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JOHN T.
LOVELESS, JR.

In the midst of the Thanksgiving Season, the average individual in these United States has much for which to be thankful.

He has food to sustain his body, he has a mind with which to think, he has clothing and shelter to protect him from the elements, he has security in his home (though perhaps not always in the street), he has free mobility to go from place to place, he has freedom from harassment by an invading foe. Yes, thankful for these things and many others, not only for a day or two but for all time.

On the other hand, the average man, from time to time, experiences heartaches, sickness, worries — personal, business, financial. These, without doubt, as you and I know, can be and are burdensome when they appear. Oft-times they seem to overshadow the blessings.

None-the-less, the average man, being an average man, knows that his blessings, on balance, are greater than his burdens. And his gratitude to his Maker should know no bounds.

"Give thanks to Him, bless His Name."

— Psalm 100:4

John T. Loveless, Jr.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Lowell, Ind.

Dear John:

I am going to try my idea again of getting old buddies interested in the 106th Inf. Div. Association and to come to the reunions. At the Philadelphia reunion

there were three new members from Service Btry. 591st and I have received letters from two more who couldn't make it and plan to make the next one. I would like to use this means to let some of the rest know about the 106th and try to get them to the next reunion. I think this method is more effective than just a letter so if you will print this letter I would like copies of the Cub that this will be in sent to the men on the list that I am enclosing.

The last time I wrote fifty letters and received two answers but I did have the surprised and satisfaction of seeing five of my old buddies at the reunion, three of these I had not seen since 1945.

To Clayton Rarick, Charles Walsh, Frank Maloney and you John I want to thank again for a well planned reunion, we all had a good time but for me the highlight of the whole convention was to talk over old times with my old buddies from Service Btry.

As we grow older the memories fade but on seeing some of the men that you have lived with for some time it all comes back, the good and the bad. To you that were not there don't feel left out because we talked about you and wished you were there. Karl Dryzmala is still a butcher, Ed Rielly is a detective, Chas Datte is a electrician, Florian Frank has a cheese factory, and I am a electrician. I received a letter from James Brackett who is a Stationary Engineer working at the U.S. Quarantine Station, Staten Island, N.Y. and another from Wilbur Evans who has something to do with Dixie Yarns Inc. in Mebane, North Carolina.

It is my wish to receive a confirmation from every one of my old buddies to whom I am having a copy of the "Cub" sent to. also any addresses they might have. That's it John, I hope this works.

Best Wishes
Jack Schlessner

Editor: Good work Jack.

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Dear John,

From the account in "The Cub" this must have been one of the finest reunions to date. It makes me even sorrier that we had to miss it.

Our son David is in his first year at Clemson University this year and was chosen to be a member of the Counter Guerrilla group which they have there. He seems to be enjoying the activity very much. They have to pass the Army physical test with a score of 145 or better out of 150 plus other requirements to take part.

Enclosed is my check for \$2.00 for one of the coffee mugs. I thought that the decals were outstanding and hope that enough were made so that you will be able to offer them for sale, also. If they become available I would like to have several more.

While in Columbia over Thanksgiving, I was in a Military Store to get some things which David needs for Clemson. It occurred to me to check and see if they might still have some 106th Division patches. It turns out that they have about 100 which have been collected from various stores which they have bought out over the years. They are from several manufacturers and so are not all exactly alike in the detail of the lion's head, but all are authentic 106th patches. He is asking 30 cents each for them while they last. If I had the money to spare I would have bought the lot and forwarded them to you, but if there is enough interest in them, maybe we can work out something. The man who runs the store also told me that he felt certain that the supplier from whom they purchase patches would be able to duplicate the 106th Division patch, but that they would probably run about 55 cents or more on today's market and would have to be ordered in batches of 100. If you want me to follow up on any of this let me know as Columbia isn't very far from Saluda and I am usually there at least once a week.

My best to your family and to all of the 106th men in your area. May this be a happy and healthy holiday season for each of you.

Sincerely,
Ewell C. Black, Jr.

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Dear Bob:

I recently met Alfred J. Gericke, Jr. D423 at our National Guard Convention in New York and he was kind enough to

contact you and pay my subscription to The CUB.

I noted, upon receipt, of the first issue, the Division has been credited with four (4) battle stars — Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. General Order 105, WD 1945, that I have, only indicated Central Europe, Ardennes and Rhineland. I would appreciate having the authority for Northern France, if available. Also, could you advise me if the 424th Regt was "officially" awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. I recall some discussion but never received anything official.

I am enjoying the Cub very much and I am extremely happy to be a member of the Association. I would be attending the reunion in Philadelphia if it were not necessary that I be in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas completing Command and General Staff College.

Please advise me on the battle stars and citation at your convenience.

Sincerely,

E. G. Henson, H424

1720 Pinewood Drive

Little Rock, Arkansas 72204

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Dear Golden Lion:

The Division is entitled to a Battle Star for Northern France, but I cannot quote you the WD GO awarding it.

