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A FEW WORDS BY THE EDITOR, ADJUTANT AND TREASURER

Doing all these jobs give me a good range. From all appearances this will not be a good year for the Division Association. It does give me a good excuse to quit after the end of our year in July. Perhaps some one else could think up some ideas to increase our paying members.

After the reunion at Cleveland I was warned not to expect everyone to follow through on the promises that were made at the meeting. Sad but true. The few who have helped with material for the CUB and getting new members have done an outstanding job. They should have the grateful appreciation of anyone who enjoys the CUB. If everyone would send a little something to the Editor and remind his friends about the Association Dues, this job would be a snap. Promises, though, are not enough.

There is still one more CUB to print this year. I would like everyone to sit right down after looking over this CUB and tell us about yourself or give us your reaction to the various columns. Of course, you must write to Tom Bickford and let him know if you are going

to be here in time to take in the World's Fair bus trip. It is quite urgent that you do this as the planning on it must be made well in advance of the trip.

I had intended to say something about our President's passing, but Bill Johnson wrote a short letter which is much better than I could have done.

As ever,
Dick

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here time has rolled around again for the publication of our CUB. A lot has happened since the last issue. We have ended the befuddling year of 1963 and started anew the year 1964. As we look back over the past year and all that has happened (the passing of my father to eternal life and the assassination of the President, John F. Kennedy), I am reminded of an article written by former Cleveland Brown quarterback Otto Graham, entitled "Disciplined Faith."

The question that brought this article to light was, "If there really is a God, why does He permit things like this to happen?"

We may never receive an answer to this question, but we can receive a faith that can go on without the answer. That faith is the steady confidence that God will always have a reason for whatever happens. Many people have no conception of faith. They are completely absorbed in making money and getting ahead. Their business is their life instead of their life being their business. The attitude of "let's take it easy" is great. This should be left to the philosophy of the crowd. We can all start today to change this picture by the measure of **one** life—our own. So let's all put our heads and hands to work and make the year of 1964 the best year we have known as an association.

I am going to take this time to thank all of the officers of the 106th Inf. Div. Association for their whole-hearted support and the way they have been doing their respective jobs. A special thanks to our CUB editor and the issues he has turned out so far. I hope that our mem-

bers haven't forgotten their commitments to send articles to the editor so we can keep our CUB alive and interesting. So keep all your news rolling to Dick DeHeer, so he can get it in the CUB.

We as a family are already starting to make our plans for the reunion in East Orange, New Jersey, July 23-26. Don't forget to drop Tom Bickford or Doug Coffey a line and let them know that you are planning to attend this year. This will be a great help to them in arranging meetings and all the functions, and it helps more than anyone can realize. So don't forget to contact one of these broad-shouldered men. They have taken on a big job for this year's reunion and a trip to the World's Fair.

I have made the acquaintance of a former man of the Division, Mr. Frank Rowland. He was with the artillery from the activation of the Division in Columbia, S. C., until it was deactivated. This was a real funny way of meeting. I am bowling this year in a Classic League. We were bowling one night and service got into the discussion. It happened to be the night of Dec. 16. I said something about a group from our Division Association holding a dinner each year on the 16th of December commemorating the "Battle of the Bulge." He asked if I was close to the 106th Div. When I told him I was the President of the Association he was dumbfounded. I started right there to work on him to join the Association and be an active member. I haven't gotten him to join as yet, but I am not giving up on him. He seems real interested. So let's all keep on trying to locate our new member by the reunion time.

I will say so long for this time. Hope to see you all in East Orange, New Jersey this coming July 23-26!

President Bob Pierce

NEW JERSEY

IN '64

WHERE THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING AFTER 20 YEARS

(Gleaned from Christmas Cards and correspondence.)

106th Div. Hq.

Alan and Alys Jones, after a delightful ocean voyage to Hawaii, South Sea Islands, New Zealand and Australia, returned in time to wish their friends a Merry Christmas . . . Herb. B. Livesey, Jr., Division Chemical Officer, and former Sec'y. of the Assn., sent out Christmas Greetings but without any home address . . . Sheriff and Marg. Mowlds promise to be at the 1964 Reunion. They have a 19' Rambler Trailer and are getting around. They will be at the World's Fair in June, parked at the Roosevelt Race track. Then they will attend Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge in July to see son Bob perform. Then to East Orange for the Reunion . . . Greetings were received from Susanne Raup, the daughter of deceased Brig. Gen. Herb. Perrin. They live in Virginia, have one daughter and Dr. Raup is taking graduate courses in linguistics at Georgetown University in Washington . . . Father John B. Day, Asst. Division Chaplain, is still the pastor of St. Cabrini's Church in Springfield, Ill. where his mother lives with him . . . Bill, Mary and Carol Fowler, formerly resident in Washington, D. C., have moved "Way Down South" and we don't have their address. He is former Association Treasurer . . . Byrne A. and Mrs. Bowman, Division J. A. G., still practices law in Oklahoma City.

