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## Lines For A Dull Day

When the day is dark and gloomy  
And the fog obscures your view,  
And you feel there is no challenge  
Waiting anywhere for you;  
When it's routine you must follow  
Through a dreary weather chart,  
And you feel the hand of duty  
Like a millstone on your heart;  
Face the skies however darkened,  
When you ache to turn away  
Do the job that lies before you,  
Keep your courage one more day.  
You can never guess how often  
You affect another's life  
By the fact that you are a doer  
Not a quitter in the strife.



No matter the age, all that has gone before is but preparation. Life begins tomorrow.

# President's Message

As this issue goes to press it will mark the 16th anniversary of the 106th Division. It is very fitting that at just about this time our memorial at St. Vith should be under construction.

We have made the first installment on our commitment, but have been informed that we still are short of our goal for the memorial fund. I feel sure that all of you who want this memorial will not fail Doug, and send in your money for the fund.

I have not heard anything from the convention committee but I'm sure they are busy making plans for you to have a good time in Chicago. I know our Cub ed. has received quite a few requests for information about the time and place of the reunion.

So not knowing anything more to write about and having a touch of spring fever I'll end by saying "see you in Chicago."

Thanks to all members of board of directors replying to my card asking for approval of sending copy of The Lion's Tale to anyone donating \$5.00 or more to Memorial Fund. Sixteen returns approved. Bob Kelly was authorized to forward same to Pete Frampton who will take care of mailing.



## Memorial Day

Each year on May 30th our Country sets the day apart to honor those who from the beginning of our history gave their lives defending the principles by which our country was founded.

Will each of us also set this day apart and in our busy life stop to thank God for all His Blessings; and pray that it will never be necessary to send our sons into battle to defend our freedom.

Wars do not solve problems, they create new problems.

## Bulge Dinner

Date: Saturday, December 13, 1958.

Time: Bar open 8:00 p.m.—Dinner served 9:00 p.m.—Party concluded 1:00 a.m.

Place: Emerald Room of the Hotel Sherman in Chicago

Dinner Served: Turkey Dinner—fruit cocktail—Pie—Coffee—etc.

Cost: \$12.50 per couple—Total cost of Hotel—Dinner—Liquor \$178.83—29 people served plus one couple came later.

Committee: Russ Villwock, Frank Anderson, Herb Meagher

Persons in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Villwock, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Meagher, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heideman, Mr. Bob Trische and female friend, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hemple, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schlegel, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Libman, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Walden, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hohenadel, Mr. and Mrs. William Luscaj, Mr. and Mrs. William Finn, Mr. Dwight Brown, Rev. Edw. J. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert de St. Aubin.

General description of evening: Stereophonic Hi-Fi set was used with low playing and dinner music throughout the evening. People started to arrive shortly before 8:00 p.m. Bar was set up in room and as persons entered they were introduced around and their name was pinned on their lapel. Most of the people knew each other previously but hadn't met for eight or ten years. At 9:00 all were seated for dinner and Rev. Boyle gave thanks before dinner.

Dinner lasted slightly over an hour. Chairman Russ Villwock gave the opening address and comments on the evening. Frank Anderson and Herb Meagher spoke a little on the background of the evening. The keynote address was given by Rev. Boyle. He spoke of the grave situations that existed during the December 16th days and brought a note of somber medita-

tion to the group. He mentioned specific instances of acts of fear, bravery, and in some cases mirth.

After dinner the bar was reopened and the evening took care of itself with conversations of Army days—current situations—family reports, etc. Although no Chicago Chapter was planned it was generally agreed that in the future, in addition to the December 16th banquet, Chicago would probably have some summer affair such as a picnic for the whole family. The gathering concluded at approximately 1:00 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Everyone had an enjoyable evening of eating, drinking, and conversation as well as honoring the memory of their fallen comrades.

## Membership Report

R. W. Nethers

51 Island Dr.,  
Poland, Ohio

Dear Dick:

I received your post card of January 23rd, concerning the 106th membership, which I somehow slipped up on. This letter of mine will serve as proof enough that it pays to advertise. I have sent my \$5.00 to Dick DeHeer, as you requested.