However I can substantiate it by quoting extracts from a letter from the Commanding General 106th Infantry Division, APO 443 US Army dated 2 Aug. 1945

To: Commanding General, Division Artillery, and Commanding Officers Regiments and separate Units:

QUOTE—***** Extracts:

Par. 2 The 106th Infantry Division came under the control of the Fifteenth Army on 10 March 1945 and passed from its control on 12 July 1945. During that period of four months the several elements of the Division were assigned a large number of diverse missions, all of which they performed in a manner which earned praise from such a distinguished officer as Lt. General Leonard T. Gerow. These missions, most of which were car-

ried on concurrently included:

a. Formed the tactical reserve for, and actively participated in the investment of the St. Nazaire and L'Orient pockets, for which the Division was awarded battle participation for the campaign of Northern France. *****

(Signed)

D. A. Stroh

Major General US Army,
Commanding

Now I will quote you some extracts from Lion in the Way, the history of the 106th Infantry Division, Page 225:

"The Division had moved out of the battle zone on 14 March, travelling by rail and motor to St. Quentin France "....." It would prepare for another operational mission at the same time becoming tactical reserve for the 66th Infantry Division in the "forgotten War" against the Nazi Pockets of LORIENT AND ST. NAZAIRE. So the Division had moved again, this time to RENNES, (Brittany)...."

"There was a three ring circus of training and reorganization. In the first place the 424th Infantry and 591st F. A. Battalion, in addition to everything else were on a five hour alert status to reinforce the 66th Division on call."

"During this period the reconstituted units in the west saw some action. The 627th Field Artillery Battalion Attached to 106th Divarty, supported the 66th Division Artillery from positions southwest of Nantes, and the 423d Infantry with the 590th Field Artillery Bn. in support clashed with the Krauts in the ST. NAZAIRE pocket, before it folded."

So you see the Division was there, and your regiment was on a five hour alert to reinforce the 66th Division.

In answer to your second question, I regret to inform you that your regiment was NOT awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. According to the Division History (Lion in the Way) the only Division outfit awarded such a Citation was the 81st Engineer Combat Battalion.

Sincerely yours,

General Leo T. McMahon

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16 November 1971

My dear Mr. Gallagher:

I have read the Golden Lion, and it is excellent-congratulations.

Enclosed are two shoulder patches in answer to your appeal. The used one is, I believe, original issue, the other, after acquired.

You are kind to publish the announcement of my marriage. I had really sent it in a lazy way as a change of address notice.

Your good editorial work brings back a flood of memories. I had a bound volume of ALL the published Cubs and turned it over with the other records. I do hope it has been well cared for. I have a bound volume of all the Cubs I published. If I knew the Assn. could take care of it, I would donate it, but otherwise will give it to the Division History section of the New York Public Library which is quite complete.

General Jones was always insistent, it he referred to as the Lion Division, not Golden, but I added to the Cub "of the Golden Lion" and no one objected.

Knowing that I had a good reputation as a civilian expert on organizing and running voluntary associations, General Stroh asked me to organize the Division Association and I accepted.

When it was put up for vote of the men at the staging area, St. Valerie en Caux, it was voted but then a motion that all officers be barred failed by only three or four votes and hot under the collar, I told Stroh I wouldn't do it, but he sweet talked me into it.

He saw to it that all mess funds were given to me about \$20,000 but more important, a list of all the assigned and attached men totalling over 41,000.

Knowing we had a membership problem unlike other groups, that a potential that could never grow larger but with each day, less, I concentrated on building a membership list. I worked like hell on it, at one time having twelve women compiling lists and just about wrecked my home.

But I ended up with a list of over 40,000 and had the satisfaction of the W.D. saying I had the most complete

roster of any divisions veterans not even excepting the Marines.

But I knew that the real problem was not the forty thousand but the fact that ours was one of the most shaken up divisions in the service and that the only ones we could REALLY count on, were the 700 who had been constantly on the rosters from activation to deactivation.

I never could get Col. Baker C/S (bless his heart hardest working man I ever knew), to understand this. He thought there should be at least 15,000 members. I couldn't get him to realize that though thousands of Escort Guard men wore the Golden Lion, they simply weren't men of any loyalty whatsoever to us.

But I used every membership trick I knew and forced draft everything to get all the members I could before the War grew cold.

At the end of the Indianapolis convention I had some 2000 on the list but the cost was high. Roe Simpson, who ran it for us was stubborn about it and would not believe only five hundred would attend, shot for 2000, and lost his shirt. Three thousand dollars and I had to throw in all the dues we'd collected there. I thought it was worth it however, and kept my fingers crossed the new members we'd signed up would stick; they didn't.

Herbert Livesey
Lt. Col. USAR (Ret)
Teatown Road
Croton-on-Hudson
New York 10520

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John:

I want to thank you for your co-operation in sending the "Cub" out to friends of mine. The response in letters and cards was more than I had expected and I am pleased with the results. I started out three years ago with two names and addresses and today I have Twenty-three and working on more.

Some of these men have indicated that they are interested in joining the 106 association and I hope to get them all interested, also in coming to the conventions. On the 11th of December we had a meeting of the 106 in Chicago with

a good turn out and a good time was had by all.

I have made up a list of fellows from the old Service Battery, 591st F.A. Battalion, these are old addresses and I have sent out copies to all the good addresses that I have with the hopes that some of the fellows know where these men are and will let me know. I am sending you this list with the hopes that you will put it in the "Cub" and maybe some of the members will look in their telephone books and see if any of these men are in their area.

Will close hoping to hear from you soon.