106th Divarty

Malin and Bo. Craig, Divarty Exec., live in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Malin teaches Mathematics in Montgomery County (Md.) High School. They became grandparents this year. Leo McMahon is godfather to their youngest son, Pete, 10 . . . Elton McIntosh, ADC and Asst. S-4, with wife Bessie Mae, daughters Ann, Mary and Sue, live in Clay Center, Kansas, where Elton is bank president . . . Ben Hagman, S-3 of Divarty, lives in Weatherford, Texas (where else?)

with wife Juanita. His son BABY Garry attends Univ. of Texas at Austin. Did you see him in the cheering section at the Cotton Bowl game? He was not on the Navy side and wore a 10-gallon hat . . . George Doerner, Divarty Hq. Btry., wife Betty, and sons live in Norristown, Pa., where George is with Schmidt's brewery. He had pneumonia which left him with an enlarged heart and he is slowly recovering. The Divarty gang wish George a speedy recovery . . . Lester Smyth, S1,S4 of Divarty, lives in Timonium, Md. with wife, Frances, and one son. He is President of Smyth Wholesale Jewelers, Howard St., Baltimore, Md. . . . Joe Dreier, Divarty Surgeon, and wife, Mary, live in Wilkes Barre, Pa., where he still practices medicine . . . John Warren, ADC to Divarty CG, with wife, June, and two daughters, Drucilla and Cynthia, live in Red Bank, N. J., where he practices law and is a member of City Council . . . George X. Mechir, S-2, with wife, Kay, and children, live in Cleveland, O., where he practices law with offices in Terminal Bldg. and is president of a manufacturing company . . . Lt. Col. Ronald Johnson, Divarty Survey Off., with wife, Ruby, is in Alaska where he commands the 37th Arty. They will be in winter maneuvers but expect transfer back to States next summer . . . Jack Cutcher, Orderly to Divarty CG, with wife, Lill, live in Michigan, where he is an electrician . . . Eddie Hirtz, Mess Orderly, and wife, Julie, live in Butte des Morts, Wis., where he runs a restaurant . . . Charlie (Chuck) Foreman, Divarty I&E Off., is Vice President of United Parcel Service, New York City. This year he, his wife, Peggy, and two children, Judy and Bill, were in Europe. Bill stayed there in school, in Switzerland; Judy is in Wellesley. Chuck is the only artist we have in Divarty. He has produced a total of 90 paintings and will have a one-man show in May.

589th F. A. Bn.

Col. Paine Kelly, Bn. CO, wife, Jean, and two boys, reside in Tampa, Florida, where he is an attorney . . . Major Park-

er, Bn. S-3, the famous PARKER OF PARKER'S CROSSROADS, with his wife and 3 children, runs a ranch and raises cattle in Leeds, Alabama . . . Major Elliott Goldstein, Bn. Exec. and wife live in Atlanta, Georgia, where he is an attorney . . . Mike Connelly, Bn. Surgeon, wife, 4 boys and 4 girls, live in Sharon, Penn., where the good doctor is a surgeon. They made a trip to Italy in 1963. Mike writes us that Capt. John H. Tinery of 331st Med. Bn. stayed in the Army and is now Col. Tinery, Administrator of Army Hospital, Landsdall, Germany . . . George Huxel, Bn. Staff, wife, Virginia, and children, live in Ohio where George is a high school teacher . . . Earl Scott, pilot, and wife, Catherine, have resided in Richmond, Va. since his return from WW2. He is with the state highway department and commands a 105mm Bn. as Lt. Col. in Virginia NG . . . Austin Byrd, Btry. A, and wife, Myrtle, have left Oklahoma City and returned to reside in the home town of Baltimore, Md.

590th F. A. Bn.

Colonel Vaden Lackey, Bn. CO, and wife, Mildred, reside in the old home town, Nashville, Tenn. Vaden is retired from the wholesale coal business . . . Lt. Col. Bob Lamb, Bn. Staff, and wife, Barbara, live in Ft. Worth, Texas, and attended the reunion there in 1961 . . . Jim Fonda, CO Btry. B, and wife live at 201 Birdwood Drive, Akron, Ohio, where he is branch manager of Burroughs Corp. . . . Doug. Coffey, Btry C, and his 4 ladies (4) as you well know, with Tom Bickford, is putting on the 1964 Reunion in July 23-26 at East Orange, N. J. He is COGL and a wheel in the town of West Orange, N. J. . . . Edward Luzzie, Capt. and Staff Off., was badly wounded, lost a leg. Wife and family live in Chicago, Ill., where he is an attorney, Natl. Comdr. 1950-51.

591 F. A. Bn.

Colonel Phillip Hoover, Bn. Comd'r., and wife, Vi, when last heard from, was retired from Army and living in Davenport, Iowa . . . Colonel Carl Wohlfeil,

Bn. Exec. and wife, at last report, was at the Signal School, Fort Monmouth, N. J. . . . Colonel Martin Dolitsky, Bn. Supply Off., just retired from command of an Arty. Bn. in N. Y. Natl. Guard. He and wife, Libby, live in Port Chester, N. Y. and promise to attend their first reunion in 1964.

