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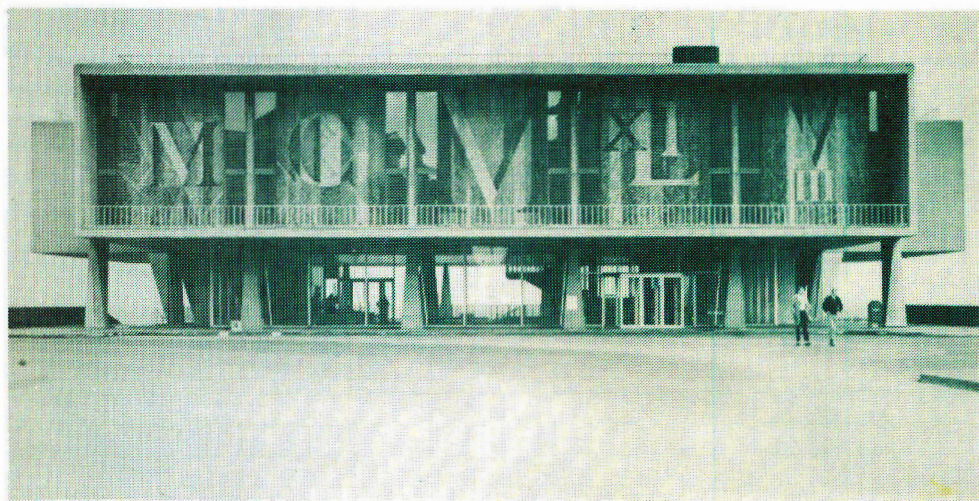
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Veterans War Memorial in Downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The first three panels bear the single Roman numerals MCM. Panels four and five give the viewers a choice to make up the necessary dates: XLI on panel four; V and III on panel five.

Thus, for the dates of World War II, one reads 1941 as MCMXLI on panels one through four, and 1945 as MCMXLV (MCM from the first three panels, only XL from panel four, and V from panel five).

For the Korean War, the Viewer uses MCM and only L from the panel four giving him MCML for 1950, and MCM plus L from panel four and III from panel five, which results in a reading of MCMLIII for 1953.

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN



by Ron Mosley

Visiting my parents in Florida several years ago, Dad and I went out for coffee one morning and saw a disreputable looking old man rummaging through the apartment complex's "garbulator," a sort of dump truck body which the city picked up. "Look what that tramp is doing!" I remarked. My father said: "You know, he is a retired university professor. What he digs out, he sells, and what he makes he gives to his university for a scholarship." I felt sheepish and stated something like "each one walks to a different drummer's beat."

When I was 14 years old, I spent the summer with my maternal grandparents in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, England. This summer past we enjoyed a month-long visit with our 14 year old grandson Bill Elbring. He had spent two weeks the previous

summer with us, and to keep himself busy he went into business digging and selling clams (right in from of our sea-side home). He did very well, and this last summer I had signs for him which I made in my work-shop that read "Clams For Sale." Demand exceeded supply, and so I made a pact with him: I would help him with clamming if he would spend equal time assisting me in carpentry work (we've built a good part of our home). Bill made over \$500.00!

This brings me to my point: I have been working for two years in collecting photos and memorabilia of the 15 Charter Members of this Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Royal Canadian Legion, of which I am Chaplain. My 96 year old father, a retired Canadian Army Chaplain, is the only surviving Charter Member. As our Legion building burned in 1959 (replaced with a splendid edifice), all the Great War records and annals were lost. There has been nothing to show of the founding fathers of 1927. We are working on a photo-montage, and I have been collecting photos for copying from next-of-kin. Estimated cost for this is between \$500-1000.00, and I have wanted to give this. However, this hasn't been in our budget. I came up with an idea: why not continue Bill's clam business and put the proceeds into the montage? Bill went home on July 7 but not before he had contributed \$42.00, proceeds of digging and selling 6 buckets of little neck clams. As I am medically retired,

Dear Friends:

Pictured on front cover is the beautiful Veterans War Memorial in Downtown Milwaukee, Wis, over looking Lake Michigan to the East and the City to the west.