As Ever
Jack Schlessner

Editor: Keep up the good work Jack, other members may want to follow your example.

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Dear John:

Just received my copy of the Cub and all of the pictures and stories therein concerning the reunion at Valley Forge. Was pleasantly surprised to see Lt. Col. Nagles's picture and how well he looks. Through the years I had always wondered what had happened to him. It really was refreshing to see his picture: the years have been good to him and his lovely wife. Sorry I couldn't make it, hope to be able to make the next one. Continued success,

Sincerely yours,
Gilbert Marcus, Capt.
423rd Inf. — Per. Off.

UP-DATE

MAINE 106th DIVISION ASSOC. MEMBER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CHAPLAINS

Dr. Ronald A. Mosley, Div. Arty. and 424th Inf., was elected President of the New England Chapter of The Military Chaplains Association of the USA at the Chapter's annual meeting on 17 November at the Boston Army Reserve Center.

The N. E. Chapter, one of the largest, has over 400 members.

Dr. Mosley has served as 2nd Vice President for Projects in 1968-69 and as 1st Vice President for Program from 1970-71 of the New England Chapter. As Projects V. P. he instituted a program supporting Korean and South Vietnamese hospitals and orphanages through the armed forces medical and chaplains corps.

"RevRon", as he is known, has been retired for many years in the U.S. Army Reserve, due to service-connected disabilities originally suffered in the Ardennes Campaign. His major assignments on active duty were with the 106th Division Artillery and the 424th Infantry Regiment, the 188th US General Hospital in England, and the Percy Jones Hospital Annex (amputees), Ft. Custer, Mich.

He served from 1950-53 as Massachusetts Dept. Chaplain of AMVETS and has been chaplain of several veterans' local posts. In January of this year, the United States Committee for UNICEF awarded him a citation for 20 years of consecutive services to the "children of the world."

Dr. Mosley is the son of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. T. Arthur Mosley of Melbourne, Fla. The senior Dr. Mosley is a retired Chaplain of the Royal Canadian Army who, in World War I, was head of the Social Welfare Dept. of the Overseas Military Forces of Canada.

"RevRon" is married to a class-mate at DePauw University, the former Eloise Chapin of Chicago, and the Mosleys have three children and four grandchildren. After his term of office of the Chaplains Association, the Mosleys will move to their home at Petite Riviere Bridge, Nova Scotia, where they have a home.

JAMES P. FORD, Hq. Co. 1st Ba. 424th Inf., 1829 S. Alden St., Phila., Pa. 19143. Is sorry to have missed the reunion, but he was hospitalized and had his right leg removed. Hopes to make the next reunion.

LESTER W. CROSSMAN, H. Co. 424th Inf., 1313 Clay St., Woodstock, Ill. 60098. Missed reunion because of a last minute change in vacation. Hopes there

was a good turnout and is sure everyone had a ball.

BYRON P. HEATH, M.P., 2729 Montezuma Ave., Alhambra, Cal. 91803. Has retired after serving 30 years as a clerk with Southern Pacific Railroad.

MYLES BRAZILL, M.P. Plt., P.O. Box 6, Landisburg, Pa. 17040. Has been retired 1962, and is still living in the mountains of central Pa.

WINNIE L. GREGORY, 3rd Btn. Hdq. 424 Inf. Div., 5009 Bounahill Drive, Hermitage, Tenn. 37076. Informs that fishing is great at Percy Preist Lake near Nashville, Interstate 40. Bass, rock fish, and crappies await any fishermen passing through on vacation. Would appreciate any information about Alfred V. Vicary, who left the 106th at Camp Atterbury.

CLIFFORD AUSTIN, C Btry. 589th FA Bn., 125 S. Maple St., Vergennes, Vt. 05491. Their "second" family, Dave, age 6, and Mike, age 4, is keeping her and his wife. Pat, young. Their two daughters, Sally, who is married, and Nancy, who is in college, are helping to spoil the two boys. He has recently returned to Simmons Precision, an electronic systems manufacturing company in his former position as personnel manager. He has been employed by Simmons for nearly 25 years. In his one year absence, he served as project director of the Public Service Careers Program, a joint effort between the U.S. Dept. of Labor and the State Personnel Division designed to hire and train 70 disadvantaged persons to work with the mentally retarded. It proved to be a truly rewarding and unforgettable experience.

LOWRY B. ANDREWS, Hdq. Co., 11 Ridgewood Rd., Wilton, Conn. 06897. He is in the Deputy Purchasing and Shipping Dept., The Rockefeller Foundation in New York City.

ROBERT M. COURTRIGHT, Div. Hqs. Co., 600 W. Main St., Ashville, Ohio 43103. He is working at DuPont Mylar factory in Circleville and is farming. He has five girls, all married, and two boys, both in grade school.

T. WAYNE BLACK, R Hq. Co., 422nd Inf., 306 Williston Ave., Waterloo, Iowa 50702. He is still employed as Asst. Safety Director, John Deere Waterloo Tractor Works. Is extremely busy due to meddling of federal bureaucracy into field of industrial safety. Hopes that he can make the July reunion.

LT. COL. BYRNE A. BOWMAN, Div. Hq. Continues to practice law as a senior partner in Felix, Bowman, McIntyre, and McDivitt. He writes articles, makes speeches before civic groups, and moderates discussion groups.