592 F. A. Bn.

Colonel Richard Weber, Bn. Comdr., and wife live in Kansas City. He will retire from active duty in 1964. His son graduated from West Point in the class of 1963 as a 2nd Lt., Corps of Engrs. . . . Service Btry. of this Bn. hold an annual reunion at Hershey Park, Pa. the Sunday before Labor Day. Here are the gang:

Tom and Alice Dorosky and family, Shavertown, Pa. Tom is in the strip mining business. Have one son in U. S. Army Aviation . . . Tom and Mary Fox and family, Greencastle, Penn., where Tom is the Buick dealer. He took a lot of pictures at the 1963 reunion, which he promised the CUB, but wrote that they did not come out. Alice Dorosky will be pleased to hear that! . . . Jim and Violet Malesky of Greensburg, Pa. where Jim is with West Penn Power & Light Co. Their son, Jim, is in the Air Force . . . Frank and Therese Maloney, Philadelphia, Pa., have two children. Frank is with the Naval Hospital in Philly . . . Mike and Martha Sgrignoli, Camp Hill, Pa. Both of them work for the Commonwealth of Penn. in Harrisburg . . . Emil and Ethel Solecki, Sparta, N. J. Emil is a stone mason. Their older daughter attends Eastern Ky. State College . . . Charlie and Daisy Walsh, Charlie was Bn. Motor Officer and is still in the motor business at Haddonfield, N. J. . . . John Eyer, with wife, Louise, and son, Johnny, Chambersburg, Pa.

Attached to Divarty while 589th and 590th Bns. were being reorganized

490th F. A. Bn. Lt. Col. Marshall Rudolph, Bn. CO became a Brig. Gen. in N. Y. Natl. Guard . . . A bachelor, he

is retired and lives at Buffalo, N. Y. Athletic Club . . . 627th F. A. Bn.—Charlie Harris, Bn. CO, lives in Erie, Pa. with his wife, 2 sons and 1 daughter. He is the Ford dealer there.

81st Engineer Bn.

Big Tom Riggs, Bn. CO and Div. Engr., is an official at Hq. Textron, Inc., Providence, R. I., where he and his wife Ginnie reside with his big family. . . . Our President, Bob Pierce, who with wife, Jean, and their fine youngsters reside in Warren, Ohio. Our wonderful hosts at Cleveland 1963 . . . Harold A. Harmon, CO Co. A, is now Col. Harmon at Ft. McPherson, Georgia . . . John Gallagher, one of our great CUB editors (1956-59), with wife, Stella, and youngsters, Judy and Danny, reside at Temple, Pa.

422nd Infantry

George Descheneaux, Regtl. CO, and wife, Betty, live in Concord, Mass., where he is with the Mitre Corp. . . . Bob Rutt, Hq. Co., and wife, Lucille, with their big family, live in Detroit where he is an attorney. They have missed too many Reunions . . . John Loveless, National Chaplain, Past Pres. with wife, Pamela, K, K2 Bns. is an attorney in Baltimore, Md.

423rd Infantry

A card from Russell Enlow family of Taswell, Ind.

424th Infantry

Colonel A. D. (Shim) Reid, Regtl. CO, with wife, Kay, spent 6 months in Europe. Now returned to reside in apartment at Santa Barbara, Cal. News of his heart attack in error. Had pericarditis—and fully recovered . . . J. Glen Schnizlein, Past Natl. Pres., family of 10, Naperville, Ill. . . . Eddie Collier and family, Memphis, Tenn. . . . Mrs. Anna Dulebohn, Harrisburg, Pa., son in Co. E, wounded and died of wounds. Very active in Gold Star Mothers.

L. T. McM.

**LET TOM
KNOW!**



GET-TOGETHER

I don't believe rain, hail, sleet or snow could keep a group of 106'ers from getting together, IN FACT IT DIDN'T!!

On Saturday night, December 14, the group met at Atlanta, Georgia Ft. McPherson Officers Club, with all arrangements under the capable management of Col. Harold M. (Lefty) Harmon.

The usual Sunny South had a most unusual forecast for that day, rain of which was coming down in sheets, turning much colder, rain turning to sleet with possibility of snow, with a low of 20 forecast for that night, and rain it did, clearing in late afternoon, and cold it was, patches of ice but nothing of a serious nature, nothing to mar the good fellowship of such a congenial group. Group included:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Burkes, Hq. Co. 424; Mr. and Mrs. Ross L. Edwards, S3, 424; Mr. and Mrs. William R. Fowler, Div. Hdq.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Freedman, Hq. 422; Col. Harold M. (Lefty) Harmon, A 81st Eng.; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan "Duke" Ward, H&S, 81st Eng.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wells, C, 81st Eng.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews, Hq. 422, of Raleigh, North Carolina.

