him, at the request of his father.

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

**SGT. SCANNAPICO**, Btry A, 589th FA Bn, KIA 14 Dec '44. The Association has a request for his first name, and the address of his next of kin.

**CLIFFORD McDONALD**, M Co, 3d Inf, and DHQ.

**EARL SCHMUDE**, T/Sgt, Co F, 423d Inf, at one time of Port Huron, Mich.

## ROSENBERG FROM E 424

On 19 February 1945, Louis Martell of 152 West 42nd St., New York 18, N. Y., was sent out on patrol. He was wounded and subsequently captured. Before starting the patrol, he gave an address book to a man named Rosenberg, a machine gunner in Easy Company, with instructions to forward the book to his next of kin in case anything happened on the patrol.

Martell was liberated, recovered from his injury, and now is back in circulation—minus the address book which contained the names of all his service friends. He'd like very much to get the book back, and asks for help in contacting Rosenberg. Any information about Rosenberg's first name, rank, or present address will help us to locate him for Louis Martell.

## 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.



## **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW**

About the first of June we will send bills for renewal of memberships which expire 30 June. Please save us the expense of billing you by sending in your dues payment now, before we have to spend time and money in sending you a bill.

Association headquarters operates with no paid employees, and at a minimum of expense. If you send your next year's dues voluntarily, it will save us about 10c and two minutes apiece. Multiplied by 1,400 memberships, this would be a big saving.

The bottom half of the page provides a single blank for you to fill in for all purposes—dues, chapter membership, and convention registration. Cut or tear the blank along the dotted line, fill in the required information, and mail it to us with your check, postal note or money order. Make remittances payable to 106th DIVISION ASSOCIATION.

If you plan to attend the convention, you must send us an advance registration fee of five dollars per person. Please send this before July first so that we can make definite plans based on knowledge of how many are coming. We will refund your money cheerfully if you notify us before July first that you will be unable to attend. After 1 July, we will have made advance deposits and guarantees, and will be unable to refund your money. The balance of your convention fee will be payable when you register at Indianapolis. We can't set a definite fee at this time, but it will undoubtedly be a total of about \$15.00, including meals, but not including dues. If we have a large advance registration, we hope to be able to reduce the fee below \$15.00.

**READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. SEE PAGE 68 FOR  
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