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THE CUB 106th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

1982 - 1983

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Membership Dues 82-83... \$10.00 per year Associate Dues 82-83.... \$10.00 per year Auxilliary Dues...... \$2.00 per year





PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

For those of you who did not attend the 1982 reunion in Milwaukee, you missed a great gettogether. The beer flowed like water at both the informal sessions, and upon completion of our tour of the Pabst Brewery. We have memories of the large sign on top of a Milwaukee clock tower saying: "Welcome 106th Infantry Division, World War II". It is real nice to be appreciated.

The above named treats and many more were arranged by the Milwaukee reunion committee, Ann and Chuck Puskarich, Virginia and John Howard. They worked hard to make the "82" convention one to be remembered.

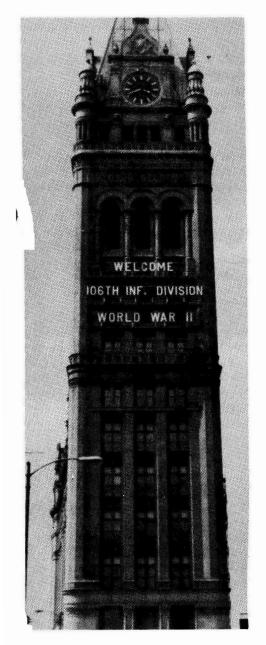
Thank all of you that were instrumental in electing me as your President for the 82-83 year. It is easy to work with men that know about and appreciate the Association. The office of President would be "rough", indeed, if it were not for the elected and appointed officers in such positions as Adjutant, Treasurer, and Cub Editor. The men that serve in these positions are the "real" heads of this Association. Let us not forget this.

Of course, we also realize that the "Cub" magazine binds us together. Without it, our Association would flounder. With it, our members are stimulated into continued participation. Our editor, Dick DeHeer, needs material for the magazine, so send him any stories, and pictures you may have that would be of interest to others in our organization.

Last of all, you people start making your plans now for Worcester, Mass, in "83", follow.

Georgia in "84", and Doug Coffee may suprise us with another of his well planned trips to Europe in the fall of "84" the 40th anniversary of the, "Battle", that we all remember so well.

Bob Howell President





CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Chaplain Ron Mosley

We are here today at the Memorial Service of the 106th Infantry Division Association on what is holy ground. We hear the Voice of God saying to us: "Put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." This Honor Roll Reflecting Pool is a Memorial; it is holy ground, and while literally we do not take off our shoes, we show respect and honor.

We are holding our memorial Service this year at this beautiful War Memorial Center. We have a Memorial of our own. However, we cannot be there as an entire Association. We have to make pilgrimages to out 106th Memorial in St. Vith, Belgium. This has to be "Second Best," and what a marvelous and glorious "Second Best" it is!

Let us think about our 106th Infantry Division and part of its history. The 106th Division was the first unit to be penetrated in the Battle of the Ardennes by the Nazi hordes that hit us on 16 December 1944 on the Schnee Eifel with 250,000 elite assault troops accompanied by 1000 tanks. The 106th held for three days as a division, and then for all practical purposes the division ceased to exist as a fighting force by itself. Out of under 14,000 officers and men we lost about three-quarter in the first three days: killed, wounded, missing - in - action. many were taken prisoners.

Let us realize that "earth is crammed with heaven" and that the Will of God was in what we did back in December of 1944 and to the end of the war. We did God's work against a terrible enemy, and together we did not fail. "put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." We "have an INHERITANCE which is IMPERISHABLE, UNDEFILED, and UNFADING kept in heaven for you." With

pride and with honor. We will gather around with those of our comrades who were there in the fires of hell and came back and are still on Britton. this side of the "river of Life." We will remember those who are with us in the spirit, Lucsav. as or "Since we are surrounded by so great a

cloud of witnesses." (Hebrews 12:1) We will on together showing forth INHERITANCE. We are now part of that

INHERITANCE, and we cherish and honor it by paying homage to our late comrades. We are on "Holy ground." We will not lower the quality of this "holy ground" by regrets or

recriminations. Amen.

Meeting

ADJUTANTS REPORT

July 15, 1982

1981 - 1982 Old Board of Directors

The meeting called to order by the President Russell Villwock.

Roll Call was taken and all were present except John I.Gallagher, Robert c. Ringer,

Robert L. Scranton and Honorary Life member General Leo T. mcMahon Retired.

Remarks by President Russell Villwock. He stated that it had been a great privilege to serve the association as its President during this past year. He also thanked the elected and appointed officers also the board of directors for the help they had given to him during his term of office. Also for the fine job done by this years reunion committee.

Minutes of the last board of directors meeting held at the Kentucky Lake Dam Resort in Gilbertsville, Kentucky were read by the Adjutant Robert W. Pierce Sr. and approved.

New Business, a motion was made by Joseph F. Puett that we make Mrs. Alys P. Jones the wife of our deceased Commanding General a Honorary Life Member of the Association. Montion seconded by Kenneth W. Bradfield. It was passed unanimously.

Committees Appointed by President Russ Villwock.

Resolutions Committee: Chairman Dona R. Armington, John C. Robb and Benjamin B. Nominating Committee: Chairman Nathan

(Duke) Ward, Thomas J. Maw and William No futher business; meeting adjourned at

7:30 p.m.

Robert W. Pierce Sr. Adjutant

Respectfully Submitted,

Editors Note: For other details see General

meeting.

1982 - 1983 New Board of Directors

Meeting Sheraton Mayfair Inn Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 17, 1982

President Russell Villwock.

Roll call was taken by the adjutant and all were present with the exception of Jos Matthews, John Gallagher and Robert Ring The new member of the board to replace John Gallagher who asked to be relieved is

The meeting was called to order by the

Richard DeHeer. Reunion chairman Charles Puskarich reported that all was going well. That we had more than had sent in advanced registrations.

Also that the committee hoped we were all having a good time in Milwaukee. There was no unfinished business to report.

Under new business the election of new Officers for the year 1982 - 1983 was held.

Robert F. Howell President

James W. Henning 1st Vice President

Ted J. Straub 2nd Vice President

Sherod Collins Treasurer

An unanimous vote was cast to elect these men to their individual offices.

The newly elected President Robert Howell appointed the following men to appointed

offices: Robert W. Pierce Sr. Adjutant

Rev. Dr. Ronald Mosley Chaplain Richard DeHeer CUB Edit

Douglas S. Coffey Memorials Chair

A disscussion was held on what we are going to do with our memorial fund. Any ideas should be referred to the memorial chairman Doug Coffey. Also that the Association should be thinking about some new blood for the Board of

Kenneth Bradfield made a motion that we pay the registration fee of our Chaplain Rev. Dr. Ronald Mosley as long as he is in Office. This is to be paid out of the General Fund. Motion seconded and carried.

A long discussion on advancing money to

Joseph Puett made a motion that we advance \$500.00 to next years reunion committee in Worcester, Massachusetts. Also that each year the amount be determined by the Board of Directors. Seconded by Kenneth Bradfield. Motion passed.

each years reunion Committee was held.