However, looking over the handsome group assembled, we see they have all done well in life as evidenced by the increased waist lines and the charming wives in attendance. Sorely missed was Dorothy, the good-natured wife of Col. Harmon (she had to be) who stayed home to keep the basement baled out, as some of the clear pure Georgia water was finding its way in. Thank you, mam, for letting Lefty off the baling detail

long enough to be host to us appreciative souls, but we sure missed you.

A real surprise to some of us was the welcome face of Bill Fowler after a long absence. Bill was transferred to the hub of the Southland, (Atlanta, Ga. for the benefit of you snow-bound Yankees) to a new job with Southern Railway Co.

I probably was more surprised to see Col. Joe Mathews and boss on this trip because of the distance he had to travel to be with us. We were sure proud to see them once again.



We visited with Duke Ward and his charming wife for several hours (you haven't lived if you have never tasted Martha's Christmas cookies) after the get together at Duke's home in East Point, where Duke and I rehashed many pleasant times in the past and worked at trying to remember names of fellows who had served with us, in pictures Duke had. Funny how things come back in a flash after 20 years.

It was good once again to see Henry Freedman and his lovely wife. Henry is with Rich's, as head man and buyer for the TV and Electronics Department. Rich's, for the benefit of you cold snow folks, is the store to shop when you are fortunate enough to visit the fine city of Atlanta.

Of course our meeting would not have been complete without the attendance of Bob Burkes and Ross L. Edwards and their fine wives. Bob and Ross were friends from way back and it sure was good to see them in such good health.

Gosh, I almost forgot to thank our unsung heroine, Mrs. Harmon, for the thought and time that went in the beautiful centerpiece with the ribbon proudly displaying "106th."

Well the old outfit may be gone but it's sure not forgotten.

Here's hoping to see you all in Jersey in '64 and Augusta, Ga. in '65.

Jim

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

I am always glad when the turn of the year comes. The days lengthen and before too long, in the areas of my residence at least, winter will be past and spring will be with us once more.

On the other side of the ledger, however, we approach, too rapidly, the day for our annual accounting to the Federal and State authorities.

Contrast the two. On the one hand, we receive all the beauty, grandeur and benefit of nature, all at no cost to us. We are assured of all the blessings derived therefrom. And all that is asked of us in return is an expression of thankfulness to the One who gives and the proper use by us of the gifts we have received.

On the other, for the benefits we demand and, in some cases, receive from society, we are required to pay for from the substance we acquire from that society. This, of course, is as it should be, for each of us as a good citizen is responsible for his own obligations. We cannot expect that someone else assume what we rightfully owe.

As we proceed thru this life, may we keep in mind the two sides of our ledger.

"Out of all the gifts to you, you shall present every offering due to the Lord, from all the best of them, giving the halowed part from them."-Numbers 18:29

John T. Loveless, Jr.

Chaplain

106th Infantry

Division Association



METROPOLITAN GROUP MEMORIAL DINNER

The Metropolitan Group Memorial Dinner was well attended. We had a very good time, and wonder of wonders, the weather was good.

42 people attended. The dinner had one cloud. Our spark plug or "Mien Kliene Schattze" (better known as Linda Rossi) was not able to attend. She has had an operation. Linda is doing well now and should be in top shape for World's Fair time.

The picture taken by Dave Brumhagin shows a part of the group at Cannon's Restaurant.

Below is a list of those who attended: Mr. and Mrs. G. Anderson and Guests, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bickford, Jacques Bloch, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brumaghin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dever, Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Earle, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Faber and Guests, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fleming, J. P. Fleming, Jerry Frankel, Paul Kotlarich, John Loughlin, Anthony Muti, Mr. and Mrs. E. Plenge, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schieferstein, Mr. and Mrs. Thoma, Mr. and Mrs. H. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zorn, Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeHeer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Caporale, and Lou Rossi. The speaker was Father Fred Koerner.



UPPER LEFT—Maj. Gen. William C. Baker, Jr., Chief of Staff, USAREUR, making a speech to American Military personnel and people of St. Vith, Belgium who had gathered to honor the men of the 106th Infantry Div. who gave their lives during the Ardennes Campaign (Battle of the Bulge), December, 1944. Left to right, Maj. Gen. Baker; Capt. D. W. Chabot; Lt. Col. S. P. Cariano; Maj. D. C. Thomas; Mrs. Baker; Dr. Delaval; Maj. T. Herrmann; Lt. William C. Baker, III; Father Pankert; Pastor Klæhre.

UPPER RIGHT—Sp4 Clarence E. Gooch, 23rd Engr. Co., Sp4 James W. Lyle, 23rd Engr. Co., Sp5 David L. Beaman, Hq. Co. 4th Log Comd. and Sp5 James K. Locker, Hq. Co. 4th Log Comd., all of the 4th Log Color Guard, Verdun, France are shown in front of

the 106th Infantry Div. Memorial wreath laying ceremony at the 106th Infantry Div. Memorial, St. Vith, Belgium. This is the last official Color Guard.

