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BATTLE BULGE

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Twenty-five years ago the Golden Lions received their baptism under fire in the Ardennes. In my own mind it sometimes seems like yesterday although it has been years since my uniforms were discarded because they had grown too small.

As the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Battle of The Bulge rolls around and our thoughts again return to that cold December, it is with a sad heart I realize the General will not be with us in our December 16th get-togethers. I propose each of us make a special effort to get as many of the guys and their families together as possible and salute General Alan W. Jones on this especially memorable December Day.

Pete House

## REUNION

Davenport, Iowa ..... 1970

Philadelphia, Penna. ... 1971

Details will be forth coming.

## 106th CHAPLAIN



JOHN T.  
LOVELESS, JR.

To those who deserve recognition, it comes to them in due time.

Our Association Chaplain, John T. Loveless Jr., quiet, unassuming, and seeking no self glory or praise, was the recipient of The Silver award was presented by The Eastern College Alumni Association in recognition of his devoted service.

John is Trust Officer of the Mercantile Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore.

He attended public schools in the City of Baltimore and is a graduate of the Mt. Vernon School of Law, with an LLB, in 1940. He was admitted to the Bar in October of 1940.

He is a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of The Louis and Harriet Ledderer Foundation, Inc., and is a faculty member of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. He has been employed by the Mercantile Safe Deposit & Trust Co. since July, 1925.

Eunice & I were delighted to be present at this occasion; seated at a table in the company of his Daughters, Kay II and Althea, his Son-In-Law, Raymond, his Pastor, the Pastor's wife, and other friends.

Henry M. Broth

We add our congratulations to John who has given freely of himself during the years he has been Chaplain of the 106. Through his column in the Cub and his messages as leader of our memorial services he has endeavored to show each of us the true meaning of fellowship.

## GERMAN GENERAL SPEAKS

### TO 106th

I feel obliged to you for the invitation, it is a great Honor for me, but also a pleasure, because this meeting can help to an acquaintance and an understanding that we have in our times; the same mission on the same side of the hill! For maintaining and for defending Peace and Freedom with everyone within a so called "Free World!"

With your permission I wish to say and to bring up two questions; they are two things of the past for which we are assembled here at St. Vith. Whereas Bastogne had an honorable place in American Military history, St. Vith is hardly mentioned! The heroic defense in this area around St. Vith has suffered depreciation and a strange denigration at the hand of the popular media! The Battle of the Bulge was not fought only solely in Bastogne or by the admirable coming into action of Patton's Third Army. Here around St. Vith all elements of tragedy, of heroism and self-sacrifice which go to make up human experience at its most acute phase when it is under strain and stress of War! As the one, who from the other side of the hill can estimate the value and the influence of the actions on the entire events of those of crucial days in December 1944, Bastogne was within the scope of my Army, the 5th Panzer Army, and my area of command too. I made and I make clear in the United States, in Belgium, in Germany etc. that the actions around St. Vith exerted a great influence on the issue and result of the German intentions and purposes and that in manifold regard; briefly, the schedule of the right wing of my Army, a whole Army Corps was delayed by your defense around St. Vith. In spite of the ill-fated elements of your Division in the Schnee Eifel, you could hold up this Corps, 66 Army Corps, five days longer than our time table allowed and you forced a detour of the attacking forces. So much more as my right neighbor, the 6th Panzer Army, had no success in its attack. The after effect caused me to put into action one of my best reserve units, the Fuhrer-Escort Brigade. This unit was intended and destined for another application and therefore this Brigade was

missing later on another very important place! This unit and other parts of the attacking Corps could have gone to the aid of the 6th Panzer Army, on my right flank, and probably again opened a hole for the on rushing Panzers when the 6th Panzer Army's attack to the north bogged down in the first few days of our offensive by the brave soldiers of your left neighbors! All things considered; the flanks of my army grew weaker as its spearheads penetrated into the American lines, and now I had to dispatch troops from my spearheads to reinforce those long flanks!

Under these circumstances the energy and the momentum of the attack in this area was diminished; decisively! That is the great importance of the honorable and brave defense of St. Vith by parts of your Division, and by the gallant attitude of the men of the CCB 7th Army Division under General Bruce Clarke. Important TOO, regarding the influence for the other Corps of my Army, especially in the middle sector of the attacking forces. In this respect, the sections around St. Vith are, in my opinion, and from the German side, equivalent to the defense of Bastogne!

But this alone won't do to remember at this meeting, and I wish to say, and I have said quite the same all over and all the time; after the surrounding of the Schnee Eifel the Germans (and myself too) supposed that the way to St. Vith, the important crossroad, was free! But it changed and this fact certified my experiences in a long time in practical Military service in the front-line in Peace and in war times: Battles are won in the Hearts of the men! Not only by the combination of fire and movement and the working together, the team work is decisive! As it was shown around St. Vith! St. Vith and Bastogne are fundamental examples of that! The fact, that this area round St. Vith was obstinately and successfully defended, was the result! And that proved and demonstrated that the brave men of the 106th Division, joined by the gallant men of CCB 7th Armored Division under General Bruce Clarke. In this connection I am contradictory and I am in flagrant contradiction to some records, some magazines public opinion, etc. They think to blame the units which went out of their positions in the Schnee Eifel, in the last analysis for their surrender. I say to you,

Veterans of the 106th Division, in order to tell the truth, that happened to ourselves the same fate or analogous to that and the like in Russia! Such judgment, I mentioned, demonstrates, in my opinion, a lack of comprehension for that which happened in reality in those days of December 1944 in the Schnee Eifel! The attack of the Germans on both sides of the Schnee Eifel outflanked these units, parts of this "green Division", that means inexperienced soldiers without combat experience in that "rest camp" as the departing Veterans had quipped. These units were encircled! While they marched and fought through the terrible terrain in winter time, fire came from left and fire came from the right side of their positions and from the rear too! These units suffered heavily. Further, they did not know what was happening on their flanks and in the rear; the sources of communication and of information to the rear were destroyed. These units were surprised without their own guilt, by the excellent regulations for the deception of their real intentions by the Germans. The Cavalry on their flank made no attempt to put up a fight and drew back too! The visiting patrols were shot or captured. The ammunition was gone and they had only a few rounds left per gun for their machine guns; no help or assistance came by the Artillery, no supplies came in, most of the men had not a drop of water or a bite of food all day! These units were overwhelmed, in the real sense of the word, by powerful German forces and in superiority in numbers and arms, with great intensity; the Germans fired into their massed ranks with every cannon they had, a rain of steel, no tank-destroyers were available, some confusion and temporarily some panic spread out and so on and so on. That the blood, the dirt, the cruel weather in winter time, with deep snow and with fog, cold and confusion, that was what happened in those cruel days in the Schnee Eifel. After all I agree with my Chief of staff, General Wagener, who said, with reason, "Possession of the ground or capture of ground does not guaranty Victory. Loss of ground does not mean defeat'. Withdrawal is not a disgrace, but a method of fighting!"

We experienced quite the same in Russia as I mentioned. The decisive element is the fact that the individuals and parts

of your Division, they were not engaged in this underserved disastrous situation and once they recovered from the first shock, gallant men and small combat units, Engineers, etc. were to hold fast to whatever they could and as hard as possible; they did not weaken, they broke into small groups they formed improvised perimeter defense even though they did not know what was happening on their flanks and in the rear; their unbreakable will to fight, thus indestructible "esprit de corps" as well as the unshakable confidence they had in the military leadership, those surviving elements of the 106th Division joined by the very brave men of CCB fell back to the crossroad of St. Vith and stayed and fought till they were wounded or captured! They mastered the situation, they threw back the Germans by these small groups, units, etc. The German attack in this area came to a halt for two days, it deployed "a war of the small men-soldiers" until General Bruce Clarke came to organize and to co-ordinate the defense in this area East of that Town under unified command and control! Chester Wilmot wrote and I agree, "Faith and pride made them reluctant to execute any withdrawal, every yard the Germans were allowed to gain, was a reflection on American honor" Later on we met with the 106th Division on the vital crossroads of Baraque de Fraiture where they fought too!

Honor to whom Honor is due, to those brave men of all ranks and of various services grade in those days. My unlimited regard as a front line soldier for these soldiers in their self-sacrifice, stubborn and heroic defense around St. Vith. Thus this action made a valuable contribution to sealing off the breakthrough area both to North and to South within the Battle of the Bulge! The official U.S. Military History of this Battle acknowledges this vital role that St. Vith played, in spite of the most tragic fate of some parts of the 106th Division. Together, my very deep respect and high esteem for those soldiers who have had settled the battle round St. Vith to your own advantage by the outstanding bravery, in spite of the pass over loss of this Town! Remember, please, what I say from General Wagener!

I bow to all those soldiers, I dare say you are allowed, in my opinion, to be proud of your participation in the Battle

of the Bulge!

