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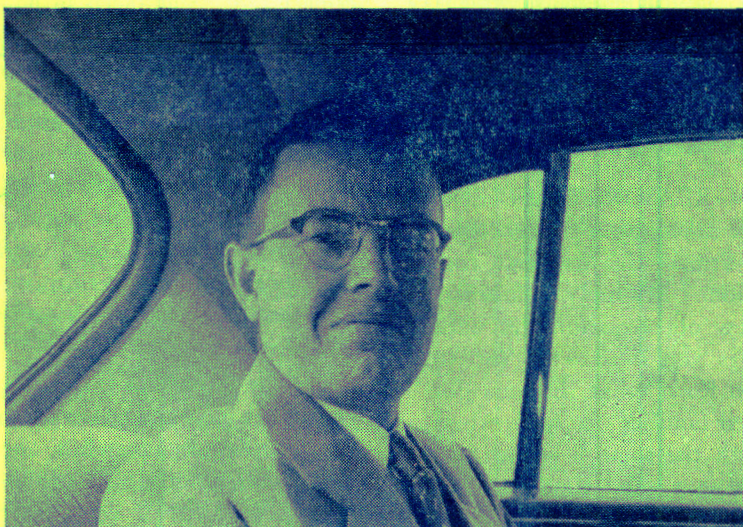
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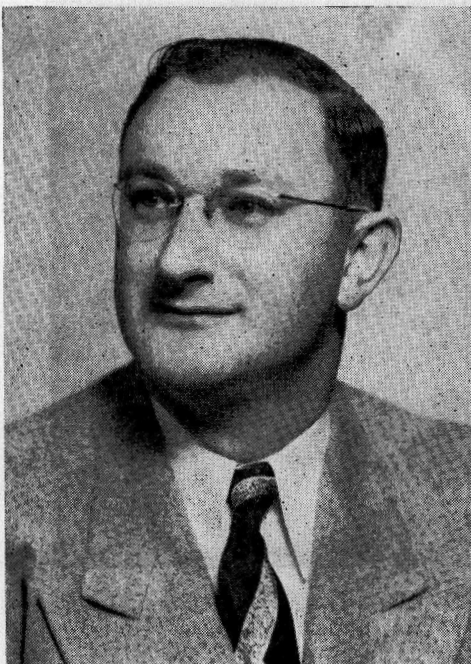
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President's Message

106th REUNION - REASONS TO ATTEND

I was recently asked by a former 106er "Why should I attend the national convention or reunion?" My reply to him was simple - to renew old acquaintances with many of the boys you lived with for so long a time - to learn what they are doing - to meet their families - to meet others that went through the same h--- with you - to relax and have a good time on a vacation planned for you (by the convention committee); and on the business (very little of this) to keep alive the Memorial Fund which has given us added purpose and to help determine when and how grants should be made and to whom - to keep alive the name of your Division which played so important a part in helping to destroy the Nazi machine and its aim of world dom-

ination - to voice your opinion as a veteran to help see that those who were not as lucky as you and I to be able to return to their families and loved ones did not die in vain and to do your part in seeing that the principles of democracy and Americanism should prevail forever so that this can be a better world in which to live.

But the important thing now is for all of you to get busy and tell everyone possible about our date in Savannah, Georgia on July 25 - 28. Write, talk, call - do anything - but get the word to all your old friends. Jim Wells has been working hard to make this the best reunion yet. The way to show your appreciation is to get down there and take advantage of his southern hospitality. Bring your family - bring your kids - but get there! It is not too early to plan your vacation for July 25 - 28 in Savannah, Georgia.