For your help in identifying an OI' 106th buddy, I was a member of 2nd Bn. Hq. Co. 424th Regt., and Radio Operator T/4 Rating, was an ASTP'er from Vanderbilt Univ. before being transferred to the 106th at Atterbury in March of 1944. I remained with the Division thereafter, until transferred to the 28th Div. in June of '45. Therefore, I was one of the "Battle of the Bulge" participants.

I have always been interested in the Bulge, and naturally mostly in the part played by the 106th. Dupuy's "St. Vith—Lion in the Way" has been my Bible, so to speak, and I have read that work no less than 12 times. It is in as great detail as any I think I have read to date, and actual-

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# Convention Report

To: 106th Infantry Division Association

A. Members

B. Board of Directors

This report will terminate my duties as "embryo-chairman" of the forthcoming 13th annual reunion of the 106th Association. The Board of Directors assembled at Savannah, Georgia Reunion delegated authority to me to select and develop in the Midwest—the 13th Reunion. In cooperation with my Northerly neighbor, Mr. Cliff Perras, Chicago, Illinois, the Edgewater Beach Hotel and their vacation time facilities was presented to and accepted by the Board of Directors assembled in Convention at Philadelphia last July, 1958.

With the initial cooperation of Mr. Larry Walden of Chicago, a later winter meeting was arranged for the Edgewater Beach Hotel with invitation extended to all known Chicago area 106th men and their wives. My ole traveling buddy and legal adviser, the 106th mainstay, Bob Kelly, drove over to this Chicago meeting with me.

It was gratifying to see a number of old familiar faces present there. My only regret was that I didn't see others like Ed Luzzie, Father Boyle, etc. To name drop just a few of those present—the Russell Villwock's, Charles Robasses'—but let me get on!

Due to the preliminary groundwork, initial reunion knowledge, enthusiasm, and recent exposure to the Association's vacation type approach these past few years, I selected Mr. Larry Walden as the official Co-Chairman for the 1959 Clambake. Due to the size of the city—the work required just prior to and during this event—a very capable man stepped forward (among a number of generous overtures) to offer ANY assistance to the Association, Larry or myself needed. This man—also your

1959 Convention Co-Chairman—is Lester Crossman from Woodstock, Illinois. (I might add right here that I would appreciate all the other folks present that evening to get behind these two men 100%. I for one, and Bob Kelly, too, feel this should be the biggest meeting of many years past.)

At the end of this report, I'll list the addresses and telephone exchanges of Les and Larry. Get on the phone right now—telephone them any names of past 106th men you may have as good prospects and their current whereabouts. Next—offer to help the show along—it only from the standpoint of filling up the various events with PEOPLE.

As indicated in an earlier paragraph, the site is most ideal for the vacation type Reunion the 106th families desire. For the benefit of those not having found themselves with us in recent years, the Convention format is designed thus:

1. Cater to the whole family attendance.
2. Select facilities that have leisure appointments; the out-of-door activities for the adults and their children—Beach—Pools—or both.
3. Minimize the Association business aspect. Frankly, it is my desire to see the Board and General Meetings held "poolside" this year.

Preliminary arrangements have been made whereby the annual Convention fee will be less than in previous years.

Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, may I say, once again, that it has been a pleasure to serve you one and all in behalf of your 1959 Vacation Convention. These two gentlemen now in command are sure to do you the service of making YOUR trip to Chicago one long to be remembered. Help them by just helping yourselves with an immediate notification of a reservation at the Hotel.

