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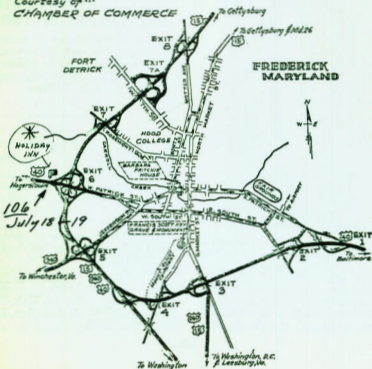
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of our nation.

We have Atlanta scheduled for 1975 but it is not too early to begin thinking of 1976.

Doug Coffey's Travel Bureau has scheduled a three weeks vacation for us in Europe in September. Many of you have been in the past, but since I didn't go I am anxiously looking forward to this trip.

Gene

## TREASURER AND HISTORIAN

Your President, Russ Enlow and Bill Alexander attended the funeral of Sherods wife Cora.

The 106 offers its deepest sympathy to our beloved comrade.

Our prayers are with you Sherod.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Vacation time will soon be approaching for most of us. This year we will be meeting at Frederick, Maryland. I hope the energy crisis will not discourage your attendance. John Loveless, Charles Schock, and Henry Broth will provide an enjoyable three days in an area that has had much to do with the development

## TO OUR MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE 106th

The family wishes to gratefully acknowledge the many, many expressions of love and sympathy by whatever means upon the untimely passing away of our Beloved, Cora H. Collins.

## EMBLEM

Originally enough emblems had been ordered for each member, unfortunately the company had a high percentage of rejects and some of our members will have to wait until additional emblems can be made.

A sufficient number of emblems have been ordered so that they can be sold at \$2.00 each.

We also have 106 shoulder patches that can be purchased for \$1.50 each.

Send your order to Walt Bandurak, 219 one half Maple Ave., Apt. 3, Greensburg, Pa. 15601.

## 106th CHAPLAIN



**JOHN T. LOVELESS, JR.**

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THE GOLDEN LION DIVISION  
T - S CARD

Issued to John T. Loveless, Jr.

Good until 18 July 1974

Official John T. Loveless, Jr. Chaplain

Dated - 27 December 1973

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Never having received one, though several times in my Army Career I thought perhaps I deserved one (as perhaps did many another G. I.), nor ever to my recollection even having seen one, my portrayal above of a T - S Card is somewhat imaginative.

Recently, also, two others of our number would be entitled to a Card were they to be issued: Jackie Villwock, wife of our ex-President Russ, and Lester Smvth, who had been aide to General McMahon. We all had suffered "affairs of the heart" but at last reports all were recovering satisfactorily.

When illness or other misfortune strikes, we often are overwhelmed; our whole world appears to crash around us. Without minimizing or denying the gravity of like situations, perhaps the idea of such a thing as a T - S Card, though first conceived as a joke, no doubt, would help us to realize that behind every

cloud, no matter how dark, there still shines the sun, powered by the might and goodness of One who knows the needs of each one of us and who holds the whole universe; yes, even our miniscule part of it, in His hands.

Let us join with the Psalmist who sang nearly 25 centuries ago:

"Oh send out thy light and thy truth  
let them lead me,

let them bring us to thy holy hill  
and to thy dwelling;

Then will I go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy;

And I will praise thee with the lyre,  
O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within  
me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise  
him;

my help and my God."

John T. Loveless, Jr.

Chaplain

106th Infantry Division  
Association, Inc.

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## MANY THANKS

And deep appreciation for the numerous cards, messages and telephone calls received from my friends in The Golden Lions during my recent four-week hospital stay and subsequent long weeks of convalescence at home. And especially for the many prayers that must have been said on my behalf. These expressions of real friendship all have played a major part in my good recovery.

As it would be practically impossible for me to declare my gratitude to each one of you, individually, I must take this means of thanking you.

May God's blessing and peace be with each one of you.

And, God willing, we shall see you all in Frederick in July.

John T. Loveless, Jr.

## LET US REMEMBER

Those among us who are ill and whom we know about are the following. There may be others. If so, we'd like to hear about them. They need our prayers and merit our get-well wishes and cards.

John Loveless, Jr. is slowly but surely improving at his home at 2549 Pickwick Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21207. He was in the hospital almost four weeks after suffering a heart attack. He will have to take things easy for some time.

John Early, 9284 Mason Creek Road, Norfolk, Va., 23503 is still very ill as his wife indicated recently in her letter to the Cub.

Anna Matthews, 4706 Western Blvd., Raleigh, N.C., 27606, is doing well but still cannot walk. She is being treated by physical therapy daily, but of course is frustrated because of not being able to do for herself.

Mrs. Mahlon O. Earle, 23 Morgan Place, No. Arlington, N.J., 07032, has had a series of operations on her back and has been quite ill. Her husband and our member, Mahlon, has been one of the attendees at the New Jersey Dec. 16th meetings prior to this year.

Again, let us pray Gods blessings on these good people.

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## BAG LUNCH IT'S SPRING AGAIN

Thirty years ago, believe it or not on 15 March 1943, the 106th Infantry Division was activated at Fort Jackson South Carolina. On 1 May the Division insignia, a lion's head, gold, on a blue background, representing the infantry, with a red border, indicating artillery support was donned.

On 20 January 1944 the Division moved by motor in three serials from Fort Jackson to the Tennessee maneuver area. It was springtime there when the Division arrived and for a week the men reveled in the sun. Then came the rains and the sleet and the snow. Rain fell for sixteen of February's twenty nine days

(leap year). Mud was everywhere; in bivouacs, on the roads, on clothing and blankets. March came and with it seventeen more days of rain. And through it all the Golden Lions wallowed from maneuver to maneuver in a series of mock engagements of attack and defense. Looking at that time in retrospect, one might feel that Nature was doing her best to acclimate the 106th for its future in the Ardennes. On 27 March the 106th left the Tennessee maneuver area, and moving in three serials closed at Camp Atterbury Indiana on 31 March, its final station in the U.S. on 7 March 1945, the 106th Infantry Division's combat role had ended, ended in victory, just seven miles northeast of the original left flank Schnee Eifel position of the Division on 16 December 1944. The Division moved out of the battle zone on 14 March travelling to St. Quentin France for re-organization, rehabilitation and training. At the same time it would become tactical reserve for 66th Infantry Division in the attacks against the Nazi pockets of Lorient and S. Nazaire France. So the Division moved again to Rennes, ancient capital of Brittany, France. On 15 April, in solemn ceremony, the 422d and 423d Infantry Regiments, the 589th and 590th Field Artillery Battalions and the 106th Reconnaissance Troop were reborn, receiving their respective colors, standards and guidons.