Larry Gubow

The past Memorials Chairmen since the beginning of the 106th Infantry Division Association have tried their best to compile a list, containing the names of men of our division who were reported to be either killed, missing in action or men who died of wounds incurred in service. They have also kept a list of those who passed away after leaving service. They have tried to get the names and addresses of the next of kin, but in many cases, this information was not received. We must keep in mind that some widows have remarried and some of the relatives of these men were averse to discussing the plight of their unfortunate kin, and of course they are entitled to act as they see fit. In view of these feelings, on the part of the kin, I feel it would be wise to curtail the information getting activity, and point our efforts to doing things which will revere the memory of our division departed as a group. In another item, I have discussed the possibility of having a monument erected somewhere in St. Vith in memory of our departed. I am just suggesting the aforementioned things and I would be glad to hear from any member or next of kin concerning the use of the Memorial Fund and the scope of its activity. It should be understood, that this is the concern of everyone and not just the board of directors or myself. Up until now we have been a little slow in achievement of any kind, and it is my goal to do a lot more, when it comes to the Memorial Fund. Of course, at this time, I might repeat that the Veteran's Administration is now making educational benefits available to all War Orphans, so that has made it necessary for us to alter our original plans for educational grants. It is therefore imperative that we work on some new idea for making some other type of grants. Once again, I would remind everyone that the board of directors would appreciate any ideas from association members and next of kin.

"SEE YOU IN SAVANNAH IN '57"

The 1956-57 Association year is almost at an end, and very soon now bills for 1957-58 dues will be in the mail. 56-57 was a fairly successful year; the 57-58 result will depend upon what you do with your membership-dues form.

You support the Association each year by paying dues. Even greater support can be given by paying your dues as soon as the bill arrives. By paying immediately, you save the Association the expense of sending out a second billing.

When the postman delivers your bill, answer it. Don't put it aside to be paid next week.

So, to save the Association some money (and the Adjutant some extra work), be sure to P. P. Y. D. P.—PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES PROMPTLY.

106th Inf. Division Assn.

1956-57 Membership Roster

Final report to complete Roster

Ross L. Edwards—223 N. Main, College Park, Ga.—424

William K. Fowler—2617 Southern Ave., S.E., Apt. 204, Washington 21, D. C.—DHQ

James R. Klett—1054 Cornwall Rd., Lebanon, Pa.—DHQ

Charles P. Seibold—2618 Van Hiss Ave., Madison, Wisc.—B, 422

Mike P. Serino—Armed Forces Golf Club, Fort Jackson, S. C.—591

Norman M. Smith, II—Williston, S. C.

This is the third and final list of members for the 1956-57 year. The names above, plus those printed in the last two issues of the CUB, comprise the total list of 254 members for this year. This is just three members short of last year's total.

I would like to thank all who have helped in membership work during the past year, and sincerely hope that all of you will get behind the 1957-58 membership drive.

AUSTIN L. BYRD, JR.,
Adjutant

Letters to Editor

Dear John:

You are to be complimented on your Feb.-Mar. issue of THE CUB! The 12 pages made 12 pages of very interesting reading to my way of thinking—also the wife's.

Only one thing. With all due respect to the 331st Med. Bn. and the friends I have from that unit (I was originally in the 331st) I would still prefer that I be listed as an "H" Co. - 424 - Medic. I'm proud of having been a medic, having been in the 106th, and especially proud of serving with a real gang of fine fellows—"H" Company, 424. If that sounds emotional, it will just have to sound that way, but I do mean it. So, would you maybe make note of it in a future issue of the CUB. The fellows who see the present listing may wonder if I've switched allegiance. Tank Youse!

Jeanne, my wife, and I certainly are planning and expecting to be in Georgia come this July. The only thing that could keep me away is a job. By job, I mean something in summer stock or some show that would be playing all those evenings. Naturally, this would prevent my leaving town. I must admit that I'm hoping any kind of booking I get skirts those particular dates. That would make it nice!