My condolences and my sympathy applies to the sacrifices and pains of the inhabitants who were pressed in the war events!

I hope the fate may be favorable to us for being spared from that we all suffered; that is my wish for all of you!

I thank you, Gentlemen, Veterans!

Hasso von Manteuffel  
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### BAG LUNCH

(in memorial Maj. Gen. Alan W. Jones  
1894-1969) by L. T. McM.



GENERAL  
JONES

General Jones was assigned to command the 106th. Infantry Division on activation at Ft. Jackson S.C. in March 1943. He commanded the division during its training there, in the Tennessee Maneuver Area and at Camp Atterbury Ind. He took the Division to Europe and into combat in the Ardennes in December 1944. When he suffered a heart attack and was evacuated on 22 December, Brig.

GENERAL  
PERRIN



Gen. Herbert Perrin Asst. Div. Comdr. assumed command.

In January while the Division was back in combat, Maj. Gen. Donard Stroh was assigned to command. In August 1945,



GENERAL  
STROH

while the Division was in the Army of Occupation, Brig. Gen. Perrin was ordered back to the States and Brig. Gen. McMahon, Divarty Comdr was transferred to command the XXIII Corps Arty. Brig. Gen. Francis A. Woolfley was assigned to



GENERAL  
McMAHON

the Division and when General Stroh was ordered home he took command and brought the Division home for inactivation.

General Perrin passed away at Gambier Ohio on 9 June 1962. General Stroh died in Washington D.C. in January 1954. Colonel William C. Baker, who was Chief of Staff of the Division all during its active service became a Major General in the Army. He passed away on 6 Oct. 1966.

As all Golden Lion readers of the CUB know General Jones, after a month's illness in Walter Reed Army Hospital, passed away on 22 January 1969. Generals Jones, Stroh, Perrin and Baker are all interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Doug Coffey and Isabel thank all the wonderful people who were on the trip to Europe for 25th Anniversary, and do appreciate all the letters of praise they received.

## ANNUAL REUNION OF SERVICE BATTERY 592 F. A. BN.

About fifty members, their families, other relatives and friends gathered on Sunday 31 August 1969 at Hershey Park, Pennsylvania for the annual reunion of the Service Battery 592d F. A. Bn., the medium battalion of the 106th Division Artillery. This happy affair was initiated nearly 20 years ago by members Tom Dorosky and Emil Solecki. Most of those attending were from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. This year one member and his wife returned from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

### Members Attending:

Tom and Alice Dorosky, daughter Kathie and friend Diane Eckert, Shavertown, Pa.

Emil and Ethel Solecki, Sparta, N. J.

Charlie and Betty Latham, Daughter Kathie and friend Sone Kneckt, Lindenvald, N. J.

Charlie and Daisey Walsh, Haddonfield N. J. accompanied by Reed and Adrienne Train, Vineland N. J. Mrs. Train is a sister of Mrs. Walsh.

Tom and Mary Fox, Greencastle, Pa.

Members were happy to welcome back Mrs. Violet Malesky, widow of Lt. Jim Malesky who regularly attended the reunions. He passed away at their home in Greensburg, Pa. on April 25, 1969. She was accompanied by friends Ellsworth and Peg Amend and Mrs. Dorothy Jenkins of Greensburg.

**GUESTS**—Doug and Isabel Coffey, 590 FA Bn., West Orange, N.J.

Tom and Flo Bickford, Div. Hq., East Orange, N.J.

John and Kay Loveless, 422 Inf., Daughter Althea, Baltimore, Md. Daughter Kay 2, husband Ray Kemp and son John Ray, Chevy Chase, Md.

Tex Matthews, son of Col. Joe Matthews, 422 Inf., Raleigh, N.C. He was accompanied by his Aunt Dr. Mary Matthews, Baltimore, Md.

Lou and Linda Rossi, 424 Inf., North Bergen, N.J. accompanied by his father Lou Rossi Sr. and family friend Mrs. Argila Carrubo.

John and Stella Gallagher, 81st. Engrs, Temple, Penna.

Clayt and Mabel Rarick and daughter, Blandon, Pa. 424 Inf.

Leo and Wilda McMahon, Daughter Carol, Divarty, Middletown, Pa.

Both the members of Service Btry and their guests were pleased to Greet Colonel Bill Manahan, Div. Ord. Officer and Mrs. Manahan from Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. Several months ago Bill underwent an operation for removal of a brain tumor at Walter Reed Hospital. They were accompanied by his son Major and Mrs. Richard Manahan, Washington, D.C. and son and family Ronald, Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.

### UP-DATE

Ed Kelly, 423 D Co. writes that the Directors of his Bank recognized his age and made him Senior Vice President. He has one child in College, another due next year and four more behind them. He says he's beginning to feel it.

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George Kaufman, H, 423 is still a meat salesman for the Fink Meat Co. Has been with them nine years. Previous to that he had been in the Grocery business for thirty years. He still hears from some of the fellows from the 106th. He says that he sure met a bunch of nice fellows in his old outfit and really is peasure to hear from them occasionally. Wishes the Association the best of everything for the coming year.

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Henry Broth, Co. I, 422 writes that his oldest son, Stuart, just opened his own Dental office in Rockville, Maryland. youngest son, Ralph has left October 21st for six months basic training in the Medics for his National Guard Unit and his Daughter, Rita Kay just received her drivers license and doing very well in school. He is sorry he and Eunice had to cancel out on the trip to Belgium. He has made a date to join with John Loveless to see the pictures John took on the trip.

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Carl Burch, Co. D, 424 received his

Thirty year pin from Ford Motor Company October 16th. He plans to see us all at 1970 Convention.

Lucille Watt regrets to inform us that her husband, Howard Watt passed away this year. He was quite active in the Jersey group. He was very proud of his membership and affiliation with the 106th.

Harry (Seymour) Zorn, Signal Company, has been getting around. He and his wife spent two weeks in the Caribbean on the Homeric in June and for Christmas he will be in Hawaii.

James Fonda, B Btry, 590th FABn has moved from Akron, Ohio to 20 Barbour Lane, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Joins many 106ers in that area. Still with Burroughs Corporation. Son, Jim, is a senior at Rice University. Son, Rod, is a freshman at Yale.

Jim Hatch, after a long silence writes that he and Helen certainly hated to miss the St. Vith trip and the pleasure of traveling with his good friends but health wouldn't permit. They appreciated the card with all of those signatures which indicated that they hadn't been forgotten. Hopes to see all of us in 1970. His advice to Convention Committee is to arrange a slide party so that the stay at homes can see where the travelers were and what they did.

Fred Chase, D, 422 writes to change his address and said that he and Agnes enjoyed the European trip very much. They feel grateful for having the opportunity of meeting many of the 106ers and spending 21 days with them.

Joseph Litwin, D, 423 writes that he has been semi-retired the last two and one half years from the Meat and Grocery business. After catching up on vacations, fishing and loafing he is now free lancing as a meat cutter in different markets where help is needed.

Ladry Gubow, Service, 423 is now a Federal Judge in the Eastern District of Michigan. Wife, Estelle, looks after the

chores at home and 10 year old Janey. His son, David, is a junior at Univ. of Michigan and a member of M hockey squad. Daughter, Mona, is sophomore at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts.

John Reynolds, H, 424 is Vice Commander and Service Officer in his V.F.W. Post in Edgewater, Florida and also Second Vice Commander in the American Legion Post No. 285.

Walter Glenney, Div. HQ, and 424 Hq. said he recently had Margaret and Lyle Moulds from Dover, Delaware visit them. Lyle is former Provost Marshal of 106th. They rarely see any of their friends of the 106th. Hopes any of you in the San Antonio, Texas area remember they are there and welcome your visit.

Dr. Michael Connelly of Sharon, Pennsylvania were in Europe this past summer but too early to greet the 106th group in St. Vith. He did stay at the International Hotel in St. Vith when he was there. Covered many places the 106th group covered while they were in Europe.

Thomas Maw, A Btry, 592 FABn. writes that his back to normal again after the wonderful trip to Europe. Doug Coffey really did a wonderful job and he and his wife will always remember the trip.

Visited Ben and Avis Britton and showed them his slides and photographs and Ben did likewise. Had a wonderful day with them and plan to have them visit his home in the near future. He would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the trip for their many kindnesses, a more convivial group just couldn't be found. Hopes to see all of us in Davenport in 70. Sends thanks to Margaret and Doc Bullard for sending snapshots of European trip.

Wanold Olman Service Co, 422 says he is with Shasta Trailers of South Carolina and his wife, Mayetta has the terminal for Morgan Drive Away here in Columbia. Would like to hear from any of his buddies.

The Rev. Dr. Ronald Mosley, Divarty and 424 has a new grandson, Scot Arthur

born August 24th at the U.S. Air Force Academy Hospital to Captain and Mrs. Ronald Mosley, Jr. Ron is a 66 graduate of the USAF Academy and is an orbital analyst at N O R A D. Rev. Mosley is Vice President of the New England Chapter of the Military Chaplains Assoc. of USA.