And the next day, 16 April 1945 the Division was tapped for its new assignment, Germany and the POWs. Leaving the reconstituted units attached to the 66th Division, the revamped 106th moved to the Rhine. By 25 April all elements had closed in. During a period of eleven weeks the 106th would stand guard over some 970,000 Germans and some eighteen other nationalities, would process through its cages more than a million and a quarter individuals of all ranks and ages and of both sexes. On 10 July the 106th was relieved of its POW assignment.

In the spring of 1946, the officers of the new 106th Infantry Division Association (organized 15 September 1945 at Camp Lucky Strike, France) with Secy.-Treas. Col. H. B. Livesey Jr. in charge

spent months and thousands of dollars in building a roster of names of 35,000 veterans of the 65,000 who at one time were assigned or attached to the Division.

In the spring of 1947 they were busy with plans for the FIRST annual reunion of the Association at Indianapolis Ind. in July. And so it has been each succeeding spring.

In this year of our Lord 1974 our beloved Chaplain John Loveless, COGL is Chairman of the Committee arranging for the 28th (COUNT 'EM) Annual Reunion at Frederick Md. 18-20 July. John was felled by a heart attack on 28 December 1973, but is making a good recovery. He informs me that Charles H. Schock, Sv. Btry 592 FA Bn. has stepped in and doing a fine job working out the details with a number of trips back and forth between Baltimore and Frederick. We pray that John Loveless will have recovered and be with us at Frederick as well as Lester S. Smyth, 106th Divarty of the Baltimore group who suffered a heart attack early in January 1974.

Leo T. McMahon

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## OUTSTANDING DATES AND DIVISION COMMAND POST LOCATIONS

12 December 1942 — Division staff ordered to report for 10th New Divisions Course Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth.

4 January 1943 — Division staff at Ft. Leavenworth.

4 February 1943 — Staff and cadre report to Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

15 March 1943 — Division activated Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

29 March 1943 — Basic training starts.

12 July 1943 — Unit training starts.

3 October 1943 — Combined training, Regimental and Division exercises.

22 January 1944 — Tennessee maneuvers.

30 March 1944 — Camp Atterbury for advanced training.

October 1944 to November 1944 — Camp Miles Standish, Massachusetts, P.O.E. and overseas to Liverpool and Greenock, then to Batsford Park in the South Midlands.

6 December 1944 — LeHavre and Limesey, France.

11 December 1944 — St. Vith, Belgium and into position on the Schnee Eifel.

16 December 1944 — Start of the Battle of the Budge.

19 December 1944 — Vielsalm.

22 December 1944 — General Perrin assumes command.

23 December 1944 — Ernonheid.

25 December 1944 — Awan-Aywaille and Sprimont.

28 December 1944 — Anthismes (Chateau Ouhar).

10 January 1945 — Spa (Chateau Havette).

12 January 1945 — Moulin de Ruy.

15 January 1945 — Stavelot.

24 January 1945 — Houchenee.

7 February 1945 — Hurnange (Hunningen) General Stroh takes over.

15 March 1945 — St. Quentin, pulled back for rest and rehabilitation.

1 April 1945 — Rennes. Training reconstituted units and watching the Germans in the by-passed ports.

22 April 1945 — Started for the Rhine.

25 April 1945 — Stromberg, Germany. Start of the PW job.

4 May 1945 — Bad Ems (The Kasserne).

14 July 1945 — Karlsruhe (Postdirektion Bldg.).

16 August 1945 — General Woolfley becomes Division Commander.

7 September 1945 — Staging Area, Camp Lucky Strife, Ste. Valerie en Caux.

24 September 1945 — Embarking at Le Havre for home.

1 October 1945 — Debarkation at Camp Shanks, N. Y. for Division Headquarters.

2 October 1945 — Division deactivated.

229th FA Bn.

466th FA (105MM how) Bn.

3d Inf. Regt.

159 INF REG

401st FA (105MM how) Bn.

627th FA (105MM how) Bn.

## THE FIGHTING TEAM

Units assigned or attached, members of which are eligible for membership in the Division Association:

### ORGANIC UNITS

Regiments 422

Regiments 423

Regiments 424

Hq. 106th Div. Artillery

589th FA (105MM how.) Bn.

590th FA (105MM how.) Bn.

591st FA (105MM how.) Bn.

592nd FA (155MM how.) Bn.

331st Medical Bn.

81st Eng. (C) Bn.

106th Rcn Troop

106th Div. Hq.

106th Div. Hq. Spec. Troops

106th Sig. Co.

106th QM Co.

106th Ord. (LM)

106th Div. Hq. Co.

106th MP Platoon

106th Div. Band

### ATTACHED UNITS

820th TD Bn.

634th AAA (AW) Bn. (M)

14th Cav. Gp.

18th Cav. Sqn.

32nd Cav. Sqn.

275th FA (105MM how) Bn.

168th Eng. (C) Bn.

596th Eng. (C) Bn.

112th Inf. Regt. 28th Div.

517th Pch. Int. Regt.

CCR 9th Armored Div.

16th FABn atchd 9th AD

Co. A 661st TD Bn.

Co. A 814th TD Bn.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

It is with profound sadness that we inform The Cub of the death of our son-in-law, Ron Pomeroy, age 32, who suffered a fatal heart attack on February 11, 1974 at McKeesport, Penna.