I had some interesting get-togethers while on tour this past year. I also missed the boat on some others. Time, activity, and what-have-you prevented my looking up people in various cities. I'm taking this opportunity to offer my apologies. I hope it didn't seem that I didn't want to see some of the folks. At any rate, I ran into Bob Brown (H-Co) and his family in Kansas City; Jim Grass (F-Co medic) and his family (6 children!) in St. Louis; my wife visited me in Columbus (and it had been some time!) so I didn't get around to looking up Dave Frampton and/or Pete Rusin. In Cleveland I talked on the phone to Elmer Nagle (Co. Clerk-(?) Personnel). In Detroit there was the Gillespies whom

I saw, but that was where I really dropped the ball! I didn't mean it, I hasten to reassure one and all. The Gillespies were all that I saw. Foul ball, huh? In Philadelphia I had dinner with Joe Ciquero (H-Co) and his family and dinner with Francis "Curly" Cush (1st Sgt-Hq Det 331st) and his family. We also "killed" beaucoup bottles of Sparkling Burgundy. I was in rare shape when I went on that night! In Pittsburgh I lunched with Joe Kearney (Personnel Sgt Major). In Boston I talked on the phone to John Manfredi (H Co medic) and Bob Reardon (H-Co). In Washington, I was visited by Johnny Reynolds (H Co) and Bill Houser (Co Clerk-H Co). Passing through New York, I contacted Abbie Harris. Abbie and wife Ruby and I had dinner together. I should say I had dinner with them! Abbie and I also talked to Cliff and Alice Perras (long distance!) from Abbie's office. In Baltimore, our closing town, it was Austie Byrd and John Loveless who met me and we had a couple "bombs" together. Home after that, but glad for all the opportunities to see and visit.

However, now that I am home and we have our apartment and our furniture out of storage (typewriter, etc.) we will get on the ball and start contacting as many "H" Company men (and others) as possible so as to line up as formidable a Re-Union as we have yet had! Glad to read Cliff's letter. It was good to hear from him (hint! hint!). Oh, we know he's been busy, and we understand.

In my letter of March 27 I listed all the folks I had seen or talked to in touring, but I forgot one important chap—and I hope he doesn't feel badly about it should you have mentioned anything about it (my letter) in the CUB. At any rate, I had dinner with Bill Hemelt and his family in Baltimore—good chicken dinner! Too, Bill and I managed to have lunch together twice while in Washington, D. C. Bill works for the Internal Revenue Department . . . and he couldn't do a thing for me! By the way, Bill is a former S/Sgt of H Co-424. I have his Baltimore address

though not at my fingertips. Would you be interested in any of the addresses that I do have? Bill seemed enthused by what I had to tell him about previous Conventions and hopes to attend the Savannah get-together! This is not to intimate that Bill has not attended any previous Re-Unions. He was largely responsible for a grand time had by Cliff & Alice Perras, Johnny Reynolds, and myself back in 1951 . . . We went out to his cabin on the river and had steamed crab, swimming and a watermelon fight with his then *un*-married cousins! Oh well, Tempit Fugit—or sum-p.n.

With all good wishes for future issues, I remain

As always,

LARRY WALDEN
6932 Clyde
Chicago 49, Ill.

Editor's Notes

Have received information from Col. Stout, Col. Livesey and Dave Price that our Division History "Lion in the Way" is still available. If you want to purchase a copy drop me a card, and I will inform you of price, etc.

Talked to Bob Stack who informed me that our President, Larry Gubow, is ill. We all pray for his rapid recovery.

Austin has informed me that all dues received shall be credited to the year 1957-58. So now is the time to really get on the ball and sign up all your buddies.

Please send in your comments to the CUB. This is your publication. What do you want us to print?

Dear John:

Hope that this note is not too late for the current issue of the CUB.

I received dues this date from Robert M. Bennett, 305 Circle Drive, Columbus,

South Carolina. Bob is presently Branch Manager for the General Adjustment Bureau, Inc., 1518 Washington St., Columbia, S. C., and would like very much to know more about the activities of the Assn. He informs me that he has not known with just whom to communicate regarding membership, and has forwarded his dues to me to get him in touch. He would like to be furnished information regarding the Re-union this coming July, and will try his best to attend where he hopes to see a number of old friends of At. 423rd, and be able to make new friends with members of the Assn.

Bob was with the AT. Co. 423rd Inf. and informs me that he has a number of addresses of old comrades which he is going to forward me as soon as he locates them. He sends his regards to the following: Walter Hiltbrand, Glen N. Kennedy, Ralph G. Steed, Chas. B. Reid, Joseph J. Ansel, Robert Kelly, and all others who may remember him, and sincerely hopes that he will be able to see them this coming July in Georgia.

