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# THE CUB

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's take a few extra moments to examine the CUB that you have opened. It is a slim volume, as Association publications go, but an awful lot of news and facts have appeared in its pages, thanks both to contributors and its editors. Recently I browsed through about 40 issues, representing the last ten years or so of Golden Lion news. It was time well spent, for it brought recollections of many pleasant events and contacts that deserve to be remembered. The CUB is more than a news chronicle, a reminder that dues are due or announcement of reunion programs. It has a distinct personality which defies concise description, but reflects doings and insights of real people who are the 106th Infantry Division Association. Some thumbnail analysis will show that about 100 people and their activities are mentioned in a typical CUB issue, exclusive of membership rolls and addresses. Where in any comparable publication can be found the personalized coverage of history, places, people, and philosophy that you read regularly in Bag Lunch? No one who reads the Chaplain's Column carefully will miss its message or fail to appreciate the thought and care that

went into its preparation. The dozen or more pictures in each issue alone make your CUB worth filing for purposes of future reference and reminiscence. The CUB reflects common interests of us all. Whatever you contribute to its pages is a contribution to the strength of our Association. Don't you have some recent news or comments?

## FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Enlistments and re-enlistments continue fairly good. We have 229 members so far this year which is 32 more than reported last time. On the other hand, there are 32 who belonged last year who have not re-upped this year. How about it fellows?

Of course, the treasury remains in good condition too.

Russ Enlow is working hard to finalize arrangements for the Indianapolis reunion. He has been promised a spread in the magazine section of the Star there if he can get together enough material. How about some of you would-be newspapermen helping him out? Russ's notices in the Veterans' magazines have stirred the attention of a number of long-lost Lionmen, and most of them have sent in dues and flatly stated they would be at the reunion.

From reading about History Teacher Joe Ryan of Neptune, N. J. High School, I'd say he is one of the most enthusiastic champions of the 106th and of the American fighting man I have heard about. Perhaps we ought to make him an honorary member.


Let's all start plans to be at the reunion now. The time will be upon us before we know it. If you ever expect to go to one, this is it, especially for you guys from the Midwest.

Best wishes everyone.

Sherod Collins

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# **NEWS OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, VETERANS AND FRIENDS OF THE DIVISION EXTRACTED FROM CHRISTMAS CARDS**

## **Division Headquarters**

Alys and Alan Jones—The Old Man and his lovely lady had the only card with a 106th flavor—A Golden Lion lying down with a white Lamb and the caption "May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you throughout the year."

Neil and Bill Baker—our former Chief of Staff who returned from Europe as a Major General and retired last year. Is now with the Battle Monument Commission with offices in Pentagon. Travels a lot.

Lib and Earle Williams—Was the Division Signal Officer and attended both reunions in Indianapolis. Is still in the telephone business in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Lyle, Margaret and Bob Mowlds—Was Division Provost Marshal. Loyal members of the Association and he and family have attended numerous reunions. Retired from State Dept. of Education and lives in Dover, Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrne A. Bowman—Was Division Judge Advocate. Is a loyal member of the Association but does not make many reunions. Member of a law firm in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Sam and Billie Cariano—Was Asst. Adjutant General—They have recently returned from Europe and are now stationed in Washington, D.C. Promises to make the Indianapolis reunion.

Flo and Tom Bickford—The reliables all year, every year. Never missed an Association or State reunion. In the carpenter business in East Orange, N. J., where he and Doug Coffey put on a great reunion two years ago.

The Hatch Family—Helen, Jim and Kathy—Past President and strong supporter of the Association. Has his own business in Minneapolis, Minn. The great news is that Helen Hatch, who was seriously ill a year ago, but recovered to attend the Augusta, Ga. reunion

is continuing to improve. Lovely daughter Kathy attends reunions with her folks. Has a married son and 5 grandchildren.

BDB and Herb Snyder—former Leader of Division Band. Remained on active duty. They retired last year and live in Reno, Nevada.

Father John B. Day—Was Asst. Division Chaplain—Now pastor of St. Cabrini Church, Springfield, Ill. and member of Board of Directors of Association.

John, Connie and Frances Ketterer—Division Dental Surgeon—now practices in Springfield, Ill. Daughter Connie is an accomplished horsewoman.

## **Division Artillery Hq. & Hq. Btry.**

The Malin Craigs—Bo and Malin—Was Divarty Exec. Retired and lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Teaches math in high school. Has two daughters and two sons, Joe and Pete (McMahons godson).

June and John Warren—Was ADC—Lives in Fairhaven, N. J.; member of a law firm in Red Bank, N. J., his hometown. Has 2 teen age daughters Dru and Cindy. We manage to see them two or three times a year.

Frances and Lester Smyth—Was Divarty S-1, S-4. President of Wholesale Jewelry Co. in Baltimore, Md. Lives in Timonium, Md. One son in college.

Kay and George Mechir—Was Divarty S-2, Now member of a law firm with offices in Terminal Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio. Has 3 children.

Meg and Paul McPherran—Was Divarty Antitank Officer. Remained on active duty. Retired last year. Has 4 children. Lives in Canton, Mass., Is Director of Public Affairs at Stonehill College Northeaston, Mass.