Lunch & memorial services will be served and held here Friday, July 16. Weather, permitting all activities will be held out doors over looking beautiful Lake Michigan. Rain or shine we'll have a grand time.

For art lovers the memorial is on upper level and Milwaukee art center on lower level.

After our visit to Pabst Brewery and

endowed with suds, we'll visit the famous Mitchell Conservatory and then to lunch. Riding time will be short.

Beautiful Hotel, Sheraton Mayfair Inn, Hwy. 100 & W. North Ave. 414-257-3400 will be our home away from home.

Single \$42.00, double \$48.00 Breakfast, lunch and dinner at hotel. Shopping mall across street. Registration cards in next Cub. Music for dancing & listening Thursday., Friday and Saturday evenings.

Your Committee.
C. Puskarich

I checked with my doctor and got his ok. On August 10 I had reached \$500.00, and by Labor Day I had much more. I have been able to contribute a goodly sum to the special cancer fund in memory of the late 22-year old Terry Fox who ran 3000 miles on his "Marathon of Hope" - on one leg! I also gave a framed photo of the West Nova Scotia Regiment being welcomed to Britain by King George VI in 1940 giving same to the regimental association.

I have something in common with the old professor who rummaged through trash to find items to sell for his university: I got my hands "mucky," cut, and swollen, but got a bonus of losing 4 inches around my middle and 15 over-weight pounds! I also felt better for having used the sweat of honest toil for a great project and other goals.

When taking English grammar, we learned "good, better, best." Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Perhaps we can say: "It is good to receive, it is better to give, and it is best to love" - meaning giving yourself with your gift. In giving oneself, one receives great benefits. A motto I have often heard is: "Give, not until hurts, but until you feel good!"

Once again in my own life I have found the words of our Lord are true. I have received more benefits personally from my last summer's "clam project" than I gave. I tell this story with the personal pronoun "I" as it is part of an intimate awareness of being useful and the re-discovery of the Christian Ethic.

Now, I don't say "Go and do likewise." There aren't enough clams to go around, but I do say to all of us that we will feel better and have many benefits if we do "our own thing" and find our own way, especially if we are now retired. I have been thinking of our Memorial in St. Vith. I hope we can make sure that it is kept up and standing, and standing well, long after we are gone. Perhaps there will be not only enough funds to keep the Memorial and grounds well taken care of but also enough to help the youth and/or other citizens of St. Vith in the name of the members of "The Golden Lion" Division which fought, and suffered, and sacrificed for freedom, peace, and human worth in the snows of the Ardennes in December, 1944.

God bless!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Russell H. Villwock



This past week I was presented with a plaque from the United Way/Crusade of Mercy, Which I accepted on behalf of the Wilson Jones Company as I was the 1981 Chairman for the company.

When the president of the company named me as the chairman this past August, I accepted the job with some doubts. I thought that we wouldn't do as well as we have in the past years. One of the reasons being the economical shape of things today. How wrong I was. True to form, people, the American people, my fellow co-workers, came up with cash and pledges that not only equaled last years, but increased our contributions by 35 percent.

When you think about the continuing high levels of inflation and the unemployment and the eventual scope of federal budget cuts for human care services, our contributions had to be greater than last year to fund the services to those thousands of people that are in need of help during these troubled time.

I received the plaque-but the 40 some solicitors really did the job with the help of all the employees.

It is the same in every thing we do. If the 106th has a successful year, it will be said that Russell had a successful year, when it was the adjutant, the Cub editor, the committees and each one of you that really made it possible.

So let each one of us make an honest effort in the coming year to help our adjutant,

Bob Pierce, to increase membership and our Cub editor, Dick DeHeer, to put out a magazine that helps us all.

"USE YOUR INGENUITY"

Chuck Puskarich, 424 Co. M.