No further business meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Pierce Sr. Adjutant

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1982 General Meeting Sheraton Mayfair Inn Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 17, 1982

The meeting was called to order by the President Russell Villwock at 1:30 p.m.

Remarks by President Villwock welcoming and thanking all who had come to Milwaukee for this years reunion. he gave a special welcome to all those who were making their first reunion. There were 8 that this was their first reunion. He thanked all the officers who had served this past year; elected and appointed. Also gave each a gift of appreciation.

Reading of the minutes of last General Meeting held at Kentucky Lake Dam Resort Golbertsville, Kentucky by the Adjutant.

Reading of Communications by the President and Adjutant. They stated that most of these were posted out by the registration desk. Anyone wanting to read them could find them there.

The Adjutant report was read stating that we had a total of 465 members for the year 1981 - 1982. This is a decrease of 17 over the

previous year. The Auxiliary membership showed 139 and increase of 36 over the previous year. Also that we had six (6) deaths the past year. The names are listed in his report of 30 June 1982. Motion made, seconded and past to accept as read.

Treasurers report by treasurer Sherod Collins stating that we had a substantial gain in all accounts this past year. This was a very good report. Motion made, seconded and past to accept the report as given.

Cub Editors report by editor Dick DeHeer in which he stated that we have saved about \$1200.00 is past year on printing and mailing of the CUB magazine. That he had finally got a mailing permit but that names had to be in Zip code order. There was along discussion on our old address-o-graph machine. It does not print the names and addresses real good from the old plates. He asked if anyone has had trouble receiving their CUB. motion made, seconded and past to accept report as given.

Memorial Chairmans report given by Doug Coffey in which he stated that all work had been completed on our Memorial chapel in St. Vith. He said that the tower on the Chapel needed some work done on it but that they haven't asked for any money yet. He asked for any ideas on how to put our memorial money to use in some other way. Motion made, seconded and past to accept report as given.

Other Committees report: Ducke Ward reported on the purchase of the new flags. These are with us at this year's reunion. Sherod Collins reported on how these flags were purchased. They were purchased with money given by Mrs. Alys P. Jones the wife of our deceased Commanding General Alan W. Jones. Motion made, seconded and past to accept report as given.

Reunion Committee report given by Chairman Charles Puskarich stating that he had 151 paid registrations as of date. he also thanked all for coming to Milwaukee and hoped that all was having a good time. Also wanted to thank John and Virginia Howard for their help. Also stated that he was happy to report that they are running in the black.

Unfinished Business: There was none.

New Business: Report given Ben Britton on the 1983 reunion. It is to be held July 21-24, 1983 in Worchester, Massachusetts at the Marriott Hotel. He stated that all is going well with the plans.

Jim Wells reported on the tentative place

our 1984 reunion is in Georgia. Ted Straub reported that he was thinking about the 1985 reunion in West Virginia. Would know more about it at next years reunion. A lengthy discussion was held on what time of year reunion could be held. There is no set time it is up to the reunion committee to decide which is best time for thier area. It was discussed about maybe a trip back to Europe

in the fall of 1984. This would be the

anniversary fo the Battle of The Bulge. Doug

Coffey is to look into this and see what he can

come up with.

Discussion on what we will do in cases of deaths of members of the association. This was tabled and left up to the memorials chairman and board of directors.

Resolutions were read by resolution chairman Duke Ward; he stated that we kept the present board of directors with exception of John I. Gallagher who wished to be

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relieved. In his place they nominated our CUB editor Richard DeHeer. Motion made to accept his report as given. Motion seconded and past.

Matters for the good of the Association:

Doug Coffey talked about the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. This is to be called the last Hurrah. He read a letter sent to him by the gallazies Tours people. A discussion was held concerning our return to Europe for this. President Villwock asked Doug to get more information on this and report it in the CUB magazine.

There was no further business meeting was adjoured at 3:30 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Robert W. Pierce Sr. Adjutant

ADJUTANTS REPORT

MEMBERSHIP 1981-1982 YEAR

202

Membership Kenewais	
Reinstated Members	
New Members	
Associate Members	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	(1980 - 1981482) - 17
AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP 139	(1980 - 1981 103) + 36
MEMORIAL FUND CONTRIBUTORS85	(Approx\$923.00)

DELINQUENT MEMBER 1981 - 1982 YEAR - 69

DEATHS

James P. Ford	(FIQ 1st Bn/424) December 28, 1980
John D. Wilson	(D & H/422) December 22, 1981
Gerald J. Anderson	(M/423) February 2, 1982
Dean F. Crawford	(Reg. HQ/422) may 27, 1982
Phillip R. Leswing	(B/592)
Bruce Glen Capt.	(DHQ) November 22, 1981

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Respectfully Submitted,

Robert W. Pierce Sr. Adjutant

THANKS A MILLION!!!

To all 151 who attended our Reunion, July 15-18 at the Sheraton Mayfair Inn in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We extend our heartest thanks

Virgian & John Howard, Ann and I certainly had a most pleasant time meeting our old friends and making new ones.

We certainly want to thank Clare & Jim Henning, Jackie & Russ Villwock, Flor & Bill Lucsay (I am penning this with out my Cub and hope I have the correct spellings), for all their help in stuffing the gifts, as well as helping to see that all was going well. you all made our jobs much easier.

Thanks to the V.F.W. post 1912 color guard and Captain Jim Lamboy for his help, and Ray of Nob Hill Post for filling in. Flo Selbo of V.F.W. 1912 did a masterful job, as did Reverend Ron Mosley in preparing the complete program book and doing the memorial service. I was honored in laying the wreath.

Some visitors at the service were very impressed and said it was the finest they ever saw.

The hotel management with Dee Peters and John Yen send their regrets for an inconviences and hope we will come back.

To the Franks! Thanks a million for the wonderful spread on Thursday and Friday

nights. Thanks to Nitch of the Police Force for his entertainment Thursday evening. I missed a few hours of it as Earl and I went to pick Reverend Mosley up at the airport, but he was stranded in Detroit, Michigan.

The Howards and Puskariches will see you all in Boston and Worcester, if all is well. We have a few tote bags left at \$5.00 each including shipping. Our supplier can furnish more beer mugs also for the same price. Any that we sell will be turned over to Treasurer Collins. Send to C. Puskarich, 428 South 70, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53214.

We did have a few disappointments, Reverend Mosley!!! I would need a full page to tell all that happened to you. We hope you tell your story sometime. It's got to be told. It's unbelieveable is all I can say.

Dee Peters of the Sheraton sends her apologies.

Once again to all we say THANK YOU! Virginia and John Howard are still at work closing up the loose ends.

Love to all,

Chuck Puskarich, Chairman

P.S. We hope your trip home was O.K. and you have received your glasses.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS: Adopted at the 36th Annual Reunion, 106th Infantry Division Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 17, 1982.:

WHEREAS: During the 1981-1982 year the Association has continued to grow and flourish with pride, and,

WHEREAS: The members present at the 36th Reunion have enjoyed renewing old friendships and welcoming many new faces into our enduring organization,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

by the 106th Infantry Division Association in meeting at their 36th Annual Reunion at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 15th through July 18th, 1982, that we express our thanks and gratitude to:

- 1. Ann and Chuck Puskarich and Virginia and John Howard for their combined efforts and hospitality in arranging and planning this highly successful 36th Annual Reunion.
- 2. President Russell Villwock and his entire staff and officers for leading and administering the affairs of the Association this past year.
- 3. Mrs. Alan W. Jones for her research and donation of funds for the purchase of the American and Division flags.
- 4. Florian and Dorothy Frank for the gift of refreshments.
- 5. Our Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Ron Mosley, for his efforts and service in presenting an inspiring memorial service.

