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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I'd like to thank those who nominated and elected me as President of this Association. Your confidence in me is gratifying and I'll do my best to uphold and further the well-being of the Association.

Congratulations to out-going President Bob Walker for a most successful year. His term of office should be an inspiration for all who follow him.

Kudos to Martha & John Fritz, Jean & Bob Gilder, and their committee for a most enjoyable convention. We had a record attendance and everyone definitely enjoyed the excellent program.

I'd also like to thank all those appointed officers for so graciously accepting. We can depend on a good job by them by their past commendable performance. All members can be most helpful to our Adjutant Walt Bandurak, by sending in their dues and any change of address promptly. Also our "Cub" editor John Gallagher needs your help. You know "The Cub" is the life line of this
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Association. It's what keeps us together between reunions. So send him news, letters, pictures, anything that concerns or may be of interest to the membership.

By the time you receive this message it may be too late to sign up for the Cruise in conjunction with our 1978 convention, so I hope all have done so. It promises to be a real fun time.

See you in the next "Cub"
Ben Britton, President

CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

In this last generation, in this Nation of ours which, presumably, we love, we have seen great changes occur; some on the plus side, others on the minus.

A few on the plus: a higher standard of living for many, but no means all; a continuing lengthening of the life span of man; a greater participation in the elective process by minority and ethnic groups; more opportunities for education, formal and otherwise, for those who wish to take advantage of them; increasing awareness and availability of cultural pursuits; growing concern for the young, the elderly and those others who need a boost from time to time to ease the way along life's path.

Some on the minus: Failure to insure justice for all regardless of the position in life; growing disrespect for proper authority in the home, community and nation; increased breakdown in moral and social values; resurgence of the belief in "don't do as I do, but do as I say"; Failure on the part of more and more individuals in politics, business, the professions and labor to live up to their commitments, their promises, their obligations; the attitude of many that they need not contribute in any way to society nor assume any responsibilities, but that society should be required to provide for them because of fancied wrongs; the lack of cooperation of government, business and labor in seeking solutions to problems vital to all peoples today.

Our fight years ago to preserve the freedoms of men and to build a better world seems not to have been realized to the extent that we had hoped it would be. For some, yes; for others, no. But not all efforts need be abandoned. Each one of God's creatures has his own talents, his own ability, his own potential. Each contribution to the whole can bring us closer to the goal. A sense of selflessness must prevail over the sense of selfishness. And then we may see some solutions to at least some of the problems we are encountering today.

"For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil". - Ecclesiastes 12:14

John T. Loveless, Jr.
Chaplain

106th Infantry Division Association
1976-77 Board of Director's Meeting
Holiday Inn
Elyria-Lorain, Ohio
July 21, 1977 (Thursday p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Walker at 7:13 p.m.

Roll call was taken and all were present except Ken Bradfield, Virgil Collins and John Gallagher.

President Walker remarked that the 1976-77 association year was an excellent one and has grown to an all time high.

Minutes of the Director's meeting held in Evansville, Indiana were read and approved.

Communications from members and a hotel in Arkansas were read by the Adjutant and Sherod Collins.

Adjutant's report showed that our membership was at a new high of 398 members and 126 auxiliary members.

Treasurer's report showed we gained \$386.10 in 1976-77 and that we have \$10,406.30 in all accounts. Board agreed to delay the study to increase dues for another year since our association's General Fund is \$4,964.58 in the black.

Cub Editor's report was read by the Adjutant with no changes for next year. John Gallagher requested that membership supply material and black and white photos to him for inclusion into the CUB.

Memorial's Chairman Doug Coffey reported that an addition will be added to our Memorial Building in St. Vith, Belgium and that the overall plans will be forthcoming and will be published in the CUB. He felt that there is no need to paint the Memorial Building until the entire addition is completed. He also solicited new ideas for the use of Memorial Fund monies entirely different from the Memorial Building project. Plaques to widows and scholarships were discussed. No action taken.

Under new business Sherod Collins proposed two motions to amend our By-Laws to change the provisions of Paragraph VII. One was to include or set up a special or separate bank account for CUB postage use.

Board's concensus was that Treasurer could use petty cash fund to advance CUB Editor postage to mail out the CUB. Mr. Collins then withdrew his first motion. His second motion was to designate present unlettered paragraph as Paragraph VII (a) and to add Paragraph VII (b) to read: "any new or unusual expenditures must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors, upon being polled by the Adjutant at the direction of the President."

It was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

A discussion was held relative to the Golden Lion Awards. John Loveless explained the three (3) classes of awards. For the Commander Class a member must receive 75% vote of the Board and for a Companion Class, a majority vote of the Board is necessary. The Adjutant was requested to review the previous minutes and to glean from them the actions taken in the past relative to the Awards. The actions found are as follows:

July 22, 1971-Valley Forge, Pa.-"The President (Gallagher) organized a Committee of present active holders of the Golden Lion Award consisting of John Loveless, Chairman, Dick DeHeer and Doug Coffey, to recommend prospective recipients of the Golden Lion. They were instructed to report to the President by Jan. 1, 1972.

July 24, 1971-Valley Forge, Pa.-"Gen. McMahon explained the procedure in making the Golden Lion Awards."

July 21, 1972-Jacksonville, Florida-"John Loveless passed out By-Laws for our consideration. It was agreed that a section on the Golden Lion Awards should be in the By-Laws."

July 22, 1972-Jacksonville, Florida-"It was explained how the Golden Lion Award would be bestowed on General & Mrs. McMahon at Hershey, Pa."