DICK NETHERS

Memorandum

Your writer recently had a meeting in Poland, Ohio, with Dick Nethers, co-author of membership drive efforts.

For your information, a test mailing was made in and around the Eastern Ohio-Western Pennsylvania area of old 106th men. Frankly, the initial results were very encouraging—fifteen men returned post-cards indicating interest in the 106th Association.

Dick forwards these cards to me for final

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Prisoner of War

Then there was silence. Bewilderment and dejection came over us. All had tried hard and fought courageously and from the field of honor we were led away captive to an unknown destination.

A feeling of complete frustration is the consequence of falling into the hands of the enemy. War is a united effort and each man is part of the team. Courage is inspired by the thought that the very lives of others are dependent upon the action of each soldier. To protect the lives and safety of others at the risk, even at the loss, of one's own life is a noble thing. Fear is vanquished in the contest that demands the staking of everything on the outcome of battle. With the swelling tide of victory morale is high. But to be caught by the enemy, trapped, despoiled of the protection of arms, herded in ranks by those who represent what the soldier has learned to hate, engenders a complex of emotions that is akin to despair. For the newly captured prisoner of war his battle is lost. He has failed in his mission. He has proved himself a failure, and his efforts have come to naught. His soul is crushed with the weight of ignominy and from his manly eyes flow tears of humiliation and defeat.

No wonder then that strong men wept. Small wonder that there was silence.

For us of the 106th Division this depression was universal. But recently committed to action, we crumbled before the first enemy attack. As a team we had failed and every individual shared in that disgrace. The Golden Lion which was intended to portray courage and unconquerable spirit would henceforth be a mark of scorn, a blighted symbol. Such were our thoughts on the day of capture. Later on, however, when each little story of resistance and courage was pieced together with the overall picture of the battle and compared with the magnitude of the German counter-offensive, spirits rose out of the depths of desolation. Men saw differently; units took a new estimate of their value and the vir-

tue of their efforts. When commendations from high places came down through the ranks, with them came new light on the heroism of defeat. What at one time appeared a shameful overthrow in reality was a gallant resistance. The Golden Lion shoulder patch could be worn with honor, for now it symbolized a "glorious collapse."

The above taken from Father Paul Cavanaugh's "American Priest in a Nazi Prison."

Our Adjutant

During Freshman year at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1943, was drafted into U. S. Army.

Inducted at Fort Meade, Maryland and assigned to Fort Jackson, S. C. for basic training. Upon completion of basic training was assigned to Battery A, 589th F. A. Btn., 106th Division, at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Captured during Battle of the Bulge and liberated on Good Friday, 1945.

After return to U.S.A. was assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma and was mustered out at this station in November 1945.

After being mustered out he entered Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland and upon completion of his college education entered the employ of Harrison Bolt & Nut Company, Baltimore, where he is now a Director and Asst. Treasurer of the company.

Resides with his parents at 502 Nottingham Road, Baltimore, Md.

Austin has been the work horse of our Association over the past years as our Adjutant.

Each of us owes Austin a big "thank you" for a job well done. We trust you will be with us for many years to come.

Thanks to Mr. Austin Byrd, Sr. and John Loveless for supplying the above information.

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Lest We Forget

WHAT THE 106th DIVISION WAS DOING 12 YEARS AGO

It was 3 February 1945 that the 106th was alerted for what would turn out to be its last combat assignment. It was ordered to take over as the right flank element of U. S. First Army in its advance towards the Rhine.

V Corps controlled the right flank of First Army and now a part of it, the 106th was the southernmost unit, making contact with Third Army's 87th Division. The combat-team elements of the Division moved on 5 February, the remainder following. On 7 February Major General Donald A. Stroh assumed command and by 9 February the Division was once again in action as a unit.