6. Members of the Color Guard of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1912 of West Allis. Wisconsin for their imspiring presentation of the colors at our Memorial Service. 7. Mrs. Arthur Selbo of Beterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1912 for her musical accompaniment. 8. Donald E. Turek, Executive Director of the Milwaukee War Memorial Center, Inc., for the

use of their beautiful facilities for conducting our memorial service.

The Pabst Brewing Company for their hospitality and tour of their plant.

11. Bridgewater Branch 24, Royal Canadian Legion. Nova Scotia for the presentation of

their wreath that will cement our comradeship with them. 11. The management and staff of the Mayfair Inn. Milwaukee. Sheraton

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin for our comforts and their hospitality in making our stay here a vacation long to remember.

12. Robert Jansen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Insurance and Real Estate Broker, banquet speaker.

13. The City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the huge sign on the City Hall remembering the 106th Infantry Division Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Armington, Chairman Ben Britton John Robb

GENERAL FUND \$9464.55 4,465.40

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME AND EXPENSE - GENERAL FUND

\$5,105.00

284.00

30.00

30.00

42.00

701 42

500.00

48.00 \$8,787.81

\$2,177,78 347 44

31.31

44.09

18.16

56.58

189.00

150.00

500.00 3788.66

\$4,999.15

\$4,465.40

4,999.15

\$9,464.55

\$7,307,16

11.36

262.94

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1981 - 1982

INCOME

Members' Dues Auxiliary Dues Interest & Dividends Farned

Sale of Patches Sale of Auto Tags Sale of Phot Enblems

Surplus - 1981 Reunion Contribution

Return of Registration Fee **EXPENSE**

CUB Expense (3 issues): Printing

Postage Plates Phone

postage Office Supplies Telephone Registration Fees -3 Officers - 1982 Reunion

Advance to Reunion Comm. Interest Penalty New Flags

FUNDS ACTIVITIES

GENERAL FUND RECAP

Brought Forward Net Increase Balance June 30, 1982

Brought Forward

Contributions

MEMORAIL FUND ACTIVITY

Net Increase

998.00 8.305.16

Maintenance - St. Vith Memorial Balance June 30, 1982

1.000.00

CHANGES IN CASH POSITIONS MEMORIAL FUND

\$7,305.16

7,307.16

\$7,305,16

TOTALS

\$16769.71 11,772.56

\$4,997.15

BANKS OF DEPOSIT

\$4,999.15

Checking - First National Bank of Atlanta Savings - Fulton Federal Savings & Loan \$(2.00) \$870.06

> 78.55 15.821.10

16,769.71

Savings - T. Rowe Price Prime Reserve Fund

Respectfully submitted. Sherod Collins, Treasurer

A COMEDY OF ERRORS OR TRAVELS BY A MODERN ULYSSES

By Ron Mosley

We have two cars. Being retired, we didn't think we needed same, but we live 18 miles from an incorporated community. Our "first" vehicle was purchased new in 1978, and "Audi Fox" station wagon which drives like a sports car when it goes. The trouble is that when parts are needed the "Audi" sits waiting on the parking lot of the garage. In 1981 we spent about \$1000.00 in car rentals. Last November we bought a 1974 Volkswagon "beetle" with low mileage.

The plan was to attend the 106th reunion and for me to fly to Milwaukee, driving the "Audi" to the Halifax, Nova Scotia, airport and park it for the time I was gone. The day before the flight, grandson Bill and I came in from a boat trip to find that Eloise had rushed the "Audi" to Bridgewater to the V W garage because of a leaking gas tank. A new one was required and had to be ordered.

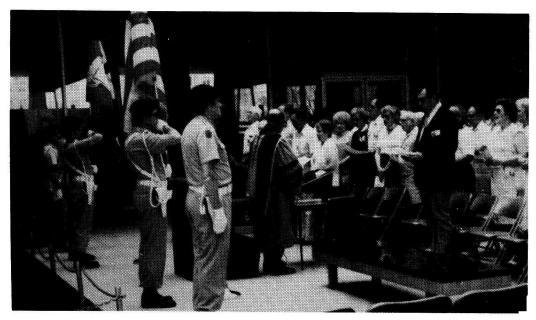
So Eloise drove me to Halifax in the "beetle" on July 15, doing an errand in the metro area before leaving. We got into heavy traffic, and our 7-month old German Shepherd "Segen" (German for "blessing"), upset by truck diesel traffic funes, "barfed" in the back seat. Behind it was my luggage. Like an idiot, I had forgotten a "beetle" had a

luggage compartment under the front hood. Finally, we cleaned up, and I got my flight from Halifax.

Now, Air Canada has a virtual monopoly on air travel, but it has the nasty habit of losing not only my luggage but also that of people who come to visit us. So all my gear had to be hand-carried to our reunion.

The trip to Milwaukee was a "Comedy of Errors" (with apology to Shakespeare) or an exercise "in the absurd!" The original plan was to fly from Halifax to Toronto, to change there for a flight to Chicago - via Air Canada. From Chicago the plan called for a flight by Mississippi Valley Airlines to Milwaukee, gettin in about 8:00 p.m. Chuck Puskarich was going to meet me.

My luggage included a hang-up garment bag and a square card-board box which contained a Royal Canadian Legion wreath, 300 printed copies of our Memorial Service, and several name plaques. No problem was incurred in hand carrying the two items from Halifax to Toronto. In Toronto I went through U.S. Customs and Immigration, through the security check, and hence to the Air Canada gate. An officious woman came out and looking at my square box said: "Sir, you



cannot carry that box on board. It won't fit." I said: "I had no trouble from Halifax to Toronto, and I must have these things for tomorrow." "I'll take it to my superior for his O.K.," she said. Everybody left! She finally came back stating: "Well it's alright. You can take this box in the plane." "No, I can't." I replied. "The flight has gone, and it's your fault I've lost it." I had a few chosen words to add, and you can use your imagination. I swear I didn't "swear."

She scrambled around with me "sputtering away." The result was that I was re-scheduled on Republic Airlines from Toronto to Detroit, change planes, and another Republic flight to Milwaukee. I had to go to the front office, get refunds from the duty-free shop (perfume for Eloise, "Oh, Be Joyful" for me), take a bus to airport Terminal One, get a new ticket from Republic, get in line to go through U.S. Customs and Immigrations again, rush for security pushing my way as I only had 10 minutes, all the time carrying my luggage. I did get a phone and reached Eloise at home. "Guess where I am," I said. "I haven't a clue" was her reply. I said: "Detroit" and told her the story (so far). I asked her to call the hotel in Milwaukee to tell Chuck Puskarich of the change, but he had already left. I finally arrived in Milwaukee about 10:00 p.m. to discover I'd have to take a \$20.00 taxi ride (tip included).