Shown here from left, Mess Sgt. Hires, C. Puskarich, 1st cook and baker and two second cooks of Co. M 424 Inf. on War Maneuvers in the hills of Murfessborough, Tenn. winter of 1943.



With no gasoline to cook breakfast (served cold cereal, boiled coffee on open pit fire), and none to make a chicken dinner the mess officer said "Use your ingenuity!"

With over 200 men including medics attached to us, something had to be done to prepare dinner. Rounding up a few yards of mesh wire from a farmer and KP's digging a shallow pit and burning logs and timber. I informed the mess Sgt., I would have to, (open pit) barbecue the chickens. Serving iced tea, canned pears and fruit. Dinner was a little late, but was enjoyed by the men. Even the Co. Capt. enjoyed his.

We won't have barbecued chicken come this July at the reunion here is Milwaukee. We'll have something better and here's hoping to see you all here in Milwaukee! Watch Cub's next issue for all details. We promise you all an enjoyable stay. Make you plans to be with us, next July 15-16-17 and 18th.

AN ED & REDDIE TOUR

Sherod Collins

A number of you will remember our friends and long-time members Ed and Mary Alice "Reddie" Prewett. They have participated in two association trips to Europe plus the recent multi-unit trip there in which Chaplain Mosley and others of the 106th participated. Unfortunately they have never been able to attend a stateside

reunion due to pressures of business. We have corresponded over the years, and I was invited several times to go see them and they would get up a tour, as titled above.

Well I finally did it and none could have been better hosts or more fun to be with than the Prewetts, who incidentally market

walnuts from their groves near Brentwood, California.

This is an account of my visit there by day of accomplishment. I was there two weeks and two days. I believe some of you will recognize with pleasure some of the places we visited.

Sept. 3. I arrived at Oakland airport on Frontier Airlines and was met by my hosts and two cousins.

Sept. 4. Ed, Reddie and I took off for Carmel Valley and Los Laureles Lodge, the latter a pleasant resort in the valley. We spent an interesting evening, night and morning at this rancho, with tasty meals, good beds and pleasant people.

Sept. 5. We had a most interesting trip back to home base, driving the 17-mile drive, which passes thru the beautiful area made famous by several gold courses near the beaches, including Spy Glas Hill, Pebble Beach, and Cypress Point. We had lunch at Monterrey on Fisherman's Wharf and wound up in Joaquin Miller Park at Woodminster Amphitheater where we enjoyed a picnic lunch and a supper production of Sound of Music.

Sept. 6. We attended the local Methodist Church where we met friendly people and communed with our Lord. In this afternoon 3 invited 106th guests arrived, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Keenan (Hq. 2d Bn. 422) and John H. Stauff, (B-591st). Ed prepared delicious steaks, assisted by Reddie with the accompanying goodies.

Sept. 7. We visited nearby gas well drilling site in which the Prewett family has an interest. The on-site geologist gave us a mini-tour. Excitement was building up as expected well-depth approached. We also visited with the family of one Prewett daughter and watched the son-in-law operate a mechanical "shaker" to harvest his almond crop. Labor Day afternoon and evening were spent at a neighbor's house, where friends gathered, the wine was passed, children played, and barbecues salmon and chicken was served for supper.

Sept. 10. Ed and I took off for redwood country — Northern California, destination near Eureka, in a pickup truck, the purpose of the latter being that we were to pick up a load of redwood stakes for the walnut ranch. We toured the pretty wine country of Napa Valley and saw many

beautiful redwood groves, including the Rockefeller Forest, dedicated to John D. III. We passed the night at Hartsook Inn among the redwoods. Had a good meal and bed.

Sept. 11. Having picked up our stakes, we stopped at Pacific Lumber Co. at Scotia, a completely automated mill which wastes nothing, not even sawdust. We arrived home after nightfall.