July 22, 1972-Jacksonville, Florida-"President Bullard appointed John Loveless Chairman, Golden Lion Committee

1972-1973. John Loveless stated that according to Maryland law, a member may vote by proxy, but must vote Yes or No."

July 14, 1973-Grand Rapids, Michigan-"President Saucerman appointed John Loveless, Golden Lion Chairman with committee of Dick DeHeer, Doug Coffey and Gen. Leo T. McMahon. A discussion followed on voting for the "Golden Lion" award. It was suggested that ballots be sent by registered mail and information be included on the ballot concerning the nominees."

July 20, 1974-Frederick, Maryland-"Dr. Jim Clark, through telephone conversation with Sherod Collins, made the following appointment: Golden Lion Chairman-Dick DeHeer."

President Walker appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee: Russell Villwock, Chairman, Robert Scranton and Fred Chase.
Resolution Committee: Dr. Jim Clark, Chairman, Ben Britton and Joe Gasses.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Bandurak, Adjutant

106th Infantry Division Association
1977 General Meeting

Holiday Inn

Elyria-Lorain, Ohio

July 23, 1977 (Saturday p.m.)

The general meeting was called to order by President Robert Walker at 1:20 p.m.

President Walker requested a moment of silence be observed for our departed 1st Vice President Charles "Chuck" Schoch and other deceased members.

President Walker remarked that the 1976-77 association year was an excellent one and the association has grown to an all time high in membership.

Minutes of the 1975-76 general meeting held in Evansville, Indiana were read and approved.

Eighteen (18) members who were attending their first convention stood and were recognized. They were:

Arvanis, Harry - K/424 - East Moline, Illinois; **Baker**, W. C. - L/424 - Pine Bluff, Arkansas; **Barlow**, Frank - DHQ - Hudson, Ohio; **Bobel**, Donald - C/422 - Amherst, Ohio; **Crawford**, Dean F. - Reg. Hq./422 - Vienna, Ohio; **Flick**, Robert F. - C/81st Engrs. - Saltsburg, Pa.; **Kane**, James J. Hq/81st Engrs. - Youngstown, Ohio; **McCullough**, Lyle K. - Serv./422 - Sheffield Lake, Ohio; **Ponza**, Frank - B/423 - Bloomfield, New Jersey; **Prokoryn**, Casimir - Hq/81st Engrs. - Steubenville, Ohio; **Puzlo**, Joseph - Hq/81st Engrs. - Garfield, New Jersey; **Robb**, John G. (DDS) - D/422 - Meadville, Pa.; **Serino**, Mike P. - Serv/591st FA - Surf Side Beach, South Carolina; **Straub**, Ted J. - M/422 - Morgantown, West Virginia; **Untiedt**, Raymond K. - C/423 - New Ulm, Minn.; **Uthman**, Floyd D. - E/424 - Coraopolis (Pgh), Pa.; **White**, E.C. - C/591st FA - Whiteface, Texas; **Withee**, Edward S. - A/81st Engrs. - Goshen, Conn.

Communications from Col. Cavender and from The Arlington Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas were read by the Adjutant. Sherod Collins reported on communication from Mrs. Alys P. Jones.

Adjutant Report - 321 Renewals, 21 Reinstated, 41 New Members and 15 Associate members for a grand total of 398 members for 1976-77; an increase of 63



run Fritz, Jeanne Gilder, John Fritz, Bob Gilder

members from the 1975-76 year total of 335. Auxiliary members-126 for 1976-77. Memorial Fund Contributors - 109 for 1976-77.

Treasurer Report-Net Gain 76-77-\$386.10

General Fund - \$ 4,964.58

Memorial Fund - \$ 5,441.72

Total \$10,406.30

CUB Editor Report - President Walker read John Gallagher's report. "I have no special report...the issues of THE CUB are really my report. As always, I am looking for suggestions, comments, etc. Thanks for all who have supplied material and ask for continued support. Will appreciate photos from reunion. Prefer black and white, but can use color photos if sharp. Best wishes for a joyous reunion!"

Memorials Chairman Report - Doug Coffey reported that an addition will be built on to our memorial Building, St. Vith, Belgium. He is also exploring the use of artificial flowers versus live cut flowers to be placed at our Memorial Building on December 16th of each year. At suggestion of Jim Wells, and for the benefit of our new members present Doug Coffey briefed all members present relative to location, type of structure and uses of our Memorial Building, St. Vith, Belgium.

All reports were accepted.

Unfinished Business: Report from Resolutions Committee, By Dr. Jim Clark, Chairman, was approved and will appear in the CUB.

Report from Nominating Committee, by Russell Villwock, Chairman, that all present members of the Board of Directors be again nominated and that Mr. Edward Reilly replace Charles "Chuck" Schoch as the 21st member of the Board. Unanimously elected and approved.

Doug Coffey reported on the 1978 Miami Convention and proposed boat trip to the Bahamas. Reunion site will be the Hotel Barcelona, Miami. The approximate cost of \$285.00 per person will include hotel room, two (2) drinks before full course dinner meal at hotel, registration fee, parking and bus service to airport from ship. He has 136 committed rooms on the Ruby & Topaz decks of the Emerald Seas Ship which are

mid-ship and all outside rooms. Prior Elyria reunion, 91 persons signed up for cruise. He urged that all interested members give or send their \$75.00 per person down payment to Sherod Collins immediately. Money is refundable up to 3 days prior to sailing.

Sherod Collins proposed an amendment to Paragraph VII of the ByLaws to designate present unlettered paragraph as Paragraph VII (a) and to add Paragraph VII (b) to read as follows:

"Any new or unusual expenditures must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors, upon being polled by the Adjutant at the direction of the President."