At the Sheraton Mayfair a young clerk told me there wasn't a room left, that guests who had been expected to leave, hadn't. I produced carbon copies of the two letters I had written the hotel; the last one had included a personal check for \$50.00 on our U.S. bank as I was getting in after 6:00 p.m. The check had been cashed, still no deal! I was taken on a 20 minute ride by van to an inner city hotel owned by the same hotel chain with Al johnson and Bobby Desiardins, in the same "fix," following in their rental car.

Then I left a 5:45 a.m. call and also set my alarm watch for 6:30 a.m. "just in case." My alarm watch went off, but I was already shaving. At 6:45 the room phone rang, and a voice said: "Reverend Mosley, I'm the van driver. We will be leaving for the Sheraton Mayfair." I answered: "Can you wait 5 minutes? I was not awakened and am about packed." He answered in the affirmative, but when I got to the hotel lobby, the van had gone. The clerk stated the record showed I had been called at 5:45. This was not true, as I had stuck a small piece of note paper in the middle of the phone cradle. I had a sneaking suspicion I might not be called. I had another \$20.00 taxi ride back to the Mayfair and stuck the luggage I didn't need in the hotel office with the remark: "My room had better be ready by 4:00 p.m."

I got back from the city tour, luncheon, and our Memorial Service at 4:30 p.m. I walked to the hotel desk and asked for my room key. I got Room 511. I went up in the elevator and opened the door to find it occupied by Al Johnson and Bobby Desigrdins. Turing around I came face to face with the clerk who "had no room for me in the inn" the previous night. I screamed: "You've done it to me again! Don't you people ever do anything right? If you were in the 106th Division, I would personally see that you spent your entire time digging latrines." I went on: "Get me a room, NOW! Pick up my luggage." They did, and a young man and a young lady took me up to Room 811.

When we got there, I snarled: "Where is the ice machine?" "On the 7th floor," came the reply. "Well, go get me some ice and don't expect a tip," I stated. The young lady pointed to a table by the window. On it stood a bottle of French wine in a silver ice bucket with a card which read: "Compliments of the management." I said: "Thank you. Now get out of here!"

I phoned Al Johnson's room and said: "Come up here and help me to drink this wine." They did, and while there, the phone rang. A voice said: "This is Mr. Dean, the front manager. I understand you've had problems here." "That's an uderstatement," I snorted. He went on: "Please accept your stay as complimentary." My reply: "I'll think about it." Two nights were "complimentary," but they had cashed my deposit of \$50.00 which was not refunded.

Now, as I look back, this was some adventure. Such times I don't need. This reminds me that when we began to depart from our "staging area" at Camp Miles Standish in October, 1944, for Staten Island, I stayed to the last to conduct a departure service in the field house. We were delayed on our military train to New York near New London, Conn., by an accident on the tracks. I thought we'd never reach our ship, the "Aguitania." I was the last one to board that old Cunard liner.

The morale to this story, if there is one, is

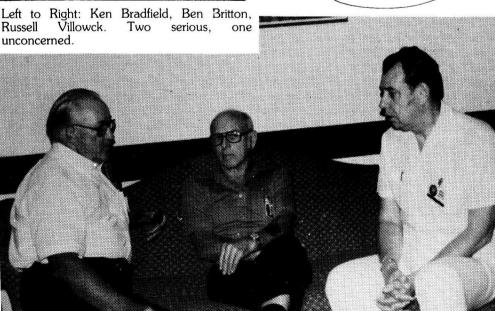
probably that the 106th is still a difficult outfit to get to. However, it is worth it it is TOPS! One seguel: I have just received my new prescription glasses which I had left in the back of Chairman Chuck's "Cadillac" in which I returned to the hotel.

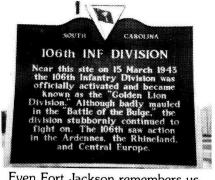
Chuck told me I had reduced the hotel convention manager, "dee" Peters, to tears by my "antics." Was she the young lady who went up on the elevator and finally go me into my room? I'm an old softy; a lady' s tears I can't take, and as I understood from Chuck that she would be at our Saturday night banquet, I went over to the shopping mall to seek out a florist shop. There I got some red roses to give to her. She never showed. To quote Chuck's letter: "She was ill all weekend, and not at work Monday." Then Chuck's P.S.: "Saw Dee today, Thursday, July 22, and she said to give her regards to you and asked if anything more happened."

Well, all I can say is: "Let's do it again and this time with "feeling." See you in 1983 in Worcester, Mass. God Bless!!!

NOTICE

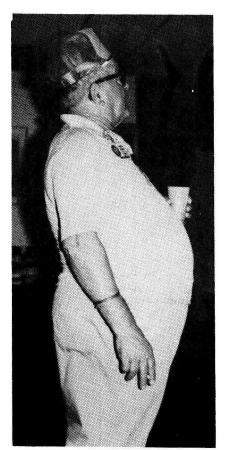
PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS OR CHECK BOOKS AND SEE IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES FOR YEAR 1 JULY 1982 to 30 JUNE 1983. WE ONLY HAVE 250 PAID UP MEMBERS FOR THIS PERIOD. THANK YOU. ADJUTANT ROBERT W. PIERCE SR.





Even Fort Jackson remembers us.



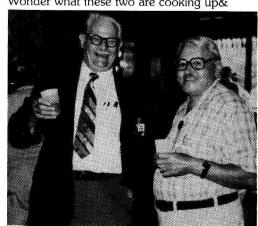


Wanold Olman "I'm not skinny" I like my Beer "Now There is a pabst tumor if I have ever seen one."

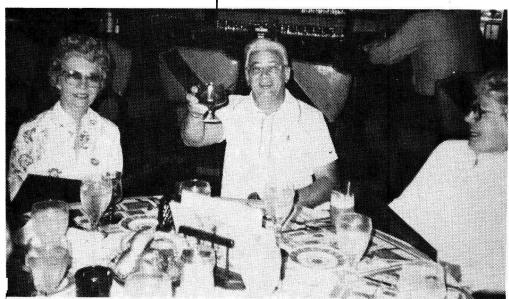
Bob Howell and Russ Villwock Now You know who they are.



Left to Right: Jim Wells and Richard DeHeer. Wonder what these two are cooking up&



Left to Right: Clare Henning, Jim Henning, Jackie Villwock "A Toast to You!"



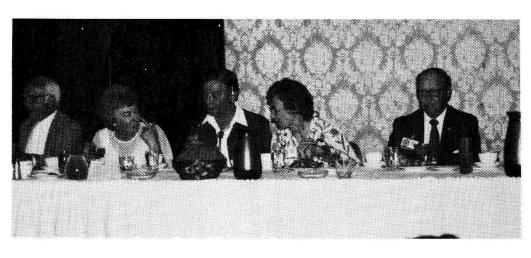


Left to right: Jean & Bob Pierce, Sherod Collins. Our Hard Working Threesome.

Left to right: Louise & Bob Howell, Jackie & Russ Villwock. How Come we get such nice people to run this outfit?