LOWER LEFT—Belgium Army Band playing in front of the 106th Infantry Div. Memorial, St. Vith, Belgium, during a yearly

LOWER RIGHT—Memorial Monument to the 106th Infantry Division, Belgium, who took part in the Ardennes Campaign, December, 1944. The 106th Infantry Division Memorial, St. Vith, Belgium.



26 December 1963

Dear Mr. Coffey,

At the invitation of Dr. Delaval, General Baker travelled to St. Vith to lay a wreath at the Memorial commemorating the 19th anniversary of the Ardennes Campaign. In the absence of Major Wayne Elliott, who has returned to the States, I acted as coordinator and made the necessary arrangements to see that the Memorial was properly honored.

The ceremony took place at 1130 hours on Sunday, the 15th of December. I acted as master of ceremonies and started off with a commemorative remark honoring the dead of the 106th. General Baker, assisted by Dr. Delaval, then placed a wreath on the Memorial in the name of the 106th Infantry Division Association. A second wreath was then placed on the Memorial by Mr. Henri Thannen, assisted by Mr. Helmuth Gillesen. Mr. Thannen is a representative of the St. Vith Public Relations Office and Mr. Gillesen is a local florist. The second wreath was placed in the name of the town of St. Vith. A Belgian Army bugler then played "Last Post" and a United States Army bugler played "Taps." General Baker then made a few remarks to the assemblage which were translated by Major Thomas Herrmann. This was followed with benedictions by Father Pankert, Director of the school and Pastor Klaehre, a Protestant Minister from Malmedy. I made a closing remark and the ceremony was concluded. Others in attendance, in addition to those already mentioned, were: Mayor Pip of St. Vith; Major Servais Borboux, Belgium Army representative of Lt. Colonel Peter Kenne, Commanding Officer of the Belgium Army Garrison in Vielsalm; Madame Delaval; Mrs. Baker; Lt. William C. Baker, III; Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Samuel P. Cariano; Major and Mrs. David C. Thomas; a party of Belgian railroad officials who had welcomed General Baker's train to Belgium; and members of the township.

Colonel Cariano, Adjutant General Division, Hq USAREUR and Major Thomas, Transportation Division, Hq USAREUR, were both former members of the 106th Infantry Division. The ceremony was supported by a color guard, photographer, reporter, and drivers from the U.S. Army General Depot, Verdun, France.

General Baker and party travelled to St. Vith on 14 December aboard a military diesel train. They spent Saturday in Liege and that night remained on board the diesel in St. Vith. The General and family were hosted at a luncheon by the Delaval's at the International Hotel in St. Vith following the ceremony.

The weather for the ceremony was extremely cold. St. Vith had experienced its first snow fall of the season on 13 December and the temperature on the morning of the ceremony was three (3) degrees above zero.

While I was in St. Vith, Dr. Delaval asked me to return the film which he had on loan from the Association. You should be receiving it in a few weeks.

Sincerely,
DON W. CHABOT
Captain, GS
Asst Secy of the Gen Staff



Monument during an annual
ceremony located at St. Vith,
headquarters of the 4th Log Comd.

American Army Buglers stand
in front of the Memorial Monument at St.
Vith during a laying ceremony.

Monument to the 106th Infantry Div.
during the Ardennes Campaign (Battle of the Bulge),
the Memorial Monument is at



BAG LUNCH

BY
AWJ

There is a new word circulating around our town. Taken from the Greek "Cybernetics," which means "steersman" or "governor," it has developed into broader usage and in dally governmental gobbledygook refers to machines whose automation is being carried forward to a point of logical mechanical deductive processes, until the making of complicated decisions may finally become their prerogative. It is all pretty frightening, and some day we may see the development of an antiautomation service headed by an assistant vice president. An electronic salesgirl, now being tested, can sell 36 items in 10 styles and sizes. She will accept credit cards, bills and coins, give the correct change and politely refuse Confederate money. On the other hand, perhaps this sort of creature might result in a big improvement in the waitress situation in some joints we visit. Then there was the 81-year-old citizen who employed cybernation in picking a wife. It is quite understandable that, at his age, he could be excused for not taking impetuous chances. He consulted a computing machine, describing the charms and configuration of the various ladies of marriageable age in whom he was most interested. After pondering on the subject for a microsecond, it announced in no uncertain terms, "Wow."

Since these machines are readily available, we decided to punch a few cards and obtain information about our former associates. We fed it a packet of papers associated with robot operations and asked for information on the average former member of the Division. As it ingested this material an astonished look appeared on the magnetic physiognomy before us, and after suppressing a burp it produced the following essay.