It was so moved, seconded and approved by the membership present.

New Business: Russell Villwock volunteered to host the 1979 Convention in Chicago. W. C. Baker gave a slide presentation and volunteered to host the 1979 Convention at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas. A show of hands vote was taken and the Chicago site was chosen by the majority of the membership present for the 1979 Convention.

W. C. Baker volunteered to host the 1980 Convention at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Wayne Black volunteered to host the 1980 Convention in Iowa City, Iowa. A show of hands vote was taken and Hot Springs, Arkansas site was chosen by the majority of the membership present for the 1980 Convention.

Doug Coffey discussed the need for the Memorials Chairman to obtain authorization to spend or appropriate up to \$500.00 from the Memorial Fund for any new or unusual expenditure of money for new projects. It was moved, seconded and approved by the membership present to give him such authorization.

John Loveless inquired about membership's interest to take a European trip in 1979. A show of hands indicated a strong interest to return to Europe in 1979. No further action taken but it will be published in future issues of the CUB.

Jim Wells suggested that future membe

lip cards be ordered cut down to fit average wallet sizes.

Wayne Black stated that he would volunteer at next year's convention to host the 1981 Convention in Iowa City, Iowa.

Sherod Collins agreed to send copies of the Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.P.) as guideline instructions on how to run a convention to Chairmen of the Chicago & Hot Springs sites.

Matters for the good of the Association - None

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Bandurak
Adjutant



**Chase, Collins, Walker, Britton, Bandurak,
Scranton**

106th Infantry Division Association
1977-78 Board of Director's Meeting
Holiday Inn
Elyria-Lorain, Ohio
July 23, 1977 (Saturday p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Walker at 3:00 p.m. President Walker welcomed new Board of Director member Edward Reilly.

Roll call was taken and all were present except John Gallagher and H.E. Mansfield.

Under new business, the following officers were elected by a unanimous vote:

Ben Britton - President

Robert L. Scranton - 1st Vice-President

Fred B. Chase - 2nd Vice-President
Sherod Collins - Treasurer

The new President, Ben Britton, appointed:

Walter Bandurak - Adjutant

Sherod Collins - Historian

John T. Loveless, Jr. - Chaplain

John I. Gallagher - CUB Editor

Douglas Coffey - Memorials Chairman

A motion was made and seconded that the Board of Directors ratify the desire of the membership present at this Convention for the Memorials Chairman to spend up to \$500.00 from the Memorial Fund for any new or unusual expenditure of money. The Board of Directors passed the motion unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Bandurak, Adjutant

RESOLUTIONS

**Adopted at the 31st Annual Reunion
106th Infantry Division Association
Elyria-Lorain, Ohio
July 23, 1977**

WHEREAS during 1976-77 the Association has experienced a phenomenal growth and rebirth with 41 new memberships and 21 reactivated members to attain a new high of 398 members and,

WHEREAS the members present at this reunion have enjoyed renewing old friendships and welcoming many new faces into an enduring organization, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association here assembled this day does recognize and express its heartfelt thanks and appreciation:

1. To all elected and appointed Officers and their wives for the efficient execution of their respective official duties.
2. To Convention "hosts" Martha and John Fritz, Jeanne and Robert Gilder for their singular and combined efforts on behalf of the Association in presenting one of the most successful conventions in Elyria-Lorain, Ohio, July 21-24, 1977.
3. To Chaplain John Loveless and V.F.W. Post #1079 Honor Guard Members Joseph Napisak, Paul Fulmer, "Bud" Dyer and

William Hendrick for a most appreciated and inspiring Memorial Service held at North Ridgeville Congregational Church with the assistance of Rev. Ivan Morrin, Pastor, and Mary Kennedy, Pianist.

4. To Connie Davis and the Elyria Chronicle Telegram, and to Jim Mahony and Arthur Evenchik of the Lorain Journal for the excellent news coverage.

5. To the Lorain County Banjo Band, Lake Ridge Chapter of Sweet Adelines and Banquet Speaker John Goebel for enjoyable entertainment.

6. To Dave Pierce, Nell Fike, Julie Schuster, Charmaine Lunt and all of the Staff at the Holiday Inn, Elyria-Lorain, Ohio for their help, cooperation and "hosting skills" in making this a fine convention.

Respectfully Submitted:

Resolutions Committee

James Clark, M.D., Chairman

Ben Britton and Joe Gasses



Bob and Mildred Scranton

ADJUTANT REPORT

1976 - 1977

MEMBERSHIPS 1976 - 1977 Year

Renewal Memberships321

Reinstated Memberships21

New Memberships41

Associate Memberships15

Totals398

(1975-76335)

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIPS12

(1975-76111)

MEMORIAL FUND CONTRIBUTORS 109

(Approximately \$853.00)

Walter Bandurak

Adjutant

106th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP TABULATIONS

Membership	Associates	Auxiliary	
1976-77	383	15	126
1975-76	328	7	111
1974-75	301	7	98
1973-74	283	6	100
1972-73	275	4	67
1971-72	267	7	75
1970-71	256	7	72
1969-70	267	6	56
1968-69	259	6	60
1967-68	268		
1966-67			
1965-66			
1964-65	201		
1963-64	151		

Walter Bandurak

Adjutant

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED THE REUNION IN ELYRIA, OHIO IN JULY, 1977.

Almocy, Louis (Guest of Floyd Uthman)

Armington, Don & Maxine

Arvanis, Harry & Alfrieda

Astin, Robert (Guest of L.B. Bradley)

Bandurak, Walter & Lillian

Baker, W. C.