JOSEPH F. DREIER, Div. Arty., P.O. Box No. 52, Bear Creek, Pa. 18602. Had a pleasant surprise visit from two of his former Corpsmen, Drs. George Bullard from N.C. and James Clark from Mich. He was delighted to see them, and feels that the doctors' communities should be quite proud and fortunate to have such fine men available.

FLOYD L. ELSTON, A Btry., 589 F.A., 28 Park Ave., Haskell, N.J. 07420. Is now serving his 21st year on the police department. He is presently serving as chief of police.

W.G. ALEXANDER, E Co. 423rd Inf., 1120 South Ave., Apt. B1, Forest Park, Ga. 30050. Extends greetings to everyone in the 106th and expresses regret for having missed the summer reunion. He was kept busy starting a new job at Warner Robins Air Force Base for his company, T & B Builders. His daughter Carolyn was studying at Oxford University in Oxford, England for most of the summer. His other daughter, Marilyn, was snatching up some extra hours at Georgia State University in Atlanta, hoping for an early graduation in March.

JAMES V. BURRELL, D Co., 423 Inf., 31019 Champine St., St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48082. Appreciates the efforts to keep the association alive. Also values the Cub and information regarding the old outfit.

ROBERT C. HOMAN, Co. D 424th, 1211 Elida St., Janesville, Wis. 53545. He is a concrete contractor and has two married daughters and six grandchildren.

G. AXELROD, 331 Med., 668 Main St., Clinton, Mass. 01510. Visited St. Vith. The memorial is beautiful, but the town sure has changed since December '44.

ALLEN L. LOWITH, Cannon Co. 423 rd Inf., 1062 S. Mansfield Ave., Los Angeles 19, Cal. 90019. Would like to hear from the boys of Cannon Co. 423rd Inf. — Raymond Reed, etc., and also those living in southern California.

CARL M. HULBERT, HQ 424th Inf., 2801 N. Halifax Ave. No. 242, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32018. Is still teaching in public schools. Has a son who is a "Firstie" at West Point, a Distinguished Cadet (Dean's List). Same class as son of Col. Stumpf, former CO of 424th Regt.

GEORGE W. JONES, JR., Service Co. 423rd Inf., 5652 E. Main St., Loris, S.C. 29659. He is still carrying the mail on a rural route. His 22 year old son is a freshman at the Medical University of S.C. at Charleston, and his 17 year old son is a freshman at Clemson University at Clemson, S.C.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE ANY OF THESE MEN ARE?

Last known address

Howard Kris, Madras, Oregon
Charles W. Woodison, 2152 Buckingham Rd., Birmingham, Michigan
William J. Hartley, 9715 E. 68 Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri
Daniel F. English, 52 Union St., Mrthuen, Mass.
Robert R. Gray, 109 Swanee Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.
Joseph A. Demers, 642 Silver St., Manchester, N. H.
John W. Crosby, 4919 Goodyear Homes, Brunswick, Georgia
Isem D. Bodine, Rt. 2, Vernon, Texas
Jessie J. Cox, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.
Bernard Meyers, 73 Hegeman Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Stephan Shirger, 669 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret, N. J.

Irving S. Herzfeld, 3078 34th St., Astoria L. I. 3 N. Y.

Ernest H. Pafford, 6 Rock Hill Ave., Portsmouth, N. H.

Theodore Tuomi, Box 35, Trenary, Michigan

Louis E. Campbell, Rt. 1, Box 73, Sandiges, Va. Amherst Co.

William E. Hutchinson, 114 W. Broadway, Fulton, N. Y.

Linwood R. Jackson, 49 S. Main St., Randolph, Vermont

W. A. Avery, 1169 Hibbard Ave., Detroit 14, Michigan

Grafton Copeland, 7237 Armington Ave., Bethesda, Md.

C. M. Buschmeyer, Rt. 2, Marshall, Ill.

R. W. Palmer, 24 Packard Ave., Greenville, Pa.

Devard Russell, Box 121, Dixiana, Alabama

Theodore Zagya, Rt. 1, Allen, Michigan

Arthur T. Lehman, 689 Park Ave., Meadville, Pa.

If you have the address of any of these men or any other addresses of former members of the old Service Battery, I would like to have them.

DECEMBER 16

Jersey had a successful December 16th Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Union, New Jersey.

The usual old faithfuls plus some new friends and members attended.

Doug Coffey told about the trip to Europe and the 1972 project of bringing over a student from St. Vith to be our guest at the Convention.

Those attending were the Earles, Coffey's, De Heer's, Rossi's with two guests, Bickford's Schieferstein's Franklin Koehler, John Fleming, Jack Middleton, Charles Poetochke and the hosts the Brummers.

Through donated gifts which were drawn for by members a sum of \$22.00 was turned over to the Memorial Fund.