The average former member of the 106th Division entered service from the eastern half of the country with an AGCT rating placing him in Group III,

7.24 percentage of him came to us from the ASTC, 9.8 percent was cadre, only 3 percent was augmentation, the remainder being known as fillers, or more commonly as "bodies" to the trade. He was thoughtful of those at home (after coercion by personnel) and carried \$9,976.32 of government insurance. He behaved himself well, as evidenced by the fact that less than one-half of 1 percent of him was court-martialed in a given month. His AWOL rate was 4 per thousand against an Army rate of 12 for the same period. He served for a period of 3 years, 2 months, and 4 days, receiving pay of \$2,288.82, plus rations and blankets. This average soldier traveled a distance of 14,391 miles by truck, ship and train. He very probably hiked the same distance since he wore out 5½ pairs of shoes, including the ones he wore home.

But enough ancient history. We are now looking at the present ex-106er. He is 43.8 years of age, married with 3.1 teenagers and lives in a three-bedroom house that has two baths, which he considers not enough. His total gross income, as shown on his most recent tax return, is \$5,873.43 of which he spends \$5,731.20 annually. His hair line has started to recede and of late years he has noticed a number of grayish type hairs appearing above his weakening ears. These symptoms, coupled with less and less desire to exercise and more and more inclination toward slippers and immobility, are truly disturbing. But be of good cheer, for you know full well that you are far above a norm established by a mechanical gadget, and that these age indicators could not possibly apply to you. We agree that our computing machine did not refer to you at all, but if there is any doubt existing in your mind, if there is even a slight feeling of "Well, maybe I am slipping just a little bit," you are approaching the end. The only known cure for your condition is a prompt and firm decision to attend the reunion in New Jersey next July 23 to 26. We guarantee complete rejuvenation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

29 January 1964

My dear Dick:

On next Tuesday (4 February) I will be one of a group of employees of the John Deere Waterloo Tractor Works honored at a dinner for long years of service. I will receive a diamond-studded pin for having completed last October (while I was in Florida on vacation!) twenty-five years of service. There will be several hundred employees honored for having completed 20, 25, 30, 35, or 40 years. Every fifth year you get a dinner and a more elaborate pin.

I hope all is going well for you and that you are receiving a little bit of news for the CUB. Keep them coming. I certainly look forward to them, and even the people who don't write to say so, do also.

All best wishes,
Wayne

* * *

Dear Dick:

Vol. 20, No. 2 of the CUB is continued evidence of the remarkably fine job you're doing. I hope to be able to at least pass thru for one or more of the sessions of the '64 summer convention in N. J.—the welcome advance planning of the dates is helpful.

Audrey and I are pleased to announce the birth of Linda Jean Price on Sept. 19, our fourth child and second daughter.

Regards,
Dave

David S. Price
3 North Lane
Loudonville, N. Y. 12211

* * *

Dear Sir:

I wrote to the Army Times to get the mailing address of the 106th Division Association and they sent me your name and address.

Could you furnish me this information as I am a former member of the Division and would like to join the Association.

Thank you,
T. J. Maw

Thomas J. Maw
436 Beech Street
Rockland, Massachusetts

Dear Joe and Dick:

Enclosed is a five-dollar check for membership dues for 1963.

Per your last letter, re membership fall-off, evidently time is taking its toll. New interests, family involvements, lack of interest, etc., all help to lessen membership activity.

But whatever it is, I am sure that a simple appeal, to past members at least, would help to reinstate many and maintain a percentage of paid-up members.

Like yourself, getting involved in other things, and with vacation time being determined and scheduled at times — other than that during which our convention takes place—no doubt has been a determining factor for dwindling membership.

I was a member of:

Service Battery
589th Field Artillery Battalion
106th Infantry Division

Although like many, I have not seen "hide nor hair" of some of those I served with while in the Division. But like many, I am sure, I still exchange Christmas Greetings with some. But again, even some of these over the years have stopped coming.

So to you who have maintained an active and participating interest in the 106th, may I say congratulations and thanks for your efforts.

48 Leonard Road Ray Creamer
Milltown, New Jersey

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Dear Dick:

I have received five notes from members who say they are going to the Fair in July.

On a few of the Xmas cards I received, some members said they would see us in July, no mention of the Fair trip. But nobody including the ones above have told me how many were in their own plans. We would like the members to tell us if they are bringing the wife and kids. This includes **you**. Not even Leo mentioned the kids?

So please play this up in the next CUB.

Tom

Dear Dick:

At the horse-drawn caisson, bearing the body of our late Commander-in-Chief, I stood by the Lincoln Memorial on the way to his final resting place in Arlington Cemetery, I stood sad.

During the long procession that followed, I saw the 106th Infantry Division patch on the army personnel's right sleeve.

This was a sad day for our country—a sad day for the whole world.

Sincerely,
Bill Johnson

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Dear Mr. DeHeer:

While in the main store of Sears-Roebuck on 5 December, 1963, I met a gentleman (he saw the 106th Patch on my Active Reserve Uniform) that stated he was a wartime member of the 106th. Nice fellow—said he had never heard of the 106th Association—didn't know it existed, and furthermore, would like to become a member and maybe buy some back issues of the CUB, etc.