Barlow, Frank

Beals, Carol

Bickford, Tom & Flo

Black, T. W.

Bobel, Donald & Charlotte

Bradfield, Ken & June

Bradley, L.B. & Hazel

Britton, Ben & Avis

Bryant, Jack & Emily

Byrd, Austin & Myrtle

Call, George

Cariano, Sam & Billie

Carter, Fred & Penny
 Chase, Fred & Agnes
 Clark, James & Shirley
 Clarke, Walter & Lillian
 Coffey, Doug & Isabel
 Collins, Sherod
 Collins, Virgil & Martha
 Riley, Mr. & Mrs. & 4 children (Guests of
 Virgil Collins)
 Crawford, Dean
 Crossman, Lester
 Dahlen, William & Barb
 Dargon, Paul F.
 DeHeer, Richard & Marge
 Dohoney, William & Josephine
 Enlow, Russell & Bonnie
 Flick, Robert & Gail
 Forbes, Fontaine, Elsie & David
 Fritz, John & Martha
 Garn, Charles & Willie
 Gasses, Joe
 Gibson, Charles & Jamesine
 Gilder, Robert & Jeanne
 Gillespie, Jack
 Henning, James & Clare
 Howell, Robert & Louise
 Juddox, Sue (Niece of Bandurak's)
 Kane, James & Eloise
 Kelly, John & Virginia
 Kuizema, Harold, Jessica, Joan & Carol
 Kucharz, John & Adele
 Kratzer, Erica (Guest of James Clark)
 Loos, Arthur, Nettie, Kevin & Heidi
 Lothrop, Oliver
 Loveless, John & Kay
 Lucsay, William & Florence
 Mansfield, Horace & Eva
 Matthews, Joseph
 Maw, Margaret, Tom, Sr., Tom, Jr., & Paula
 McCullough, Lyle & Vivian
 McDowell, Harriet (Guest of Sherod Collins)
 McMahon, Leo & Wilda
 Middleton, Jack
 Mikaluski, John & Delores
 Morrison, Robert
 Pierce, Robert & Jean
 Pinney, Gordon
 Ponza, Frank
 Priebe, Edward & Florence
 Prokoryn, Casimir & Pauline
 Quett, Joseph & Ida Mae
 Rizio, Joseph

Rarick, Clayton
 Redmond, Dean
 Reilly, Ed & Viola
 Riggs, Thomas
 Ringer, Robert
 Rinkema, George & Dorothy
 Robb, John & Marilyn
 Robinson, Wesley & Bernice
 Rosenkotter, Bill
 Rossi, Louis & Linda
 Saucerman, Gene, Sally & Sandy
 Schlessler, Jack & Karin
 Schutte, Phil & Jean
 Scranton, Robert & Mildred
 Serino, Mike & Ellen
 Smith, Charles
 Spayd, Norman & Lorena
 Straub, Ted & Laura
 Teel, James & Doris
 Tobis, Ed & Evelyn
 Untiedt, Ray & Viola
 Uthman, Floyd
 Villwock, Russ & Jackie
 Walker, Robert & June
 Walters, Presslye & Dorothy
 Wells, James & Maydean
 Williams, Fred & Inez
 White, E. C. & Zada
 Withee, Edward & Mildred
 Woods, Robert
 Wyatt, Van & Bobbie
 York, Robert & Thelma
 Zenn, Michael & Elaine
 Zoll, Edward & Millie



Ed and Mildred Withee

As in the past the Coffeys travel around the country to visit their three girls, their husbands and now three grandchildren on their way to our 106th Convention.

I don't think too many people thought too much about Elyria-Lorain, where is it? What is it? Well, for those who came along to find out there was a pleasing surprise. A well run, well attended affair with even time to loaf a bit instead of a hustle bustle sort of thing with no time to breathe. We waved hello to the Holiday Inn on our way from Pennsylvania to Chicago and then came back again to Cleveland before making the trek to Elyria.

The first mishap was getting off the turnpike—the signs pointed to Elyria one way and Lorain the other so naturally we went to the Elyria side and when we realized we were wrong like a true lost 106er jumped the island and came back and found we could only get back on the turnpike so with as little authority as we have these days jumped the island the second time and headed for Lorain and the Holiday Inn.

We arrived earlier than we have had in the past as we wanted to put out literature and posters regarding the 1978 Reunion in Miami-Nassau. No matter how early you are there are always some who are even earlier. The golfers were there a few days early to try out their sticks. I didn't hear too much bragging about scores so assume no one had a hole in one nor was anyone ready to challenge Jack Nicklaus. The members of the Committee were on hand to greet everyone with a smile and a "What can we do for you"? For a change there was no problem with reservations, we had a room waiting although we arrived with trepidation after past experiences despite very early reservations.

The Board of Directors met and settled all the pending problems. It is a credit that almost every member was present.

The bus trip in the morning began as most 106th trips began—TROUBLE. We didn't have to push, though. One of the buses developed a leak of some kind so all those in that bus crushed into the other

buses. A few of us had to stand but then we were the younger ones and could take it. We did switch to help some of those who thought they were young enough to hack it but didn't quite measure up. A few lost their seats on the return and some jumped into cars which met us for the Memorial Service.

You never saw so much oh ing and ah ing when we went to the Museum and instead of seeing mummies we saw our old cars we used to drive around impressing the gals of those years. Amazing how old cars can be restored to bring back the old days. The music box room and pianos and organs and of all things the nickleodion. Never were so many nickels put in by so many so quickly so we could stand there dreamy eyed about the past and even dance around to the old tunes. Sure stirred up memories for all.