Doug

To both of you and your spouses we wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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The Ohio Chapter of the 106th division held their December 16th party at the Gilder house in North Ridgville on December 11th with 34 people attending. Every year we get a little bigger and get some new faces—which pleases all of us. The Enlows got the prize for coming the greatest distance—the Ohio group believe in intregation—we had Indiana, Pennsylvania and Michigan represented. The evening started with the usual social hour—waiting for all to assemble. A tureen supper followed with food the likes you have never seen—each year the women get to be better cooks. The evening was spent in socializing plus the showing of slides and movies of the recent trip that some of the group took to Europe. Walt Bandurak made the rest of the group so envious with his picture portrayal of the trip—his slides really are very beautiful and informative. Then Jean Schutte took us thru the trip on her movie camera and unbelievable as it may seem she had different shots which made the trip all the more interesting. Then Alfred Gericke took us on his trip thru Europe, which were different countries than we had previously seen. Made every one ready to pack their bag and get to go somewhere. The party finally broke up and all in the sheets by 4:00 a.m.; we had 10 people stay over for the night—believe me there was no more room in the inn that night. When you live in Taswell Indiana you do have to get an early start for home; so by 8:30 a.m. we were up and going again. Our poor dog, Botch, just is not a good 106th member, those late hours really wore him out—he slept for the next 24.

By noon the last of the group headed for their homes and I can bet you one thing—every one was in their bed Sunday night, VERY EARLY. The group disbanded with a vow "All were going to meet in Jacksonville, Florida in July; and they all extend their holiday greetings to all 106th personal—a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Those attending were—the Penn delegation Walt and Lillian Bandurak, Med.

Elst Eng. and Richard Bartz, DHQ (AG). From Michigan was Phil and Jean Schutte, F 424th and Indiana Russ, Bonni David and Nancy Enlow's, D-423 and the Ohio delegation were Ed and Millie Zoll, HDQ Co 424 Inf.; John and Martha Fritz, HDQ Co 424 Inf.; Virgil and Martha Collins, Cannon Co 423rd; Robert and June Walker, Co D 422; Bob and Jean Pierre, Co C 81st Eng Bn; Alfred Gericke, D 423; Presslye and Dorothy Walters, associate member; Charles and Willie Garn, H Co 424; Lela and Vivian McCullough, Service Co 422 Inf.; Bob and Jean Gilder, HDQ Co. 1st Bn 424 Inf.

THANKS

Middletown, Penna.
10 January 1972

On Wednesday morning 13 October, while driving home, alone, to Middletown on U.S. 230 South of Harrisburg, I was involved in a single car automobile accident, my car was wrecked. Thank God I was able to walk away from it, although with a bloody face that required some plastic surgery and a badly broken right forearm. I was taken to Harrisburg Hospital by ambulance where I spent two and a half weeks. Since discharge from the hospital with my right arm in a cast I have been unable to write or typewrite.

It was astonishing to Wilda and me how fast the news spread. In a few days I was receiving many "get well" cards from our friends of the Golden Lions and a beautiful basket of flowers from the 106th Division Asso. We have been unable to acknowledge these greetings. In addition we have received the usual Christmas Greetings from many of you.

I have asked Editor, John Gallagher to publish this note in the next Cub to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for your expressions of friendship and get well sentiments.

We have just reread these cards and greetings and Wilda and I want to tell you that they are indeed heart warming.

I hope to be back in action and able to

contribute to the next issue of the Cub.

Sincerely,

Leo T. McMahon

"Have you made your plans for Jacksonville in July?"

. . .

Dear Sherod:

The "Fall Flower" arrangement from the Division is one of the prettiest things I have ever seen and they are in a very attractive Basket.

Thanks so much, not only for the flowers, but calls and cards that grace his room.

Leo and I want to thank all members of the association for prayers, cards and call.

Much Love
Wilda

Editor: We are all happy the General is well along to recovery.

IN DEEP SYMPATHY

We were sorry to learn of Bob Shaws death. Bob was out golfing at time of attack.

Bob was a very active member of our association, he took a very active move in the discussions at last year's reunion.

Our prayer to the Shaw family.

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BOB SHAW SERVICES HELD

Funeral services for Harry Robert (Bob) Shaw Jr., 51, of Garland, were held Monday, December 20, 1971 at First Methodist Church of Mesquite.

Rev. Earl Harvey officiated assisted by Rev. Buist Wilson. Burial was in Restland Memorial Park under the direction of Anderson-Clayton Bros. Funeral Home.

Mr. Shaw died Saturday, December 18, 1971 in a local hospital.

He had lived in Garland for 19 years and was an operator for Arcadian Plumbing Company.

. . .

A native of Mesquite, he was born December 16, 1920 and was a member of Mesquite Masonic Lodge No. 928.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Rex Shaw; son, Robert R. (Bob) Shaw of Garland; his mother, Mrs. Ruby Shaw of Mesquite; brothers, Dan and Bill Shaw of Mesquite; a number of aunts and uncles; and two grandchildren.

OBITUARY

Trenton Times 12/23/71
**FORMER STATE LABOR OFFICIAL
DIES IN FLA.**

Palmetto, Fla. — John Joseph Taylor, 60, of 341 Terra Ceia Drive, Palmetto, former head of the safety inspection section of the New Jersey Department of Labor, died yesterday in Manatee Memorial Hospital.

Born in New York, he was employed in the labor department's bureau of engineering and safety for 23 years. He headed the safety inspection section for 10 years before his retirement in 1969.

A World War II veteran, he was employed for a short time before the war by the New Jersey Highway Department. He lived on Bayberry Road in Hopewell Township before his retirement. After he left his labor department post, he moved to Palmetto.