His name is Carroll D. Padgett
579 Milligan Drive
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Formerly a Sgt. with Co. E—424th.

He stated he joined Co. E at Camp Atterbury, stayed and fought with them until he was wounded (just north of Medell, Belgium) on Jan. 26, 1945.

He was evacuated and did not return to them.

In good health today—works at Sears-Roebuck, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ask former friends to write him and send him a membership application.

Best regards,
R. F. (Bob) Howell

(Former) S-4-2nd. - 424th

904 E. College Street
Griffin, Georgia

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Dear Dick:

This may be news, after all the years I have attended the 106th reunion alone, my wife has decided that she and our two daughters, Bonnie, 17, and Kathy, 9, will be going to the next one with me.

Our son, who is in the service for almost two years, probably won't be able

to come with us because he will become a father in May, which will make me a grandpa for the first time.

I'm still with the same company with a record of twenty-five years, Superintendent for the Kingston Excavating Company.

Best wishes,
Tom Dorosky

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Dear Dick:

We have had a couple of letters from Frank and Eleanor Collins, and they are seriously thinking about moving to Texas, and also plan to attend the New Jersey Reunion in 1964.

If you will recall Bob and Barbara Lamb of Fort Worth who made the Texas Reunion, they came over to see us yesterday and we sat around and reminisced about our many friends in the 106th.

Received Christmas card from Malin Craig and for the first time in twenty years the Christmas card did not contain a photograph of his children or grandchildren. I guess we are all getting older and kids are growing up. Also, got a Christmas card from Dr. Clark's family complete with all those boys and one girl. Wish we could prevail upon Doc to send that picture into the CUB for printing so we could all enjoy them. Hope he brings his family to the Reunion this year.

Just want to take this opportunity to commend you and Doug for the tremendous job you're doing with the CUB.

Looking forward to seeing you on July 23, 1964, we remain

Sincerely,
Ben and Juanita Hagman

IN THE CUB

Fifteen years ago —

Plans are progressing for the 1949 convention at the Congress Hotel in Chicago on 29 to 31 July. It will be the first convention held elsewhere than Indianapolis, and it is hoped that future conventions may be held in various parts of the country.

Our cover photo of Dave Emmert

(R Hq. Co. 424) shows that the headquarters men didn't always have all the comforts of home. He is a charter member of the Association who lives in Hagerstown, Maryland. (Editor's note: Has he been contacted for membership lately?)

A review of the book "Dark December" by Robert Merriam indicates that the author appears to feel that the Battle of the Bulge was fought on the American side by the Seventh Armored Division with other units occasionally getting in the way. Two regiments of the 106th Division could probably have done better if they had been willing to try, he writes. We presume that he was not on the scene, and so is better qualified than we to pass judgment on the situation.

Ten years ago —

Word has been received of the death of Major General Donald Stroh on 21 December 1953. He was the commander of the 106th Division from 7 February 1945 to 12 August 1945. His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with cluster, the Bronze Star, the Legion d'Honneur, and the Croix de Guerre.

The Baltimore chapter held its annual reunion at the Deutsches Haus with 8 persons in attendance. The Detroit Anniversary dinner attracted 40 persons. The New Jersey affair (with its picture on the back cover) had an attendance of 43 persons. This group made its annual contribution to the Memorial Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Perras report from Nadeau, Michigan the birth of a 7 lb. 12 oz son, John Joseph.

Five years ago —

Additional members reported in this issue bring the total for the year to 255, somewhat down from previous years.

A letter from Helen and Jim Hatch reports their regret at missing the Philadelphia convention. They were touring Europe at the time with the Minneapolis Choralaires who sang at the Brussels World's Fair, among other places. They reported travelling 3600 miles by bus in Europe and the British Isles.

Pete Frampton has donated to the Association a number of copies of the book, "The Lion's Tale," which are to be given to any member making a donation to the Memorial Fund.

Former Adjutant Austin Byrd and his bride have moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he is operating a new plant in the family chain.

Don't forget the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago on 24, 25, and 26 July.

NEWS

We are certainly happy to welcome Jim and Mary Jane Fonda to membership in the Association. He is Manager of the Burroughs Division, Burroughs Corporation at Akron, Ohio. We had a reunion with them and their fine 15-year old son in the Hagmans' Open House during the Cleveland reunion. Jim was Captain of Btry. B., 590th F. A. Bn. in the Division. He writes that they are planning to attend the Convention in East Orange and will let their 590th F. A. friends in New York know about it too.

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On Jan. 24 Wilda and Leo McMahon returned from a two weeks motor trip to New Orleans, La., where they went to attend the wedding of Wilda's son, A/2 Allan V. McNair, USAF, to Miss Ollie Noto, a graduate of Louisiana State University and a teacher in the New Orleans Schools. Allan is stationed at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss., where they will live. The McMahons enjoyed New Orleans and think it would be a good city in which to hold a Division Reunion, but probably too hot and humid in July. Allan McNair attended the Division reunion in Philadelphia while he was attending the Perkiomen School.