The lunch served in the Rotunda of the museum was quite a surprise to all. We expected bag lunches but this committee put the bag lunch to shame and catered to us with a box lunch that was wonderful to behold and to eat. They even offered seconds but there was enough in the first serving to keep our tummies full for at least the next four hours.

On our bus ride to Cleveland and its environs we had pointed out to us the home of Sam Sheppard, who was convicted of killing his wife. His lab and fine view of Lake Erie was impressive. How the buses ever found their way around Cleveland amazed everyone. They took every back alley knifed through nooks and crannys, showed us where Moses Cleveland landed to proclaim the City of Cleveland and the seamy sided taverns that we are told absolutely jump at night. The outside was not too impressive but we were told the inside was worth the price of admission. Hate to hang a few on and try to find my way out to that bailawick.

On our way back we passed Bob Gilders home, his fire house, his favorite drinking place and then on to his church, the North Eidgeville Congregational Church for our Memorial Service. As is always the case with the 106th we had a most memorable Memorial service conducted by the Rev. Morrin, pastor of the church and our own indomitable, John Loveless. Found out w

can still all sing about too. The faithful FW members performed the duties of the Guard of Honor.

Back to the Hotel and pool time which was enjoyed by quite a few.

The evening entertainment by the Lorain County Banjo Band was a highlight of the Reunion. They didn't expect to stay as long as they did but the enterprising Jim Wells made sure that their lips and tongues were kept moist so they overstayed their time with us. Real nostalgia with the songs they played and even caused the gang to get up and dance to the numbers they were so good.

We hear about Women's Lib these days but didn't think it would enter into the picture with the 106th. The men had their luncheon in an ordinary meeting room but the ladies were put in a classy lounge with plush seats and the works. They were entertained by a women's singing group but the men could only hear it in the background.



Doug Coffey — Bob Gilder

Saturday morning was time off time to join with friends, especially the new found friends who manage to come from out of nowhere to join us. We were pleased to have our son-in-law and daughter from Cleveland with our granddaughter join us for Saturday and Sunday festivities. Many of the 106ers had met our daughter as she used to attend conventions and was on one of our European trips with the 106th. We and they

were able to greet The DeHeers with their son Ricky who attended the Conventions with our girls and his son Ryan. The Grandchildren enjoyed the pool while the grownups tried to keep up with them, to no avail.

There was not exactly hanky panky going on but it seemed rather strange to find two men with one woman sharing the Sauna and then the cold shower together but luckily the shower was so cold the men were not fit for anything but polite company.

Then comes the piece de resistance—our dinner dance. Each year I remark about our ladies and how gracious and beautiful they are—I know they are this way all year round but at this night they show their radiance in a rather special way. The food was good, the company excellent and the music as always right to our liking for dancing and holding our sweethearts tenderly and thinking that it is almost time to say goodbye to all these wonderful and lovely 106ers for another year.

Our speaker was unusual for the 106th. To have a former Nazi speak, at first seemed odd, until he got into his story and by the time he was finished made each and every one of us proud to be an American. Could we give as good a testimony as John Goebel. He should be speaking all over the country to young people to re-instill in them the love of America he has and spread that love to all men.

The Sunday breakfast was well attended so that most people could bid goodbye to one another. Good to see E.C. White and Zada all the way from Texas and the lovely new members who were so friendly and congenial and promising to return next year.

For those of you who do not attend Conventions, it is remarkable a year ago we had to twist arms to have John Fritz and Company to take the Convention to Elyria-Lorain. This year we had volunteers to take us to Hot Springs, Arkansas, Chicago, Illinois, Iowa City, Iowa and the poor guy who wants to bring us to New England never even got a chance to make his offer. In addition to all these invites a large group opted to go back to Europe in September of 1979. You just can't keep this Association down. They are the most marvelous people you ever want to know. If you realize we have

been seeing one another for 31 years it is almost unbelievable. Families don't talk to one another that long, marriages don't last that long but we keep on year after year enjoying one another and Lord willing will do so for many more years. God Bless you all.

After leaving the Convention it was our privilege to take Tom and Flo Bickford to Tom's Aunt and Uncle in Hunting Valley, a suburb east of Cleveland and renew our friendship with them too. Tom's Aunt even produced a postcard she had from a friend with Isabel's home town on it.

Upon passing through Cleveland on the way to sunny Florida we decided to call Willie Garn's brother Gene and his wife Ann who live in Ashland Ohio. Also to see, if possible, Jake Fridline. Jake and his father Doc Fridline made the first trip to Europe in 1954 with the 106ers when we met with the King of the Belgians. Doc and his wife Florence have long since passed away but Jake still resides in Town. Both Gene and Anne had been ill so we didn't know what to expect when we called from the highway. Well! When Isabel called Ann insisted we come right into town and spend the day with them. Though we were trying to hurry home so we could mind our neighbors house while he vacationed as he did while we vacationed, we felt we should spend the day and evening. We most certainly do not regret the decision. We found Ann and Gene in their new Mobile home in a charming section of lovely Ashland. They took us all over hill and dale and showed us a lovely section of Ohio we did not know existed. With us were their lifelong friends Joe and Rita Ziegler whom we had met in Florida and whose company we enjoy very much. We drove to Louis Bromfields Malabar Farm where Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall were married. Very impressive. Up hill and down dale with the Queen Annes lace waving to us as we drove by, stately trees with lovely valleys with streams and dams to admire. We had dinner at a State Lodge complete with lake, Motel units Convention Center, hidden away in the Mountains. We couldn't help saying what a spot this would be for the 106th to hold a Convention. It is called Mohican Lodge in Pleasant Hills for anyone interested in

atmosphere and good food at reasonable prices.