The position ran in a 7,000 yard arc, bulging to the east, from NEUHOF on the north to the vicinity of LOSHEIM on the south. The 2d Bn 424th Inf. held the northern sector, the 1st Bn the southern. In reserve the 3d Bn dug in at LOSHEIM-ERGRABEN. The 591st and 592nd FA Bns. were in position just east of HUNNINGEN and MURRINGEN respectively. Co. A 814th TD Bn was attached. The Division Command Post was at HUNNINGEN.

The forward zone was a mess. In the first place, the Kraut had scattered mines and booby traps in enormous quantities, with his usual ingenuity. Secondly, while the dense woods were criss-crossed with trails, these had become masses of mud from rain and thaw. Even jeeps could not negotiate them; the only vehicles which could be used off the main roads were a number of Weasels, which had been drawn for Division use. The Engineers slaved endlessly, corduroying and laying wire matting on the principal routes.

Active patrolling all along the front disclosed that the enemy was dug in in successive positions. Two small enemy attacks on the front of the 2d Bn were promptly

disposed of by our artillery, mortar and small arms fire. On 16 February Co. A, 661st TD Bn., relieved the 814th. On 24 February the 3d Bn 424th came up and relieved the 2d Bn who reverted to reserve. At long last the 106th was ordered to take the offensive.

The 87th Div. on the right attacked. On the left the 69th Div. jumped off as the First Army's main effort went crashing toward the Rhine. The 424th moved out on 5 March. By nightfall it had attained its first objective with ease and had established contact with neighboring elements on both flanks. Next day 6 March, the attack continued and strong patrols penetrated all the way to the Simmer River. Btry A, 591st FA Bn. got its pieces up to the vicinity of Hill 656, east of Neuhof, with much difficulty by 6 p.m.

And 7 March, as the 69th Div. lunged forward in a wide southeastern swing down the ridge lines from the north toward DALHEIM, 1st and 2d Btns. 424th Inf., pushed almost 5 miles across the hills to make contact with it, the 3d Bn. following fast. The artillery displaced, the 591st dropping trails near Btry A's new position, the 592d moving into the western slopes of the Lewart, about a mile northwest of FRAUENKRON. The 69th sweep had pinched out the 106th, making contact with Third Army near STADTKYLL. The 106th Infantry Divisions combat role had ended, ended in victory, just seven miles northeast of the original left flank Schnee Eifel positions of the 422d Inf. on 16 December 1944, eighty-one days previous.

MEMORIAL DAY

Our country dedicates each year, May 30, to the memory of those glorious heroes who gave their all for you and I.

"No Greater Love has any Man than to lay down his life for his fellow men."

Will we remember our departed comrades this Memorial Day? Will you and I pray to God that peace may come to all?

processing. The next move is sending each of these men a friendly warm letter—basically to introduce the affairs of our organization in more detail. It is the intent to follow up on these people when their names yet fail to appear in the CUB as new members in due time.

Now, reviewing once again, here is proof positive of the potential for new members—if only each one of us could stick with an idea. Take a little time, write some notes (double postcard, say?) and then collect any favorable returns. Forward these returns to me for further action. Better still, use the meat of my letter under your own by-line—mailing this note of yours right back to these interested people. I might suggest a card, listing each man and particulars be sent to my office at the same time; then we could exercise double approach on your contacts.

Once more, it is absolutely imperative that Dick and I receive assistance even though it may seem very slight in your opinion. We are limited in free time for this membership promotion. The best and most effective way that I know of to help us to further these pursuits is to receive the names of individuals who desire further Association information. Dick and I are no different than most others; that is, we need something to force us to keep ahead of that non-effort quilt complex. Memos from the field would do this.

One more thought, fellows, did you ever experience that pent-up feeling caused by suddenly realizing you could have helped a needy individual or charitable organization, but figured that some one else would surely take action? Then, suddenly you find that the subject has passed out of existence! I know that each man truthfully doesn't consciously want this to happen; but it can happen and very easily. Take the organization to heart NOW!

Here are some of the men who returned postcards to Nick Nethers. If you know

any of them, drop them a note, urging their immediate action of joining our group. Some may have mailed us their dues; but, regardless the note is still in order.