Peggy and Chuck Foreman—Was Divarty I & E Officer. Lives in Pelham Manor, N. Y. Is Vice President of United Parcel Services with office in N. Y. City. Was ill with pneumonia in the spring, but completely recovered. Is an accomplished artist and painter and has had several exhibits of his work. Has 2 children.

Ruby and Ronald Johnson—Was Divarty Survey Officer. Remained in the service. Last stationed in Alaska where he commanded an artillery Bn. and was on the staff of American Forces Alaska. Returned stateside in summer and is now on duty in Office of Army Inspector General. He and Ruby live in Springfield, Virginia.

Bessie Mae and Elton McIntosh—Was Divarty ADC and Asst. S-1, S-4. Lives in Clay Center, Kansas, where he is a bank president. One daughter was in University of Copenhagen, Denmark, so this past spring, Dad and Mother visited her and toured Europe—including the area where the 106th fought. Has 3 daughters.

Reverend Mark R. and Clarice Moore—Divarty Chaplain—Made a PW in the Ardennes. Was minister in Kankakee, Illinois, but was recently moved. Don't have his new address.

Dick Sorking and family—Divarty Mess Officer—Lives in White Plains, N. Y. Has 3 children. They visited us here in Middletown once.

M/Sgt. Craig and family—was Divarty Operations Sergeant in Ben Hagmans office. Stayed in Army now retired and lives in Tahlequah, Okla.

Juanita Hagman—Widow of Beloved Ben, Past President of the Association who passed away in July. A great loss to the Association, his family, and his community of Weatherford, Texas. Juanita keeps busy in law offices. Reports that son Garry is married and will finish law school in June 1966. Ben was Divarty S-3.

Henry, Yvette Libera and family—Sergeant Driver for Divarty Comdr. Now lives in Glastonbury, Conn. Has 3 children. Sent us a colored photo of the family. Very attractive. Henry's put on a little weight, and wonder if he could get behind the wheel of the 3/4 ton now.

Julie and Eddie Hirtz—Cpl in charge of Officers Mess—Did a great job in or out of doors in snow, rain or cold. They now live in Butte des Morts, Wis., and run a restaurant.

#### **589th Field Artillery Bn.**

Jean and Paine Kelly—Bn. Comdr. Has 3 children. Lives in Tampa, Florida, where he is member of a law firm.

The Dr. Mike Connellys—Bn. Surgeon—Has 8 children. Is physician and surgeon in Sharon, Penna.

Catherine and Earl Scott—Was one of Bn. Liaison Pilots. Lived in Richmond, Va. since he left the service where he is with the State Highway Department and a Colonel in the National Guard. They visited Europe last year.

Virginia and George Huxel—Was with Major Parker in the fighting at Parker's Crossroads. Was a Capt. and Major in the Bn. Is a high school principal in Chardon, Ohio.

Myrtle and Austin Byrd—Was, I believe in Hq. Btry of Bn. A devoted member of the Assn and former Adj. In recent years tied up in business with his father in Baltimore, Md. Spent some time in Tulsa, Okla. establishing a branch of the business.

#### **590th Field Artillery Bn.**

Mildred and Vaden Lackey—Bn. Comdr. Was in wholesale coal business, but now retired in his home town of Nashville, Tenn. Attended reunion in Augusta last July with two grandchildren and promised to return in 1966.

Isabel and Doug Coffey—(COGL)—Btry C. Como Sgt.—Lives in West Orange, N. J., where he is Secy. of Township Zoning Board of Adjustment. Has 3 daughters. Everybody is familiar with Doug's contribution to the Assn., particularly his work as Memorial Chairman.

Jim and Mary Jane Fonda—Btry Comdr—Btry B—Attended the reunion at East Orange, N. J., and at Cleveland, Ohio. Lives in Akron, Ohio. Have one son who enters Rice Univ. in the fall. Jim is with Burroughs Corp.

Barbara and Bob Lamb—Bn. Staff Officer—Lives in Fort Worth, Texas. Is a Colonel in the Texas National Guard. Attended the Ft. Worth reunion.

#### **591st Field Artillery Bn.**

Vi and Phil Hoover—Bn. Comdr. Re-

tired and living in Davenport, Iowa. Spent Christmas in Texas.

Libby and Marty Dolitsky—Bn. Supply Officer. Live in Port Chester, N. Y. **592d. Field Artillery Bn.**

Charlie and Daisy Walsh—Bn. Motor Officer. They live in Haddonfield, N. J., where Charlie is still in the motor business.

Mary Elizabeth and Tom Fox—Sv. Btry. Tom is the Buick dealer in Greencastle, Pa. Daughter married in summer.

Ethel and Emil Solecki—Sv. Btry. In masonry business, Sparta N. J.

Alice and Tom Dorosky—Sv. Btry. Tom in strip mining, Shavertown, Pa. Married son and daughter. Have 2 grandchildren.

Jim and Vi Malesky—Lt. in Sv. Btry. With West Penn Electric, Greensburg, Pa. They have the sympathy of all members in the loss of their son James Jr. He was in the Air Force and was killed in an automobile accident near his base in Florida on 19 Jan. His funeral was in Greensburg on 24 January.

Charles H. Schoch and family—Sv. Btry.—Oak Harbor, Ohio, Camp Perry.

Theresa and Frank Maloney—Sv. Btry. With U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia. 2 children.