Sept. 13. After church on this day, we were among the guests at a wine-stomping party given in the country somewhere east of Brentwood. After enjoying this, we left for Shingle Springs and a delightful visit and dinner with a 106'er, Joe Salber and his lovely wife Vera. I had never met Joe but knew of him through Bob Howell and my host. All three of these men were in the 424th. Joe was the 423 s-4 after reconstitution of the regiment and knew some of the people I know.

Upon leaving the Salber home, we traveled directly to Lake Tahoe, to the Prewett cabin there, arriving rather late after a brief stop at the casino town of Stateline, Nevada. Tahoe is a beautiful area and we saw much of it on the following day.

Sept. 15. Upon leaving Tahoe, we traveled a beautiful drive back into Nevada south into California, and so into Yosemite National Park, where we had reservations at Curry Village. Supper was at the old Ahwanee Hotel, a real treat.

Sept. 16. On this day we took a bus tour to Glacier Point, a spectacular viewing point. The high mountains and deep valleys are all glacier-formed and scenery is breathtaking. We were fortunate in having dinner at the home of the administrative manager of the park, a very pleasant evening.

Sept. 17. We left the park early on a Thursday morning and after leaving the mountain area we began to pass through a series of 1849 gold rush towns, the so-called "motherlode" of central California. We stopped in Groveland, Sonora, and Columbia, the latter being a state historical monument. We also read every historical marker and stopped in a winery before arriving at home base. This was an exciting day and no one could have been more solicitous of me or better tour guides than my hosts, Ed and Reddie.

Sept. 18. Arrived home without mishap.

KENTUCKY LAKES

Douglas S. Coffey

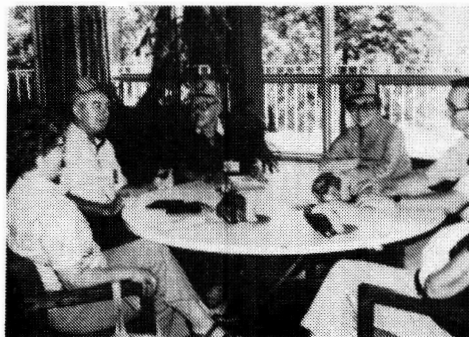
This convention for those of you who missed it was one of our best and it proved itself by having one of the largest number of people than previous memory.

If you took the plane to the Convention you missed on many things. There is no better scenery to be seen as you drive across this country of ours, passing through Georgia, beautiful Tennessee with its mountains and valleys thrilling you with each ascent or descent as you pass through. Then, much the same but sometimes better views through majestic Kentucky until your arrival at Kentucky Dams. This was something quite different than any previous convention site. There were Motel-like units all with magnificent views together with cottages set among the trees and rolling hills where many 106ers shared with their families or with friends as we did. We had the privilege of sharing with the Sam Cariano's and the Schutte's.

The cottage had three large bedrooms, two baths, huge living room, formal dining room together with kitchen and two large porches.

By getting to the Covention early we were able to enjoy a few rounds of golf. I didn't know there were cotton trees in Kentucky?? Phill Schuttee kept hitting the ball into these cotton picking trees but I only saw normal trees, no cotton. How come Sherod Collins always plays with gals; golf, that is. How lucky can you get to have Billie Cariano and Jean Schutte as your team.

Van Wyatt and Bobbie and the Bradfields deserve a lot of credit. I'm sorry the Resolutions which were prepared were not read at the Banquet so everyone would know how we felt about the job they all performed. Poor Van was so afraid he would have an accident toting all that moonshine from Paducah to the Dam site so we could imbibe. Course he was made



an Honorary Sheriff so he must have so he must have slipped a few bottles to the Sheriff. He was also made a Kentucky Colonel, does that mean he can carry moonshine in his trunk all the time??

Ken Bradfield was also made a Colonel but I thought he was one all the time. Everyone obeyed his orders so that the Convention ran well.

The Memorial Service, held in Van's home town was outstanding and all who took part deserve a "well done". The 106th does it like no other outfit. Sure all were moved by the entire service.