Michael J. D'Aloia
Hdqtrs. Co. 81st Engr (C) BN
36 Highview Rd.
Caldwell, New Jersey

Frank X. Heinlein
Service Battery, 589th F.A.
726 Peerson Ave.
Newark, New York

John H. Girscht
H Co., 423rd Inf.
780 Liberty St., Salem, Ohio

Charles W. McKenzie
D Co., 331st Medical Battalion
2159 E. State St., Salem, Ohio

Richard E. Saylor
HQ Co., 422nd Inf.
26 Adams Drive, Denville, N. J.

Cyril J. Steinhauer
G. Co., 424th Inf.
220 Edna St., Poland, Ohio

Joseph W. Desimone
C Co., 423rd Inf.
181 Euclid Blvd., Youngstown 4, Ohio

M. J. Zutavern
Service Batt. 589th F. A.
409 Hillcrest Dr., Bowling Green, Ohio

Nathan D. Ward
H & S Co. 81st Engr. BN
1144 Jefferson Ave., East Point Ga.

John E. Weant
AT 424th Inf.
Box 372, Leavittsburg, Ohio

A. R. Jordan
"B" 81st Engr. Btn.
388 Hasbrouck Blvd., Oradell, N. J.

Joseph Neumann
Co. "A" 81st Engr. Btn.
150 Harrison St., Passaic, N. J.

Fred R. Burkhardt
"G" 423rd Inf.
Rt. 1, Wm. Bowman Rd.
Homeworth, Ohio

Membership Committee Letter

Dick Nethers of Poland, Ohio, has given of his spare time to contact each of you, and then passed your names along to me here in Detroit.

Frankly, the two of us have assumed a task, which is terrifically difficult—basically, the locating of old members of the 106th Infantry Division.

Nine chances out of ten, you are no different than any one of us—"limited spare time"; so with apologies to those of you who answered Dick earlier this year—here I is!

In an attempt to make an exceptionally long report really brief—I'll give only the bare details in this current letter.

1. The 106th Infantry Division Association is a non-profit organization—dedicated to lending a helping hand to the families of deceased or crippled 106th men. This dedication only survives through varied annual efforts—summer reunions at some resort site—memorial dinners on or about December 16th in numerous central points—the CUB magazine published quarterly as our life line of what's what throughout the year. (Reviewing the above, I think I really covered the waterfront.

2. There are no *paid* employees or officers. All money—nominal yearly dues—Memorial Fund donations—profits (?) from annual reunions, etc., are handled by bonded people in Baltimore, Maryland, who in turn pay the overhead of our Association (90% to the CUB magazine) or to the Memorial Fund Reserve.

3.. The Board of Directors (21 men) designate *grants* to those deserving families or offsprings qualifying for aid.

Going off the track for a minute, yours truly has taken a lot of pride (expensive) in seeing that the 106th Association survives. Why, I frankly don't know—especially since I was in the Armored Force twice as long as the 106th. One basic push probably was that I experienced overseas and P.O.W. trials and pains with the 106th. Anyway, I found I liked it. I met, as everyone else admits, terrific people, all 106th men, in all walks of life—rich and poor—never known to each other during service, but now steadfast friends.

I could rattle on indefinitely, but it's late (midnight) and I'm tired! So, in closing this so-called short report, we'd more than welcome you and your known 106th fellows (M.D.S.) to participate in the association. Actively, by being a part of the annual functions when possible, or possibly by subscribing to the CUB and passing along memos to the Editor, contributing its newsy and personal touch.

Should you be generous enough to send along the \$5.00 Dues and CUB fee ("lousy \$5.00 once heard said when single), I'll consider that yours truly has been rewarded ten-fold for time spent from his end. Please mail *every year* to the Treasurer. This year to:

MR. AUSTIN BYRD
502 Nottingham Ave.
Baltimore, Maryland
(Payable—106th Inf. Div. Assn)

Yours truly,

JACK GILLESPIE

Missing Since Discharge

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Personnel Items

Dr. Michael E. Connelly, Bn. Surgeon of 589th FA Bn. is practicing medicine in Sharon, Penna. He is a longtime member of the Association. Has a fine family of four boys and four girls. He sent in the following names of comrades:

Dr. George Hanlon, 592 FA Bn. is practicing medicine in Gouverneur, N. Y.