#### **422d. Infantry**

Anna, Joe and Tex Matthews—Regtl Executive—Joe is our National President. They live in Raleigh, N. C.

The Gubows—Larry, Estelle, David, Mona and Janey—Larry is a former National President. Is U. S. Attorney in Detroit, Mich.

Shirley and Jack Gillespie—Jack, a former National President is President of a lumber company in Detroit, Mich.

Eunice and Henry Broth and family—Co. I—Henry a former National President is in restaurant supply business in Baltimore, Md.

T. Wayne Black—Hq Co.—Our former CUB Editor, Waterloo, Iowa.

Lucille and Robert Rutt—Hq Co.—Bob is an Attorney in Detroit, Mich.

John and "K" Loveless and family—Hq Co.—Former National President and

Perennial National Chaplain, Attorney in Baltimore.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Dohoney—C. Co.—Dentist in Harrisburg, Pa. Daughter engaged to be married.

#### **423rd Infantry.**

J. Russell Enlow and family—Co. D—Taswell, Ind. Postmaster. Chairman for the National Reunion at Indianapolis this year.

The Glenn Schnizleins—Glenn is a former National President. They live in Napierville, Ill.

Mary and Bill Fowler—A former National Treasurer. Now with Southern Railroad, Atlanta, Ga.

Cora and Sherod Collins, Jr.—Sv. Co.—Our National Adjutant and Treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.

#### **424th Infantry.**

Kay and Shim Reid—Regimental Comdr. Spent a number of months visiting their daughter in Chile and traveling all over South America. Retired and living in Santa Barbara, Cal.

Lou and Linda Rossi and family—H Co.—Our National Vice President. In the trucking business in North Bergen, N. J. 4 children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Collier—Restaurant business in Memphis, Tenn.

Marge (COMGL), Rick and Dick De Heer (COGL)—Our CUB Editor and Assistant. Also in the Rent-All business Hillsdale, N. J.

Mabel and Clayton Rarick and family Co. L—Former National President. In the traffic and parking lot marking business, Blandon, Pa.

John J. Reynolds, Jr.—Just moved from Brooklyn to Edgewater, Florida. **81st. Engineer Bn.**

Ginnie and Tom Riggs—Bn. Comdr.—Tom is with Textron Corp. in Providence, R. I.

Jim and Maydean Wells—Co. C Comdr.—Former National President. Put on the 1965 and one of the best reunions at Augusta, Ga. They are in the roofing and allied business in Augusta.

John Gallagher and family—Former Editor of the CUB. Live in Temple, Pa. 3 children.

## Attached to Division.

Sarah and Jack Fairchild—Was C.O. of 229th FA Bn. of 28th Div. attached during Ardennes fighting. Now a Ret. Brig. Gen. PAANG and lives in North Arlington, Va.

Marshall Rudolph—A bachelor—Was CO of 401st FA Bn. attached while 589th FA Bn. was being rebuilt. Now a Ret. Brig. Gen. NYANG, lives in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harris and family—Was CO of 627th. F.A. Bn. while 590th F.A. Bn. was being rebuilt. Has Ford Agency in Erie, Pa.

Leo T. McMahon

## BATTLE OF THE BULGE COMMEMORATION

As a result of good arrangements thoughtfully carried out by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Duke Ward, another Gawja gathering of the 106th Clan took place at Ft. McPherson Officers' Club on the night of December 11, 1965.

The entertainment included dancing, good fellowship and a delicious roast beef dinner. The attendants included a few first timers and a number of regulars, all of whom appeared to have a very good time.

Our most distinguished guests were President Joe Matthews and wife Anna, who came from Raleigh to be with us. Other out-of-towners were old friends Jim and Maydean Wells of Augusta and Hepzibah, Ga.; also Adolph Maier, Jr., and wife who came from New Orleans for the occasion, and were guests of the Wards.

Others attending were: from Atlanta—Cora and Sherod Collins and Harold M. Harmon; from College Park—Mrs. Ross Edwards; from East Point—Robert and Thelma Burkes and the Wards; from Stone Mountain—Carroll and Alma Padgett, son Don Padgett and Sandra Lemly; from Norcross—Ira G. Bottoms, who thus added an artilleryman to the usual gathering of engineers and infantrymen.

A good party for fine people!

Sherod Collins

## BALTIMORE, DEC. 16th

December 16th—a time for all former 106th Division men and their families to remember. Those of us who can still get together, reminisce, and be thankful do so in most pleasant and enjoyable way. The Baltimore contingent considers itself most fortunate that they have amongst them a couple like "K" and John Loveless, who are such gracious host and hostess. This year they again invited as many of us who could be present at their home for a Candlelight Dinner which proved "K's" prowess as a cook. I don't understand why John stays slim and trim with such good home cooking. The tables were covered with Golden Lion Colored cloths, some piped in Artillery Red, (how do you like that Leo) others in "Infantry Blue." These were made especially for the occasion by Kay 2. The atmosphere was pleasant, soothing and warm—in direct contrast to the original December 16th, 20 years ago. I might add that "K" and John did all this in spite of the fact that just the week before, they had a wedding and reception for their lovely daughter Kay 2. Congratulations!