He was a member of Hopewell's Post 339 of the American Legion and the Disabled Officer's Association.

Survivors include his wife, Florence, two daughters, Mrs. Judith T. Paul of Anchorage, Alaska and Mrs. Joan T. Jamieson of Lexington, Kv.; one sister, Mrs. Helen Nickerson of Tarrytown, N. Y.; his father, John I. Taylor of Palmetto, and one grandchild.

Services will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. from the Shannon Funeral Home in Bradenton, Fla. with burial in Mansion Memorial Park, Ellenton, Fla. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Fund.

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January 12, 1972

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

It grieves me to write of my husband's sudden death due to a heart attack on December 22. He was Capt. John J. Taylor 01311092 attached to the 424th.

Will you be kind enough to include this in your next issue of the Cub.

Sincerely,
Florence S. Taylor
341 Terra Ceia Drive
Palmetto, Florida 33561

RECOVERING

Clayton Rarick recently had a heart attack which required a week stay in the hospital. At present he is home recuperating. Clay send his thanks to the association and its members for the flowers and cards that were sent to him.

Editor: We are all looking forward to seeing Clay in Jacksonville in July.

I REMEMBER

On any trip or tour taken by a group, such as our 106th Infantry Division Association, there are many humorous happenings or remarks made (funny or otherwise) that stick out above all others. It was no different on our recent trip to Europe in September-October, 1971. The following are the remarks or happenings that were remembered by this writer that I would like to share with each of you. They involved the following individual or individuals who accompanied us on this tour:

MAYDEAN WELLS—At the hotel in Spa, Belgium remarked, "There must be a very important person living next door to Jim and me. Their name plate on their door reads *SALLE de RAINS*." (In French the words mean bathroom).

PAPA PREWETT—At a restaurant in Belgium following our lunch break, PaPa was late arriving on the bus and many wondered where he went to. Finally, he arrived with a smile on his face stating, "Oh Boy!! was I having fun playing with the soap in the little boy's room." (The bar of soap was in a shape and size

familiar to all males.)

E. C. WHITE—"It seems to me that we are spending more time on this trip eating than sleeping." (How true).

CHARLES "CHUCK" GARN—Chuck's singing the song "O' Sole Mia" to his wife and daughter in Italy really cracked them up. "If you don't bring us that coffee soon, waiter, I'll go into the kitchen and get it myself." (Incidentally, Chuck did go into the kitchen and hurried up the kitchen help and we did get the coffee after a half hour wait.) Thanks Chuck—we all appreciated it.

FLORIAN FRANK—"When you get home Florian, tell your wife she made a mistake. She should have packed more cheese and not so many shirts." (Florian graciously passed out cheese snacks on the bus but ran out of cheese).

RICHARD "DICK" BARTZ—"Will someone please shut those ventilation windows before I catch pneumonia." (Dick did have a bad cold and just could not get warm).

PHILIP SCHUTTE & ISABEL COFFEY—"Hey Phil & Isabel, come on over to this side of the bus and see the sheer cliffs from the windows." (Phil & Isabel could not stand the heights and the cliffs in the Nice, France and Italy areas—moving to the opposite side of the bus to avoid looking out of the window. We understand how they felt).

MRS. LACKEY—"Waiter, will you please bring me some butter?" (For reasons unknown to us, butter was scarce to get in restaurants at our lunch and dinner meals).

MISS WENDY FRANCIS (English Tour Guide)—"But, Mr. Coffey, we can not do that; we can not go there; that would involve too many kilometers; that is not in the contract." (Self-explanatory).

WILMA "WILLIE" GARN—"Waiter, will you please take this empty bottle of wine back and soak the label off for me for a souvenir." (Willie must have collected 50 wine labels during our trip for a project).

JOHN EARLY—"Man, did you see that woman with the?" (Yes,

John, we sure did.)

JEAN SCHUTTE—"Who swiped our camera?" "How are you going to explain to your wife how your camera got on our bed?" (This situation was an honest mistake).

MISS "JO" PREWETT—After touring the battle fields with her father and other members of her family exclaimed, "I take it we lost the war." (No, Jo, we finally defeated the Germans).

MISS DEBRA "DEBBIE" GARN—After being asked by her mother in Rome whether or not she was enjoying the trip or tour remarked, "Without this group, this trip would have been nothing." (Deb, you helped make our trip a success).

DOUG COFFEY—"Watch your gondolas"—"It's another 106th day"—"You got to be here to believe it". (Doug, you are the greatest).

LILLIAN "LILL" BANDURAK—"I'm going to throw that camera in the river." "I haven't been pinched by an Italian yet." (One of our members did oblige and did pinch her and others on their bottoms in Rome in order that the girls would not be disappointed.)

JIM WELLS—"And over to the right is another water tower and castle."

FRED CHASE—"Did you see those pillboxes over to the right along the river?"

MALE MEMBERS PUSHING THE GLOBUS BUS IN ITALY TO GET IT STARTED—"Get a picture of us pushing this bus so we can get some of our money back from Globus." (I snapped 2 pictures to prove it).

PERSON UNKNOWN TO ME—"After studying the map very carefully, we can not get there from here."