Our visit to the "FARM" was something for all the city folks to see. The main building was built underground like the German Bunkers and was just so nice and cool after the heat above. Course, as we passed the pigs I can't say it left a bad taste in your mouth but it sure left a bad smell in your nose.

Our banquet Sunday evening is always the highlight of our Conventions and this one was no exception. Gals in their best bib and tucker and animated conversations going on all over and so many new people joined with us this year. Of course, we missed a lot of the old timers who were regulars in the past. It is amazing that as we get older we add new members who never heard of the 106th reunions. We lose a few each year to death but that is a natural thing in life and in any organization.



For the first time in a long time we had some of our members on local television and they did an excellent job and looked very well; maybe one will have a future in T.V. The newspaper coverage was excellent also, thanks, I am sure to Van Wyatt and Ken Bradfield. Seems this was the backyard for Ken's fishing expeditions which have been fruitful in the past. After the Farewell breakfast which is always hectic with people running to and fro trying to say goodbye to all and missing many. See you all in Milwaukee next year.

We traveled on from Kentucky to Kansas, Ohio, Jersey and Georgia to visit with our children and grand children and put 5,000 miles on the new buggy.

On our way back to Florida we stopped by to see the Well's office and warehouse that we had never seen. We have been to the house over the years but not the office. Saw Mary Senn, who took one of our trips to Europe and of course Maydean, who just runs the whole show.

For once Jim was not there as he had an appointment in Southern Georgia. We probably passed his going the other way on the Woodpecker Trail. Had a lovely lunch and visit with Maydean.

I'm sure I missed a lot in this little epistle but I repeat that those of you who missed it missed a great one. We look forward to many more and it will be a case of "can you top this?"

BAG LUNCH FAREWELL

Leo T. McMahon

For a number of years before his death in 1969 our beloved Division Commander, Major General Alan W. Jones U.S.A., Ret. wrote a column for each issue of the Cub, which he titled BAG LUNCH.

After General Jones' death I took over the column under the Editorship of John I. Gallagher (81st. Engr. Bn.) adding to the title, "Memorial to Major General Alan W. Jones (1890-1969)." Early in 1981 I asked Editor Gallagher to be relieved of responsibility for writing the column, due to my age.

In the first issue of the "Cub" in 1981 John ran an Editor's Note asking for a volunteer for the job but got none. My last

"Bag Lunch" column was published in the 1981-April, May, June issue.

Mrs. McMahon and I return to the columns of the "Cub" here to greet our old friends of the Golden Lions and to express a warm welcome to the numerous new active members.

I say thanks to Doug Coffey for nominating me as an Honorary Life/Member of the Board of Directors of the Association. And thanks to the members of the Board of Directors in electing me. Mrs. McMahon joins me in wishing all members a Joyous Holiday Season and Good Health and Prosperity in 1982.

MILWAUKEE REUNION

Russell H. Villwock

August 12th Jackie and I had a luncheon meeting with Chuck Puskarich, John Howard and their wives at the Sheraton Mayfair Hotel in Milwaukee.

We finalized the hotel accommodations, meals and all activities that will be held at the hotel. Everything points to a good reunion this summer.

After our meeting with the hotel people, the six of us sat down and discussed other activities that will be happening at our 1982

reunion.

The Milwaukee committee had done a fine job on things for each of you to do while in Milwaukee.

They have a one day trip planned that should cover everyone's fancy from sight seeing to a garden walk and a sample of good old Milwaukee beer. So come one - come all to Milwaukee July 15 to the 18. Chuck, John and their wives have great plans for us.

TO VETERANS OF THE 106th INFANTRY DIVISION

In 1976, The Battery Press began a special reprint series for scarce World War II military unit histories. Fifty-two titles have now been released, including twenty-one divisional histories, and six more books are due out in the coming months.