The following were present: Major Lyle and Margaret Moulds, Dover Delaware (I'll send the Major a new map of Baltimore City with an "X" mark where the 1966 reunion dinner will be served. He is still using a World War II map of Baltimore City and gets lost coming out to John's house every time.) Col. and Mrs. Wm. Manahan, Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.; Kay II and Raymond Kemp, Silver Springs, Md. ("K" and John's new son-in-law); and Baltimoreans, Bunny and Oliver Lothrop (who were getting ready to leave for a trip to California with their family); Gloria Engnoth; Walter Snyder; "K" and John Loveless; Althea Loveless; Eunice and Henry M. Broth. I want to thank you "K" and John for having spent such a lovely evening at your home.

Henry M. Broth

## NEPTUNE INN

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lukowiak of River Edge, planned a successful New Jersey Area dinner this year at the Neptune Inn.

The tables were decorated with white Christmas Trees, with one guest at a table the lucky winner who took a tree home.

The Devers entertained a few 106'ers at their home before the dinner.

The big surprise of the evening was the appearance of Myrtle and Austin Byrd, whom we haven't seen since Ft. Worth. (They look great!)

Lots of reminiscing took place about the Army days and how big the children are and which college they are now attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bickford; Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Block; Mr. and Mrs. A. Byrd, Chas. Caracozza, Sal De Felice; Mr. and Mrs. Dick De Heer; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Devers; Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Earle; Mr. and Mrs. G. Faber; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ferrara; John Fleming; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hionash; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lukowiak; Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMahon; Jack Middleton; Mr. and Mrs. E. Plenge and her sister; Mr. and Mrs. Lou Rossi and guests; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Scheutz; Nat Siegel; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thoma; Mr. and Mrs. H. Watt; Gordon Zicker; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zorn (ask them about their trip from N.Y.C.); Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fox; J. Benigno; Michael Zaniewski; and Mr. and Mrs. D. Coffey.

The Bickfords and Coffeys are chairmen for the 1966 dinner.

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## NEWS FROM THE LIONS

Robert Oppenheim, New York City—The years go too fast but the events to be remembered were so vivid that I don't believe any of us can or should forget them. Everyone who was ever in the 106th Division should be a member of the Association.

As for myself, I work for the Revlon Co. where I am Director of Marketing of their Haircolor Division. I graduated from Syracuse University and spent

five years with McKesson & Robbins, five years with Clairol before coming to Revlon. I have a wife, Ruth; and three children, Nancy, 10, David, 8, and Howard, 6.

By and large I am not a joiner nor a rah-rah man . . . But I will never forget the 106th.

Raymond Creamer, Milltown, N. J.—As for myself personally, I guess you would say that I am plugging along day by day like most everyone else. Thinking back to that "December" when we were taking it on the chin, and seeing some friends and buddies make that supreme sacrifice, thinking that now another generation is going through the same experiences, it is through Associations like ours that all of us as loyal Americans can contribute towards strengthening our Country! In closing may I wish you and yours—plus all in the Association—peace and happiness for the New Year!

Col. George Descheneaux, Concord, Mass.—Bless you all as the hard core of the 106th, always faithful. Some of the others like me, should be too. Love reading the CUB and finding out about old friends. Very warmest regards to all!

John Reynolds has moved to Edgewater, Florida.

J. B. Strickland of Middletown, Ohio—Katherine and he have a son Dan, attending Ohio State University (soph), plans to study to be a dentist. J. B. is in the real estate business (since 1947) with offices at 27 North Main St., Middletown, Ohio. He specializes in real estate appraisals.

Jack Bryant, Oak Park, Mich., was unable to attend the convention held in Augusta for he had to attend a convention in Las Vegas (What a Place) for sales meetings, and then he took a two week vacation and traveled to Calif. (We missed you).

Wanold Olman, Blue Ball, Pa.—I have hopes of getting to the reunion this year. This is our peak season for travel trailer "Shasta," so that's that. There were a good many fellows from Pa. in "422," around here, so I will look them

up; it will take some time, I know. If anyone has names of the fellows in Service Co. 422, would they send them to me? Since we moved to Pa. I can't seem to find some of these things.

Joseph Benigno, E. Paterson, N. J., is Supt. of the Water Dept., D. P. W. of Garfield, N. J. He is married and has two children.

Bud Lainhart, Franklin, Ohio—I am very happy to be a member of the 106th and glad that Russell Enlow told me about the Association, for I had never heard of it. Russell was my best friend when we took Basic together. I hope to see many more of you this year in Indianapolis. If I can be of help to you or any one in this area, I will be happy to do so. (Try to get more members . . . Thanks).

Thomas J. Maw, Rockland, Mass.—I joined Btry. "A," 592nd F.A. Bn. in Nov., 1943 in Fort Jackson, S. C., and was separated from the 106th in Heilbronn, Germany, when the 106th was redeployed to the U.S. I applied for membership in the spring of 1946 after separation from the army, but never heard anything from it.

While in my doctor's office I read in the January issue of the Legion Magazine of the coming reunion in Indianapolis, the item also mentioned Mr. Enlow's name and address.

I am looking forward to the reunion in Indianapolis and will make every effort to attend. It will give me great pleasure to see the men I served with and to find out if any of them live in New England.

James S. White, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.—I served in "F" Co., 423 INF. REG. at Ft. Jackson, S. C. from March 1943 to Sept. 1943 before being transferred to the 31st Dixie Div. at Camp Pickett, Va.