Wending our way home without incident, we entered the back door and thought a hurricane had hit. There were clothes draped over all our furniture in every nook and cranny. We looked high and low and finally found a note to say that in addition to our pool motor going bad and new one put in, that the air conditioner had frozen up and flooded the bathroom and one of our closets, hence the array of clothing. After dying with the heat for three days while we waited for the air condition repair man we are trying to get back to some sort of normalcy. Have to get this piece out as I promised John Gallagher I will do my best to fill up the Cub, get to the travel agency to get the bits and pieces for the 106th trip to the Bahamas, get the reports to and from Sherod Collins about the deposits he has or has not received, plan our own trip and clothes for the fall and then find my way back to the golf course to see if I can hit the pill again. I'm exhausted so I'll quit!—

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REUNION

After the convention closed the Gilders and Fritz's took off on a tour of the New England states. We enjoyed ourselves to the fullest, you members who live in that area sure have a lot of history and tradition going for you. A note to John & Irene Kelley—we found the "No-name" Restaurant in Boston, but by the time we arrived none of the four of us were speaking to each other. We got trapped in Boston's rush hour traffic and we all thought each knew the right direction to go, and none of us really did. The dinner was fabulous and we shall remember it for a long time.

From our standpoint the convention was a huge success. We were truly amazed at the turnout and how well everything ran. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who attended and made this a memorable time for us. At the last count, we had over two hundred there at various times. We were especially pleased with the huge turnout at the Thursday night warm up. Friday started off with our yearly bus trouble but from there on out all went smooth. From all the remarks we heard, the tour of Cleveland was appreciated. The Memorial Service was so overwhelming and our Chaplain, John Loveless, Jr. did a magnificent job. I hope all enjoyed the Lorain County Banjo Band, they put on a real show for us. The Saturday nite banquet and dance was attended by 192 people. Wasn't that great? Our speaker, Mr. John Goebel presented his feelings most appropriately. We are now closing all the books and hope we can show a gain. We again are grateful for all the compliments we received and really enjoyed being your hosts. We had a number of new people who attended for the first time and I'm sure we'll see them soon.

Best wishes to all and we'll look forward to our December get together.

Jean & Bob Gilder
Martha & John Fritz

REUNION COMMENTS

The bus tour was delightful! Just enough time was consumed and distance covered to make it interesting. The highlights were

skillfully narrated by our hosts and hostesses. The museum where we stopped was unusual—old cars—well restored, music boxes, etc. and the box lunch was very tasty.

The memorial service was very meaningful. The No. Ridgeville Congregational Church was an appropriate setting, and the minister, the Rev. Ivan Morrin delivered a warm and inspirational message to attentive Golden Lions and ladies.

The additional night meal went over big—a means of extra togetherness. And the Lorain County Banjo Band was a special entertainment hit.

More interested people were present than ever before—a new high for the Golden Lions 31st Reunion.



**Memorial Service
LAST REUNION**

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bandurak:

Just a few lines to let you know about Jim. Meant to write sooner but still in shock. Jim died of heart attack on August 14, 1977. We had been to a steak fry on evening before so you know it was very sudden. I got up at eight in morning and he was still in bed. I went to porch to get the paper and sat down for a minute and started to read it and heard him calling. I went in and he was in bathroom and asked me to get him

Alka-seltzer that he had pains. I called my daughter to come and help me get him back to bed. I went to phone and called ambulance and within seven minutes we were on our way to hospital. He was aware of everything even when we left home. My daughter talked with him all the time. They pronounced him dead at 10:40 A.M. (August 14, 1977). It was very fast. He had been to doctor on Monday before and he told him to continue his medicine. He said he did not feel too good but not too bad either.

I will surely remember the reunion. Glad to have those memories. We both really enjoyed it. I did not know who to tell so you are the only one I wrote to.

We will surely miss him. Both my daughters have been wonderful at this time. My oldest daughter lives in Falls Church, Virginia and she has two children and stayed with me for three weeks before she had to go home. I still have my other daughter at home.

Hope both of you are well. This is the best snapshot Jim got of both of you and thought you would like to have it. Was treated so nice and will always remember that reunion. Such nice people. Sorry to be so late with the news but still can't get over it happened so fast.

Love to both,
Eloise Kane

Adjutant's Note

James J. Kane was a Battalion Clerk with the Headquarters Company, 81st Engineer Combat Battalion and was one of the original members of that Battalion arriving in Fort Jackson, South Carolina in March, 1943. He served with the 106th Inf. Division during the Battle of the Bulge. He recently was retired from a steel mill in Youngstown, Ohio where he was a foreman. He and his wife, Eloise, attended their first reunion in Elyria, Ohio in July, 1977. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Kane and her daughters.

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May we ever cherish in our hearts
the memory of our comrades
who have passed into the great beyond.



James Kane and wife Eloise

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

While looking thru the "VFW" magazine I saw the notice of the reunion of the 106th Inf. Div. Assn. between July 21-23 and memories flooded back to me. I was drafted March, 1943 and took basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. with Co. E 424 Inf. Regt. 106th Inf. Tennessee maneuvers moved to Camp Atterbury, Indiana then P.O.E. to Europe with the 4th Infantry Div. for the invasion on Normandy Beach. The officers of Co. E. were Capt. Thigpen, 1st Lt. Bikle, 2nd Lt. Netzorg, 1st Sgt. King, Tech Sgt. Kilroy and Tech. Sgt. Jodick.

Sincerely,
Percy Albert, Jr.