Left to Right: John & Virginia Howard, Chuck & Ann Pucharich & Rev. Mosley. Here are the people that made it Happen. Ron! Don't look so sour.





Left to Right: Kay Loveless, Carl Beals, Joe Mathews. Three Birthdays for Three Beautiful people.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Dick,

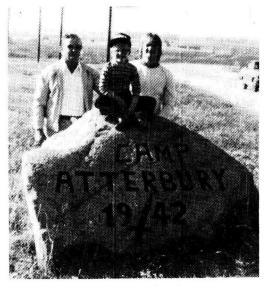
Last fall I had reason to be in the Camp Atterbury area; so I just had to stop and have another look.

The northern half of the camp has all been torn down and a lot of the southern half is gone. All of the 422nd and 423rd areas are gone. Some permanent, new typebuildings have been built for the National Guard to use. The Division Artillery area looks pretty much in tact. Here and there an old building still stands to remind one of the days gone by. Its sure a far cry from the camp of 1944, when the 106th said "Good-Bye".

Like the Rock of Gibraltar, the rock of "Camp Atterbury" still stand guard over the remains of a once great camp where once three proud and mighty Infantry Divisions took their final training before going over seas in WWII the 30th - 83rd and our own 106th.

Sincerely,

Russell, Bonnie and the Boys







Dear Dick. I rejoined the 106th Association last year

after a lapse of some years. Glad to be back in the fold. Glad to hear that Gen. McMahon is as

spry as ever together with his lovely wife enjoying life. (I'm sure she remembers Philadelphia!)

We are sorry that we will not be able to join you in Milwaukee for the next convention in

July. The EXPOW convention is in Colorado

Springs, July 11th to 15th and the DAV convention is in July (latter part) in Las Vegas.

I am Committed to both. I have heard from Col. Matthews. The EXO

goings on with the 422nd and the 106th. Now retired from the VA and living in Las

422nd, he brought me up to date on the

Vegas. If you ever get out this way be sure to call. We are listed in the phone book.

Best of everything and success in your convention.

Sincerely, Alan Dunbar

P.S. So glad to hear that Col. Cavonder is

alive and well!!

Dear Robert,

Enclosed check of \$15.00 is for my membership dues (July 1 through June 30, 1983), including \$5.00 for the Memorial Fund. During the past year I have become disabled with a stroke and have retired. My

recovery is progressing fine. I a have a son 18 years old who will begin

college next year. Does the Association still operate a scholarship program? If so, whom do I contact to submit an application for my son? If you can provide me with any scholarship information, I certainly appreciate it.

Sincerely yours, Leion J. Setter

106th Division

Formerly Assigned to: Headquarters Company 2nd Batallion 422nd Infantry

3825 Grail

Wichita, Kansas 67218

Dear Bob. Thanks so much for the reminder. I needed

\$100. to be applied as follows: Dues for 81-82 \$20.00 Blanches \$4.00 and memorial fund \$76.00. We have not been to the last reunions as we seem to be interested in trips and activities In 1980 we took a trip to Norway, Shetland

it. As a result I an enclosing my check for

Islands, Scotland, England and Amsterdam.

Then did 5 weeks with a Eurail Pass in Europe. Rented a car at Lieze Belguim and went to St. Vith to see our old area. I'm glad to see in the \$3,000 Cub the is being spent maintenance. It needed to be done. had a visit with one of the teachers at the school and a fine over night at the lacal hotel. Also went to Luxemborg to visit the U.S. Cemetary there. We visited other places Rail service there is

This year we took a 63 day cruise from Florida to San Fransico to South America.

We have already signed up for a cruise next summer starting in Copenhagen and around then back to New England, New York. We will be drinking Danish beer while you are in Milwaukee.

Charles and Blanche Richards! 423

Hi.

Our best to all,

great!

Due to many problems I dropped my membership in 1974 but still have the dues envelope and extension blank.

Since joining the National P.O.W. Organization, I have heard from many of my old comrades, so decided that I must go back to the Cub Association. Do you by chance hav a list of members and addresses of G. Co. men when we were over seas?

I am looking for a couple of fellows that were with me all the way through. Howard Wright and Donald Bolger (last known in Saginaw, Mich.) Wright was from Washington, Thanks.

My wife and I are all alone with the 6 children married and producing grandchildren. Also 2 more on the way. We spend Feb. & March at Sanibel Island, Florida where we just take it easy. Little fishing and

So-long for now, Harold & Verdelma Broderick 2560 White Oaks Dr. Beloit, Wis. 53511

swimming.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your prompt and interesting letter in regard to my postal card inquiry concerning 106th Div. casualties.

IT'S A SHAME THIS INFO IS NOT AVAILABLE AND A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD AND IT SHOULD BE ACCESIBLE

UNDER "The Freedom of Info Act."

I'll just reiterate that I was 18 years old then,

in the spring of 1944 and was in Co C 1st Bn 422nd. My C.D. was a West Point graduate, firm and stern, and not a big man as I

remember him

When I went back to ETO and Belgium in 1979 with a group fo our 75th Div men of 2nd Bn 291st, I recall seeing your 106th Div. Memorial, while passing through in our bus,

but I don't recall seeing your memorial Chapel.

On our recent trip June '81 to Grand Halleux, Belgium to place three (3) memorial plagues in the town where we had our big battle losses, I wanted to go to St. Vith, and only got near it on our tour and was sorry I didn't get in the town.

Yes, we were all a part of history and more should remember.

Sincerely,

Peter Dounis 728 Darthmouth Ave. Silver Springs, Md. 20910

When! anyones guess??

Dear Bob Pierce,

Enclosed is my belated check for the \$10.00 membership dues. Everyone at the Gillespie homestead is in excellent health (Knockin' on wood to continue).

Only se Bob Kelly periodically - Who with Libby are in excellent spirits - always managing to escape overseas for a few weeks of touring

new areas of Europe.

The economic conditions here about make for a very sensitive business climate for my company. We are hoping to see the housing industry level and begin a turn upwards-

Doing some consulting activity of a Canadian Wall Board Manufacturer and also a Division of Du Pont -- Helps the pocketbook. Take Care.

See Ya, Jack Dear Dick,

It was great seeing you and the others at the reunion.

After a wonderful time with the 106th in

Milwaukee, Martha and I headed out west. After visiting with relations in Wisc. and Minnesota we left for South Dakota, where we stayed one night in the "Badlands" at a motel operated by the Indians. Then 3 days in the "Black Hills" and "Mt. Rushmore" area. On to Wyoming and a tour of Yellowstone where we

Wyoming and a tour of Yellowstone where we rode a stage coach on a western steak cookout. Jackson Hole was next where along with the magnificient scenery in the Grand Tetour. We enjoyed a breakfast horseback ride, a lake cruise and steak cook-out on Elk Island. An all day float trip with picnic lunch on the Snake River. Then came our "Rocky Mountain High" at Snowmass and Aspen, Colo. Much breathtaking scenery in this area, plus fine

dining and shopping. We had a beautiful drive through the Rockies. Two days at Colo. Springs. Toured the Air Force Academy, Manitou Springs and Pike's Peak area. Then into New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and arrived home late on the 15th of August. Looking forward to next year and we are planning on another good trip in conjuction with the reunion in the Boston area. Our Best

wishes to you and keep the "Cub" coming.