Shortly after leaving Co. "F," my wife and I had a son, James William, who is now in Law School at Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N. C. In 1952 we were blessed with Joan, now an 8th grade student. Our son married in 1963

and we now have a fine grandson, Jeffery James, and daughter-in-law, Constance.

I am employed by the Dept. of Army, U.S. Corps of Engineers at the "Famous Soo Locks," as a statistical clerk in the reporting office. At times we serve as U.S. Deputy collector of customs for ships transiting our Canal and Locks.

My wife Betty is employed as a Transportation Clerk at Kincheloe A.F. Base which is located near here. I shall enjoy receiving THE CUB and reading about former friends of my first army outfit.

D. B. Frampton, Jr., Columbus, Ohio, has 5 children ranging from 4 through 16 which keeps our summer plans busy. Someday, we hope to break loose for another July Reunion.

Henry Bruch wishes he could have made the last convention. He knew Mr. Wells for he cooked at the Officers Mess at Fort Jackson. I work at the world's largest brewery as an electrician (Anheuser Busch), St. Louis. Henry hopes to make Indianapolis. Maybe he could cook a meal at Camp Atterbury.

John Strigorny, Polos Park, Ill.—I was a member of the 424th Reg't Antitank Co. from Atterbury on thru Germany. I am a self employed artist doing both commercial and fine arts in addition to operating an art school. Val and I have been married since '49, and have Scott, 12, and daughter Lynne, 8 years old.

We have a home on a wooded acre out in the country about 20 miles outside of Chicago. I hope to be able to come down to the convention this summer and renew old friendships. Best regards to all!

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Dear Mr. Collins:

I've been a long time finding this contact. Mr. Russell Enlow said there is a chance you could send me this year's back copies of the "Cub." I'm sure I will enjoy them if it is possible. Thank you. I'll see you this summer at the reunion.

Sincerely,

Robert Holden

Cedar Rapids, Iowa



Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find my check for \$5.00 for membership in the Association. I might be called an old member returning from the Indianapolis days. In fact I was director at one time.

I was T/4 Alan W. Walker, 106th Inf. Div. Band, and was part of the Band detail on guard duty in St. Vith at the beginning of the "Bulge."

The Association is to be congratulated on "The Cub" and the good work you have done over the years.

A portion of the Div. Band which had its origin in the Illinois National Guard (123 F.A., 33rd Div.) has had an annual reunion every spring in Macomb, Illinois, and we do our best in a small way to keep the memory of the 106th alive. In fact there are about 15 or 20 former "Golden Lions" who attend or are in contact with our local reunion each year.

I was interested in the account of the film "The Battle of St. Vith" which appeared in the May-June-July issue of "The Cub" (1965). This film has not been seen in this area and I would like to know if it is at all possible to obtain this film for showing to organizations or groups. I would like to have it specifically for our spring reunion on April 16, 1966.

Any help you can be in getting me this information will be greatly appreciated. I look forward too, to the time when the 106th reunion returns to the mid-west area again. Being a farmer doesn't permit me to travel too far for too long.

Thank you for your help and I'll enjoy receiving "The Cub" regularly.

Yours truly,  
Alan W. Walker

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Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Dick,

We are looking forward to the reunion being here in July for the 20th anniversary.

I think Russell Enlow is working hard to make the convention a success. I am willing to help him all that I can. The

last letter I received from him he said he'd found a couple more fellows from our division. He is planning a meeting soon and we are going to get together to work on some plans for the convention. The Continental Hotel is real nice, I think, and believe everybody will enjoy their stay there. I am going to write to a couple of fellows that were in our division and invite them down to the convention. I don't believe they have ever joined the Division Association. Hoping to see all of you at Indianapolis in July.

Sincerely,  
Bernard D. Herbert

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Dear Friends,

This turned out to be Christmas without Carol year—my brother planned to drive from California late November and take me back for the month of December, but in early December his work changed and he had to disappoint me. I had sent a box including a Christmas note addressed, and after much delay, decided to write in January. I offered to "man" the Ext. Office this year so others could be away and really got a workout. Somewhere on my desk was a message to include in the CUB but missed the November mailing.

My nephew, Major R. W. Williamson, Viet Nam, writes me each month and I count the day until his return next August.

Not sure what 1966 has in store for me but I wish you each the best for the New Year and always. I did appreciate everyone's kindness at Augusta last July.

I look forward to issues of the CUB—  
Congratulations for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
Carol W. Beals

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**INDIANAPOLIS, 1946**

**At the 106th's first Convention (l. to r.): Caufield, Hestler, General Jones and Cooley**

### **THE TIE THAT BINDS**

It is always nice to know that one 106er can turn to another. Recently I had two occasions to call on members for personal favors and immediately they were granted. First I called Pete Frampton in Columbus, Ohio, to get information for me for a family friend who was applying for college and heard nothing. As soon as Pete went to work she received a letter notifying her that her school had been lax in sending in her records. Had Pete not been called in, who knows how long this person might have waited, thinking her records were in order.

Next, my Boss' mother-in-law passed away in Warren, Ohio. Knowing Bob Pierce lived in Warren I called him to ask if he wouldn't represent me and pay a courtesy visit. Needless to say, Bob and Jean both paid a call and the family was most moved and appreciated this gesture of friendship.