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EUROPE 1971

I hope that someone who took the trip to Europe with our proud 106ers will

write the story of our trip. I don't feel that I should cover it each time as you only get my view. A different view is always in order. However, I will cover a portion of the official part of the trip as we did travel under the 106th banner and did perform functions as the 106th, not just a group of Americans on tour.

I can't speak for the others, but this party almost didn't make it. We were scheduled to leave Kennedy Airport at 9:30 P.M. on a Sunday evening. We are only an hour from parking our car at the Airport but as we were giving a cocktail party for the voyageurs I left my home at 5:00 P.M. Of course the best laid plans of mice and men oft go wrong. Well, this mouse got caught in a Hurricane and was stuck in three feet of water within a half hour of home. We traveled two miles in one hour. After having to retrace our steps to find places not flooded and more than our share of detours we arrived at Kennedy at 9:00 P.M. Doctor Delaval was waiting there for us as he was taking off for Belgium on the next platform. The place was mobbed and we had all we could do to get to the desk to try to check in. The girl at the desk said we were too late and that she would put us on the next plane. I insisted as the Chef de Groupe that I had to be on the plane and they were holding it for. Meanwhile we had spotted Florian Frank and his brother in law and thought they had checked in but they had just arrived. I had him practically throw me his passport and get the already flustered young lady to sign us all in. Our baggage; I tossed it over the counter much to the chagrin of all the people waiting ahead of us. A madder scene I have never encountered. Then my daughter refused to get on the plane unless she said good bye to her husband who had gone to park my car. If we had parked the car first and carried our luggage to the check in desk we would not have gone on the plane we were scheduled.

Isabel and I went ahead and I told my daughter I would do my best to hold the plane for her but not sure how long. Phew! He finally made it and when we reached the ramp the Icelandic representative was really sweating out our arrival. Good old Chuck Garn met me

with a drink in his hand and said, "I guess you need this more than I do". Didn't even get to my own Cocktail party. After we all got seated on the plane and ready to take off the doors reopened and my travel agent and his assistant got on the plane to give us our flight bags which were supposed to be given out at the Cocktail party. All's well that ends well. Jim Wells was bemoaning the fact that he left all that good liquid refreshment back in our room. He didn't know I had already paid for it and we could have taken it on the plane with us.

The Flight was just as smooth as possible and it was pleasant to greet new 106ers we had never met before and renew friendships with the old reliables. We arrived on time at Luxembourg and were pleasantly met by our little Belgian girl "ONNIE" who visited us last year. She insisted on taking Jane in her sports car and lead the Bus to Spa which was to be our home for our visits to St. Vith area. Once we had all cleared Customs which is only a formality in Luxembourg we met our guide and our driver and saw our brand new bus which was to be our home away from home for three weeks. As we only had 28 persons and the Bus accommodated 50 we had plenty of room to change around and stretch out and Jim Wells even managed to occupy the last seat which ran the width of the bus for sleeping purposes.

We traveled through the magnificent countryside on our way to Spa seeing places we had been through before and reminiscing as usual. We stopped at Bastogne on the way so those present could see that our emblem of the 106th was intact and for those who had not been here previously it was of intense interest to them. Upon arrival in Spa twelve of us stayed at the Hotel Canterbury and the balance of the group went to stay at the Hotel Sous Bois. This was an old manor house converted into the most charming Hotel you have ever seen. The King of the Belgians used it when he visited here and one of President Nixon's daughters had been there a few weeks before. It was also the favorite haunt of Ambassador to Belgium. John Eisenhower. Our group was really in class. The King's suite was divided be-

tween two of our couples. To see Colonel and Mrs. Lackey strolling around the grounds you would think this was their summer home and they were entertaining the 106th group. They all returned to the Canterbury so that we could all dine together. Here we were treated like the King and Queen for the tables were set in grand style with exquisite table settings with the proper wine glasses and flowers abounded on the table each night. The food was par excellence but as usual we ate and drank too much. Some of our boys tried the Casino in Town but had no luck. We also visited the Battle of the Bulge Museum in Town and the 106th was well represented there. Saw pictures never before seen in books about the battle.

Spa is a charming little Town to relax and enjoy. The people are most gracious. We really should have made this our last stop instead of our first stop because we were spoiled the rest of the trip. Everything we saw or did we kept comparing with Spa. As McArthur once said, "I shall return". I think this is the attitude of most of us.

Though I stayed behind one day while I visited with our host and hostess the gang visited the battlefields under the able guidance of Jim Wells. They visited every nook and cranny including the Cemeteries. It was more leisurely than last trip. We had several rare coincidences happen while in Spa. Walt Bandurak invited some Belgian folks to have dinner with us and during the course of conversation it came out that the woman guest had the job of translating English letters into French for a young Belgian girl. The young Belgian girl was getting the letters from guess who?? Jim Wells. When this came up Jim was found and we all had a good time reminiscing. Then there was a Dutch couple who were the only outside guests permitted in the Hotel for dinner and when they heard us speaking English they pardoned themselves and asked a few questions. One question followed the other and we found out that he was a Sculptor and was making a bust of August Sweitzer. He was making it for the Town of Deventer, Holland where Sweitzer spent so much time and loved so much. Deventer is the Town that Doc Bullard and I visited to

meet the brother of one of my co-workers who did so much work on the Lions Tale. It is a small World.