Sincerely,

Emily and Jack Bryant

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Dear John:

I have your new issue of The Cub and I am most pleased to receive it. The organization that I belong to is Service Company 424th Infantry and I request that you add this information to your files regarding my name. I'm sending my dues to you for the current year in this letter to save cross mail, etc. according to the information in The Cub. The basic reason for this letter is that during October of 1973, I was privileged to spend a weeks vacation in England and during this time went to the area of Atterbury, England.

It was 29 years ago that the 424th Infantry Regiment Headquarters and personnel office arrived in this area. I have three snap shots that if you desire, I would be happy to send you.

I would like to report to you that the Regimental Headquarters building is still quite in tact and now being used as an Old Folks Home. The gardens outside are still beautiful. The home has been cleaned up a little bit but it shows the use of another 29 years. The people in charge came out to talk to me and explained to me that prior inhabitants

of the building were General George S. Patton who used it as headquarters and believe it or not, the building was built during, I believe, during the time of Charles II for his week-end romances with his mistress, Nel Gwenn. Where the Regimental Headquarters mess was is now a small fruit orchard. The same goes where the Personnel Office was and where the living Hut was for the personnel company clerks. Our old shower room which was a horse barn—that building is still there. Other than that, everything else is garden and trees.

It was quite amazing that you could see 29 years of your life going past you with just a snap of the fingers.

Although I have never attended any of the conventions do to multitudes of problems and other activities and for your little directory, I am still associated with my brothers in the floor covering business as wholesalers. My oldest brother retired and two of us now operate this business. I have a family of three children ages 13, 17 and 20.

I would be most interested in hearing from many members from Service Company that may receive this issue.

Sincerely yours,  
Eidelman Bros., Inc.

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Dear Mr. Scranton:

Inclosed find check for \$7.00 to cover dues for the 1973-74 year.

I learned from Mr. Eidelman where I might get in touch with the organization, and due appreciate this information.

I was in the 424th Infantry Regiment Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion.

I have two children and six grandchildren.

I was in Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday on business and called up our first sergeant, Arthur Meder. He is excellent and plans to retire this fall.

I am in charge of Purchases for the Meyer Lumber & Hardware Co., Inc. We have a beautiful Super Market Lumber Yard here, in Kansas City.

I was discharged from the army in December, 1945.

I went from Camp Atterbury to overseas and came back with them in 1945. I was lucky that I was never transferred out.

My name is: William R. Pettus, my wife's name is Cesil M. My army number is 37523085. In Leavenworth, Kans. I was inducted and discharged in Camp Bowie, Texas December 12, 1945.

I am looking forward to attending some of your conventions. It has been a long time since I have seen any of the fellows.

I always call up, John Kalnes, who was in our company, when I go thru Chicago. He has a very lovely family.

May I wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,  
William R. Pettus  
6106 Balboa, Apt. 21  
Merriam, Kansas 66203

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John:

This is the translation literal, of the letter from J. Parkert, Director of the College Episcopop at St. Vith.

Dear Mr. Coffey:

I heartily thank you for sending us the books which reached us a few days ago.

They will be put in the Library for use of the Teachers and the students alike.

The same disposition will be made of the books which we will buy with the check the Association sent to us.

We were very proud to hear from one of our graduate students who is now studying at the University of Oklahoma, that our college has given a very thorough teaching of English. This thanks to the 106th Association for its many generous gifts to us.

I am sending you a copy of our report for the year 1973. In it you will find an article by Alfons Paquet. He wrote this after his lovely invitation

and trip from the 106th Division Association.

I ask you again Mr. Coffey to accept our expression of thanks and friendship in behalf of the College.

J. Parkert

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Dear John:

We were pleasantly surprised to see the picture of 591st Service Battery on the cover of the last CUB. The way Jack Schlessler is working there should be at least 20 Service Battery men at the next reunion in Maryland. We are looking forward to Maryland.

The trip Doug is planning sounds so interesting I'm thinking of changing my mind and joining the group at least for two weeks. We are trying to work this out with our business here.

We are very sorry to hear of Chaplain John's illness. Perhaps we can all say a prayer that he will be well and strong by July and once again join us all at the reunion.

Best regards  
Florian Frank

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Dear John:

Just a short note to let you know that I have received my issue of The Cub. I look forward to receiving each copy. It is unfortunate that so many miles will not allow me to attend some of the functions of the 106th. I would like to know if there are any association members living in the State of Washington that were former members of Service Co. 422nd Inf.

My new address is:

R. W. Diersing  
2904 Bennett Drive  
Bellingham, Washington 98225

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Lowell, Ind.

March 15, 1974

Dear John;

I have started a letter to you several times and never did finish, I have been busy with my "newsletters" to all the men that I am writing to and since the first of the year I have found three more so now I have 48 that I am trying to get to the next reunion. The last three men that I found are, Howard Kriz, Ernest Pafford and Devard Russell, these I found with the help of the postmasters of the towns they did live in. At this time I want to say that there are still some people that will go out of their way to help a complete stranger, such was the case in the help I received in finding these three men that I have been looking for the last three years. I talked to these men and it looks like they will be at the reunion this summer and from all that I hear Service Battery 591st F.A. will be well represented this summer.

I want to thank you for putting the picture of the group from service battery in the "CUB", where did you get the picture from? (Picture from Dr. Clark's 1973 reunion committee.) I was sorry to read about John Loveless in the last issue of the "CUB". today I received a letter from John and he is doing much better but he does have to take it easy.

Sincerely,  
Jack

## MY TOUR IN THE U.S.A.

At the beginning of the school year 71-72, the upper classes were informed that the former 106th. Infantry Division were offering a 30 day visit in the USA. This was to show their acknowledgement and thanks for the maintenance of their monument in front of the Bishop's school.

Now the question arose for the Director, who should go? It was decided that all interested students would prepare a lecture on the history, geography and economy of the USA. This was to be



evaluated by a jury chosen from the Director and English teachers of different schools. After that the students selected from their class that student who possessed most, the spirit of comradeship. The sum of these two results determined the winner.