Mosley says he would dealy love to attend the Association Conventions but they are never held in New England. Regularly, yearly that is, He sees Dr. Sam Neel, Jr. President of Manatee Junior College, Bradenton, Florida. He was a Chaplain with the 422nd and was taken prisoner in December 1944. Also, the Division Chaplain, Colonel William Veazie lived in Portland, Maine and died several years ago. Chaplain Veazie left the Pastorate of the Freeport, Maine, Universalist Church to go on active duty in World War II.

Fred Burnham, Division Band tells us his daughter Susan, who was born at Fort Jackson in 1943 is now in Nuremberg, Germany with her husband who is in the Army, SP/4 Richard Strong. Daughter Debbie, is a senior in high school. Wife June, still manages all of them while he continues as head of Illinois School Consulting Service a rapidly expanding financial service in the State of Illinois.

Don Kersteiner, Hq. Co. 424 is Claim Supervisor at Ohio Casualty in Hamilton, Ohio. Would like to hear from his buddies in Hq. 2nd Bn. 424.

Charles Smith, D, 422 is Office Manager for the Williams Construction Co. of Baltimore, Maryland. He is sorry he was unable to have been with all of us on the European Convention. Sure it was enjoyable and brought back lots of memories. Looking forward to seeing all of us in Davenport.

Jack Zuckerman, C 423 has a son just entering University of Rochester New York and a Daughter entering Jamaica, New York High School.

John Taylor, Service 424 is looking forward to retirement. Both his daughter married to "Army". Has travel trailer (Avion) and will travel. Sends his best to all in 106th.

Doug Coffey, C Btry 590th FABn. is looking forward to his second daughter getting married the Saturday before next Easter. He says only one more to go and he and Isabel will be foot loose and fancy free. He's still plugging along at the West Orange Town Hall and hoping they will change the age for retirement. He's had it!

Colonel Byrne Bowman, Div. Hq. (Staff Judge Advocate) is still practicing law in Oklahoma with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

Arthur Heffernan, H 424 writes that his step son Wm. Garcia, a Sergeant with the 101st Airborne is returning after almost two years in Vietnam.

Richard Robinson, Cannon 424 is practicing law on his own after thirteen years with the Legal Department of Citizens Mutual Insurance Co. Oldest daughter is a senior in High School. Youngest daughter is not in Kindergarten as yet. He says he's getting too fat.

Colonel Wm. T. Manahan, Div. Ordinance has recently recovered from brain surgery in Walter Reed Hospital and is convalescing at home. He made the trip to Hershey this year. His oldest son, Major Richard was brought home from Vietnam to be with his father. He also made the Hershey reunion with his wife and children.

Robert Ringer, 591st and 590th FABn. is still employed as payroll Supervisor at the Ohio State University. Would like to have gone with the group to Europe but could not make it.

Jack Gillespie, C, 422 tells us that everyone in the Gillespie clan is in good health, thoroughly involved in the every day details and demands.

Currently have their eldest son, Marty, as a Junior at Xavier University in Cincinnati. Oldest daughter Carolann now a Freshman at Dayton University. Their two little ones are in grade school, so after 15 years Shirley suddenly finds herself without children at home during the day. Yours truly has his Company, Hansen Wholesale Lumber Corporation growing



to the dimensions he'd planned back 5 years at the time of his acquiring ownership. Hopefully we'll be seeing further growth and expansion in the next 5 years. Attending the farewell Mass and reception for Father Paul Cavanaugh, now reassigned to Milford, Ohio Center. Bob Rutt's and the Bob Kelly's attended the affair, here in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Please express our best wishes to all the old faithfuls of the Association. In 1970 may we be blessed with ability to exchange visits and the reunions.

Tom Bickford, Div. HQ. has progressed steadily in his new job with Monroe Calculating Company, in Orange, New Jersey. He has never been happier and it shows up in the face of his wife Flo. Be in Davenport with Bells on.

Dick DeHeer is back in harness again working hard for the 106th. He is working closely with Doug Coffey and John Gallagher to insure the membership that the Cub will continue to function and bring you the news of your members.

Best Wishes to General McMahon and Wilda whose son and wife made them grandparents to a 8 pound 10 ounce boy.

Ben Johnson Hq. Co 3rd Bn. 422 would like to hear from Sgt. Sessums in Mississippi, E.E. Bannhart in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. Henry Kress Sgt. Bascalla, Sgt. Gehrig, Lonnie Neel in Princeton, N.C.

He is cut down a bit with MS and would like to hear from his old buddies.

Anyone knowing Ben, please call him or write him. He lives at 5 North 6th St., Denton, Maryland. Telephone 479-2210.

He runs a print shop.

Barney Mayrsohn is with Prevor-Mayrsohn International, Inc. New York. He is in World Trade and travels a lot. Has three children. Two in University and one on the way. Lives in White Plains, New York. Graduated from Cornell University.

Asked about sites of Prison Camps and Doug Coffey gave him latest dope.

Bob Howell, Griffin, Georgia says he enjoyed St. Vith and Europe trip with 106th this past summer. "Doug Coffey

did himself proud".

Clifford E. Perras, Sr. Nadeau, Michigan 49863 H. Co. 424th Inf. Reg. is manager of the Upper Peninsula State Fair, at Escanaba, Mich. and still operates hotel and bar. Oldest son was wounded twice while with the Marines. Youngest is a junior in high school.

John D. Wilson, 331 E. 59th St., Hialeah, Florida, 33012 COS. D & H, 422nd Inf. Reg. is a dispatcher for the local city bus system.

Carl M. Hulbert, 519 Janice Road, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32014. 424th Inf. Hq. Both he and wife teaching school and he is a professional trumpet player. Have three sons, one at West Point, one at U. of Florida and the third in high school.

Alfred J. Gericke, Jr. 3744 Granger Rd. Medina, Ohio, 44256 Co. D 423. Sorry couldn't make St. Vith reunion, was at camp the Ohio National Guard.

Mrs. Violet B. Malesky, 173 Craig Dr. Greensburg, Pa. 15601. Her husband, James, 592 F.A. Serv. Battery, died this past April after an illness of three years. Our sympathy to Mrs. Malesky.

Henry Bruch, 6340 Monterey Dr. Affton, Mo. 63123. Henry is a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital. The 106th hopes he has an early recovery.

Henry E. Freeman, 2546 Shallowford Rd. N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329 Reg. Hqrs. Co. 422 is divisional merchandise manager of Music Center at the largest dept. store in the south.

Col. (USA Ret.) Eric R. Mills, 5007 Dian Wood Dr. East, Jacksonville, Florida, 32210. 1st Bn. 422. Received doctorate at University of Florida. Is now dean of career education Florida Junior College, Jacksonville, Florida. Has one daughter aged 16.

Col. Charles C. Cavender, 56-E Calle Cadiz, Laguna Hills, Calif., 92653. Enjoyed account of last reunion at St. Vith.

Bruce F. Glen, 10 W. Ferry Rd., Morrisville, Pa. 19067 Div. Hqrs. Co. Son, James graduated from Norwich University now 2nd Lt. at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Sons Pete and Dick are students at Norwich University.

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Charles S. Walsh, 1001 Chews Landing Road, Ashland Terrace, Haddonfield, N.J. 08034. Div. Art. 592 Service Battery Charles is member of 1971 Phila. Convention Committee.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear John:

Congratulations on the last issue of the "Cub", with the wonderful account of the return to St. Vith. I'm so glad that everyone had such a happy time—and I want to thank everyone who signed the beautiful big card mailed to me from Paris. It brought back old sights and sounds of happier days—and I felt, that I was with each one in heart and spirit.

I've had a good summer with my family and keep busy. Our Lt. Alan 3rd is safely home from Vietnam—and stationed at Ft. Sill—and the rest of my grandchildren are in school. Col. Alan Jr. remains at the Pentagon, which pleases me.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Alys Jones

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Though I find that I am no longer a member of the Board of Directors I feel a strong allegiance toward the Association and a deep feeling of appreciation to those of you who carry the responsibility of continuing the activities of the organization. Without whom we would have nothing.

In reviewing my file of Cubs I find your name as editor as far back as 1956. To return to such an arduous job is truly commendable and, as a member of long standing, I thank you.

We were sorry to miss the St. Vith trip for many reasons. For one thing, I was there on that Dec. 16th; second, I was president of the Association the year that

Doug Coffey had most of his contact with the town regarding construction of the memorial; third, Helen and I have been in Europe twice (1958 and 1961) and would have loved to have made a third visit with our 106 friends. However, health problems have made it impractical for Helen to travel great distances and, though we have high hopes of seeing all of you in Davenport next summer, it just wasn't possible to make the St. Vith trip.