Dear Sherod,

Your records may reveal—if they go back that far—that at one time I was a regular dues paying member of the Division Association. I have been completely inactive for a number of years but after attending the recent convention in Elyria, I concluded that I better get reinstated. My dues check is enclosed..

I wish that we might be with you on next year's cruise, but we concluded that going

the way to Florida (in the summer time) for a three day cruise just was not our cup of tea! Besides, my wife gets sick just looking at a ship.

We really enjoyed the reunion with a very few that we knew and others who we got to know. We shall look forward to renewing acquaintances in Chicago in '79 and will encourage those with whom I am still in touch to attend also.

Kindest regards,
Frank Barlow, D.H.Q.

Dear Walt,

Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 for 1977-1978 dues to the Cub and also for Shoulder patches (2) at \$1.50 each and one Emblem for \$2.00, Total is \$10.00

I am glad to have read in the Cub that you have now fully recovered from your recent illness.

I would be happy to find out if anyone knows the name and address of our Captain of 423 Anti-Tank Co.

I was one of the original cadre when the 106th was formed down at Fort Jackson, S.C. in March of 1943.

Sincerely,
Roland G. Parquette

Dear Walt:

Sorry could not be with my 106th Division comrades in Elyria this week but it was the same story for the '76 meeting at Evansville, Ind.—and there's no telling if and/or when I might ever get to meet up with the ex "Hungry and Sick". Only The Good Lord knows for I'm 67½ now and have already lived past my "expectations of 1945" when I passed through Camp Lucky Strike at approx. 110 lbs. fully attired in the neatest of "GI" EM dress uniform.

However, my wife's mother is confined to a Nursing Home; has been for over a year and before then she was with us until she went into a diabetic coma, after which we could no longer take care of her. It makes for a dull routine for we cannot take time out for a Convention; not even a short vacation trip with change of scenery and something different to think about.

Hope the meeting and the "get together" was a huge success and we'll be able to attend the next one.

Best regards to all &
"Carry on Sol-jer"
Leo Leisse - 422

Leo is urging all ex P.O.W.s to join "The American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. For information contact him:

Leo R. Leisse, Sr.
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Mehlville, Missouri 63129

Dear John:

Just dropped our membership check in the mail to Bandurak.

After attending so many Reunions it's hard for us to miss them as we have the past few years. Health gets in the way and we must lean on news of the group as it comes to us through the CUB. Thank goodness—and the editor—for the CUB.

Helen is quite well but, because she is hospitalized two or three times a year (Cobalt injury—it cured her cancer but???) then I, who has been disgustingly healthy most of my life, had heart surgery in February. It's amazing what the medical profession can do for us today. When a surgeon can divert your blood stream around your heart and sew in three by-pass arteries made from a vein they take from the inside of your left leg and, in six and a half hours, send you to intensive care with confidence of recovery, I say we've come a long way. Ten years ago they didn't know how to do it and with 95% obstruction of your blood supply to the heart as I had, my days would have been numbered. Anyway, I went home in eight days and back to work in four weeks so, you see, if your mean enough—as I—you can overcome most anything.

You may remember that I had a heart attack the year that I was your president but apparently it was not severe enough to give the proper signals so nothing was done.

Kathy, our youngest daughter who was with us at Indianapolis and took care of the

kids at the swimming pool—some of you will remember her—is at the University of Chicago on a fellowship, studying Middle East History and Arabic. Today she is flying, with forty students from around the world, to Paris and then to Tunis (North Africa) where, at the U of Tunis, she will study and speak only Arabic for eight weeks—again on a fully paid, transportation and all, fellowship. Her second year of study toward her doctorate at the U of Chicago has already been approved so 'Dr. Hatch,' here we come. I'd prefer that she get married and have a family but she doesn't ask me for such an opinion.

Thank you for the CUB and all the effort that you put into it. We look forward to its arrival and receives my first attention—ahead of the evening paper when I get home.

Have a good reunion. We'll be thinking of you.

Sincerely,
H. M. Jim Hatch

EUROPE 1979

Many hands were raised indicating that they want a return to Europe in 1979, the 35th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. I hope and pray I will be in Europe this fall and will be able to feel out people about any ceremony that might be planned for then or at least put a bug in their ear.

All those that might be interested in this return should send their names to the Adjutant, Walter Bandurak who will forward them on to me at a later date.

1978 Reunion

By the time you read this it will be too late to sign up for the 1978 reunion. By the latest count which is not the final account we shall be having about 110 persons signed up. More details will follow by letter directly to those signed up. If any late comers decide they wish to go contact me immediately and I will try to get more space if there is any possibility. I doubt it, but will make the old college try so that no one is disappointed.

POW OF STALAG 4-B Zittau, Germany

This year the POW's again went to Brentnook in the Pocono's for a 3 day reunion. The Hartt's from Virginia were the hosts and served a buffet supper Friday night.

Saturday we visited a Mineral Shop, Candy Shop, and a new restored area (not quite finished.)

In the evening a dinner was held at the Crossroads with each lady getting a plant and the Governor of Virginia sent cuff links for each gentleman.

Sunday some attended church and others, sat on the porch of the Inn still hashing over their experiences in camp. Four of the men were in the 106th Infantry.

If any of you were in Stalag 4-B and want to know about the group, get in touch with Clif Austin or Dick DeHeer.