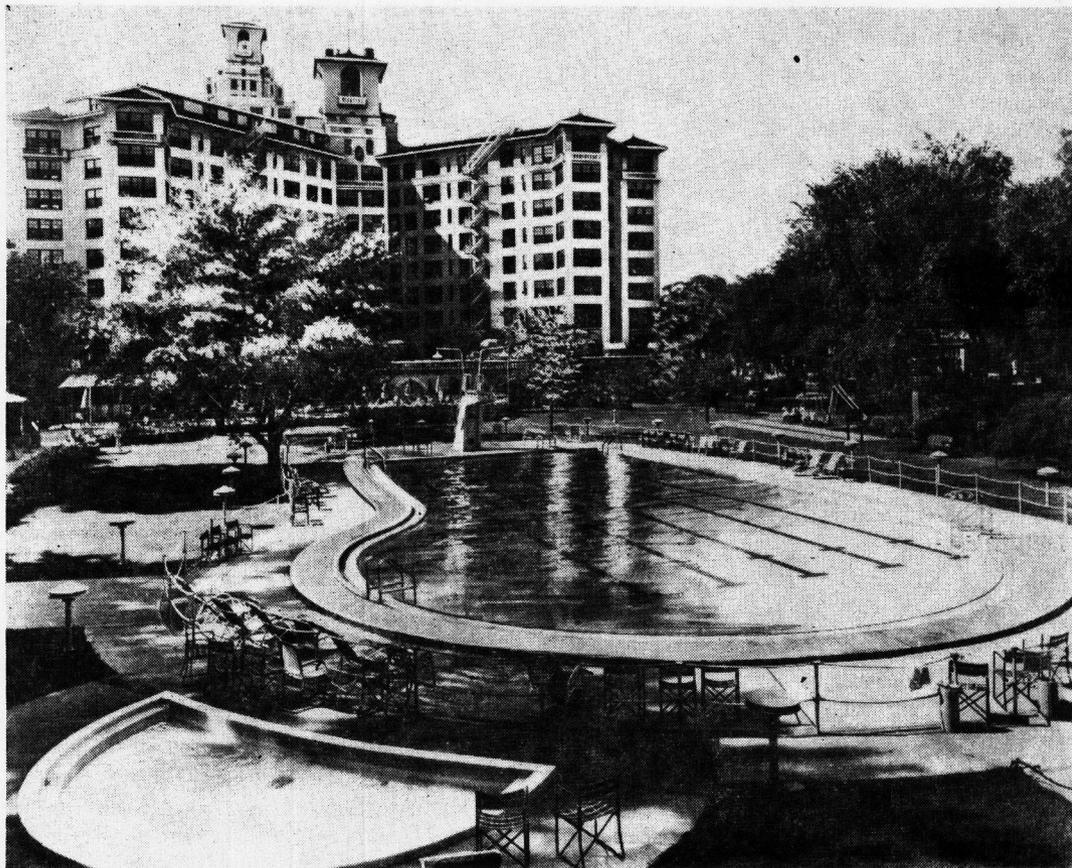
See you all in Chicago!

Jack Gillespie

Chicago group had a meeting in March at Edgewater Beach Hotel to discuss 13th Convention. The turnout was gratifying plus the response we had from those who were unable to attend.

The group who promise to help include; Jim Teason, 331st Med Bn; Ben Carpenter, Glenn Schnizlein, Gil Marcus, Zack Lif-

The 1959 Convention Co-Chairmen;  
**LESTER W. CROSSMAN**  
1313 Clay St.  
Woodstock, Illinois  
Home Telephone No. 1561  
Business No. 9951



**EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL POOL**

chez, Charles Robasse, Russ Villwock, Frank Anderson, Herb Meagher, Bob Frische, Bob de St. Aubin, Frank Hohenadel, Les Crossman, Harry Holder, Guy Wright, John Bieze; a number of others.

*and*  
**LARRY WALDEN**  
6932 S. Clyde  
Chicago 49, Illinois  
Telephone No. FA 4-0157

We in Chicago feel sure you will have a fine time at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Plan to spend the week, to take advantage of all the activities of the hotel and Chicago.

Chicago offers prominent orchestras, big name entertainers, musicals, museums, planetarium, baseball, T.V. and radio shows. There is an hour long T.V. record hop program for teenagers for which tickets can be obtained if anyone is interested.

Should there be any special request or information desired we will be glad to get it for you.

See you at Edgewater Beach in July.

Larry Walden

Les Crossman and Chicago group

## Convention Report

Please note that the Registration Fee this year has been reduced to approximately \$15.00 per person. This is for your benefit and edification. BUT, neither the quality of entertainment nor the programming has been sacrificed.