## THE TOUR

I took off from Luxemburg in a DCS "Loftleider" of the Icelandic Company. The destination was Kennedy Airport in New York. Mr. Coffey met me there. He lives in the state of New Jersey. On the motor trip there we were in heavy vehicular traffic: mostly Buicks, Fords, Chevrolets, Mercurys, Pontiacs and here and there a VW.

The hosts, that is, the families were very conversational. The first week I had some difficulty in understanding what they wanted to tell me. It is clear that the Americans speak American and we learn English. The differences are really only the pronunciation and the variety of words.

As I said, this difficulty was overcome after one week. We went to the shore which was "crowded" and to a shopping center which swarmed with shoppers. It should be noted that New Jersey is the most thickly settled state in the USA.

After a week's stay we then went to Pennsylvania. On the trip there we experienced a delay of 5-6 hours on the Turnpike. The reason was a Pop-Festival on the road. The participants had their cars (almost every youth over 17 has a car; they can get a driver's license at 17) parked right and left. When there were no spaces left, they parked in the first lane, then in the second lane, until finally the whole Turnpike had become a parking place. The police officiated there as spectators until finally the last vehicle carrying automobiles "pulled out". My hosts (Banduraks) took time off from their work when I arrived. We ate morning, noon and evening in a hotel and at prices of which I had only dreamed. We visited Pittsburgh regularly. The outstanding sights there, for example were a Civic Arena (only one in the world) with an aluminum roof that could be completely opened in two minutes and

the largest baseball stadium in the USA. On Sunday different families often met for a cook-out, that is Frankfurters and Hamburgers (at home Hot Dogs) were roasted on a grill.

The next stop was Ohio, the city of Cuyahoga Falls. The host family here (Garns) had two sons and a daughter, but also a Chevrolet, a Buick and a Porche 914.

From here I was flown to Mebane in North Carolina. There I had different contacts with youth groups that left a positive impression. My picture of the American youth was false. They are exactly as we are. If someone asks what the situation there is with the drinkling problem, I can only say it is neither better nor worse than it is with us. My hosts were the George Bullards.

Now we went to the Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division in Jacksonville Florida. Whole families met there. I was astonished. Some came from the northern parts of the USA in order to meet with their Army comrades. Who of us would travel to Greece to attend a war comrades meeting? We visited a boat harbor, an old Spanish fortress and on the last day, Disneyland. I really have no words to describe that it must be seen.

The next to last stop was Georgia, farms with 200-300 cows were not unusual here. My hosts (Wells) own a factory in which practically only negroes are employed. It is my opinion that relations with the negroes are better there than in the North, where they live in a section of each city "crowded together" and do not lead a very beautiful existence. (I compare it to Harlem in New York). The people of the South are not so American (according to our concept) as those of the North. They are more warmhearted and not so much dependent on the crowds.

The last three days I again spent with the Coffeys in New Jersey. We went sightseeing in New York. It is indeed beautiful, the city to see, but to live there would be another matter.

When I returned home I had to be careful not to make mistakes in my German, because in the USA you seldom find anyone who speaks a foreign lan-

guage, unless it would be a foreigner.

America is worth a visit but is too large to learn to know.

### Alfons Paquet

Alfons was our guest at our 1972 reunion in Jacksonville. The article comes to us via Doug Coffey and General McMahon who translated.

## UP-DATE

ANTHONY ARMINIO, SR., 327 Tyler St., East Haven, Conn. 06512 423 Co L. Serving 19th year as Service Officer - American Legion Post 89. National Cemetery Committee member three years. Serving sixth term as Police commissioner for town of East Haven. Vice Pres. Police Com. Assoc. State of Conn.

CHARLES S. PEYSER, 212 Potomac Ave., Hanover, Pa. 17331, 424 Co B. My wife Gerry and I settled down at above address after working in nine locations with Montgomery Ward and been store manager since 1948 in three locations. Presently working in large store in Baltimore commuting from Hanover. Was surprised by visit from (First Sgt) Roger M. Rutland, Box 1713, Columbia, S.C. 29202 of Co. B 424 Inf., and we had a real session plus visiting battlegrounds at Gettysburg and Hanover Shoe Farms in Hanover.

ALAN W. JONES, JR., 3532 Quebec St. N. W. Washington, D.C. 20016, Hq 1st Bn. 423 Inf. We returned from three wonderful years in Holland, where I was retired from the Army on 1 July. Will move into a new home in Oakton, Va. in April.

BARNEY MAYRSOHN, 11 Sparrow Circle, White Plains, N.Y. 10605, 423 Cannon. Any member from 423 cannon call 914-WH6-2908 to get together.

WALTER F. HILTBAND, 930 Fair Ave., Salem, Ohio 44460. My daughter graduates from Ohio State this year. My son graduated from Malone College last year. If gas is available, hope to start visiting old friends from the 106th.

JACK ZUCKERMAN, 71-23 167 St. Flushing, N.Y. 11365. Co C 423. Elementary School Principal in Manhattan. Just elected Executive Vice President of Supervisors Union in N.Y.C. Wife is a teacher in Queens. Daughter a sophomore at Harpur College, N.Y. and son a student at Tufts Medical School in Boston.

ARTHUR C. BUCKLEY, 7 Tucker Court, Peabody, Mass. 01960. Div. Hqs. Grandfather for the fifth time. Son D. DM Daughter R.N. Wife. R.N.

JOSEPH A. WASIK, 171 Fanhill Road, Monroe, Conn. 06468. 423 Co G. Married, have three boys and two grandsons.

ELMER F. LANGE, Apt B-210 1600 So. Joyce St., Arlington, Va. 22202, H 422 Inf. I am beginning my second year as the Deputy Associate Director for SCORE/ACE (Service Corps of Retired Executives, and Active Corps of Executives) with the Federal Agency called "ACTION", working in Washington, D.C. "ACTION", is a new agency which has the Peace Corps, Vista, Older American Programs and SCORE/ACE. It was formed 1 July 1971, and a new Law passed 1 Oct. 73 making the agency a permanent one.