H.M. Jim Hatch

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Members 106,

I am Skipper for the Sea Scout Ship #96, called, "The Lion". We have been using Cub patch for our sleeve patch, but have been unable to purchase any recently. I would greatly appreciate it if you would be able to tell where we could get them for the boys. We have been using this emblem for the past seven years, and the boys wouldn't want to change it now.

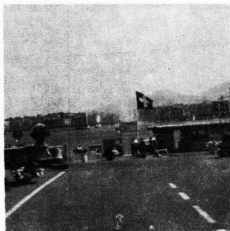
This outfit is connected with the Boy Scouts of America. Their home base is in Linden, N.J. where we have about 12 ships anchored.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give us.

Yours truly,

Henry J. Bernstein (Skipper)  
5-D Riverview Terrace  
Winfield Park, N.J. 07036

Please advise if you can help.



GENEVE (106 Members on Tour)

### THREE NEW MEMBERS

I have done my good deed for the year.

Enclosed is three names to add to our list. These men are all personal Friends of mine and I consider it an Honor to have signed them up.

Elsby Keilman, Branchville, Ind. 47514  
Battery B, 589 FA BN.

Elsby, and his wife Mildred have two children, a son Dallas, 16 and a daughter Darelene, 14. Elsby, works at the boat yards in Tell City, Ind. He promises me he will make every effort to attend the Reunion in Davenport next year.

Bobby Welch, RR 2, English, Ind.  
47118 Co. B, 422 Inf.

Bobby and his wife Helen have three sons and two grandchildren. Son Ronnie is married & has two children. Son Dean, is in the Army, has served one hitch in Vietnam and is now in Korea. Son Barry is at home and attending high school. Bobby and I are old Shine Buddies and attend the Shrine meetings in Evansville quiet often. Bobby works on Construction in Louisville, Ky.

Donald Voglesong, 7 Julius St. Vincennes, Ind. 47591 Co. F, 422 Inf.

Donald and his wife Martha have two sons. David, a senior in high school. Danny, attends grade school. Donald, teaches high school at Vincennes, he too hopes to attend the Reunion in Davenport next year.

I consider myself very lucky to have known Bobby and Donald prior to our army service, and then to have meet them both soon after we were taken Prisoner and spent all our POW time together at Bad Orb.

Russell Enlow  
Taswell, Ind.

"Good Work Russ"



"106th GIRLS"

### WE REMEMBER

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Ardennes Offensive, the last major German offensive of WWII which took place in the dead of a bad winter just west of the German border in the difficult terrain of the mountains and forests of Belgium. This last big battle, costing 176,000 casualties--76,000 on the Allied side--has been characterized as A. Hitler's final desperate gamble, but knowledgeable historians hold that nothing could be further from the truth.

This offensive was a major and carefully conceived maneuver, not merely to avert the defeat of the Third Reich, but also to administer a decisive blow to the Allies. It was developed long in advance and prepared with exceptional care and ingenuity and considerable investment in human and material resources. The Germans launched the push on Dec. 16, 1944 and what was to be called by Winston Churchill as the "Battle of the Bulge" was to last 42 days. Under Field Marshall Von Rundstadt's overall command, 200,000 attacked with all they had, from specially souped-up tanks to plodding volksgrenadiers, making deep penetrations before General Eisenhower in Versailles and General Bradley in his Luxembourg headquarters knew what to make of the situation. Generals and staff of the 106th Division have stated that no warning was given them of the impending attack.

This is the story of a member of Service Company, 423 Infantry.

Dec. 1, 1944—On this day we sailed from Southampton, England on a British channel ferry. Our first sight of France was the next day at Le Havre. The town was an utter wreck. Rumor had it that the damage was largely done by Allied bombers and that the townspeople were a trifle unfriendly over it, especially since it was also rumored that the enemy had previously pulled out. Debarkation was by landing nets over the side into LSTs or LSIs. Upon unloading, the anchor gave way leaving three of us still on board. After about 3 hours the crew had loaded up and ran for the beach again. My company was not to be found so I snagged a truck ride to the bivouac area—the muddiest field I nearly ever saw (excusing Tennessee maneuvers). Upon awaking next morn we gazed at the wide open spaces of Norman France, the most jarring note being the small British cemetery close by our tent.

Dec. 3—Trucks moved us near Yerville where we bivouacked in a farmers front yard to await our own motor transport coming up from Rouen. We spent a miserable, wet week there, taking nearly all the irate farmer's straw to try to keep our tents dry. The day before our departure, we drew rubber boots—a godsend!

Dec. 7—We started a long 2-day convoy into Belgium, soon moving into icy, snowy country and spent that night sitting up in the trucks trying to sleep.

Dec. 9—We arrived outside St. Vith and found our bivouac area to be a snow-covered, evergreen forest. Next day we dispersed, set up pup-tents and dug in; this time it was no dry run.

Dec. 12—This day our regimental mail section (3 of us) was ordered to move to Division Hq rear, so while one member went forward with the troops into the lines, the other two went to set up shop at the Caserne in Vielsalm.

Dec. 16—We had gotten mail ready to go and when our forward man came for it he reported patrol activity by the enemy. That afternoon he came back saying he was unable to get back up to the regiment, having been shelled and forced to take shelter under his truck. Thus we a-

waited news of the action up front only a few miles away. After several days of waiting, during which time rations became scarcer and news more alarming, we became aware that there would be little word from our regiment nor from some of the other units, as it was reported that they had been surrounded & weather made it impossible to supply them. A few men began to find their way back thru the lines on foot. Their lot had been a dreadful one. We watched our recon troop with their light tanks and vehicles go out to fight, come back for supplies, and take off again, ever in more reduced numbers. Rumors began to fly. It was said we were cut off but then that the 82nd Airborne had reopened a route. (They had begun quietly to dig in behind us back of the Salm River.) Then truck drivers began to tell of 7th Armored and 9th Armored columns moving up to take over and we began to say that the Boche would back down now. But it was not to be! The enemy had superiority and in spite of the heroic defense of St. Vith, the 106th had to retreat.

Dec. 20—Today we moved by convoy to the little town of Ferriers, where Division Hq offices all tried to set up in one little schoolhouse. Our mail section talked its' way into the nearest house and slept on the floor of the dining room. We got along well with this large friendly family in spite of our language barrier. They soon began to worry about the Germans getting that far and taking their sons as slave labor (They never did). What was left of one of the regiments pulled into town and a more pitiful lot I never saw. After some rest they were sent back out to help stem the tide. While here, our first clear day came and thousands of American bombers and fighters began going over. What a thrill! It seemed unreal-like a movie, as we saw ack ack down a few and some parachutes blossom out.

Dec. 25—Christmas Day! We spent it traveling. We seemed to spend all holidays and most Sundays moving. This time it was to the town of Lince near Sprimont. Having hung onto our mail paraphernalia, we set up shop in the dining room of one ground-floor house and bunked on the third floor of another. We shared our small store of 10-in-1 rations, our sign language was improving, and

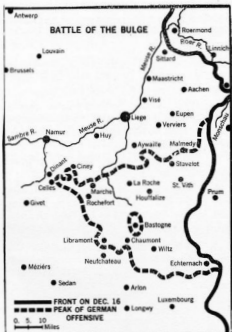
everything was peaceful until we discovered a new danger—Buzz-bombs (V-1's) or Robots as the natives called them were coming right across the front of the house on their way to Liege. The civilians were more afraid of them than we were, due to our ignorance of them, I suppose. Here too we watched Jerry planes bomb Liege in the distance without opposition.

Jan. 1—On this day we loaded up and pulled out again, landing in the small town of Anthiesnes where we found adequate quarters with family of one of the two local butchers. This turned out to be our most pleasant stay of the winter—six weeks with this fine family, with whom we shared and were shared with. We worked mail in the dining room and parcel post in the slaughter shed. We have not forgotten the steak and french fries we enjoyed when a beef was killed. The mystery was—where did the beef keep coming from?

This concludes the narrative for now. As for reflections on or over the past and present—I thank my Maker that I did not have to suffer the misfortunes that many of my comrades did. Our little group performed their assigned tasks in the best way possible, including the rather heart-breaking one of returning hundreds of pieces of mail marked "Missing in action", realizing to some extent then and more so later how lucky we were. Like many others, I am still learning what "happened" over there. I feel and have felt very strongly that it is our duty to properly honor our fallen comrades as best we can. As for the present situation concerning our fighting men—I join the "hawks" in deploring the no-win policy through which our boys have had to suffer. At least our generation could depend on an all-out effort for victory. And I almost but not quite join with the "Doves" in saying if we can't win then let's come home.

The Division Association has been and is one of my prime interests in our time. Long may its' banner wave!!!