As a result of our program, we have received numerous requests from our collector customers for a new edition of *St Vith, Lion in the Way: The 106th Infantry Division in World War II* by R. Ernest Dupuy. Most of you should be familiar with this superb history of your unit which was originally published in 1949 by The Infantry Journal Press. It is a full study of the division's activities during the Battle of the Bulge, with a day by day account of combat, as well as operations of the 106th after this battle to the end of the way. It is a moving account of sacrifice against tremendous odds by men who were responsible for slowing Hitler's last offensive in the West.

Our collectors will support a reprint of this edition but we need the interest of 106th veterans to make the project a reality. If your never received the book, or need a replacement for a lost or damaged original, this is your opportunity to acquire a quality hard cover reprint. It will have all 286 pages, 38 photos and 15 maps of the original edition. If interested, please fill out the coupon below and return it to us by _____.

The price would be \$20.00 but SEND NO MONEY NOW. We will send exact payment instructions when we are ready to proceed.

We hope you share our enthusiasm for a new edition of your story. Please don't forget to respond by _____.

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Yes I will want _____ copies of *St Vith, Lion in the Way* at a price of \$20.00.
Please keep me posted on the results of this survey.

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FORMER POW'S SOUGHT BY VA

The VA has asked for the D.A.V.'s help in locating former prisoners of war (POW's) to inform these veterans of recent benefit improvements, as required by the Former POW Health Care Benefits Act of 1981.

Currently, the VA has the names and addresses of approximately 40,000 ex-POW's on its computer files. However, there are some 60,000 former POW's the agency does not know how to contact, according to Leon Sanchez of the VA Department of Veterans Benefits (DVB).

In its efforts to find these veterans, DVB has asked D.A.V. chapters, departments and national service officers to collect the needed information, passing it on to: National Service Dept., Disabled American Veterans, 807 Maine Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

Information required on all former POW's includes: name, current address, telephone number, VA claim number, if the veteran has one. Social Security number, and whether or not the ex-POW is presently receiving any VA benefits.

D.A.V. National Service Director Arthur H. Wilson assumed all former POW's Health Care Benefits Act, passed last summer after an intensive D.A.V. legislative effort in its support, the VA is required to conduct an outreach effort for former POW's.

The purpose of this outreach effort is to inform these veterans of the full range of benefits available to them, explain new benefit improvements provided under the POW Act, and notify all ex-POW's of future changes in law and regulations affecting them.

Without current information on as many former POW's as possible, the VA will not be able to conduct this beneficial outreach program. Therefore, Wilson urged all D.A.V. chapters and departments to cooperate in collecting this information.

The POW Act expanded "VA eligibility for thousands of former prisoners of war." said VA Chief Benefits Director Dorothy Starbuck in a letter to the D.A.V. "The POW incarceration period was reduced

from six months to 30 days," she explained.

"A presumption of service-connection was established for certain disabilities resulting from malnutrition. and service-connected benefits were allowed for psychosis and anxiety states, regardless of when first shown unless there is an intercurrent cause." she continued.

"In addition, former POW's are now to be provided both inpatient and outpatient medical treatment on a priority basis, and their concerns are to be considered by an advisory committee to the VA administrator."

Wilson advised any former POW who has questions about these benefit improvements to contact the nearest D.A.V. national service office for details and assistance in filing new claims, refiling claims previously denied by the VA, and applying for medical treatment if needed.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Bob:

Received your letter and am proud to become a member of the 106th Division Organization. I will be unable to attend the reunion this year, due to my wife breaking her hip last November and not getting along well at this time. Enjoyed reading the news from some of the members and would like the address of Francis H., Aspinwall.

You may put me down as an MP in the 106th, as I was in this outfit longer than in the 423rd. I also belong to the Ft. Sareven 8th Inf. Assoc., as I was a member of C.O.B. and now the 165th Old Timers Assoc. of the 165th M.A.C. Air National Guard.

Member - 36 years - American Legion

Member - 35 years - 40& 8 Society-Honor Society of Legion

Member - 8 years - D.A.V.