ALAN J. SHOENFELD, 480 Mark Lane, Wantagh, New York 11793. Why isn't anything ever written about Fred Python (The French Missionary) who helped so many of us in the prison camp. Truly a wonderful person, ask Doug Coffey.

LESTER W. CROSSMAN, 1313 Clay

St., Woodstock, Illinois 60098, 424-H. Still residents of Woodstock, Ill. Our three daughters are in High School. Missed the convention last year due to a wedding of our close friend, John Scalissi's son, also of the 106th H. Co.

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MARTIN J. DEVER, 272 W. Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood, N.J. 07450, Div. Hdq. We are proud grandparents of a little girl, born June 20, 1973. Parents are Connie and Doug Motz. Son, Martin, Jr. graduated U. of Va. June, 1973, and plans to go to law school in Sept.. 74. Daughter Veronica is a junior at Fairleigh Dickinson U. and lives at home. Martin Sr. is a senior partner in the law firm of Mendes and Mount, N.Y.C.

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LT. COL. BYRNE A. BOWMAN, 1216 City National Bank Tower, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73102, Staff Ja DHQ. I continue in the active practice of law as a partner in Felix, Bowman McIntyre and McDivitt. My former sergeant, Ben Spain continues working for an oil company in Oklahoma City.

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GERALD J. ANDERSON, 17 Eton Place, Glen Rock, New Jersey 07452, Co. M 423. I am now retired from N. J. State Motor Vehicle Dept. I spend a lot of time bowling and playing bridge.

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JACK GILLESPIE, 3536 Darcy Drive, Birmingham, Michigan, 48010, 422 C. Daughter Carol married November 19. Son Marty graduated from Michigan's Marketing Business Graduate School. Our two little ones, Marilyn and Matthew are still in grade school. Busy with Building Material wholesale warehouses. Commuting between Detroit and Cleveland, Ohio. Currently beginning research on a third operation within a five state area. Anyone have a bargain? Could use professional advice, said in jest but could be realistic, who knows.

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JOHN I. HUNGERFORD, 5742 Pen-

field Ave. Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364, 422 Inf. Hq. Co. Received Doctorate Ed. from Brigham Young U. last year. 4 children. Lura and I went to Europe last summer. Took a trip up the Rhine from Rotterdam to Basil, Switzerland. Viewed with interest the bridges at Coblenz where I remember crossing on a prison train.

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JOHN D. WILSON, 331 E. 59 St., Hialeah, Florida 33012, Co. D & H 422 Inf. All three of my daughters are now married and in November became a grandfather at age 48. Still working as a dispatcher for the local (county owned) transit system.

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GEN. FRANCIS A. WOOLFLEY, Division Headquarters, 932 Solomon Place, New Orleans, La. 70119. Sorry circumstances have prevented my attendance at any of the 106th reunions. Although my combat service was with another infantry division, I am very happy to have been a commander of the Golden Lions.

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H. W. Butler, Jr., P.O. Box 390, Winchester, Va. 22601, 424 Inf. Reg. Retired from city council after 20 years service. Been back to Europe several times, certainly changed for the worse, especially the price of everything. Never have seen anyone from the 106th. But still remember the bulge.

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LEONARD ARTHUR YOUNTS, 18621 Ray St., Riverview, Michigan 48192, Service 589 F. A. Still at McLouth as tong crane man. Son Craig and his wife Sue just made us the proud grandparents of Richard Arthur Younts.

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ALFRED J. GERICKE, JR., 3744 Granger Road, Medina, Ohio 44256, D 423rd. Bedfast with cancer since Feb. 1973. Fighting, but still alive. (Bless you, Al.) Editor.

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EARL A. GOLLHOFER, Box 72, Charter Oak, Iowa 51439, 589th F.A. Would like to know addresses of any 589th members.

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ALEX RAVDIN, 5308 Fitzhugh Ave., Richmond, Virginia 23226, Co. A 331st Med. Bat. Owner Richmond Lamp Co. Would like post card information from anyone in Co. A. 331st Med. Bat., also all company clerks of Co. B-C-D- 2nd Headquarters Bat. I was company A clerk.

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DR. FREDERICK G. WEISSER, JR., 141 Park Ave., Manhasset, New York, 11030, Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 422. Pleased that the reunion is at a Holiday Inn in a small town in the East. That means we can make it with our four dogs.

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LYLE K. McCULLOUGH, 685 Roberts St., Sheffield Lake, Ohio 44054, 422nd Service. Employed at B. F. Goodrich Chemical, Avon Lake, Ohio in maintenance. Wife employed in Office of the Finance Director, City of Sheffield Lake. Five children, 4 sons, one daughter. Active in church. Camping our hobby.

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CHARLES REID, P.O. Box 56, Richburg, South Carolina 29729, Capt. 423 A.T. Co. District Director. USDA - ASCS Cattle. Seed Processing Etc. Beth has retired from teaching.

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IRA G. BOTTOMS, P.O. Box 103, Norcross, Ga. 30071, 592 FA Bn. Retired from teaching in August, and am trying to catch up on some things I've put off for years. Have two children at home.

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DR. EDMUND C. PURDY, Rt. 1, Box 29, E. Berne, N.Y. 12059, Co. F 422 Inf. Active reserve as LTC. D.C. USAR. 364 General Hospital, 90 N. Main Ave., Albany, N.Y. Presently rebuilding complete flight & engine instrument panel of a Stinson wagon 108-3 Tailragger

4 passenger plane for IFR certification.

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CHARLES R. LEWIS, 16 Court St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11241, 806 Ord. Practicing law at above address. My son Michael is in second year at Brooklyn Law School.

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HANS WACHTEL, M.D. 1525 E. 53rd St., Suite 628 Chicago, Ill. 60615. Was in Leningrad and Moscow in October. Going skiing to Vail in Feb. Baby Crop is decreasing.

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JOHN B. NASH, 247 Van Duzer St. Staten Island, N.Y. 10304, 806th Ord. Currently employed as Federal Protective Officer at 26 Federal Plaza, Federal Court House Foley Sq. & U.S. Custom House, N.Y.C. N.Y. Wife, Gertrude active in Richmond County American Legion & James J. Tappen Post, 125 Staten Island, N.Y.