Louis A. Meyers, Capt. Ret. MAC, 331st Med. Bn., lives on Skyline Drive, Johnstown, Penna.

Capt. A. C. Brown, who commanded Btry. B, 589th FA Bn., lives at 1510 Audubon Road, Charlotte, North Carolina. It will be recalled that after Btry. B was overrun south of Schonberg on 17 December, Captain Brown and a number of his men were captured. He and about 60 of his men escaped the next day and made their way across country to the lines held by CC B, 9th Armored Div., then attached to 106th Div. He and his men returned to the 589th FA Bn. and were in the severe fighting at Bracque de Fraiture (Parkers Crossroads) where Capt. Brown was wounded.

CLIFF PERRAS reports hunting was good in both ways this year—meat and money.

JOSEPH F. DREIR, Director of Dept. of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Mercy Hospital Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

GORDON ZICKER, Commander of V. F. W. Post, Woodcliff Lake, N. J.; Iva Durie of 106 Artillery is senior vice commander.

EARL A. SCOTT, 589 FA now chief of mapping and survey section for state of Virginia, is continuing military service with National Guard as Major and S3.

SAMUEL G. SEKAROS, 589 FA, operating tavern in Ann Arbor, Mich.

1957 Convention

Have you made your plans to be in Savannah, Georgia to attend our 11th reunion?

The General Oglethorpe Hotel will be in all readiness for the 106th invasion. Jim Wells, our convention chairman reports we shall all be treated with real southern hospitality.

Many of our members have written indicating their intention of meeting their buddies in Georgia. Why not write your buddies telling them you are going to Georgia and asking them if they will be there.

Remember the date, July 25-28, 1957.

James Wells, Hephzibah, Georgia, convention chairman, would appreciate a note from you saying "I'll be there."

106 PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

The beginning of our association with the 106th for most of us began the day we received that white envelope containing a message from our President.

For some the actual date of becoming 106'ers was March 15, 1943, the day our beloved division was activated at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Since that day in March some 40,000 men have worn the Golden Lion shoulder patch.

Thanks to the foresight of a group of our fellow members, the 106th Division Association was formed at Camp Lucky Strike in France.

Today we have an association of 254 members, but in addition there are many more who desire to be 160'ers again. All they need is a friendly note from you or me asking them to rejoin the 106th.

The future shall always be filled with memories of the 106th and its joys, sorrows, victories, retreats, friendships and its contributions to a free America.

Your 106th Division Association shall continue to be a living monument of the past and to our future.

New Publication

Dear Doug:

I just had a wonderful idea that I think will really appeal to you. I'd like to find someone in the 106th and make him the main character of my book. To me the 106th and 28th represent the Bulge more than any other outfit.

Here's the kind of a guy I want: preferably an e.m. . . . or Captain at most; preferably someone who has had little or no battle experience; preferably a very average-type soldier . . . perhaps, even, a little bit of a goof-off. I'd like to open the book with this man on the night of Dec. 15-16 . . . on guard duty perhaps. The scene is peaceful and he has no idea what is cooking on the German side. When the attack comes this man is overwhelmed with the rest. He runs perhaps. Then he makes a stand . . . he learns to fight.

The action would switch to other parts of the Bulge but always return to this main character (he can be with a unit or by himself or with a polyglot outfit). If possible I'd like him involved in the action in the Bulge until the end of my story . . . or near the end. (I open on Dec. 15 and end Ja. 16 when 1st and 3rd Armies meet at Houffalize).

Will you try to find such a guy? If possible I'd like several to pick from. Do you get the angle? I want this man to represent what the Bulge really was to the average dough . . . not some super-hero (though that wouldn't necessarily be against him).

I'm leaving from McGuire Field Tuesday and will be back about May 1. Would you try to stir up something for me before then? The more men of your outfit I can interview the better.