Thanks, Marge DeHeer



Austin and Myrtle Byrd; Tom and Flo Bickford; Dick and Marge DeHeer; Grandson Ryan DeHeer

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URGENT DUES REMINDER

The Adjutant has reported that, as of September 1, 1977 225 members (50% of our membership) have not sent in their dues money for the July 1, 1977-June 30, 1978 fiscal year. If you are delinquent in your dues-paying please immediately send your check for \$5.00 to Adjutant Walter Bandurak, 219½ North Maple Avenue, Greensburg, Penna. 15601. You may also include the \$2.00 for Auxiliary dues for your wife and any amount you desire for your Memorial Fund contribution. Your doing so will help our Association cost-wise by saving us postage to send out individual dues reminders. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Lee J. Hereth 4/422nd
914 Main Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

I won't be able to make this year's, but I would like to be kept posted. And what I would really like is a map or itinerary of where the 106th was in Europe. I'd like to re-visit. Anybody got one???

Mr. Harry C. Tissot C/422nd
6510 Murray Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

Please find \$5.00 for my dues for 1977-78. I was planning on attending the reunion this year it being held in Ohio. But I had a cataract operation in January and things developed that I don't have my contact lens yet. I cannot see very well as yet. Also need new lens in other eye. I was "C" Company Clerk

Mr. Harry J. Bendick Hq Co 424
489 Moull Street
Newark, Ohio 43055

Retired as Lt. Col. August 1, 1974
Enclosed find roster of officers of 424th Inf. Reg. as of 21 February 1945. Hope you can use it in your History Department.

George H. Kaufman H/423
915 East High Street
Springfield, Ohio 45505

Enclosed is check for \$5.00 for my membership. I enjoy the CUB very much and I think the fellows are doing a very good job with the CUB. I still am trying to find Paul Marin's Address. He was with the 106th Division during the Bulge. Anybody that could help me with this information I surely would appreciate it very much. Thanking you and the best of success to the CUB.

Patrick J. Gioia G/422
Torrington Road
Litchfield, Conn., 06759

Married and have two (2) children both married and living out of state. I retired from the United States Postal Service in 1974. Mr wife's name is Eugenia (Gen).



**Bob and Jeanne Gilder
General Leo and Wilda McMahon**

was a rifleman in G. Company, 422nd. My name is pronounced JOYA.

William A. Wallace G/424th
736 South Main
Fort Scott, Kansas 66701

We have three (3) children, three (3) grandchildren, two (2) step-grandchildren. Have been married 31 years. I am Assistant Chief Clerk with the Kansas Gas and Electric Company where I have been employed 34 years. Thank you for your quick response and for the April issue of "The Cub". The letter from Mrs. Kucharz gave me some dates I was wanting.

Peter Russin H/424
412 Braybarton Blvd.
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

Father of four: (4) children-John & Thomas & Marianne & Timothy. Presently District Manager for the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Virginia of the Steubenville, Ohio District.

John Adams, Jr., D/422
208 North 11th Street
Oakland, Maryland 21550

I was a S/Sgt. Section Leader Heavy Machine Guns-Co. D-422nd. I am presently the Chief Forester of the Chessie System, which company owns about 400,000 acres of coal and timber lands in 13 states. I married Katherine Vasil who came to the U.S. in 1938 from Jakubany, Czechoslovakia. We haven't any children. I have a B.S. degree in forestry from West Virginia University and a Master's degree from the University of Michigan. With the R.R. for 25 years.

Allen L. Pearson 2nd Bn., Med. Att.
1327 St. Mary's Circle
Greenville, Miss., 38701

I am currently trying to service-connect my disability and am trying to contact anyone who might have knowledge of my back pain. I am totally disabled.

TREASURER'S REPORT
1976-1977

INCOME AND EXPENSE
GENERAL FUND

FUNDS ACTIVITY

INCOME

Members' Dues	\$ 2191.00
Auxiliary Dues	282.00
Interest Earned	327.04
Gain on 1976 Reunion	424.79
Sale of Emblems & Patches	33.00
Return of Editor's Registration— 1976 Reunion	29.00
	<u>3286.83</u>

EXPENSES

Cub Expense	\$ 2914.31
Postage - Officers	207.01
Office Supplies & Printing	282.19
Registration fees-3 Officers	
1977 Reunion	105.00
Telephone Expense	16.99
Advance to 1977 Reunion Comm.	100.00
Travel Expense to Deliver Addressograph to new Adjutant	43.50
	<u>3669.00</u>
Net Loss	<u>(382.17)</u>

GENERAL FUND RECAP

Brought Forward	\$ 5346.75
Net Loss 1976-77	<u>382.17</u>
Balance June 30, 1977	<u>4964.58</u>

MEMORIAL FUND ACTIVITY

Brought Forward	\$ 4673.45
Contributions	943.00
Interest Earned	297.27
Sales-Lions Tale	<u>48.00</u>

Less:

Donation for books to Bischoffliche School— St. Vith, Belgium	500.00
Transfer - Lions Tale	
Postage to Gen. Fund	<u>20.00</u>

Balance June 30, 1977	<u>5441.72</u>
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CHANGE IN CASH POSTION

Cash Bal. Year End 1976-77	\$ 10,406.30
Cash Bal. Year End 1975-76	<u>10,020.20</u>
Increase Over Previous Year	<u>386.10</u>

	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTALS
This Year	\$ 4964.58	\$ 5441.72	\$ 10,406.30
Last Year	<u>5346.75</u>	<u>4673.45</u>	<u>10,020.20</u>
	<u>(382.17)</u>	<u>768.27</u>	<u>386.10</u>

BANKS OF DEPOSIT

Checking—First National Bank of Atlanta	\$ 104.81
Savings—Fulton Federal Savings & Loan Association	<u>10,301.49</u>
Total in Banks	<u>10,406.30</u>

* Cost of the Cub per member for the
year—Approximately \$7.09

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