Member - 8 years - V.F.W.

Sincerely yours,
Myron Clarke, Savannah, Ga.

Dear Robert,

I am sending in my dues so I won't miss the very interesting "Cub". I only wish I had found out about it long ago. I really enjoy reading it.

As you probably know I have been trying to locate a Medic that probably saved my life. So far, all streets have been a dead end. I have sent an ad to the Ex-Pow, of which I am a life member, the D.A.V., of which I am also a life member, and the Cub. I also sent an ad to a New York City newspaper, as that is where he lived at that time. Nothing there.

Looking back in an old Cub "1979" I saw that you were with the 81st Med Det. Here is what I am trying to find out: the Medics that are attached to a certain Co, or Bn, will their name be on the Co. roster in which they are attached; or will they be on the Medical unit roster? I wrote to five ex-members of the 331st Bn and received a roster of that unit, but its unclear as to how the Medical system worked. I wrote to Walter Bandurak to seek information but haven't had time for an answer. I noticed he also was a member of the 81st.

I know I have talked to you before about this and I don't mean to bore you with it; but it means so much to me to find him. Thanks!

Sincerely,
Bill Tarrant, Greenville, Tx.

Dear Dick:

It's wonderful to know you would step forth onto the battle field again as "Cub" Editor. Every member of the Association owes you heartfelt thanks-and here are mine.

We couldn't make it to Kentucky in June -we were still settling in our new home that we moved to the end of April. We did take five days off late in May for a trip to Arkansas we had long planned, but that was the extent of our vacationing this year. Our new home is one half of a duplex in a condominium. The condominium consists of half a dozen duplexes, a dozen town houses and a couple dozen apartment type dwellings. We have a swimmingpool and tennis courts and a huge common back yard. In our home we have (at last) space

enough for all our possessions with five large rooms, two baths and a fully finished full size basement. Outside we have two patios (front and rear) and a double garage.

I hope things work right for us to be in Milwaukee next July.

I am still working at John Deer and at the end of October will celebrate my forty-third anniversary with them. Marilyn is well, and so am I.

Best wishes to all through the Cub, and especially thanks to you, Dick, for taking over the thankless but necessary job of Editor.

Sincerely,
Wayne Black, Iowa

Dear Mr. De Heer:

I had a call from one of the officers of my Regiment saying he had just read the latest book on the aborted liberation of the P.O.W. Camp at Hamelborg, "Raid" by Barron & Blum; published by C.P. Putnam & Sons. In it they had me listed as deceased.

I got off a letter to the publisher telling him that he was badly mistaken that I was able to be up and about. One of the editors called and talked to Mrs. Cavender. He apologized for the error, saying that in the next edition, we would be listed living in Sun City, California and alive and well.

We received a tape of the Memorial Service at Kentucky Lake. From Al Johnson, which we enjoyed very much. The address by the Chaplain Geary was quite inspiring. Good Luck!

Faithfully,
C. Cavender, Col. U.S.A. Retd.

Dear Dick:

I was real happy to get your letter and also a Cub. We have an annual reunion every year.

The Quartermaster Co. was mostly all from New England, therefore it is not too hard to get the boys together once a year.

I have never attended a Division Reunion, but am looking forward to attending if possible.

A group picture was taken and if I can get one I shall forward it before the December 15, deadline. I am going to renew my membership in the 106th Infantry Division Assoc.

Take care,
James V. Senatro Vernon, Conn.

My dear Dick and Marge:

Wilda and I attended the military mass at Fort Myer Chapel. We were accompanied by Colonel and Mrs. Smyth, who was on my Divarty Staff. Col. Craig was interred in Arlington National Cemetery, near the grave of his father, Major General Malin Craig, a former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

Colonel Malin Craig, Jr. was Leo's executive officer in the 106th Div. Arty., who died June 21, 1981.

Cordially,
Leo McMahon, Brig General - U.S.A. Ret.