I'll drop you a line from the Ardennes . . . just to make you jealous.

Cordially,

JOHN TOLAND

223 Maple Avenue
Red Bank, New Jersey

Please note correction in spelling Mr. Toland's name.

Mr. Toland will be traveling around the country on his return from Europe.

If you desire to discuss with Mr. Toland your part in the Battle of the Bulge, please write Doug Coffey, 18 Cornell St., West Orange, N. J., or to the Cub.

You will be informed when he will be in your area and a meeting date and place will be arranged.

This new book can do a great good in telling more about our great division.

NEW ARTICLE

Early in March General McMahon had lunch in Harrisburg with Dr. Michael Connelly, Surgeon 589th FA Bn. Dr. Connelly of Sharon, Pa., the President of his County Medical Society was in town attending a medical meeting.

Anyone who was in the Division at the time will remember Colonel William B. (Wild Bill) Tuttle, who reorganized the 422nd Infantry at the Air Base, Rennes, France in the spring of 1945. We have just received word that his wife passed away and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 20 March. Colonel Tuttle himself is a patient at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. The Association extends its sympathy to the Colonel.

Clayton Rarick has changed jobs. He is now employed by the Glidden Co., in their Reading plant. As you know they are the largest paint manufacturing company in the country.

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"SEE YOU IN SAVANNAH IN '57"

Memorial Report

MONUMENT TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT. ST. VITH

It has been my distinct pleasure to have received a letter from our former Assistant Division Chaplain, through the kind co-operation of one of our hardest working association members, Gen. McMahon. In his letter, this former Division Chaplain, Father John B. Day said that the most fitting place for a monument or memorial of some sort, would be St. Vith, because it best symbolizes the hopes, the sorrows and tragedy of our outfit, more than any other place considered. I, for one, do fully share Father Day's opinion. I would therefore humbly suggest that all the members who are present at the Convention, could at an open meeting to all members and past contributors to the Memorial Fund to vote on the issue of some type of "Memorial" at St. Vith. Any contributors who will not attend the Convention, could send me a note of approval or disapproval as the choice might be. Send mail to John J. Reynolds, Jr., 188 Hall St., Brooklyn 5, New York. I will tabulate them for presentation at the Convention.

I think we have dragged our feet long enough, and it is high time we took some positive action with the "Memorial Fund" if we are in any way to preserve the "Memory of the Sacrifices" of our departed comrades and "Pals." I can't see how having a big balance in the bank in any way preserves the "Memories of our Pals." As is so often repeated, the world is filled with good intentions, but I reverently suggest that now is the time to act. For who can tell how many of us will be here next year.

In closing, I might add that our Association is built on the love of fellowship and not as a business venture. It is our responsibility to do things that will show the kin and loved ones of our departed that we are not just talking, and mean to do the things we so nobly espouse. Please do not feel that just because there hasn't

been much done since the end of the war that it is too late to start now. Let us firmly resolve to make the year 1957 a noteworthy one in our association.

JOHN J. REYNOLDS, JR.,
Memorials Chairman

1958 CONVENTION

An informal gathering of the Convention Committee was held on Saturday, March 30, 1957 in the Officers Club of the U. S. Navy Yard, Phila., Pa.

Our thanks to Alan Dunbar for making all the arrangements for our dinner meeting. Attending were:

General and Mrs. Leo T. McMahon
Mr. and Mrs. George Doerner
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gridler
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Maloney
Mr. and Mrs. William Sturmfeltz
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh
Mr. and Mrs. John Warren
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Coffey
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bickford
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rarick
Mr. Alan Dunbar
Mr. Robert Stack
Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher

1959 CONVENTION

At our reunion this year we should choose a site for our 13th reunion. Do you want the convention in your area, how about forming a Committee and investigating hotel costs and facilities. Bring details along to Savannah or write CUB.

JUNE-JULY CUB

Our next CUB will be sent to our complete mailing list which includes some 1300 names. The main purpose will be to encourage all past members to get back into the Association. Do you have a message we can include in this CUB? Please forward immediately.