Yours, Duke Ward (Nathan) 3784 Ardsley Court Marietta, Ga 30062

Dear Bob,

I received your reminder, and I apologize for may oversight of not paying my dues. Enclose money for \$20.00 which covers through 1983, dues.

I still correspond regularly with John "Pat" Hayes and John Carr, both formerly of 422 F, like myself they both are retired.

I am still active as Service Officer with the American Legion, and for the past year I am also involved in disaster work with the Red Cross, plus some blood bank and volunteer driving for the local chapter.

Kindest Personal Regards, Waldo Pierce 530 East St. New Britian, Ct. Dear Bob.

Enclosed is my dues, sorry I am late.

I'm in the 12th year of my retirement and

still traveling as usual. Spent September and October in Spain and returned by way of Florida staying three weeks in St. Petersburg and then a week in Can Cun, Mexico before returning north. Will head down to my usual haunt in Acapulco for the rest fo the winter after the Christmas holidays.

Sincerely yours, Richard E. Bartz 216 Rustic Ave Pittsburgh, Pa. 15210

Dear Bob.

I am sorry I am late with my dues. The past year was a bad year for me, for my wife was ill with cancer and we lost her Dec. 19th. 1981. I

am sending a check for \$20.00 for two years.

Thank You. Laban Goodman 592 F.A. Btn Roanoke, Va

(The 106th members send belated sincere sympathy to you and yours.)

Hi.

106th memorial, also went back to the Bitter woods and looked around. Beautiful country. I didn't see anything the other time due to snow and fog. I never knew the 106th had an association.

We were in Belgium in Sept and saw the

My wife, Anna Lee and I send greetings to all.

Bill Diehl, Co I 423 159 Pensinger Rd.

Mr. Pierce.

Greencastle, Pa. 17225

Enclosed is my check for membership dues. I have never attended a 106th Div. reunion. But we have a 106th QM Co reunion every year.

I recieved a letter and a Cub from Richard DHeer, Editor a while back. He saw our notice in the VFW magazine. I understand you may have the 106th Div. reunion in Mass, in the near future (1983). That is close by Conn, and quite a few of

the 106th QM boys live in Mass. Looking forward to the next issue of the Cub

Jim Senatro Qm Co 121 W. Main St. Apt. 324 Vernon, Conn 06066

Dear Mr. Pierce.

Thanks for reminding me that my Cub dues are past due. Enclosed is my check for this

vear. After 26 years in the army, I retired May 31, 1962. I was a 1st Sqt. Co B-424 from the

beginning to the end of the outfit. I retired as buyer for the city of Columbia, S.C. last June. Now I have plenty of time to do whatever comes up, so I plan to start attending the reunions every year. My last reunion was Evansville, Ind. Hope to see you soon.

Roger M. Rutland, Cheif Warrant Off. P.O. Box 1713 Columbia, S.C. 29202

Dear Bob. I retired from the army, 1 August 62.

Sincerely,

Moved to Calif. Went to work for TRW DSSG Aero Space Co. in security. Retired from there after 17 years. Now just cooling it. My wife, Avis and I received application from Chuck H. member of L. Co. 423rd, Received Christmas cards from Col. Cavender, Col.

Hvett. My C.O. and J.P.Rihey my 1st Sgt. I was informed that Chuck Henderson passed away. I was sorry to hear that. I was a member of the 106th Div. Assoc. at one time but somehow, some where in my travels while in the army we lost contact. I would now like to become a member again.

Yours truly, Michael Kobylarzyk 6943 Caleta Lane Citrus Heights, Cl. 95610 Dear Dick:

Another 106th Infantry Division Association Reunion has come and gone and what a tremendous success it was again. Bouquets to the Puskarichs and the Howards!

I have enclosed 2 pictures which you may find of interest and want to share with the members by printing them in the Cub. What a surprise to look out of the bus window and see the greetings to the 106th displayed on the Milwaukee City Hall! We stopped that bus in a hurry and took several phots of that impressive

sight!
Also enclosed is a picture of rev. Ron Mosley conducting the Memorial Service at the Veterans War Memorial. To me, this wonderful service, alone, was worth all the time, effort and cost of getting to the Reunion. This was a magnificent way to memorialize all of our dead, as well as our survivors, of that tragic battle. many a tear slowly ran down the cheeks during the service on that day.

It was great seeing some of our members again. Let's all get to Worchester, Mass. in 1983! The 106th Infantry Division Association is a great outfit!

Best regards.

Ray & Vi Untiedt

Dear Bob.

We left Miami after 20 years and moved to

this small town in North Florida where we have a small air condtion, ref. business. We live on the beautiful St. John River. It is, known as the Bass Capital.

Sincerely, Thelma & James Hutcherson P.O. Box 443 E. Palatka, Fla. 32031

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Dear Bob,

Sorry I am late with dues. The 106th Recon Troop are having a reunion in July 1982 at Fort Jackson, S. C.

William Fritz 7950 N.W. 14th St. Pembroke Pines, Fla. 33024 Dear Charlie:

Reference my telephone call Sunday 11th July concerning Sgt. Leon J. Wochna, deceased and reunion of 106th Infantry Division in Milwaukee.

I am writing this request in behalf of Sgt. Wochna's daughter Ms. Judith Beck, 239 Old Judd Road. Oriskany. New York 13424.

phone: (315) 736-2968.

She respectfully requests information concerning circumstances and actions at time of his supreme sacrifice. She would be very appreciative to hear from his friends and companions concerning their comradship in service. A list of names and a picture of her father is enclosed. The picture of Sgt. Wochnamy be kept by a buddie or placed in the 106th Division Album. She is highly interested in activities of the 106th Lion Division and as

Please direct all communications to his daughter's address. Wishing you all happy and successful reunion.

such could you kindly place her on the "CUB"

Stan Bird USAF (Ret'd)

mailing list.

Dear Bob:

We are still looking for John Healey, Dan Gilbert and Joe Sarlend.

I am sending you five dollars to use as the club needs it.
Also my dues.

Thank you, Fontaine C. Forbes

Greetings,

An old infantry man, would like to become an Associate member. I am glad to hear you have a strong association.

Joe Nuzum 526 N-15th St. Coshoctom, Ohio 43812

DO NOT FORGET THAT 1982-83 DUES ARE DUE. SEND TO BOB PIERCE WHOSE ADDRESS IS ON FRONT COVER. Dear Bob.

Sorry to be late with my dues.

I have no excuse since I have been retired as of Jan. 1, 1981, after 47 years as a Manufacturing Engineer with Hunt Every Co. (Formally Hunt Valve C. of Salem, Ohio).

Should have had plenty of time to take care of these things, but golf, fishing and traveling gets in the way.

I read in one of the Cubs, that interesting things that happened during our years with the 106th might be passed on in the Cub to other members.

I. and I'm sure other members of Anti-Tnak Co. 423rd still remember our early days of Basic Training at Ft. Jackson. Captain Charles B. Reid from Richbury, S.C. was our Company Commander. he had a lovely southern accent and as all got to know him better, we referred to him as "Capn' Challey".