Sherod Collins



## DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

Major General Jones, Division Commander; Brig. Gen. Perrin Asst. Div. Comdr and Colonel Baker, Chief of Staff (who became a Major General before he retired) have all passed on.

Lt. Col. Herb. Livesey (OCGL) Div. Chem. Off. retired and lives in N.Y.C. and Croton-on-Hudson N.Y., when not traveling. Held Reunion of Div. Staff on 10th and 20th Anniversaries of this date in New York and discussed a 25th anniversary with Gen. McMahon.

Lt. Col. Earle Williams Div. Sig. Off.-attended first two reunions in Indianapolis with wife Lib, but no more. Lives near Louisville, Ky.

Lt. Col. Byrne A. Bowman-Div. Judge Advocate-An attorney in Oklahoma City Okla. Has always been a member of the Assn. but never made a reunion.

Lt. Col. Lyle Mowlds-Div. Provost Marshal-attended a number of reunions with wife Margaret and son Bob. Retired and lives in Dover Del.

Lt. Col. Sam Cariano-Assst. Adjutant General-Long time member of the Assn. Now retired he and wife Billie live in Springfield, Va.

CWO Herb. Snyder-Div. Leader-remained in Army. He and wife BDB retired in 1966 and live in Reno, Nev.

Lt. Col. John Ketterer-Div. Dental Surg.-He, wife Connie and daughter Frances live in Springfield, Ill. where he practices Dentistry.

Lt. Col. Mike Belzer, Div. Surg.-practices medicine in Minneapolis, Minn.

Tom and Flo Bickford -always reliable, year after year. Attended every reunion held in the States. Live in East Orange, N.J.

Jim Hatch and family-National President 1960-61. Resides in Minneapolis, Minn. with wife Helen and daughter Kathy.

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## DIVARTY

General McMahon recalled an incident of 25 years ago that was amusing to his staff, but not to him. Divarty CP was located in a building right in St. Vith. About 5:30 A.M. on the morning of 16 Dec. as he and his Aide Capt. Warren were hurrying from their billet to the CP next door, German artillery was shelling St. Vith with large caliber shells that were doing considerable damage to the buildings they struck. When he walked into the CP the staff were all busy working in their shirtsleeves and no helmets. So he said: "Put on your helmets". They looked up askance and somewhat amused and he repeated the order to which they complied. There was no time for explanations in the hectic hours and days that followed. Much later some staff members who were still amused asked him about the order. He explained that he had a fine staff and knew that in the coming days he would have to depend heavily on their combined brain power. When he saw what damage some of the heavy German shells did to buildings, he felt that if one hit the CP and rafters, plaster and bricks came raining down about their ears, that the steel pots would help assure him continued use of much of this brain power.

John Warren is now a successful attorney in Red Bank N.J., where he lives with wife June and two daughters, one in college.

Lt. Col. Ben. Hagman, Divarty S-3 President 1961-62 and long active in the Association, passed away three years ago. His widow Juanita still lives in their home town of Weatherford Tex. All other members of the staff are still alive and active in many endeavors all over the country.

In May, Gen. and Mrs. McMahon had a happy reunion in Conn. with his Sergeant driver—Henry F. Libera and Mrs. Libera, who live in Glastonbury.

### 589th F.A.Bn.

Were in direct support of the 422d Inf. When the Bn. was ordered to withdraw the night of 16-17 Dec. Lt. Col. T. Paine Kelly Jr., Bn. Comdr., remained behind to try and help extricate Btry C. which was well forward and having difficulty getting out. Later he and Btry C were captured. He survived PW Camp and is now a member of a law firm in Tampa, Fla.

Austin L. Byrd Jr.-Btry A Adit Assn. 1954-58.

### 590th F. A. Bn.

Col. Vaden Lackey, Bn. Comdr has been a faithful member of the Association. He and Mrs. Lackey attended a number of the annual reunions and last July, accompanied by two of their grandsons returned to St. Vith for the Reunion.

The Association is indebted to this Bn. for its new President—PETE HOUSE of Jacksonville Florida, who served with Btry A. The Commo. Sgt. of Btry C also did a lot. His name is DOUGLAS S. COFFEY COGL. He sparkplugged reunions at St. Vith for the 10th and 20th anniversaries of December 16, and functioning in the dual capacity of Reunion Chairman and Tour director was signally successful in assembling 90 people at St. Vith for the 25th anniversary. He is a former President 1955-56, former CUB Editor 1952-55, perennial Memorial Chairman, responsible for the erection, dedication and maintenance of the Division Memorial at St. Vith. You name it Doug has it.

Captain Edward Luzzie of this Bn. was Association Pres. 1950-51.

### 591st F.A. Bn.

Were in direct support of 424th Inf.

Col. Phillip F. Hoover, Bn. Comdr passed away 2 years ago from heart attack.

Supply officer then Capt. (Ret. as Lt. Col.) Martin Dolitsky passed away last year. His widow Libby and son Michael attended the reunion at St. Vith in July.

#### 592d. F.A. Bn.

Bn. Comdr Richard E. Weber Jr. is retired and lives in Kansas City Mo. Service Btry. of this Bn. has been a great supporter of the Association all these yrs. Tom Dorosky has served on the Board of Directors. See separate story on their annual reunion at Hershey Park.

#### 422d. Inf.

Col. George Descheneaux Regtl. Comdr. retired from Army is with an industrial firm in Concord Mass.

Veterans of this Regt. have rendered strong support to the Association Col. Joseph Matthews, Regtl. Exec. — Pres. 1965-1966; Jack Gillespie, Co. C, Pres. 1949-50 and Robt E. Rutt Hq. Co., Adj.; D.B. (Pete) Frampton Jr., Pres. 1953-54; John T. Loveless Jr. COGL Pres. 1954-55, and perennial Chaplain. Henry M. Broth I Co., Pres. 1962-63; T. Wayne Black Hq. Co., Editor CUB 1960-63.

#### 423d. Inf.

Colonel C.C. Cavender Regtl. Comdr. retired and lives in Laguna Hills Cal. (Gen. McMahon had a letter from him a few weeks ago, in which he reminded that they have not met since Gen. visited 423d. CP at BEUCHET, about the 14 or 15 Dec. 1944.)

First Assn. Pres. Wm. Perlman from this regt. elected at Camp Lucky Strike France 1945; Chas. Robasse 423 Pres. 1948-49; Robt. Kelly Sv. Co was Adj and Treas. number of years; J. Glen Schnizlein Pres. 1951-52; Lawrence Gubow SV Co, Pres. 1956-57; Wm. F. Smith Jr., H Co. Pres. 1968-69. Sherod Collins Sv. Co. Adj. for a number of years and still Treas.; Robt. Holden I Co-Editor CUB.

#### 424th Inf.

Col. Alexander D. Reid, Regtl Comdr. until wounded on 15 Jan. 1945 in the counter offensive. Now retired and lives in Santa Barbara Cal. Richard DeHeer CO GL K Co. has been one of the stalwarts in the Assn., Pres. 1957-58, Adj 1958-65; Treas. 1961-65; Editor CUB 1963-67.

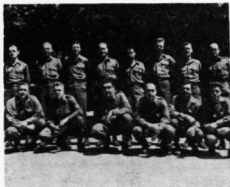
Clayton Rarick L Co. Pres. 1958-59;

Cliff Perras H Co. Pres. 1959-60; Louis P. Rossi H Co. Pres. 1966-67; John Shalhoub Pres. 1967-68. John R. Fritz Hq. Co. Editor CUB 1968-69.

#### 81st. Engr. Bn.

Col. Thomas J. Riggs Jr. Bn. Comdr. Now with Tertron Corp. Providence R.I.

Capt. James E. Wells, C Co. has been a tower of strength in the Assn. Pres. 1952-53. He and his wife Maydean planned and carried out three highly successful reunions at Savannah Ga. 1957 and 1960 and in Augusta Ga. 1965 Robt. W. Pierce Pres. 1963-64; John Gallagher C Co., Editor CUB 1955-59 and has resumed this important post 1969.



81st ENGR. STAFF

#### 331st. Med. Bn.

Major Irwin Neigus Bn. Comdr.

David S. Price Co. D (later with PIO Div. Hq.) did a yeoman job for the Assn. in its early days. Was Pres. 1946-48 when Assn. held its first two reunions at Indianapolis; Adj. 1947-49; Editor CUB 1947-50; Treas. 1949-51. Now Dr. David S. Price, Vice Chancellor for Personnel, State University of New York.

DECEMBER 16, 1944

Schlaussenbach—a small village in the Schnee Eifel in Western Germany about 14 miles easterly from St. Vith, Belgium.

Have you ever thought or dreamed about a place you had once known and wondered what it would be like if, after a quarter century, you were able to revisit it, even but for an hour?

On Sunday, 10 December 1944, at about 1700 as I recall, the Hq. and Hq. Co., 422d Infantry Regiment rolled into a small community rising on either side from a narrow stream. It was cold, heavy snow was on the ground with just a hint of fog. Here we were to stay until early morning of 18 December.