Frankly, the natural VACATION-TYPE facilities present, at this easy living resort hotel—Edgewater Beach Hotel—in reality a break for your pocketbook—

**WHY NOT MAKE IT THE WHOLE WEEK!**

**LOOK AT THE PRACTICE THE BRIDGE - PLAYING "HOUNDS" COULD WORK IN ON CLOSE TO A WEEK'S EFFORT.**

**YE OLD SUN WORSHIPPERS RECLINING POOL-SIDE THOSE EXTRA DAYS—COULD GO HOME SPORTING SOMETHING "REAL" INSTEAD OF THE FAMILIAR "BARROOM" STYLE.**

**MAKE IT A DATE WITH MANY OTHERS TO MEET TO GREET AT THE BEACH THIS JULY.**

**SEE YOU-ALL IN CHICAGO.**

## Adjutant's Report

The following men have sent in their dues:

Ben Carpenter  
1230 W. Albion Ave.  
Chicago 26, Ill.

Robert A. Gilmartin  
3320 Cortelyn Road  
Brooklyn 3, N. Y.

Don Kerstiener  
645 Emerson Ave.  
Hamilton, Ohio

Glen W. Ross  
701 E. 38th St.  
Marion, Ind.

Membership to date—259.

Received a note from Mrs. Mac Martin, 1828 Mount Curve Ave., Minneapolis 5, Minn, stating that her husband had passed away. No other details.

Had a note from Cecil V. Conkle, 1734 36th St., Moline, Ill., wanting to know about our organization. We wrote and told him but haven't heard anything more. The closest member we have to him is Cleo F. Russ of 2322-12th St., Moline. Perhaps they could get together.

Dues for year 1959-60 are now due. Will you please forward to me:

Richard DeHeer  
19 Hopkins St.  
Hillsdale, New Jersey

Let's have a good membership report to present to convention at Chicago.

Went to Albany and got all our mailing plates from Commercial mailing, will have all mailing done from Hillsdale.

Hoping to see you all in Chicago.

Richard DeHeer  
Adjutant

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The real measure of our wealth is how much we would be worth if we lost our money.

ly is the lone work that treated the 106th with any fairness. I have also read the major works of—by—and about Patton, Ike, Bradley and the like, but primary attention has always been given to the 101st at Bastogne, and the Armored Divs. of the 1st and 3rd armies. I speak of the Bulge only, here.

Can you help me, in this way, Dick? Does the 106th Inf. Div. Assoc. have a list of books dealing with the Bulge which I could get? I know of Merriam's "Dark December." I recently wrote to John Toland and received his answer that he has completed a book entitled "Battle", which will be on the shelves in October of this year. He had at one time written to our Assoc. a couple of years ago seeking help from fellows of the 106th, that is, help in getting individual tales and so on.

I keep in touch with a few fellows from my Communications Platoon, but—sad to relate—they and I have reduced our correspondence to mostly Christmas Cards. I have some current addresses if you would like them.

If at all possible, I would like to have this past year's issues of the "Cub." I forget how many times a year it is published, but I don't think I got the Spring and/or Summer issue (s). Will gladly pay for them, Dick.

Let me hear from you. What outfit were you in?

Kindest Regards,  
Don Kersteiner

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Have requested a list of the current correct addresses, mentioned in the letter from Don, and hope that any member having such current correct addresses of those men who would be prospective members send

same to me in order that I get in touch. Please cooperate.

Dick Nethers

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## Auxiliary Notes

Ladies that time of year is here again. Send in your dues \$2.00, please, to Isabel Coffey, 50 Gaston St., West Orange, New Jersey.

Send your Memorial Fund donation in at the same time along with any ideas you thought up during the year, about the Memorial Fund.

Marge DeHeer

The members of the Women's Auxiliary of the 106th Inf Div. Association invite the wives of all the Association members to join us at Chicago for the annual convention from July 23 through July 26.

Besides renewing old friendships and making new ones, I found some interesting facts about the "Windy City."