' Along about the second week of basic training, the company must have been a little slow falling in for Reville one morning. When we finally were brought to attention, Capn' Challey was in a pretty angry state. I can still hear him:

"Men! When that whistle blows, ah' wanta see that doe open an' when that doe opens, ah' wanta see a cloud a dust. An' when that dust settles, ah' wanta see-pause fo' rows of cone. Freeze damit Freeze."

Needless to say from that day on we were probably the fastest company to fall in, in the regiment.

If you think this story is worthy of a little nostalgia, would you please pass it along to the editor of the Cub.

Enclosed is a check for dues for two years.

Best regards,

Walt Hiltbrand 930 Fair Ave. Salem, Ohio 444460

Dear Bob.

Sorry I have been out of the Association so long. Want to thank Waldo Pierce for sending my name to the Adj. Thing are good in good old Springfield, Ohio.

Best regards from my wife, Jane and myself.

John P. Haves Co F 422nd Inf.

2226 Erie Ave.

Springfield, Ohio 45505

Dear Bob,

I was a cook in Company "B" 424th Infantry at Ft. Jackson, S.C. and transferred to "G" Company when the 106th Overseas. I thought you might need this for my badge and any records you might keep.

After returing from WWII, I started a career in show business and have been entertaineing as a magician and mentalist ever since. My primary "areana" was appearing at O.C. and N.C.O. Clubs and Service Men's Recreation Centers throughtout the United States and Europe.

I have been in semi-retirement from full-time touring for a couple of years but still manage to go on three or four six-week tours annually and some convention dates. I an now an agent/personal manager for other entertainers and also sell theatrical makeup and supplies to little theater groups, schools, etc.

I would be gald to offer my services (at no charge, of course) to tnertain at the Reunion if it would be desired, either as an act or program of whatever length you might desire for any scheduled function, or for close-up entertainment at Hospitality Session.

Since I have the time and do travel, I would like it to be known that I would enjoy serving in any capacity during the year for the 106th. I would especially enjoy working with the editing of the Cub as I feel my background in publicity, promotion and advertising would be of value.

I know it will be hard to top last year's reunion, but I am sure that in your capable hands you will see that it is done. Looking forward to seeing you in July.

Sincerly,

R. L. Eichelberger AKA Rod masters

Dear Robert:

Sorry I am late with paying my dues, for I

forgot all about them.

I would like to get the book "Death of a Division". If you can five me any information as to where I can purchase it. It would be appreciated.

Please find enclosed check for two years

Thank you, Ed Withee

dues.

Dear Mr. Puskarich,

I read your notice (in the D.A.V. magazine) giving the information concering the 106th Inf. div. reunion. I find at this time I can not attend.

I served in the 106th from shortly after activation (March 1943) until its arrival at Camp Atterbury, Ind. At that point I was

shipped out on cadre with one days notice, and without time to exchange addresses.

I was a member of the Medical Detachment,

2nd Battalion, 424th Infantry. We were quartered in the G company area, tank hill while in Ft. Jackson, S.C. I was an aid man

with F Co. while in Jackson and with G Co. while in Tenn.

I would greatly appreciate a copy of any addresses for members of this group who may have attended the reunion or the name of any other source where they could be obtained.

Hope that many of your old friends were at the reunion, I know how happy you were to see them.

If you should ever be looking for any friends in the Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Ohio area, drop me a note as I would be happy to try to locate them.

Also noted in the D.A.V. magazine that some people were searching for 106th shoulder patches. These are sometimes available at sales (gun shows) in this area if you should know anyone interested.

Thanks for your time!

Best regards,

Chuck Deering 2309 Anderson Rd. Cuvahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Dear Bob,

We have been looking forward to the Milwaukee gathering ever since it was decided to hold the reunion there in 82. Hope to see a lot of the old 423rd at co there and many of the friends from POW Camp. I took a 30 year reunion trip to Europe and made the tour from La Harve to St. Vith to Bad-Ore to

Ziegenheim. Really a thrill to make that trip.

Roger Kane 1214 Milwaukee St, Dealafield, Wis. 53018

P.S. We hope you enjoyed the reunion!

Dear Mr. Pierce:

I'm sorry to be late with my associate membership payment. Again the Cub became misplaced with all of the company I have had since its arrival, but I knew it was not lost.

I do hope you have a healthy and happy year.

I appreciated the call I received from Sherod Collins when he was in Brentwood - a while ago. I was able to meet the Edward Prewett's at their ranch and had a nice visit.

Most Sincerely,

Dorothy Broth 960 Fall River Dr. Hayword, Ca. 94544

DUES ARE DUE - send them into Bob Pierce - for sometime during the year a list of members is published.

Dear John,

I was in the 589th F.A., my Co was captured the 16th of Dec. 1944. I understand Cap. Rockwell tried to escape and was killed.

Edward L. Malone and I held out until the 21st of Dec. 1944. We were later captured in a motor pool with about 500 others. With out food and ammunition, we were bombarded for about eight hours. After someone had

killed a German under a "flag of Truth". We marched and marched - placed in box cars. Straffing, by the R.A.F. finally got to Stalog H-B. I was later sent to Leipzig, "slave labor" I was struck, "beat up" by a German in Leipzig. Anyone that has information in regards to

I was in Lipzig with Stahl and I'm sony I can't remember his name. I aided him through out this crisis. I would like to locate Edward L. Malone.

these events, please let me hear from you.

Thank you very kindly, Vernon Brumfield 201 W. 111th St. Cut Off, La. 70345

NOTICE: Send your articles in TODAY for the next issue of the CUB!!Dick DeHeer, 86 Berkshire Lane, Palm Coast, Florida 32037 Dear Robert.

Thank you for the past due notice. I had completely overlooked mailing same to you. Enclosed find a check for

I had planned to attend last two conventions but due to bad health. I was unable to be with you. If God is willing I plan to see you this year.

I enjoy reading "The Cub" and look forward to visiting with former friends of the "106th" thru the "Cub".

Wishing you and the association the very best for the future.

Peter Russin H-424 412 Broybaston Blvd. Steubenville, Ohio 43952

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

As a teacher of American History and as a fourteen-year veteran of the National Guard Infantry. I'm also a kind of buff of things military and a collector of U.S. Army shoulder patches representing every identifiable unit

from 1918 to the present. My aim is to

preserve and display these patches in classrooms, in armories, and for interested groups for viewing and appreciation by the public in general. The hobby is one to which I devote a good deal of time and effort, and I'm proud to say I've already assembled nearly three thousand pieces, mainly though the kindness of hundreds of old veterans who

Again my desire is to locate "odd", unusual or unique versions of 106th division patches, whether handmade foreign-made, etc. Any age or condition.

Any help appreciated and, naturally, should there be any cost involved, I will be more than happy to pay it. Also, just in case anyone should have an old collection of patches of

any kind, I would be thrilled to discuss it 's

purchase. Thanks for your time.

have helped me out.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Tannaro 3 Tower Road Reading, mass, 01867

WWII VET, FELLOW POW, REUNITE!!!!