The residents had been evacuated some months before and we moved into their houses, relieving personnel of the 2d Division who reported a very quiet situation.

Capt. Foster, the Company Commander, 1st Lt. MacEachan, 1st Sgt. Davis, Carl Cutler and I were assigned to No. 9, just over the bridge. Officers quarters and Company orderly room were set up in the parlor, while Carl and I moved in upstairs, he in a room over the kitchen and I in a room over the parlor with a gabled window facing a side road. A fire was kept going in the parlor stove, but there was no other heat in the house. But we all did have a bed to sleep in and we were comfortable enough.

The weather turned a bit warm, a little rain fell and the thick fog set in earnest. Things seemed calm. Everyone went about his duties. Occasional firing was heard in the distance. Patrols went out; a few prisoners were taken, some with important information. Sgt. Davis killed one of the chickens still left in the barn for a delicious dinner.

War became real to me when one night Lt. Krol, out on reconnaissance, was last seen by his men pinned down by enemy fire and Lex Schoonover, wounded, returned after evading the enemy.

One day we were all paid, but there was no place to spend the Belgian francs. A few days later I surrendered 540 francs to the Germans at Bad Orb, but a 1000 franc note I carried hidden until we were ready to leave Camp Lucky Strike the following April for home.

At 0605 on Saturday, 16 December 1944, I woke with a jolt from a sound sleep. A deafening noise drew me towards the window. In the breaking light I saw just across the narrow road a hole several feet deep and perhaps 12 feet across. How fortunate for us that the shell had hit about 50 feet from its assumed target! The Battle of the Bulge had begun!

Later in the morning we saw many of

the houses peppered by shrapnel, two jeeps riddled and rendered useless. Everyone became more tense; feverish activity developed; difficulty increased in getting to and from Division; communication was not the best; supplies, apparently, were not too plentiful; rumors flew; it was reported that Lt. Col. Kent had been killed; we were alerted to the possibility of a quick pull-out. I wrote to K on Saturday night; the letter went out with the last mail the next morning.

On Sunday morning, I did not bother to go to the mess; I had some K rations at the house and I ate some of that. At night I watched Capt. Foster, Lt. MacEachan and Sgt. Davis burn thousands of Belgian francs and German marks to keep them from possible capture.

We pulled out of Schlausenbach at about 0230 on Monday, 18 December 1944. As we could not take our duffel bags, I stuffed my pockets with what essentials I could carry: 6 pairs of hose, 6 or 7 handkerchiefs, some toilet articles, cough drops, a roll of fruit-flavored mints, two fountain pens, an automatic pencil, two lead pencils, my New Testament, among others. So, in the darkness, I caught my last glimpse of Schlausenbach until Monday, 21 July 1969.

Ever since returning from Europe in May 1945, I had a strong desire to return some day, taking K with me, to see the places where I had been in those War yrs. I felt that no trip overseas would be satisfying without a visit to Schlausenbach and Bad Orb. During our tour of those areas where we had been during the Bulge, "Schlausenbach" became the insistent cry of Jack Bryant and me. Our persistence paid off and we went into the town for our bag-lunch stop. Jack and I trailed by Emily and K, took off up the road, looking for our billets. At first we did not see them; as we turned back down the road there ahead of us we saw mine and up a side dirt road we saw Jack's.

To describe my feelings is difficult. Here, after nearly 25 years, to see the house just as I remembered it, even to the color of the paint of the door and window-frames (except, of course, for the colorful flowers in the window boxes), is nearly indescribable. Through the kind assistance of Tom Herrmann we were able to talk for awhile with the own-



ers who had lived there before the War and had returned to their home after hostilities were over. We had no feelings of ill-will; Mr. and Mrs. Theiss seemed overjoyed that we had such an interest to return after nearly a quarter of a century. K and I believe that this was a highlight of our 25th Anniversary Tour that began at St. Vith and shows that the bitterness of War need not remain to destroy the hearts and minds of men.

John T. Loveless, Jr.



There was no pity for those who had to go on

FEARSOME ARDENNES — 1944

## CONFUSION

I was lying in a nice soft feather bed in my house in Radscheid, Germany when I was awakened by the shaking of the Earth. The noise was terrific. I jumped out of bed, got dressed and hurried over to check my Switchboard location and general communication set up. When I arrived I found that one of the first shells had hit the corner of my headquarters building where I had my switchboard and the Company clerk's office. The shell had broken the windows and the flying glass had injured our Company clerk. He was one of the first characters in the Field Artillery to get a Purple Heart, and best of all evade capture by being taken to the rear.

One of the shells dumped our chow pots so no chew. As we could hear shelling all over, especially on our right, I decided to try to contact my buddy Charlie Riese, my counterpart in the 591st Field Artillery, hoping he could tell me of the situation there. When I tried to get through the Headquarters switchboard I was asked if I had the SOI. Ha! Ha! We were so fouled up that Headquarters hadn't sent down the SOI as yet. The operator, an-

other friend of mine, even though he recognized me said it was against orders to put me through to the 591st. I raised Hell with him telling him how assinine it was that though he knew me he couldn't put me through so contact was never made. I have often wondered what may have happened if we could have been apprised of the situation and knew that the 591st was going to pull out and leave our flank exposed. Oh well, it is over now and conjecture will not help.

Then I received word that our line was out to the OP. I took one man with me and rushed to the OP and found the break but it was between our Firing officers bunker and the woodline with a nice open area in between which the Germans had under observation and at any movement pooped a shell in that area. I had a good man with me so we set it up that as soon as a shell hit he would run from one side and I the other, meet at the break, make a quick tie in and run like hell back to our positions before the next shell came in. We had to do this three times before we had a firm and proper connection.

Later that day another break came and we went out to hunt the break. It was late in the day and getting dark. We had orders not to be out on the lines after dark due to Enemy infiltrators but just at dark we found the break. When I called in I was told to get my . . . in by one of my Officers but I told him I was not coming in until my lines of communication were restored, orders or no orders. Later we came in, challenged by our gang, tired and hungry only to get reamed out by our Officer. At least we knew we had done our job and could still fire our Guns. So ended December 16th.

Doug Coffey

## THE 422d INF.

The 422d Inf. went into combat in the Schnee-Eifel Area of Germany on 10 December 1944. On 16 December, the regiment was hit by the German Ardennes counter-offensive, and was quickly cut off. Several sectors of the regimental zone received heavy artillery fire and ground attacks, all of which were repulsed. Co. "L" and CN Co. counter-attacked towards

AUW on the afternoon of 16 December and prevented the Regimental CP, AT Co. and Cn Co. areas from being overrun. On the night of 17 December, 2d Bn was swung around facing north, to meet a threat from strong enemy forces which had outflanked us. On 18 December, orders by radio from Division Headquarters directed the 422d Inf., in conjunction with the 423d Inf., to attack and destroy enemy forces at Schonberg, and continue along the Schonberg St. Vith road and clear the enemy from that road, which was originally our principal supply route. Meanwhile, the 7th and 9th Armored Divisions were committed in the vicinity of St. Vith, where the 106th Div. CP and other installations had been located, but they were unable to stop the German drive at that point. The 422d Inf. made an extremely well-executed cross-country withdrawal during the day and night of 18 December, to assembly position southeast of Schonberg, and attacked towards Schonberg on the morning of 19 December. They quickly came under small arms and artillery fire from several directions, and the 1st Bn., on the right, was attacked by tanks and part of the Bn was cut off and captured. The 2d and 3d Bns continued the attack towards Schonberg and came under intense fire from several types of weapons of a large enemy anti-aircraft unit, which inflicted heavy casualties and knocked out a number of our mortars and machine guns. The 423d Inf. on our left had sustained heavy casualties, was badly disorganized, and later was almost entirely captured or surrendered. In the afternoon of 19 December, having had no resupply of food or ammunition, or evacuation of casualties for the past four days, Colonel Descheneaux decided to surrender that part of the regiment. Parts of the 1st Bn, Co. "G", Co. "H", and men from other units found their way to the Regimental Motor Park, and held out until 21 December. Co "L" escaped almost intact through the German encirclement, and moved west, but ran into enemy positions on the night of 20 December, and were captured after sustaining many casualties. The majority of the vehicles and personnel of Regt Hq Co, AT Co and Cn Co, which had remained in the assembly area, tried to force a way out to the west, but ran into mine fields and artillery fire and were captured or surrendered. All of the regiment

was killed or captured except 9 officers and about 70 men.