The City was laid out in 1830 around Fort Dearborn, a small fort near the southern end of Lake Michigan. Now this small village has become one of the world's ten largest cities.

Most visitors are eager to see the stock yards, and the great steel mills. But there is much else for them to see; the wonderful Outer Drive along the shore of Lake Michigan; many boulevards and parks; two big zoos; some of the finest museums in the world; the business center, or loop, with tall skyscrapers, great department stores, and huge hotels, several famous universities, the world's largest commercial office bldg. (the Merchandise Mart) beautiful Churches and many miles of beautiful homes.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Chicago.

Kathryn G. Loveless ("K")

# Letters to Editor

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

I am collecting patch of the U. S. Army and do not have one from the 106 division and would like one very much. If you have an extra I would like one very much.

I am 8 years old and in the 3rd grade at the Camp Irwin school. My main hobby is collecting patches, swimming, models.

Thank you very much.

J. Patton Buchanan  
c/o Capt. L. C. Buchanan  
Hq. 5th Tk. Bn.  
Camp Irwin, Calif.

P.S. Sent patch—Ed.

Dear Sir:

I was in "C" Co., 423 Inf. of the 106th Div. I fought in the "Bulge" was captured and taken on the "death march." I was a "prisoner of war" until the surrender of Germany.

Is it possible to get the address of some fellow who was in that march with me?

I should also like to join your 106th Organization. Would you kindly send me the details on how to join?

Sincerely,

Vernon S. Oftendahl  
457 N. Glendale Ave.  
Tomah, Wisc.

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

Please inform me when the 106th will have their reunion this year. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ripson  
934 Walters St.  
Bethlehem, Penna.

John:

Have made first payment for Memorial in Belgium. As soon as I have news will send on to you. Expect to attend Convention and hope for complete report at that time.

Doug Coffey

John:

Plans for trip to Britain are coming

along. I promise you an article on my trip in about Sept. Sorry I will miss the Chicago convention this year. I'll be in Scotland.

Wayne Black

Dear John:

I have been extremely busy with work in the office, getting things ready for legislation and traveling around giving speeches. This latter has taken me all over the State and into other states.

Estelle sends her best.

Larry Gubow

John:

Nothing new here, except that we are waiting for our new home to be finished. Can't wait until we all meet in Chicago. See you then.

Henry M. Broth

Enclosed find donation for the Memorial Fund. Please send me a copy of "The Lion's Tale."

Jack Zuckerman  
161-04 Jewel Ave.  
Flushing 65, N. Y.

To the Editor of the Cub:

My name is James G. Sutton, formerly Tech Sgt. of Co. "A" 424th Inf. 106th Div. I remained with the division from the time I was sent to it with the Cadre from Camp Forrest, Tenn. in 1943 until I was taken prisoner Dec. 17th, 1944 at Winterfeld, Germany. While a prisoner, my feet were frozen and my toenails came off and I was hospitalized in a prison Camp at New Brandonburg, Germany.

If you would run an ad in the Cub asking if anyone was with me at this time would please send me an affidavit notarized that my feet were frozen. I would appreciate it very much as I have lost all contact with all the members of Co. "A" 424th. The V. A. has no record. The only way I can prove is with notarized affidavits.

I was given a copy of the Cub by Charles B. Reid of Richburg, South Carolina. I did not even know the organization exist-

ed and I have been happy to hear that all the fellows have been having reunions in the past and I hope if possible I can be with you in the near future reunions.

I am now employed with the Celanese Corp. of America in Rock Hill, S. C. and would like to hear from anyone that would write me.

Sincerely yours,

Marines on 1 April and is now at the Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C. for 12 weeks' training. He attended the Philadelphia Reunion with his parents and had a grand time. He is 18 years old.

General Jones and General McMahon attended a dinner at the National Press Club in Washington on March 18, given by a close personal friend of theirs—a re-



## "13<sup>TH</sup> Reunion" 106<sup>TH</sup> Inf. Division

James G. Sutton  
 1131 Amelia Ave.  
 Rock Hill, South Carolina

ALL ROADS LEAD TO CHICAGO

P.S.—My army serial no. 34125785 in case it is needed.

tired colonel of infantry. It is an annual affair at which the colonel entertains his potential pallbearers. Sounds sad, but they report a very gay and happy gathering.