Ardmore, Pa. (UPI) - It started with a telephone call on a Friday afternoon at the UPI office in Chicago.

The caller asked to speak to Broadcast Sports Editor Wally Martin. "This is Jim Bard. Remember me?" Of course I do. Hi, Jim.

It was the first time in 36 years that we had talked.

On a cold December day in 1944, we had been captured along with other members of

the 106th Infantry Division in the Ardennes Forest. It wasn't until later that we discovered we had been in the "Battle of the Bulge." Two years ago, Bard decided to organize a reunion of those survivors of Stalag 4-B at

Muhlberg and the wood mill work camp at Brand Erbisdorf, about 20 miles from Dresden. Originally there were 30 of us. But only a dozen answered the correspondence.

Bill Peters of Watertown, mass., provided a list of addresses. So, Bard went about contacting the old group. Peters was eager for a reunion. So was Nick Bosco of Middlesex, N.J. I was one who contacted Jim.

When I was assigned to cover the U.S. Open golf tournament at Merion, Pa., this June, it was a natural. Bard lived at Wayne. Pa., just a long iron shot from the golf course. To we planned a get-together.

Before Bard arrived at the Holiday Motel in KIng of Prussia, a fellow sports writer asked me if I would recongnize him. Thirty-six years is a long time. No crew cuts

now, maybe a beard. Both of us are wearing

glasses.. Both of us had put on weight. No problem, we recognized each other right

For almost three hours we reminisced about

the capture in the Ardennes and our days later at the wood mill. We both had frost-bitten feet. Most of all, we remembered being hungry all

the time. We talked about the forced march after the capture and the nine-day boxcar journey to Stalag 4-B in Muhlberg. We arrived at the camp on New Year's Eve after spending

Christmas in the box car: On new Year's Eve we sang Auld Land Syne with toher POW's. Jim asked if I remembered the trips into Brand Erbisdorf to pick up beer and soda once a week. I told him I still had some German

marks paid to us for work at the wood mill. We used the money to purchase the beer and

Jim asked if I remembered Paul? Paul was not one to forget. He was the foreman at the wood mill, and a hard-nosed boss.

The night Dresden was bombed, although the city was some 20 miles away, the bombing lit up the sky at the wood mill. We scampered to our air raid shelter and could hear the bombers and bombing.

As the Eastern front moved closer, POW's at, various work camps in the area were moved by open box cars to keep out of the war zone. The rail trip took us through Dresden, already leveled by the bombing.

We remembered the days on the crowded

DUES If you have not paid your 1982-83 dues

will you enclose check for \$10.00 in an envelope. If you have paid dues will you use envelope to send us a note about yourself for up-date article for Cub. Thank you for your help.

roads in Czechoslovakia. Along with the PWT there were German troops and refugees. Over-head, Russian planes strafed any thing that moved. Two members of our work party were killed.

The Russians moved in and liberated us. A few weeks later, we were at Camp Lucky Strike in France and on the way home.

Thirty-six years is a long time...but those memories are still vivid for both of us.

From the Editor's Desk. Please have your news in to me by Dec. 1, 1982. I like to go away for Christmas and would like the Cub to be in the hands of the printer before I leave.

Thank You,

Dick De Heer

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ATTENDED THE REUNION, JULY 15-18, 1982

Loyd H. Anglin R No. 1 Big Bone Rd. Box 387 Union, Kentucky 41091

Donald R. & Maxine J. Armington 3125 John Patterson Rd. Des Moines, Iowa 50317

Franklin S. & Mary I. Barlow 144 Aurora Street Hudson, Ohio 44236

Carol W. Beals 8 Green Mountain Dr. Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Roger W. & Gracie Bell 807 28th Avenue East Moline, Ill. 61244

Tom & Flo Bickford 311 Bloomingdale Ave. Cranford, New Jersey 07016

Kenneth W. & June Bradfield 908 S. Lodge Avenue Evansville, Indiana 47714

Lynn B. Bradley & R. Astin 512 Locke Street Palmetto, Ga. 30268 36 Warren Road Auburn, Mass. 01501

Jack & Emily Bryant

19692 Coral Gables

Bejamin B. Britton

Fred R. & Penny Carter 613 North 3rd Street Toronto, Ohio 43964

Southfield, Michigan 48076

Fred B. & Agnes H. Chase 5 Morris Lane Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065

414 Cherry Avenue Sturgis, Michigan 49091 Douglas S. Coffey

James I. & Shirley Clark, M.D.

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Cohen 6033 N. Sheridan - 10H

947 N.W. Arnet Street Port Charlotte, Florida 33952

6033 N. Sheridan - 10H Chicago, Ill. 60660

Sherod Collins 625 Channing Dr., N.W. Atlanta, Ga. 30318

Virgil L. & Martha L. Collins	Charles R. & Jamesine Gibson
824 Cypress Avenue	524 Washington
Venice, Florida 33595	Lawton, Michigan 49065
Louis M. & Peggy M. Cooper	Robert & Jean Gilder
5215 Shady Oak Dr. N.	36303 Behm Dr.
Lakeland, Florida 33805	No. Ridgeville, O. 44039
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Crossman	Earle Hannion
P.O. Box 654	2917 Sanchez
Woodstock, Ill. 600098	Tampa, Florida 33605
Charles T. & Nancy Datte	Glenn O. Nadine M. Hartlieb
231 Davis Avenue	1805 Olive
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Dear Dick,

Sorry about the delay in writing to you. If you remember, in Milwaukee, you could not give me a definite dead-line date. However I'm not making any excuses. I definitely meant to write to you when I returned from the convention.

We enjoyed ourselves at the convention. Never have been to Milwaukee before we were favorably impressed with the city. As you may not know we decided to make this trip by bus (Greyhound of course!). We left Boston about 1:30 on Tuesday afternoon and traveled via Albany, Syracuse, and Buffalo, N.Y. Then via Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio; Elkart and Southbend, Ind., and into Chicago. There we changed to another bus line and arrived in Milwaukee

about 3:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. It wasn't all that bad. There was a restroom on the bus and they stopped often enough for food and drink. One should carry along goodies for snacking. It seems that Milwaukee is an expensive place to get by air. It would have cost us about \$361 round trip by air. You can go to the west coast almost as cheap. The bus cost us \$158 round trip.

As I said before we enjoyed ourselves very much. It was good to see and talk to all our friends in the 106th, the food and lodgings were excellent, and think Chuck Puskarich and his committee should be congratulated for a job well done. We are looking forward to seeing everybody in Worcester, Mass. next year. See accompanying article about that.

Sincerely, Ben Britton

1983 CONVENTION-WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

We are well on our way to completing the itinerary for the 1983 convention of the 106th Infantry Division Association. It will be held July, 21, 22, 23, and 24 at the MARRIOTT HOTEL in downtown Worcester. We are located in central Massachusetts, indeed central New England. We have much to see and do, many of them within minutes and most of them no more than a couple of hours drive of Worcester. So mark your calendar. Come early and stay late. The special room rates at the Marriott will be guaranteed from July 16th to July 31st. There will be further information in future CUBS.

Ben Brittion and Committee.