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DR. VANCE S. JENNINGS, 512 Broxburn Ave., Temple Terrace, Fla. 33617 106th Sig. Co. Effective Dec. 1, 1973. I was appointed acting Chairman of the Dept. of Music at the University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla.

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JOHN P. FLEMING, 676 Park Ave. East Orange, N.J. 07017, 424 2Bn. Hq. Have retired from Post Office after 32 years. Would like to hear from old friends.

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REV. RONALD A. MOSLEY, DD "Maudslea-on-Sea" Box 25 Petite Riviere Bridge, Nova Scotia, Canada, 424 abd Div. Arty. I was appointed a member of the National Committee of UNTCEF (United Nations Children's Fund) of Canada, on the Executive Committee of UNTCEF Nova Scotia, and am listed in Vol. 14, Who's Who In The East. We are now permanent residents of Nova Scotia, having returned to the country of my birth, Canada. We send our best to

all. God bless.

## FROM THE TREASURER'S POINT OF VIEW

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WALDO B. PIERCE, 530 East St., New Britain, Conn. 06051, 422 F. My two oldest sons are married, and the youngest is now 23. I am still active in Veteran's welfare activities and Service Officer of New Britain American Legion Post 6, a hobby I have enjoyed for 27 years.

I was very pleased with "The Lion's Tale" I received recently and my hat is off to all the people who compiled this history and contributed to it. This history stirred some memories, so I looked through my diary, which I wrote in Stalag 93.

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FRANCIS J. DOBE, 264 Belmont St., Manchester, N.H. 03103. Classified as unemployable this last August. My wife and I have been blessed with our sixteenth grandchild, Jason, born 29 Jan. 74.

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JACK MIDDLETON, 17 Kensington Road, Madison, N. J. 07940. 106 Sig Co. I have been Principal of Dover (NJ) High School since 1969. Continue to spend most of my summers in the Maritimes. Yarmouth, Nova Scotia in particular. Expect to be at this summers convention in Md.

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HARRY HICKS, New Haven, Ky. 40051. I received a letter from Edward L. Luzzie former Captain of Btry A 590 F.A. It was one of the nicest Christmas presents I received this year.

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FRANK H. DAGOSTIN, 615 So. Edgewood Drive, Dathan, Alabama 36301, 424 unit. I'm retired from the Ceramic Tile and Marble business. Have four children, 3 boys and one girl. Pass most of my time fishing, reading and watching T.V.

I have written before about the unusual number of states and localities in which our membership resides. I was looking over the last group of checks from our good dues payers sent to me by our friend, Adjutant Bob Scranton. Perhaps you too would be interested in noting some statistical information gleaned by a quick perusal of this relatively small number of remittances.

In this deposit 25 states were represented, with one member each except where noted more than one. These states were as follows: N. Jersey (4), N. York State (5), New York City area including Staten and Brooklyn (4), Ohio, Georgia, Minn., Florida (2), Tenn. (2), Illinois (2), So. Carolina (2), Mich. (6), Virginia (2), Texas (2), California (3), Iowa, Louisiana, W. Va., Kansas, Vermont, Washington, Mass., Maryland (2), Penn., Indiana, and Wisconsin.

I notice also that we are getting more and more associate members. We welcome these ladies and appreciate them joining those we have already.

I can't help saying thank you to those loyal members from so far away like California and Washington who support us regularly.

From check headings and from experience I was able to pick out a number of occupations of these people. The sample included 4 attorneys, 2 M.D.'s, 1 dentist, 1 funeral director, 1 rural mail carrier, 1 fruit broker, 1 school consultant, 1 bus driver, 1 police official, 1 retired general, and about 3 retired colonels. This is quite a cross section from a small group. Some of you we don't know much about. Wouldn't it be nice if some of you old timers and some of you new members too would drop a line to the Editor and bring us up to date on your activities and those of your family?

I want to thank the Jersey December Group for another yearly contribution to the memorial fund. It was more even than usual this year. And I'll end this little number with a general "thank-you" to all our members who give unselfishly

each year to keep our Association going.

Sherod Collins

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## MARRIAGE

Our Chaplain John T. Loveless Jr., gave his daughter Althea in Holy Matrimony to Thomas E. Zimmerman on Sat. Sept. 15, 1973. The marriage took place at the Calvary Lutheran Church. Everyone involved in the ceremony ("K" looked gorgeous) and wedding did their part to perfection. The ceremony was beautiful, in the way it was done. Afterwards, everyone retired to the Social Hall for a reception with refreshments being served and the traditional cake cutting.

Events like this couldn't happen to nicer people than the Loveless family and I am sure that all of the members of the Association join me in sending them congratulations and to Althea and Tom Health, Happiness and Good Luck all the rest of their lives.

Henry M. Broth

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## MEMORIAL FUND

The New Jersey December 16 group donated \$61.00 to the memorial fund.

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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear John:

I received my last issue of the Cub and was amazed at the amount of articles and pictures contained therein. You are to be commended for having put it all together so well.

The reunion at Grand Rapids was a huge success and enjoyed by all as attested by the many comments in the Cub. I can only add "amen" to the many accolades already expressed.

Fred B. Chase Co. D 422  
Box 44 Morris Lane  
RR 6 Elnora, New York 12065

GOD FORBID, BUT . . .

## WHAT IF YOU DIED TODAY

The Veterans Administration today posed to veterans the question, "Would your survivors know what benefits they are entitled to in the event of your death?"

"If not, they should," VA officials advised.

Too often the veteran and his wife neglect to discuss this subject, placing an unnecessary burden on survivors in times of great emotional stress, it was pointed out.

Not only should the veteran and his wife discuss the locations of important family documents, they should make sure the papers are protected from fire and theft, yet readily accessible. Survivors should also be briefed on what to do in case of the veteran's death, officials emphasized.

The veteran's family should be told of survivor's benefits such as Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for service-connected death, and of nonservice-connected death pension for widows and for children where a widow is ineligible because of her income.