Most of the regiment was marched about 50 km to Gerolstein and from there was marched or moved by box car further into Germany. A large part of the officers and men went to Bad Orb. Others were scattered throughout German POW Camps. A number of officers reached Poland, from which they made a winter march of several hundred kilometers, finally arriving at Hammelburg, where the officers from Bad Orb meanwhile had been moved. The Hammelburg Camp was liberated by a raiding force from the 4th Armored Division on 27 March but most of those liberated were recaptured before they could reach the American lines, and were marched back into Germany, finally being liberated at Mooseburg and other places in the Munich area about the last of April. Bad Orb and other camps were also liberated in April and returned via Camp Lucky Strike or through hospitals. A few officers and men were liberated in Eastern Germany by the Russians and evacuated via Russia. Many members were killed or died while Prisoners of War.

(Article by Col. Joe Matthew — Reprint Cub September 1946)

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(Articles that appeared in Lokales and Grenz-Echo papers of our 25th Anniversary, St. Vith Belgium.)

## U.S. VETERANS REMEMBER THE GREAT BATTLE

This Battle will always be remembered in connection with the Ardennes offensive of December 1944, also remembered in the History of this Battle is also the names of the 106th U.S. Infantry Division who threw the Enemy troops back. It was in the neighborhood of St. Vith that the Ardennes offensive was brought to a close. This did not happen without sacrifice of the soldiers of America, and also not without the sacrifice of the Civilians, who were forced to look on as their city in which they lived the Enemy was destroying. It is understandable that from this viewpoint the population upon the Celebration of the Battle with mixed emotions.

Twenty five years have passed and it was decided to have a big Celebration. Also, one did not want to have the Celebration in December because this would have been a bad time for the Veterans of the 106th Division to come to Europe.

The words of the Mayor were translated by Thomas Herrmann, who during the war had been a translator in the U.S. Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany. After the guests had drank the Toast they went in a group to the Monument of the Battle.

There, Chairman Coffey reminded the people that not only the Veterans but first and foremost the civilian population suffered most. He appeared quite pleased that so many residents of the Community took part in the festivities and came along to the Memorial service.

Dechant Brewer then spoke a prayer for the dead American soldiers.

The representative of the U.S. Ambassador, Wm. Marsh appeared joyful that so many Veterans had their way to St. Vith. He said St. Vith is found symbolically in Korea and Viet Nam. A St. Vith is found in many villages on this Earth wherever people give battle for freedom.

At the close of this speech the Chaplain of the 106th, John Loveless read the 67th Psalm for many former soldiers. He said for many this was their first trip to Europe since the War. He reminded the on-lookers of the Battle which took place on a cold and foggy day. "Many of the soldiers were Heroes but the majority were citizens as were you and I, who found themselves during wartime serving their Country to the best of their ability".

At the closing of his speech Wreaths were placed on the Monument.

## 25 YEARS AFTER THE ARDENNES OFFENSIVE

Veterans of the 106th U.S. Division hold annual conference in St. Vith.

At the 25th Anniversary of the Arden-nes offensive the 106th Division held its Congress in St. Vith.

Approximately 140 former members and wives of the Division and with some of their children landed at 9:00 P.M. at the airport in Luxembourg. Arriving from New York, they afterwards took buses to St. Vith.

Highlight of yesterday was the Celebration at the monument of the 106th Division on the Kloster Street. Today the guests visited the Battlefields around St. Vith. Tomorrow they continue their trip with a visit to the American cemetery in Holland, France, Austria and German places are also on the Agenda. The flight home will be on August 8th. Shortly before 10:00 A.M. on Sunday the Honor Guard of the 3rd Ardennes Hunters from Vielsalm as well as a music corps of the Fire Police marched through the City and assembled on the school grounds of the City Elementary School where they played the American and Belgian National Anthems. The Guests from the United States with their Chairman, Douglas Coffey, then went with Mayor to the school where the City gave them a Reception.

The City of St. Vith was represented by Mayor Pip and several members of the Senate. Mr. Thomas Herrmann interpreted. There were other guests introduced from Prum as well as Mr. Wm. Walsh, representing Ambassador Eisenhower.

The Mayor said this visit showed the closeness of the men who 25 years ago fulfilled their duties in this vicinity and St. Vith. He also greeted the ladies who feared for their husbands and sweethearts at that time. Mayor Pip closed with the hope and wish that this Congress may help to tighten the relationship between the Veterans Association and St. Vith, to ease the grim memories and let memories of friendship take their place. Afterwards he presented a cultural seal to Mr. Coffey, Mr. Herrmann and Mr. Marsh.

Then they marched to the Monument of foreign soldiers. There were many more spectators than ever before. Chaplain John Loveless reminded us that not only the 106th Division in St. Vith but also the civil population had suffered a lot while they held the town for five days. He uttered his hope that such events would not repeat again. Again the music corps played the two National Hymns. Dechant Brewer spoke a prayer for the fallen soldiers. He also blessed the Golden Book of the Division.

Chaplain Loveless reminded of the long road of suffering of the 106th from the landing in Normandy to St. Vith and into Germany. For many this was their first trip back after 25 years. This Celebration

shall help to convince people to live in peace together. The speaker remembered all the dead of their Division who died for the idea of Freedom. He also spoke of the shortly deceased General Alan W. Jones. Many guests of Honor and the Veterans later inscribed their names in the Golden Book of the Division.

During the following Ceremonial Dinner in the Hotel Pip-Margraff, Chairman Coffey presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Mayor and others for their sincere cooperation and service to the 106th.

The excellent Music Corps played during the day in the Town and also in the evening in the Concert hall for a cheerful evening Dance given in honor of the 106th Division.

### DSC CITATION TO 106 HERO

First Lieutenant Eric F. Wood, Jr., 589th Field Artillery Battalion, from December 17, 1944 to January 22, 1945, displayed extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in Belgium. His section, the real element of the withdrawing battalion, was cut off and completely surrounded, his vehicle was destroyed by enemy tank fire, and hostile infantry covered the surrounding area with a hail of small arms fire. Refusing to surrender, as enemy fire converged on him from all sides, he raced across a large open field into the woods beyond. Cut off from all possibility of returning to his own lines, far inside enemy territory in the Ardennes wilderness in the dead of winter, he rejected any temptation to surrender. Not content to maintain his liberty behind the enemy lines, in company with several other Americans in the area, he repeatedly initiated ambush attacks against enemy communications, supply columns and patrols, accounting for the deaths of scores of the foe. Valiantly, Lieutenant Wood continued his offensive actions until finally in a last fierce engagement with overwhelming forces he made the supreme sacrifice, where later his body was found surrounded by the bodies of seven of the enemy, mute testimony to the daring, the loyalty and intrepid gallantry of Lieutenant Wood in the service of his country.

## CAPTURE OF THE

### "GREIF" PLAN

BY

COLONEL ROBERT P. STOUT  
DIVISION G-2

The German counter offensive in the Ardennes struck the 106th Infantry Division at daylight on the 16th of December 1944. That morning the 424th Infantry on the south of the Division sector was attacked by a German unit which proved to be the 62nd Infantry Division; this attack reached the outskirts of the town Winterspelt, where the initial assault was thrown back and our positions reestablished. In repulsing this attack a German Battalion Commander and some of his staff, who were leading the foremost battalion, were captured. In the dispatch case of the Battalion Commander were found a copy of the orders of which the following is a translation and also an operation map showing the complete disposition and plan of the 62nd Division for the attack and capture of St. Vith. (I do not know the exact details of the unit of the 424th or the persons who captured this document. Major Wm. B. Perlman, S-2 of the 424th probably knows these details; in any event credit should be given to the individuals capturing this officer for their action in finding these documents before he could destroy them, in immediately recognizing their importance and promptly reporting them.) This document which follows is an exact copy of the translation as it appeared in the G-2 report of the Division for the night of the 16th of December, except that misspellings of the geographical names in the third document have been corrected.

### WE GAMBLE EVERYTHING!

You carry with you the holy obligation to give everything to achieve things beyond human possibilities for

Our Fatherland and our Fuhrer!  
von Rundstedt  
C in C West  
Generalfeldmarshall

Dist:

Feldjager Kdo z.B.V., G-3  
66 Corps G-3, Chief of Section

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Addition to the order of the day of C in C West. We will not disappoint the Fuhrer

and the Homeland who created the sword of revenge. Advance in the spirit of Leuthen. Our password will remain now more than ever: No soldier of the world can be better than we soldiers of the Eifel and Aachen area.