I think more of us should call on our friends in the 106th. The personal touch

is so much more important. I recently drove out to Illinois to get my twin girls settled in college for the fall and the first thing I did was to determine who, in the 106th, was near enough so that if they needed a friendly hand there would be a friend of the 106th handy. As more and more of our children travel around the country we could all pitch in and be at the end of the phone. Or, if close enough, invite them to our homes for a meal on the weekend. Just knowing a friend is nearby, helps.

On our return from Illinois we called Pete Frampton again to thank him but he was not at home but at least talked with his wife. This was the same case in Middletown, Pennsylvania where we stopped to see the "Grand Old Man of the 106th," General McMahon. He was busy helping out the Church and we missed him but had a short pleasant chat with Wilda, his charming spouse. This closeness with our members will always be cherished. Try it some time.

Doug Coffey

Herr J. Pankert  
Director, College Episcopal  
St. Vith, Belgium  
Dear Herr Pankert:

In accordance with the wishes of the 106th Infantry Division Association, I am sending a check to your bank, Le Banque de la Societe Generale de Belgique in Verviers, which check is the second half of the special grant in memory of our good and faithful member, John Beals.

The fifty dollars should arrive shortly and will be used, we understand, to purchase books for the school library.

May I say that we all appreciate your continuing helpfulness with our projects in your country.

Sincerely yours,  
Sherod Collins, Jr.

Dear Mr. Coffey,

Many thanks for your remittance of \$50 for which we shall buy a few books.

According to our arrangement we shall mention the name of your member John Beal in these works.

Today I send you the best essays about "Freedom." As our school system is bilingual there is a best achievement in French and in German. Therefore, I suggest to share the prize among the two students.

You might transfer the amount of the prize along to our account number 185 585 College Episcopal St. Vith Banque de la Societe Generale de Belgique a Verviers.

The commemorative ceremony on the 16th of December 1956 was very simple, but nevertheless it was very beautiful.

I wish you a prosperous and happy new year.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Pankert

### WHAT IS FREEDOM?

The following is one of the two essays by thirteen-year-old boys attending the College Patronne, St. Vith, Belgium, as a result of Doug Coffey setting up the Ben Hagman Scholarship Award. The essay is self-explanatory and could

certainly be given a lot of thought by Americans everywhere. Especially, so today, when there is a picking away of Freedom in this country and the world.

One of the essays was written in German and the other in French. Coffey had them translated and has awarded one-half to each as requested by the director of the College.

It is hoped that with help from others, this tribute to Ben Hagman may be continued.

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### WHAT IS LIBERTY?

In itself, liberty is an absolute notion. But what good is it to analyze and define this absolute notion? Is it possible? Hardly, because an absolute concept is as far removed from the human domain as the definition of the Divine Being. Consequently, we are invited, in the first place, to become interested in human liberty. Each man has in the depth of his being the seed of a certain liberty. In fact, a child feels very early the desire for independence in decisions. Dr. Alexis Carrel says that man believes himself capable of free self-determination. We can, nevertheless, enlarge on these words and say, "Man is Free." In fact, from the fact that man feels within himself the spark of a certain freedom and that we put the notion of liberty exclusively in rapport with it, we can deduce that, in its essence, he is free. Evidently it remains to be proved that it actually exists. The presence of fundamental liberty in man permits us, thus, to analyze this.

Now there is presented the matter of the essence of liberty. According to Simone Weil, it is the possibility of choice. "Free" expresses independence and more precisely, independence of choice. Likewise the possibility is infinitely great. However, the idea of choice infers man. Consequently the possibility of choice indicates well the essence of freedom.

But, with reference to man and his world it is still too broad. Whenever man is linked to facts, it is necessary that the

definition, to be exact with reference to him, be equally linked to facts. It is thus a matter of a possibility within the given reality. In fact, man is capable of choosing only what is within his reach and his reach is limited by reality. Thus, his liberty is found within his reach and exclusively in its depth.

So far, we have considered only the static elements of liberty. For the idea of freedom to become more precise it must be accompanied by the sense of responsibility. Roquentin in "La Lausee" of Sartre does not have the courage to use his freedom. The situation is the same in "The Age of Reason;" Mathieu does not dare to decide to marry the girl he has been courting for a long time. Roquentin and Mathieu are afraid of this liaison because it automatically brings responsibility. They do not dare involve their freedom. There are many of these men who say neither "Yes" nor "No," either because they do not have the necessary maturity or because they are too cowardly. A child is not mature enough to make an important decision. But if a man who has attained "the age of reason" does not dare become involved, he is, as Sartre states, "a coward." Thus, Roquentin and Mathieu are not free. Liberty expects to be used, to be lived. When it is not used it loses its value. Liberty is thus valuable from the moment man makes an effort to make a choice, according to his conscience. The one who uses his fundamental liberty or the one who tries to use it—is really free. Liberty thus requires mental activity. Goethe already asserted that man had to be active. The inactive one becomes numb in substance.

But, when the choice has been made, liberty has not ended. On the contrary, it is from this moment that it begins to live intensively in the form of responsibility. A man who decides freely to marry cannot, immediately after the ceremony, believe he is no longer free. Liberty is evidently no longer in its initial state. But the man has become involved freely (willingly), has freely as-

sumed responsibility, thus he bears it freely. Liberty began, thus, to exist from the moment of making a choice, and from the time of choice it continues to live in the form of responsibility.

