

DECEMBER 13, 1952

"CT. LLB 345 LONG DL GOVT PD - WD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

FOR THOSE OF US WHO WERE THERE THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN AS A CONSTANT REMINDER OF THE AWFUL REALITIES OF WAR. MOST VIVID IS THE MEMORY OF THOSE BRAVE MEN WHO FELL IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHT. YOU OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH DIVISION HAVE SPECIAL REASON TO BE PROUD OF YOUR COURAGE AND DETERMINATION ASTRIDE THE SCHNEE EIFEL THAT DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM WILL FOREVER STAND AS AN INSPIRATION TO THOSE MEN EVERYWHERE WHO FIGHT IN THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY.

A. C. MCAULIFFE, LT. GEN US ARMY
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-1 WASH DC. "
(Former Commanding General 101st
Airborne Div., Defenders of Bastogne)

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DECEMBER 15, 1952

"A. BHA 032 NL PD - BH ATLANTA, GA.

MAY I JOIN IN SPIRIT THE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GALLANT 106TH DIVISION WHEN YOU GATHER TO HONOR THOSE OF THE DIVISION WHO FELL IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. MAY THE HEROIC DEEDS OF THOSE MEN BE LONG REMEMBERED.

COURTNEY H. HODGES, GEN. U. S. ARMY,
RETIRED"
(Former Commanding General 1st Army)

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DECEMBER 15, 1952

"CT. WA251 DL PD - WASHINGTON, D. C.

PLEASE TRANSMIT TO FORMER MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION MY WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL REUNION. CERTAINLY THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE IMPACT OF AN OVERWHELMING ENEMY IN THE SNOW AND COLD OF THE BELGIUM ARDENNES CAN APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RELIVE THOSE DAYS IN COMFORT AND SAFETY. OUR REUNIONS WILL BECOME MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT TO US. I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A FINE CHRISTMAS AND A GOOD YEAR AHEAD.

ALAN W. JONES, MAJ. GEN. USA RET. "
(Former Commanding General 106th Inf. Div.)

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DECEMBER 15, 1952

"CT. WA346 LONG NL PD - WASHINGTON D C

IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO SEND GREETINGS AND HIGH REGARD TO YOU MEN WHO FOUGHT AT ST. VITH DURING THE ARDENNES CAMPAIGN. NO ACTION CONTRIBUTED MORE TO THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THAT CAMPAIGN THAN THE DEFENSE OF ST. VITH. THE COST WAS HIGH AND I JOIN WITH YOU IN PAYING HOMAGE TO THE MANY BRAVE MEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE MAGNIFICENT DEFENSE OF THAT VITAL ROAD CENTER. I HOPE THAT YOU WHO SURVIVED HAVE FARED WELL SINCE THOSE MEMORABLE DAYS OF EIGHT YEARS AGO FOR IN THE WORDS OF GENERAL EISENHOWER CONTAINED IN HIS TELEGRAM TO ALL RANKS AT ST. VITH. YOU DESERVE WELL OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN.

ROBERT W. HASBROUCH, MAJ. GEN. USA RET"
(Former Commanding General 7th Armored Div.)

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS WERE RECEIVED IN COLUMBUS ON THE
OCCASION OF OUR NATIONAL DECEMBER 16TH MEMORIAL DINNERS

DECEMBER 10, 1952

'CT. A 397 NL PD - WASHINGTON D. C.

ALTHOUGH NOT IN COMMAND 106TH DECEMBER SIXTEEN LY ASSOCIATION WITH
DIVISION FOR SEVEN MONTHS BEGINNING FEBRUARY GAVE OPPORTUNITY TO
JUDGE HIGH CALIBER PERSONNEL AND ESPRIT WHICH ENABLES YOU TO STRIKE
BACK OFFENSIVELY REBUILD AND ACCOMPLISH GREATEST TASK OF GUARDING
PRISONERS IN HISTORY AMERICAN AR. S. GOOD LUCK ON THIS DAY OF MEMORIES
AND HEROIC ACCOMPLISHMENT.

D. A. STROH, MAJ. GEN. USA RETIRED
(Former Commanding General 106th Div)

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DECEMBER 11, 1952

'NS. BRA531 NL PD BATON ROUGE, LA.

I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR WIRE ANNOUNCING REUNION OF 106TH DIVISION MEN
ON ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF BULGE. PLEASE CONVEY TO THOSE PRESENT
MY BEST WISHES. I FEEL SURE NO NEW DIVISION WAS EVER CALLED UPON TO
PERFORM A TASK SUCH AS THE ONE WHICH CONFRONTED THE 106TH DIVISION
ON DECEMBER 16, 1944. YOU DID YOUR BEST. I DOUBT IF OTHERS COULD HAVE
DONE MORE.

TROY MIDDLETON, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
SOME TIME COMMANDER 8TH CORPS."
(Former Commanding General
8th Corps - 1st Army)

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DECEMBER 12, 1952

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STAFF SERVICE M R 5 O. TO DREYFUS PLEASE PASS TO MR. D. B. FRAMPTON, JR.,
CHAIRMAN, 106TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION, COLUMBUS, OHIO, FROM RIDGWAY,
SIGNED ANKENBRANDT. PLEASE EXPRESS TO THE GATHERED VETERANS OF THE
106TH DIVISION MY CORDIAL GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES. ALL OF US WHO WERE
IN FRANCE EIGHT YEARS AGO RETAIN A VIVID MEMORY OF THE CRITICAL BATTLE
OF THE BULGE. TODAY AMERICANS, AGAIN ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE NATIONS
WHICH ARE THE IMMEDIATE HEIRS OF THE GREAT CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN
TRADITIONS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION, ARE CONTINUING TO SAFEGUARD THE
LIBERTIES AND INSTITUTIONS WHICH FREE MEN EVERYWHERE CHERISH.

M. B. RIDGWAY, GENERAL
UNITED STATES ARMY"

(Former Commanding General
17th Airborne Corps)