#### MODEL

Generalfeldmarshall

Forward double time! Remember the heritage of our dead comrades as well as the tradition of our proud Wehrmacht. von Manteuffel  
General d. Panzertruppen

Dist:

Feldjager Kmdo z.B.V., G-3  
66 Corps G-3, Chief of Section

Subject: Undertaking "Greif"

- (1) Higher Hq planned to include in the operation the undertaking "Greif".
- (2) Undertaking "Greif" could also include own forces with American equipment, American weapons, American vehicles, American insignias especially the 5 pointed yellow or white star.
- (3) To avoid confusion with enemy troops, the forces employed in undertaking "Greif" will identify themselves to our own troops:
  - a. During the day by taking off their steel helmets.
  - b. At night by red or blue light signals with flashlights.
- (4) Forces of the undertaking "Greif" will also indicate the employment by painting white dots on houses, trees, and roads used by them.
- (5) Employment of forces of undertaking "Greif" is planned along the following roads:
  - a. Trois Ponts (5 km SW Stavelot). Basse Bodeaux, Villettes, Bra, la Fourche, Harre, Deux Rys, Roche a Frene.
  - b. Recht (8.5 km NW St. Vith), Petit Thier, Ville du Bois, Vielsalm, Salmchateau, Roadcrossing at point 444 (0.5 km N Joubieval) Hebronval, Regne, Roadcrossing at point 538 (2 km SW Malempre), Manhay, Road fork at point 430 (East of Grandmenil), Roadcrossing at point 200 (1 km N Mormont), Roche a Frene.
  - c. Roche a Frene, Aisne, Juxaine,

Bomal, Road fork 2 km SW Bomal, Tohogne, Oneux, Amas, Ocquier, Veroox.

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Reference: G-3 66 Corps  
Subject: Undertaking "Greif"

The following further identification for our own troops has been decided upon: Swastika flag, white flares, partial head bandage.

for the General Staff  
SIEBERT, C o S

CP 15 Dec 1944

62 Volksgrenadier Division G-3

The above mentioned identifications are to be followed precisely.

for the Div. Staff  
TROITZSCH, Chief of Staff  
CP 15 Dec 1944

183 Infantry Regt., G-3

Above order acknowledged and to be followed precisely.

DUVE  
Major and Rgtl. CO

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## PRISONER OF WAR

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

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

efforts have come to naught. His soul is crushed with the weight of ignominy and from his manly eyes flow tears of humiliation and defeat.

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

For us of the 106th Division this depression was universal. But recently committed to action, we crumbled before the first enemy attack. As a team we had failed and every individual shared in that disgrace. The Golden Lion which was intended to portray courage and unconquerable spirit would henceforth be a mark of scorn, a blighted symbol. Such were our thoughts on the day of capture. Later on, however, when each little story of resistance and courage was pieced together with the overall picture of the battle and compared with the magnitude of the German counter-offensive, spirits rose out of the depths of desolation. Men saw differently; units took a new estimate of their value and the virtue of their efforts. When commendations from high places came down through the ranks, with them came new light on the heroism of defeat. What at one time appeared a shameful overthrow in reality was a gallant resistance. The Golden Lion shoulder patch could be worn with honor, for now it symbolized a "glorious collapse."

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

(Faith & hope for tomorrow sustains us)

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## DOVE OR HAWK

The great debate in the halls of Congress and thru out our land is how to bring the war in Vietnam to an end. Whatever our personal viewpoints may be, may we remember that a nation must remain strong and united if it is to survive.

Could it be possible that we the people of the United States will destroy ourselves by internal dissension?

The principles for which our comrades gave their all twenty-five years ago are still in need of being defended, how shall we show our honor and respect to them.

## SINCE I MET YOU I'M NOT AFRAID

Look, God, I have never spoken to You  
But now I want to say how do You do.  
You see, God, they told me You didn't  
exist

And like a fool, I believed all this.

Last night from a shell hole I saw Your  
sky.

I figured right then they had told me a  
lie.

Had I taken time to see things You made,  
I'd have known they weren't calling a  
spade a spade.

I wonder God, if You'd shake my hand.  
Somehow, I feel that You will understand.  
Funny I had to come to this hellish place,  
Before I had time to see Your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to  
say,

But I'm sure glad, God, I met You today.  
I guess the "Zero Hour" will soon be here,  
But I'm not afraid since I know You're  
near.

The signal! Well, God, I'll have to go.  
I like you lots, this I want You to know;  
Look now, this will be a horrible fight,  
Who knows, I may come to Your house  
tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly to You before,  
I wonder, God, if You'd wait at Your  
door.

Look, I'm crying! Me, shedding tears!  
I wish I had known You these many  
years.

Well, I have to go now, God. Good-bye!  
Strange, since I met You, I'm not afraid  
to die.

James J. Walker

(May we never forget  
God gave you and I these  
past 25 years, Did  
He have a purpose?)

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Help us get new members, will you encourage your buddies to send \$5.00 dues or send name to J. I. Gallagher, 4003 Frances Street, Temple, Penna. 19560. I will contact. Thank You.

The date is February 8, 1945 and the Bulge is now closed, and as a member of "C" Company 81st Engineers, we are now attached to the 99th Division. Our orders for the day are to repair roads inside of Germany.

A group of us got caught in a German mine field and tasted the sting of German ingenuity.

For those of us who were wounded, this started a new phase in our life. We were quick to appreciate the dedication of the medics who were on hand to care for us, and to send us on our way to a tour of hospitals in Belgium and England, a hospital ship, and finally to the United States.

During this period of treatment and convalescence, life took on a greater meaning. There was no time for self pity, for the hospital was filled with boys whose wounds were much more severe than our own.

Again today, in these same hospitals and perhaps the very beds that we once occupied are filled with a new generation of wounded soldiers who gave of themselves to preserve freedom for mankind. In my own conscience, I feel a degree of guilt for not being more active in visiting and encouraging the wounded of this war. Perhaps you and I, particularly during this Christmas season, can visit or correspond with one of these, our fellow servicemen to show our appreciation and to encourage them for that day when they shall take up their bed and again walk the pathway of life within a free society.

J. I. G.

Doug requests those persons who made side trips while in Europe this summer, send article for Cub. "Deadline next Cub February 7th."

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Are your Dues paid, if not please forward to Bob Scranton, 9441 Lee Road, Brighton, Mich. 48116.

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Change of Address sent to Bob Scranton promptly so records for Cub mailing can be kept up-to-date.

As our flag passed in review at a community parade, is viewed from a flag pole flying at our home, public building, sports event, or covers a casket of a service man; do we recognize this our flag as a symbol of our great land.

Will we in our life carry our flag a bit higher in honor of those who can no longer carry the flag in life for they made the supreme sacrifice so that the banner of the free could continue to fly over the land of the brave.

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The following poem was sent to us by ex-Pfc Conny W. Morgan who says: "Am enclosing a poem I composed while in the hospital in England. I was thinking of the boys of F Co., 424 Inf who fought and died on that Christmas day and thought some of the 106th boys would like to read it."

## GOD WILL LISTEN

There in the Ardennes where cold stars glisten,  
Brave men can talk with God and God will listen;  
And as we knelt in the snow to pray,  
God was with us that Christmas day.

From the blanket of snow I raised my head  
Through the smoke of battle I could see the dead,  
My buddies that only the day before  
Had laughed at danger, now they laughed no more.

As I looked up at that star spangled sky,  
There was a question in my mind—a tear in my eye;

The tear was for my buddies who had died that day,

The question was why—why, was I allowed to stay?

Yes, we won the battle and they say  
It was worth the price we had to pay;  
We drove them back to the Siegfried line,  
"The news is good, they are doing fine!"

But don't forget as you sit and read  
About the towns the boys have freed.  
How they lived in horror, filth and mud  
And stained the earth with human blood.

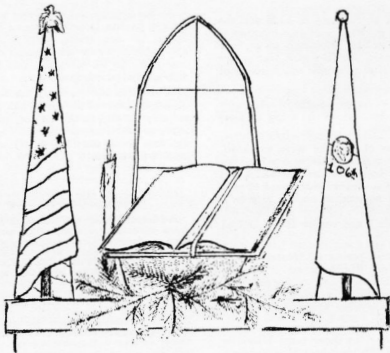
No, don't forget when you read the story,  
That they paid the price, we got the glory—  
And in another battle another day  
That we, too, may be called on to pay.

But when the world again is free,  
Pure the air and safe the sea,  
When all the world again is sane,  
Let it not be said they died in vain.

As I looked at the trees, so green and tall,  
The sky so wide and me so small,

I thought and thought and it got my goat  
Then there was a lump that came into my throat.

There in the Ardennes where cold stars glisten,  
Brave men talk with God and God will listen,  
All I could say as I knelt to pray,  
Was, "Thank you, Oh God, for another day!"



# Season's Greetings

## CHRISTMAS -- THEN, NOW, AND TOMORROW

That Christmas of the Bulge must still be vivid in the memory of each of us, and how thankful we were then even though we were weary, confused, wounded, or a prisoner in a foreign land whose life had been spared for another day.

During that period of history of mankind as in all other times, even today, man takes up arms to kill his fellow man.

As the astronaut stands upon the face

of the moon, he views earth as a small sphere where dwells all mankind. Will our Christmas gift to the world this year be our dedication to see all mankind as having been created to dwell on this earth as united people where each has compassion and understanding towards his fellow man.

"Peace and freedom starts in the hearts of men. Let it begin with me."