Besides natural laws, there are, according to Simone Weil, conventional laws and rules which determine a given reality: A man is free if he is capable of understanding them through reason and of accepting or rejecting them. If he does not succeed in understanding them rationally, he is not free. Conscience is the means of using liberty. Basically, man tends to enlarge the conscience. In a child one observes, for example, curiosity. Everyone knows that knowledge is, among others, one of the conditions of rational, objective thinking. It follows, then, that liberty requires a certain degree of maturity. A healthy mind is, therefore, a condition of freedom. That is why each child must be trained to reason in order to be able to attain liberty.

Concretely, we distinguish several domains of human liberty; moral liability which includes religion, direct contact with one or several men, politics, philosophy and even the sciences which are in direct bonds with many men. Moral liberty is personal and internal. Let us notice the choice of religion and of a profession. Responsibility exists in this case, with reference to oneself, whether directly or indirectly through the intermediary of God. Freedom of communication with men includes a wider field. Responsibility is developed in this case, toward the men with whom one has become associated. Let us cite marriage, vocations like that of the priesthood, medicine, teaching, like all vocations. The political, philosophical and scientific domains are the broadest. By politics one implies the choice of a political party, the election of a President. By philosophy and science, one implies, rather, the fact of giving or not giving new ideas or discoveries to the world. In these three areas, responsibility touches a whole nation. But the complementary condition to liberty in these domains is true democracy, which in-

volves freedom of thought, freedom of choice in religion, and profession, the choice of a political party and freedom of the press.

Let us note that liberty, like man, is bound to time. One might ask now in what measure? Since time is relative, liberty, and consequently responsibility, are also relative. We know that time changes the condition of life as well as the concepts of man. Even though one must try to foresee changes, one is hardly capable of that. If someone changes his mind, that does not mean that he is no longer free. However, we are not considering people who do nothing but change their minds, because they do not know what they want. Since time flows endlessly, man must ceaselessly make decisions. In fact, it is a matter, except for changing choice, to remain conscious of one's responsibility.

We may, thus conclude that liberty is something fluid, concrete. It is within the given reality; the possibility of choosing from the moment man makes the effort to determine a choice rationally and justly according to his conscience; and liberty is from the moment of choice, responsibility from the point of view of politics, philosophy and science, towards men; and at any rate, from the moral point of view. Liberty expects to be lived, liberty is life!

Peter Maaswinkel  
College Patronee  
St. Vith, Belgium

Neptune High School

Dear Mr. Marcus,

Receipt is gratefully noted of your donation to our school museum of two irreplaceable links with U. S. History. Your name, rank and hometown, of course, will be duly noted under your historic emblems. My gratitude to you, Sir, is exceeded only by my realization of your personal modesty. You told me you were sending us a "few patches." Capt., you have sent us far more than that!

I took your patches and put them on an overhead projecture that flashed

them on the classroom wall. I told the kids again all about the 106th and guys like you. They know the "Lion Story" well. I asked all two hundred students that I teach during the day to—in one sentence, tell me what they feel you had really sent them. Being near Ft. Monmouth, I often integrate army films into my lectures, so the unique project above was not inappropriate.

I was therefore not surprised, but very gratified to hear what some 17 year olds—born some four years after the bulge, said you had really sent them, you and all the 106'ers who had to charge on frostbitten feet against Krupp Armor—not really so many years ago.

In your patches, a pretty blond 16 years old saw "a very tired lion cub—who never had a chance to really mature." The class president said he, "could almost smell the blasted Spruce from The Ardennes." A big football player said, they reminded him of "guys no older than he who had to eat cold chow while on the run." A little cheerleader said the patches seemed to tell her of "places with funny names—like Malmédy, Steinebruck, St. Vith, Stavelot," and other just nameless codes on old yellow ordinance maps. Your patches told a little future nurse of the "blood stained frozen Belgium snow." Me? After looking at your patches, I could almost hear the high "crack" that the M.I. would make as it echoes off the trees and snow of the lonely Schnee Eifel.

Those were only a sample of the things that we feel you enclosed in your letter to us. No, Capt.—you sent us more than patches—you sent us a history book! One that can't be bought in a book store. You have not parted with these, Mr. Marcus, you only loaned them to us. If ever your grandchildren would desire them back, they need only contact the school.

Oh, yes, Mr. Marcus, one last comment, after telling my classes of the 106th and the 423rd Inf. and you, one

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**DECEMBER 16, 1965**

Doctor DeLaval reports from St. Vith that the ceremony at our Memorial was very simple but impressive. He sends photographs covering the ceremony.

Director Pankert, of the College Patronee gave a prayer for the dead. Mayor Pip placed a wreath in behalf of the City of St. Vith. Captain Fortemps, Commandant of the Third Chasseurs, together with a contingent of his men, acted as Honor Guard. Among the spectators was Robert Grimar, an official of the equivalent of the Chamber of Commerce and Madame Esselen with her daughter. They are the owners of the Hotel International who have always been so kind to the members of the 106th and loyal supporters of our Memorial. Due to the icing conditions our usual Protestant Pastor was unable to attend. He lives in Eupen.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the DeLavals were host to all at Mayor Pip's Cafe where they toasted the memory of the men of the 106th who made the supreme sacrifice. The weather was very cold, as usual.