John:

Wilda joins me in warm regards to all.

Allan V. McNair, son of Wilda and stepson of Leo McMahon enlisted in the U.S.

Cordially,  
 General Lee T. McMahon

Dear Sir:

I wonder if you can give me the information that I am looking for. I am trying to find out when and where the ex-members of the 106th Infantry Division are holding a reunion (if there is to be one). I remember that they used to have reunions in Indianapolis so I wrote to the Chamber of Commerce there and the Conventions and Visitors Bureau referred me to you.

I've never had time in the past to attend but I've thought about it a lot. Maybe this year I can.

Sincerely,

William McFall  
Box 62  
Angleton, Texas

### Editor's Notes

The year 1958-59 for your Assoc. is nearing its end. We start looking forward to a new year.

How much success shall come to our 106th is dependent upon each of us, what we derive from any organization is proportionate to what we give to that organization. When you budget your time remember that your 106th is in need of a few hours of time to promote the cause of good fellowship.

Come to Chicago for the 13th reunion with a new idea to help the 106th.

We are falling short of our membership goal of 300; what can we do to keep the former 106ers interested? How about your comment for next Cub? This will be one of main items to discuss at Chicago.

Belgian Memorial according to Doug is progressing and we have made first payment toward five thousand dollar cost. Here too, we need the help of each member; your contributions are needed to fulfill this project plus carrying on the other programs of our Memorial Fund; that of helping our own members.

Jack Gillespie called me from Detroit this past week to discuss our 13th annual reunion. Jack and Bob Kelly met with the group from Chicago in March. Larry Walden and Les Crossman are directing activities in Chicago, they have a good group from Chicago to help. From reports they have a very fine reunion planned, all that is needed is our attendance. Have you made your plans to attend? When you receive reservation card please return promptly; I recall last year how Gen. McMahon, Alan, Clayt, and I anxiously looked for reservations.

Our apologies to Nathan Roth and Bob Pierce for sending them dues notices when they were already paid. Very sorry.

### Privilege or Opportunity

We as Americans have been given many privileges, one of the greatest of which is to live in a country that is free.

This freedom, however, is constantly in danger from forces both outside and inside our country.

Unfortunately, many of us who profess to be good citizens, in fact we were and I trust still are willing to give our lives to keep our country free, but are unwilling or too busy to perform some of the simple tasks of good citizenship such as voting.

Today all phases of our life is governed by our public officials, who we elect or permit to be elected. They make the laws that say how our children are to be educated, how much of our income we must pay in all forms of taxes, what our policy shall be in relation to other countries, and races of people within our own country.

Whether we belong to the farming, labor, management, professional or military group, we are dependent upon each other and as we are dependent we are also obligated to assist each other.

A proper balance must be maintained so no one group gains favor for itself at the expense of another group.

This balance of power can only be maintained if each of us as Americans take seriously his privilege of voting for the individual best suited to fill the offices of our government.

Past experience tells us that only half of the people in our country take time to vote. The percentage of those taking an active part in politics is small indeed.

As we read these words may we pledge that we will never be one who stays home on election day; rather shall we support our chosen candidates with dollars and words. Let's not hesitate to tell others why we support certain candidates.

This action may prove to be more important than sending our Sons to another war to protect our heritage. As has been said before, ballots are more powerful than bullets.

Editor

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## Chaplain's Message

Recently, a young friend returned to Baltimore and purchased a new home.

In making a search of the land records for the prior transfers and sales of the property, the company which was to guarantee the title found some interesting facts.

The land originally was part of a tract granted by the Lord Proprietary and descended from generation to generation until it was sold to a real estate company for development. Restrictions thereupon were placed on the property so that nothing but residences, with necessary out-buildings, could be built and no business could be carried on.

A builder who erected a number of homes there reserved the right to run water and sewer lines across the rear of certain lots; individual lot owners gave the local utility company the right to erect poles and run electric lines along lot boundaries.