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About increasing our membership, the one sure way to accomplish it is for every member to get a member.

NEW JERSEY
IN '64

REPORTER ON THE LOCAL RUN

Our Adjutant tells me that some of the customers complain because they have paid their dues and still receive a dues notice. Pay no attention if you have paid for the year. The Adjutant is lazy. Rather than go through all the records, he just sends everyone a notice. It's also a sneaky way to get an extra five spot.

O. Paul Merz, Serv. Co. 422, writes that his work makes it impossible for him to attend Reunions, but he sent in the name of a former Serv. Co. buddy, Richard Diersing, 307 Mae St., Medford, Oregon.

Wayne Black was selected to serve on the District Court panel for a two month period. So far he sat on only one case, a criminal trial for robbery with aggravation. I was robbed once and was I aggravated! Out where Wayne is they sit on you besides.

Gen. Leo is still on the job. John Warren Jr. (106th Div. Arty) tells us the Gen. suggested he send in his dues. (I'll bet those were not the words he used.) John is a partner in a law firm with offices in Red Bank, N. J.

Guess what? Myrtle and Austin Byrd (Btry. A, 589th F. A.) expect to be back in the east by the time this CUB is printed. Austin has been a hard worker for the 106th. I am sure we can expect some help again, as soon as they are settled.

A note from Lt. Col. Sam Cariano says he is still on the same job but is seriously thinking of retiring in the spring. If so, he will attend the next Reunion. Cliff Perras sent in an extra Five (its working already). Let the adjutant know what he should do with it, Cliff. Cliff is State Representative of his District. He is a member of five committees, and chairman of the Geological Survey Committee.

John F. Merchandetti, of 12 LaSalle Street, Rochester, N. Y., tells us he had a rough time getting in touch with the Association. In or out of the 106th is rough. John read "Lion in the Way"

which was the first time he knew of the Association. Formerly with I Co. 424 and now a machinist.

Walter L. Hertzler, 806th Ord. Co. (LM) is now State Loan Officer with Farmers Home Adm. Walt, with wife, Janet, and son, David, eight years, live at 4605 Seneca Dr., Ohemos, Michigan. He sent in the name of Paul L. Coburn, 423rd of 4660 Ottawa Dr., Okemos, Michigan.

Bye now.

LETTER FROM CLIFFORD N. AUSTIN

Clifford N. Austin
125 South Maple St.,
Vergennes, Vermont
Unit in 106th,

"C" Btry, 589th F.A. Bn.

Dick DeHeer and I have exchanged Xmas cards since 1946 without knowing that in addition to being together as P.O.W.'s we were also members of the same division. When I responded to the announcement of this year's convention in the Legion magazine by making inquiry to Doug Coffey you can imagine my surprise in receiving a reply from the Adjt., Dick DeHeer.

Up to now I was not aware that the Assoc. existed and as I have said to Dick, "guys such as myself owe the officers and members of the Assoc. a great deal. I am sure all have worked hard over the years to hold the old outfit together."

My family consists of Pat, the truly great girl I married in 47, Sally age 15, and Nancy age 11.

I am employed as Industrial Relations Mgr. for Simmonds Precision Products Inc. in Vergennes, Vermont.

NEW JERSEY

IN '64

If you want to join with your former Comrades in Arms;
If you want to be able to tell a better story than the next guy;
If you want to see the lovely wife your buddy married;
If you want to see the wonderful children your buddy has sired;
If you want to see whether your buddy is more grey headed than you;
If you want to see if he's balder than you;
If you want to hear about the 20th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge;
If you want to finally hear Tom Bickford make a speech;
If you want to shop in the finest shops;
If you want to look from your hotel and see the entire New York skyline;
If you want to see the World's Fair in all its glory;
If you want to eat the best meals you ever ate;
If you want to enjoy the best Hospitality possible —

**COME TO THE ANNUAL RE-UNION OF THE 106th TO BE HELD AT
HOTEL SUBURBAN, EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY
JULY 23 TO JULY 26, 1964**

Come by plane from anywhere to Newark Airport — 20 minutes to hotel.
Come by bus to Newark — 20 minutes to hotel.
Come by Car — N. Y. Thruway — N. J. Turnpike and all turnpikes lead to
Garden State Parkway; right to Central Avenue, East Orange
— 5 minutes from hotel.

HOW CAN YOU MISS NOT COMING TO SUCH AN AFFAIR???

Tell Tom Bickford, 3 Sunnyside Terrace, East Orange, you're coming.

The time:

JULY 23-26, 1964

The place:

NEW JERSEY

Your hosts:

DOUG COFFEY

and

TOM BICKFORD

with the

World's Fair

as an added attraction