## **CHRISTMAS ALWAYS**

"I am thinking of you to-day, because it is Christmas-time, and I wish you happiness and so on, clear through the year.

"I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away; or because I cannot even afford to pay the postage on so many letters, or find the time to write them. But that makes no difference. The thought and the wish will be here just the same. In my work and in the business of life, I mean to try not to be unfair to you or injure you in any way.

"In my pleasure, if we can be together, I would like to share the fun with you. Whatever joy or success comes to you will make me glad, without pretense, and in plain words, good-will to you is what I mean, in the Spirit of Christmas and and for the New Year.

Henry Van Dyke and CWB  
Carol W. Beals

## **BAG LUNCH** by **AWJ**

Columnists tell us that the most difficult problem encountered in writing for magazine or daily newspaper, is to create, every day, an idea around which they may compose their column. We have been writing this "Lunch" operation since 1959, but only at the rate of four or five times a year, yet we fully agree. The problem is that our editor says, "Write about anything that comes to mind" but the impediment is that nothing comes to mind. Try it some time. Try sitting in front of an unsympathetic typewriter and pound out six or seven hundred words that are slightly inter-

esting or amusing. So, we have decided to take a vacation for this issue. For a start, we looked in the dictionary of Contemporary American Usage and find that a vacation is, "any freedom from release of duty, business, or activity; a holiday period." Example: Vacationists in Oregon have a wide choice of attractions from which to supplement vacation activities in Oregon's cool, green vacationlands. I think I'll take a vacation this weekend; I'm fed up. The kids got a vacation when the teachers had their annual convention.

Many people, however, are not entirely happy on an extended holiday. Back in the days of the brown shoe Army, we were credited with one month of leave each year, which could be accumulated to four months. We tried it once, but became bored after three weeks and turned in the remaining time. Then too, there are other phases to be considered, if only in self protection. One summer we had a cottage at Twin Lakes, which is about twenty miles north of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This cottage was a very nice one but was located on top of a hill about half-a-mile up from the only source of water supply. There was no pump, nor could a gravity system be installed. Only buckets. A bucket of water weighs about eighteen pounds, and water was needed for drinking, washing, cooking, bathing and laundering. Four adults and two kids can consume an unbelievable tonage of water.

Then there was the Florida fishing vacation on the north Gulf coast in the vicinity of Panama City. Of the dozens of varieties of salt water fish, we became involved with most of them. When they are there, fishing is compulsive, it is impossible to be moderate in such fruitful waters. What to do with the harvest? We gave fish to local boarding schools, to charity, and even tried trading them for gasoline to run the boat, but there was still such a growing surplus that we had to leave to save our reason.

One very pleasant, but somewhat more expensive vacation, is a cruise on one of the modern ships operating in

the Caribbean, to South America, or even around the world. Here, you will be living in the equivalent of a luxurious, perfectly staffed hotel, with an added dividend of changing scenes. In the words of a travel brochure "You move always in a glow of enduring warmth, with the thrill of caressing trade winds; with the tropical moonlight silhouetting the hills and touching with silver the restless surf; with music on the terrace and swaying figures dancing under the stars."

Probably the most popular vacation today is the one which so pleases filling station operators, motel owners, tire dealers, and the sponsor of the girl who sings, 'See the USA in your Chiv-rolay.' We think that makes for a good vacation, too. In fact it is one of our favorites. It permits visiting any part of the country at any time of year, it may be modest or extravagant, and certainly is the most convenient with respect to time schedules and itinerary. The most important single requirement for such a pleasant vacation is that there be a reason for making the trip, a destination where everyone really wants to go. For members of our Association there is such a destination. Yes, your next vacation must be planned now; you should anticipate arriving in Indianapolis late in July. Watch the CUB for dates. Of all the ways to make a vacation successful, we know of no better.

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## LETTERS

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skinny little 15 year old Negro boy seemed to say it best of all when he smiled and said "Man—no wonder we won with cats like that on our team!"—I smiled.

Yours very truly,

Joe Ryan

History Department

Neptune H. S.

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Ed. Note: Shortage of space forces omission of two regular columns plus one essay. All will be in next issue.

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R.D.H.

## CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Continuing prosperity, lessening of unemployment, greater distribution among most people of things which only a few years ago were so-called luxuries, increasing availability of labor-saving devices permitting more leisure time, are among us to a degree never before known in our land.

Yet in our lives today we encounter and are dismayed by acts of violence in all forms. Our news media are filled with reports of crime in all walks of life, in our communities, in our country; with wars and unrest among nations throughout the world.

No two people seem to agree on the causes of these conditions. Is it lack of education, is it greed, is it indifference to the needs of those less fortunate than we; is it lack of interest in our civic and political obligations? Your opinion may well differ from mine and mine from that of my neighbor.

Our responsibility as citizens is to accept the duties rightfully imposed upon us and to insist that proper authority be exercised in all civil areas by those charged with the enforcement of the law. We must recognize that the failure on the part of one individual in his responsibility weakens the whole structure of our community and national life.

Our realization of our concern for the well-being of others and of the fact that our rights and privileges can extend only to the point where they do not infringe on the rights of those others will go far towards a restoration of respect for law and order in our present day.

"He who keeps the law is a wise son . . ." —Proverbs 28:7

John T. Loveless, Jr.

Chaplain

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