All these things, and more, were done so that the area could be maintained solely as a residential community for the better enjoyment of those who chose to make their homes there.

Is not the foregoing one description of life?

Our Creator has given us life as the Lord Proprietary gave the land.

Though we are, to a greater or lesser degree, free agents, we know that we must restrict many of our human desires so as to achieve a full and balanced life and to maintain harmonious relations with our fellowmen.

To insure our individual dignity, we must reserve our rights to worship as our consciences dictate, to think as we feel best, to choose our friends and livelihoods, to differ in our opinions, in honesty and clarity.

And last of all, but not least, we must accord to others the same rights and privileges we hold and seek for ourselves.

"I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me." — Psalm 13:6

John T. Loveless, Jr.  
Chaplain

106th Infantry Division  
Association

April 21, 1959

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## The Last Blitzkrieg

Movie of Hitler's last battle, "Watch on the Rhine" or to us "Battle of the Bulge," tells the story of four German officers dressed and trained as American G. I.'s.

How they infiltrated the American lines and harassed our troops.

Ironically they claim to be members of the 106th Inf. Div. who were separated from their outfit.

## World War II on Stamps

Like most events which have helped to shape human destiny, World War II has been commemorated on the postage stamps of the world. Unlike earlier events, however, this commemoration took place while the event was going on rather than on the centennial or other anniversary of the event. The stamps issued during the war included not only commemoration of the events transpiring but were also in many cases of the propaganda variety. Probably all of us recall the letters we received while we were in service bearing the "V for Victory" three-cent stamp which was issued along with a one-cent "Four Freedoms" issue and a two-cent "United Nations" issue. In other nations as well, the propaganda agencies recognized the value of postage stamps in getting their messages across. The war issues of Italy picturing Mussolini's grimace and Hitler's scowl side by side and Japan's issue honoring the "Greater East Asia Co-Prospersity Sphere" show that not all the propagandizing (and philatelically, not even the most effective) was done by the Allied side.

In the few years following the conclusion of hostilities, nearly every nation showed an interest in proving by issuance of stamps its connection with the Allied cause. Many of these issues showed an almost unlimited ingenuity in stressing some connection particularly with the United States and its horde of dollar-bearing stamp collectors. Luxemburg honored its part in the war by reminding one and all that its soil is the final resting place of General Patton (seven years before his native land honored him on a stamp). Brazil honored its forces with a series of stamps picturing in full color the Fifth U. S. Army patch which its forces wore during the campaign in Italy. The record for philatelic side-changing is probably held by tiny San Marino. This pocket size nation, completely surrounded by Italy, found itself at the fall of Mussolini with an unissued stock of

stamps on hand honoring the twentieth anniversary of Fascism. The stamps were then issued to commemorate an entirely unrelated event with an overprint on each stamp meant to obliterate the original inscription!

Of special interest to the veterans of the Ardennes is the stamp issued by Belgium honoring the heroes of Bastogne picturing a soldier of the 101st Division. The stamp had a face value of eighty francs of which only seventeen and a half was for postage. The remainder went to raise funds for erection of a memorial at Bastogne. (Are you listening, Doug Coffey?) I am sure that every member of this Association will join me in the feeling that the events around Saint Vith in those dark December days are equally worthy of commemoration—and of a monument.

The cost of the wars of this century can be traced through stamps, too. In France, for example, the cost of mailing a letter was one tenth of a franc, up until the time of World War I. Through the years between the wars, the cost gradually rose until at the outbreak of World War II, it was about one and a fourth francs. After the latest devaluation proclaimed a few weeks ago by General DeGaulle, the postage rate is now twenty francs per letter—the cost in pre-World War I days of mailing a letter a day for nearly seven months.

If any of the members (or their children) who may be reading this have an urge to try their hand at stamp-collecting (philately, to give it another name) an interesting starting point might be a collection of stamps commemorating, affecting, or affected by, World War II.

WAYNE BLACK



Wife (reading from an insurance pamphlet): "A large percentage of the accidents occur in the kitchen."

Husband: "Yes, and what's worse, we men have to eat them and pretend we enjoy them."