Attention was also called to the \$250 burial allowance available for veterans of wartime service and those who served since Aug. 5, 1964 as well as certain veterans of peacetime service.

VA further stressed that G.I. insurance policy numbers, VA "C" numbers for all correspondence with the agency, commercial insurance policies, social security numbers and naturalization papers are all important in claiming survivor benefits.

Veterans service organizations as well as all VA offices can be of immeasurable assistance in times of death, agency officials added.

Reprint from 63rd Div. Publication.



## DECEMBER 16th THE JERSEY GROUP

As usual Sunday the 16th was a snowy, icy night. We were going to take some of our friends with us, but Dick wasn't sure of our tires.

The dinner was good and of course the drawing is always a lot of fun. This time Flo would pick Dick's name, he would pick Tom's and he would pick me, so we called it quits. Dot Dever won a beautiful hand made poncho or stole. We won the apples and they sure made good pies and apple kuchen. Everyone won nice articles.

Charlotte and Fred announced the birth of a son just a week before.

Thanks to the Schieferstien's and Thoma's for another gether of the New Jersey 106th members.

Hope you are all fine.

Marge & Dick DeHeer

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## DECEMBER 16th MARYLAND CHAPTER

The Maryland Chapter of 106th Association were hosted by K and John Love-

less and Henry Broth, at the lovely home of K and John on Saturday evening 15 December 1973. A few of the invited guests could not make it for one reason or another, I guess because of the forecast of "4 to 6" of snow. They were missed and hope that they'll be able to make it the next time around.

After a lengthy "Happy Hour" over which the ladies chit-chatted and the men decided the fate of our Country, interspersed with various memories of our days in the Service of the 106th.

Believe it or not John makes a potent punch that after a few cups of which, it creeps up on you. The sherry was also very delicious.

When dinner was announced, everyone lined up to go downstairs where a beautiful buffet table was set up, card tables set around the dining room and all lit by candlelight. It was such a warm and comfortable feeling and added to the atmosphere that everyone was in.

K prepared a most delicious dinner, and I know that some of us went back for seconds. I'll admit that I was one of them.

Just as we started dinner, the telephone rang and it was Anna and Col. Joe Matthews calling to wish us all well and to make sure that Bruce and Dr. Mary Matthews didn't drink too much of John's punch and sherry and get a little high. Thank goodness Anna is feeling much better and they expressed their regrets at not being able to attend.

Just as they hung up, the telephone rang again and this time it was Sherod Collins calling from Atlanta, Ga. checking up on us, sending regards from Cora and the rest of the gang down in the Georgia area. I'll tell you, that we certainly do have some wonderful people in our group.

Those in attendance were: Neil and Mary Gossom, Alan and Louise Dabson, Les and Frances Smyth, Bill Hemelt, Bill and Barb Dahlen, Dr. Mary Matthews, Bruce Matthews, "K" 2 and Raymond Kemp, "Chuck and Sherrie Shock, Althea and Tom Zimmerman, "K" and John Loveless, and of course me, your roving reporter, Henry M. Broth.



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## CHICAGO DEC. 16th

The Chicago Group held its annual Dec. 16th get together. Your editor was notified of the activity by Russ Villwork, but some how the communication was lost. Thanks to Chicago for carrying forth the yearly tradition. To myself as your editor. I say you better get on the ball and do a better job or you will be relieved of your duty.

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

(Attention Doug Coffey)

Every year it takes less time to fly across the ocean and longer to drive to work.

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## THE PURPLE HEART

Pondering in his headquarters in Newburgh, New York on August 7, 1782, General George Washington might well

have thought back to the countless dark days through which his bedraggled, ill-equipped and usually outnumbered Continental Army had marched over the past 7 years. Like thousands of military commanders to follow, he perhaps reflected on the agony, heroism and dedication which had carried his citizen-soldiers to triumph in the War for Independence.

Now the war was over. Among the many bits of unfinished business was one that particularly bothered the commander in chief—the total lack of any tangible recognition for soldiers who had shown outstanding devotion to duty in the late war.

With a stroke of his quill, Washington created America's first military decoration for common soldiers: the Purple Heart or, as his general order called it, the Badge of Military Merit.

The decoration is believed to be the first given by any country without respect to the recipient's rank or position. Medals and decorations up to that time went to men of distinction—royalty, military and political leaders—and commemorated particular acts or events. Washington himself was presented such a gold medal for the capture of Boston in 1776.

But the Badge of Military Merit was different. By Washington's order, any soldier could qualify for it through "singularly meritorious action" and "unusual gallantry, extraordinary fidelity and essential service."

The original was a far cry from today's Purple Heart, considered by many to be America's most beautiful medal. The first one was created by Pierre Charles L'Enfant who, 7 years later, would be tapped by then President Washington to design something bigger: the city on the banks of the Potomac that would be the Nation's capital.

The Badge of Military Merit was a heart-shaped piece of purple cloth edged with lace or silver and embroidered with the word "Merit" encircled by a wreath. Despite Washington's good intentions only three were awarded: "to Sergeants Elija Churchill 2nd Regiment, Light Dragoons; William Brown, 5th Connecticut, and Daniel Bissell, 2nd Connecti-



cutt."

For some unaccountable reason the award fell into disuse for 150 years until revived as the Purple Heart medal on Washington's birthday, February 22, 1932. Originally reserved just for Army personnel, the decoration was authorized for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard the following December.

For 10 years the Purple Heart was awarded for meritorious service and, sometimes, for wounds received (apparently the wounded soldier qualified as having rendered "essential service"). In September 1942, the criteria were changed to the standards which apply today.

Tradition. Today's Purple Heart retains its rich tradition in Army heritage. Designed by Elizabeth Will and modeled by John R. Sinnock, chief engraver of the Philadelphia mint, the medal is striking in its quiet beauty. The obverse is a purple heart on a gilt bronze border and bears Washington's profile in cameo. The shield above the head is Washington's coat-of-arms surrounded by leaves. The reverse, below the shield, is a raised gilt heart bearing words that hark back to the founder's general order: "For Military Merit."