Our parting from Spa was indeed a very emotional experience. The 106th had again ingratiated itself with all with whom it came in contact. It is a wonderful contagion the 106th has and I hope we never lose it.

We traveled on to St. Vith to our destination, the Pip Margraff where we had a Vin d'Honneur to meet the new Mayor of St. Vith and renew our friendship with the past Mavor, our friend and ally Mayor Wilhelm Pip. We also were fortunate in having as our guest the Director of the College Patronee. In honor of our visit he had the Belgian and American flags flying over the monument. New flowers were abundant in our flower boxes. Our new Insignia was in place on the monument but he was disappointed that the lettering of 106th Division Association had not arrived from Liege to be put in place around our Golden Lion. When it is done he will photograph it and send to us for the Cub. We had the usual excellent meal and after the meal Doc Bullard, who is now proficient in German introduced our new Mavor who is a Doctor also. The Doctor gave a very sincere and inspiring talk dwelling on the friendship of the Town and the 106th Division Association despite the fact that not too long ago there was a great deal of enmity on both sides. He said that our past presence and activity and our present interest in St. Vith and its people had furthered the friendship of former friend and foe and that he hoped that we kept up our interest in St. Vith and the people keep up their friendship and regard for the 106th. Doc Bullard translated his speech into English from very fine German.

I presented, in absentia, a copy of "The Lions Tale" to Kurt Faenoul and requested that Mavor Pip tell him that he is now in the finest of select company because, outside of our own members. I had presented a copy to the King of the Belgians on the 10th Anniversary and to President John F. Kennedy at the White House on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary. This copy was presented in honor of Kurt's work in presenting both sides of

the Battle of the Bulge as it affected St. Vith and surrounding area and his close association with the members of the 106th.

It was at this dinner that the idea arose of the possibility of a student coming to the United States as a guest of the 106th and speak to our Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. The Director asked if such a thing were possible and with typical 106th bragadocia I said give me five minutes. I left my seat, spoke with Walt Bandurak, Doc Bullard, Jim Wells & Chuck Garn & their wives and put the story to them. Without batting an eye I had an affirmative answer and returned to the Director and told him it is all arranged. Just for him to pick the student. As a tear came to his eyes he said he couldn't say enough about our generosity. He later wrote that the College was really excited upon hearing the news but he had a problem. The school has now become co-educational (Women's Lib) so the girl students wanted to know if they were included in the contest to see who earns the trip. Of course I notified him we would take girl or boy. The student will age about 18 years and speak, English, French and German so it will be easy to get along and give us and our families a chance to practice our languages. There is another story in the Cub regarding this venture.

We reluctantly left St. Vith and made our way to Luxembourg City and on to Metz for the night. I shall leave the rest of the story for one of our other writers to tell. Officially as the 106th we were treated as royally as one can be treated. We renewed old friendships and made new ones. Friendships we know shall be lasting and bring credit to the 106th.

Our group is already talking about another trip! !

Doug Coffey

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Here are some of the things you find out when you go on a trip with people and get to know them.

To start out with how about light fingers willy Garn who collects cameras. Chuck Garns ran out of corks. John Early wears lace on his shorts isn't that right

Dick. Dick Gartz forgot his long underwear and hot water bottle. Col. Lackey forgot his babushka. Maydean Wells worries about the front tires on the bus just because they were bald. Jim Wells caught up on his sleep and held the back of the bus from going off the alps. Agnes Chase is our new sex symble and did Fred Chase learn anything new from casanova while he was in action. Doug Coffey and our tour guide Windy got a-long beautiful and there was not one problem right Doug. Isabelle Coffey loves to sleep and read when going through the alps. I am not sure but I think Frank Florian sold a ton of cheese on this trip. Is that right Don. I think Doc Rouchard should not forget his little black bag next time. I also found a few Go Go Bars for Clayton Rarick.

All in all everybody had a very good time.

Jean Schutte has a few rolls of films from Jacksonville, Florida.

In closing I remain your secret reporter.

Yours truly
GIMPY

LIONS TALE AVAILABLE

THE LIONS TALE has now been reproduced for members of the 106th who make a donation to the Memorial Fund of \$7.50 not \$15.00 as most agreed to pay in Philadelphia.

Will all those who raised their hand to have the Lions Tale reproduced please send your \$7.50 donation to Sherod Collins, 625 Channing Drive, N. W. Atlanta, Georgia 30318 and he will see that you get a copy. The printing is as good as the original but the photos as pointed out would not fully reproduce. Hence the cost is almost half we figured.

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Go placidly amid the noise & haste, & remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without sur-

render be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

(Found in Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore; Dated 1692.)

Lowell, Ind.
December 28, 1971

MEMBERSHIP

Each member of the association is a member of the membership committee, as such we should be contacting our buddies who are not members. Will you help now!



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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

THE 106th INFANTRY DIVISION HAS SCHEDULED THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA—JULY 20-23, 1972 AT THE BEAUTIFUL NEW DOWNTOWN HILTON. THIS VIEW OF THE JACKSONVILLE HILTON WAS TAKEN FROM DOWNTOWN ACROSS THE ST. JOHNS RIVER. ADJACENT TO THE HILTON IS THE SOUTHSIDE MARINA AND NEW CHILDREN'S MUSEUM.