The members of the 106th extend to the family their deepest sympathy.

Dear Sir:

Your assistance is requested in compiling a comprehensive list of Infantrymen who have earned the Third Award of the Combat Infantryman Badge. The roster of these triple CIB holders will be presented to the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, GA.

All Infantryman who have earned the Third Award of the Combat Infantryman Badge are requested to send their name and grade in which retired, together with a copy of the order for each award, to Colonel Donald A. Seibert, U.S.A. Ret., 525 Southwick Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28303. If orders are not available, please provide the designation of the unit with which serving when each CIB was earned and the approximate dates in combat. The information will be used to complete a Roll of Honor for the Infantry Museum. Kindly notify anyone you know who holds the CIB with two stars and ask them to send the necessary information.

It would be appreciated if you would publish this letter or the information in the paragraph above in your Newsletter. Many thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Donald A. Seibert, Colonel U.S.A. Ret.

Please Pay Your Dues Promptly!

Send to Bob Pierce

The former members of the 106th of the Chicago area has gathered on the closest Saturday to December 16th for a number of years to commemorate the day.

1981 being no different than the other years, the following letter was mailed on November 9th.

"Dear 106th'er:

1981 is drawing to an end, and December 16th is almost here. Do you remember where you were on that date 37 years ago? On December 12th, 1981, we will talk about it over cocktails and dinner at Przyblos, the White Restaurant, 6839 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois.

It will be cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be chicken, beef and sausage served family style. Cost \$15.00 per person.

Will make reservation if I have your check by December 10th.

Hope to hear from you between now and December 10th.

Best Regards,

Russell H. Villwock

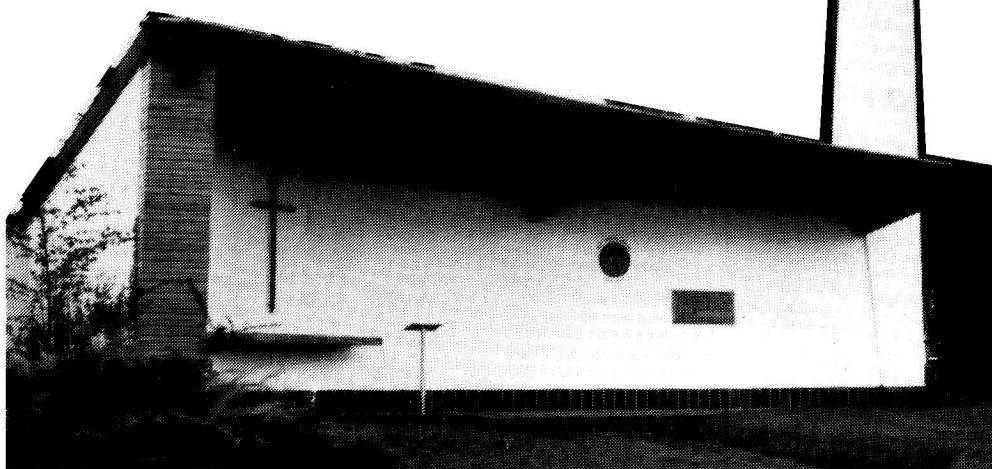
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As of this writing, I have heard from 10 members, so we should have a group between 20 and 30 to remember December 16, 1944.

MEMORIAL UPDATE

St. Vith, Den October 19th, 1981



Dear Mr. Coffey,

Thank you very much for your additional remittance of 1,000 dollars.

Since my letter of 26th February '81, the memorial has been painted and the commemorative tablet has been attached. I therefore send you several photos showing how the latter work has been achieved. There is still a problem with the flag-staffs which probably have to be replaced. However, there is still enough money

available for this purpose.

I am very glad that the memorial and the surroundings are proper and orderly again. This is surely also appreciated by the numerous visitors who are coming regularly to commemorate the dead.

I hope that you and your wife are very well and remain . . .

Yours sincerely,
J. Pankert