The Purple Heart now is awarded to U.S. military and civilian personnel for wounds received as the result of enemy action.

Regulations provide that the recipient must be serving with American forces when wounded and the injury must be treated by a medical officer and be a matter of official record. Multiple injuries received at the instant or from the same "missile, force, explosion or agent" are considered for a single award. Recent amendments authorize the Purple Heart for prisoners of war injured as the result of their internment.

Although revived in 1932, the Purple Heart may still be awarded to World War I veterans. Individuals holding a Meritorious Service Citation certificate signed by General John J. Pershing qualify, as do those authorized to wear wound chevrons prior to World War II.

Today's wearer of the white-edged purple ribbon bar carries on his or her uniform a bit of Army tradition going back to America's beginning as a nation when George Washington noted that creation of the Purple Heart meant that "the road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all."

Reprint: Soldiers 74 Article by Donald C. Wright, Captain U.S.A.R.

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## HEADING SOUTH

Doug Coffey had his last December 16th with the Jersey group. He'll have to find a Florida one or join the Georgia crackers.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Headquarters, United States Army  
Training Center, Infantry  
Fort Jackson, South Carolina 29207

12 April 1974

Dear Mr. Collins:

In the past you received a letter announcing the future opening of the Fort Jackson Museum. For various reasons this opening had to be delayed. I am now happy to announce that the formal opening of the Fort Jackson Museum will be 18 July 1974. On this day in 1917 Camp Jackson was founded.

The museum is housed on Jackson Boulevard in a spacious building facing Post Headquarters.

The museum has three themes — the history of the post, the history of the men and units trained here, and the develop-

ment of training the individual soldier.

A featured part of the museum will be a display on each of the divisions stationed here in the past. As you know, the 106th "Golden Lion" Division, was activated at Fort Jackson on 15 March 1943 and trained there until January 1944. It then moved to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for final training before going to Europe.

Each divisional display is 3' x 4' x 6". Panels behind and on each side may also be used for display. Through this display we intend to recreate some of the history and accomplishments of the division not only for members but for those seeing it for the first time. We especially hope to impress upon those just entering the service the valor and traditions of those preceding them.

To do this, we must ask for your help. Currently the museum has little in the way of suitable display material for the 106th Division. Items needed include interesting photos, souvenirs, uniforms, journals, diaries, histories, crests, etc. Of special value are materials related to the division while here at Fort Jackson. The museum can assume any necessary freight charges. We did receive a copy of the very interesting "The Lion's Tale" from the Association last fall.

Our mailing address is Fort Jackson Museum, Fort Jackson, SC 29207. Telephone 803-751-4848. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Eddie C. Rowland  
2Lt, FA  
Museum Curator

Please send your offer of requested item direct to E. Rowland. Thank you.

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## AVAILABLE

Lions Tale — (Story of 106). Send \$7.50 Contribution to Memorial Fund, Sherod Collins, 625 Channing Dr. N.W. Atlanta, Ga.

## DECEMBER 16th BALTIMORE CHAPTER



Left to right: Mary Gossom, Les' Smyth, Bill Hemelt, Neil Gossom, Raymond Kemp.

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## MEMORIAL DAY

A day set aside by a grateful nation to honor those who gave of themselves in service to their nation.

The importance is not if we celebrate the day May 30 or last Monday in May, but if we as individuals are grateful within our hearts. Grateful for the opportunity we have to serve, grateful to those who gave life itself, grateful our nation has remained free. Grateful for the opportunity to be grateful.

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## MEMBERSHIP

You and Jack Schlessner are our membership committee. We know what Jack has done. What have you done to get your buddies to join?

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## EUROPE

With last issue of Cub we included Itinerary for trip to Europe, Sept. 1974, if interested please contact: Doug Coffey, 41 Lowell Ave., New Jersey 07052.

## GRANDPARENTS

Doug and Isabel Coffey are to be grandparents twice over. Their oldest daughter, Jane will have an heir in June and Virginia, one of the twins will have an heir in July.

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## PW MEMORIAL

A unique memorial has been built to men who were prisoners of war or missing in action in Vietnam. The memorial is a stylized wreath made out of some 6,000 PW and MIA bracelets. The 200-pound wreath was made by Sculptor Harold R. Balazs, Jr. It will be mounted on a five and one-half ton granite pedestal at The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

(Reprint Soldiers April 74)

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please keep Cub Editor informed of address change.

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## SUPPORT

Will you support our Convention Committee by

- 1 — Making reservation early NOW.
- 2 — Bring the whole family.
- 3 — Write your buddies, urge them to join you.
- 4 — Have a ball at the reunion.

## A SQUARE

### A SQUARE

is an American who —

Believes there is no higher compliment than to be called a Square Shooter, or to be known as a person who can be counted on for a Square Deal;

Believes that this country was founded upon faith in God, and that the country ought to get back on the track;

Gets a bit misty-eyed when he hears children singing MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE;

Is proud to have a kindred spirit with other "Squares" of the past and present — such as Nathan Hale, Patrick Henry, George Washington, Ben Franklin... And John Glenn and Neil Armstrong... and Aldrin and Collins.

### A SQUARE

is a fellow who gets a funny feeling when he sees the flag go by: he's proud that he belonged to the Boy Scouts and the YMCA. How "Square" can you get?

### A SQUARE

is a guy who volunteers when he doesn't have to. He's a guy who gets his kicks from trying to do a job better than anyone else.

### A SQUARE

is a guy who lives within his means whether the Joneses do or not...and thinks Uncle Sam should, too.

### A SQUARE

is the kind of fellow who saves some of his own money for a rainy day — instead of counting on using yours. He tells his son it's more important to play fair than to win.

### A SQUARE

believes in honoring Mother and Father, and in doing unto others as he would have them do unto him.

### A SQUARE

believes there are a lot of other squares who have been too reluctant to stand up and say so.

But don't you think it's time — NOW! — for all of us to stand up, and say:  
**I'M A SQUARE — AND PROUD OF IT!**

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