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Samuel P. Cariano Adjutant



President's Message



To The Members Of The 106th Infantry Division Association

We are very fortunate to be able to have this issue of the CUB going out. If not for the very dedicated and thoughtful Marge DeHeer, it would not have been possible. She is one fine lady whom we all owe a debt of gratitude and support in carrying out ours and her beloved Dick's lifelong love of the 106th Infantry Division Association's CUB.

Time marches on as does our unique Association. When some of our beloved members pass on from this life, we who are left behind must pick up their yoke of responsibility and move forward in promoting and building the values that were left by them.

Our 1987 Convention Chairman, Bob Gilliland sounds as if all is in order for a real fine reunion in Mobile, Alabama. Let's all try to make early arrangements to attend as this is a great help to the committee in their preparations.

I was particularly pleased to read in the past issue of the CUB a suggestion by one of our members. This is exactly what we need from the membership to keep our Association growing. We are always open to suggestions for the good of our Association and although we can't act upon them until a Board Meeting, any and all ideas will be explored.

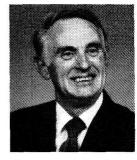
Martha and I look forward to the September Convention and seeing all of you again. And this is for Marge DeHeer from a very grateful man — a big THANK YOU and we love you.

John R. Fritz, President

Chaplain's Corner

By Ewell C. Black, Jr

As I sit writing this, it is mid-February and the sun is shining brightly with a high predicted to be about 70°. However, just a few weeks ago we had one of our infrequent snows in this part of South Carolina. Unlike you who were raised and have lived in our northern states, South Carolina people never really feel comfortable with our snows. However, our farmers like to have a snow because legend has it that in a winter when we have a snow, crops will be good. Certainly the farmers of our area are entitled to a good crop this year after last year's disaster.



But maybe there is something to this idea that snow can

beget a good growth. When I see snow, I am always reminded of the winter of 1944-45 and the experiences which those in the 106th Division and others involved in The Battle of the Bulge had.

All of us who survived those experiences seem to have grown hardier because of them. In the Old Testament Book of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar is subjected to a rough time by the Lord God. When he emerges from this time, he praises the Lord God, realizing that all things are in His dominion and that, "those who walk in pride He is able to humble." (Daniel 4:37). I can not speak for others but I do know that my encounter with the snow, battle and other experiences of December through April of that winter both humbled and strengthened me.

I believe that all of us were better enabled to cope with the world in which we lived after 1945 because of the growth process through which we went in those months. Our beloved 106th Division had its brief time, like the snows which we have in South Carolina, but we were seasoned by our association with it. The seeds which were planted in those long-ago days have sprouted and ripened into our Association of today. When I look our members and see all of the things which they have done, I can't help but believe that much of it is because of the growth process to which we were subjected in that time of snow and hardship.

The Lord God can always use even the worst of circumstances to strengthen his people and equip them for the work which lies ahead. Out of the dismal events of those winter days have come educators, lawyers, ministers and productive people in so many, many areas of life.

Our Father God, help us to understand that whom Thou would use, Thou doest chasten. We were chastened in the snow and battle and we would give thanks for the growth which Thou hast given us and pray Thou continuing guiding and using of our lives. May we continue to be strengthened by the knowledge of Thee and to be useful and productive for thee, dear Lord. Amen.

106th Infantry Division Association, Inc. 1985-1986 Board of Directors Meeting Columbia MARRIOTT Columbia, South Carolina

October 9, 1986

The meeting was called to order by President Van S. Wyatt at 6:08 P.M. Roll call was taken by Adjutant Samuel P. Cariano. All members were present except

Benjamin B. Britton and Robert L. Scranton.

In his opening remarks, President Van S. Wyatt expressed his gratitude for the support given him by his officers and thanked the members of the committees for their outstanding work

Adjutant Samuel P. Cariano read the minutes of the previous Board of Directors aneeting held at the Sheraton Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, West Virginia, July 18, 1985. Motion was made by Russell H. Villwock and seconded by John Robb to accept the minutes as read. Motion was carried.

The Adjutant reported that the Association had 533 renewals, 95 new members, 13 reinstated members and 16 Associate members for a total membership of 657; a gain of 89 over the past year. He also reported the deaths of 7 members and three auxiliary members. Sherod Collins asked that the report show the organization of Howard S. McCarty to be HQ, 1st Bn, 423rd Infantry instead of Co. F, 424th Infantry. The Adjutant went on to report that there were 19 delinquent members for 1985-1986. Motion was made by Sherod Collins and seconded by Thomas Maw to accept the report as read and amended. Motion was carried.

Treasurer Sherod Collins reported that our funds were in good standing even with the transfer of the \$7,500.00 to the St. Vith School. He reminded the Board that several years ago the accrued interests of the funds were shown only in the General Fund because it was short with the provision that the interest would revert to division between the General Fund and the Memorial Fund when we got back on our feet. Such division is now shown on his Treasurer's Report. Even with the transfer of the \$7,500.00 to the school, the Memorial Fund was only reduced \$4,733.42. The General Fund remained about the same with a balance of \$22,651.74. The Memorial Fund now has a balance of \$6,698.79. Motion was made by Russell Villwock and seconded by William Lucsay to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was carried.

CUB Editor Richard DeHeer gave his report stating that 2,700 copies of THE CUB were printed. He could not understand why members were reporting the non-receipt of their copies because the magazine is sent out first class mail. Each copy costs about \$1.50 because we do not have advertising. The publishing of THE CUB goes along quite well because the help and support of the officers and others. Many favorable comments were expressed about the quality and format of THE CUB. The possibility of obtaining advertising from commercial firms was mentioned but not pursued.

Memorials Chairman Douglas S. Coffey reported on the presentation of the contract and the \$7,500 to the new Director of the College Patronee, St. Vith, Belgium pointing out the salient points of the contract and use and accounting of the funds.

He went on to point out that Bob Scranton, Roger Rutland and he were on the Scholarship Committee and that the first scholarship award would be presented to a representative Richland County, S.C. school district at tomorrow's General Membership meeting. The next awards for scholarships were recommended for schools in Edinburg, Indiana and Indianapolis. Doug had contacted West Point, who would accept an award, but with all the awards the Academy receives, many of them go to athletic type endeavors rather than for schooling; therefore, he did not pursue this avenue any further. After discussion and correspondence with Mrs. Alan Jones, it was decided that an Indianapolis school should be the recipient of a larger scholarship in the amount of \$400.00. O. Paul Merz, although not on the Scholarship Committee, agreed to be the liaison between the schools and the Committee. After discussion and clarifications, John Robb moved the amount of \$400.00 be approved for the Indianapolis scholarship. Motion was seconded by Nathan Ward and carried.

Ted Straub brought up the subject of assisting members of the 106th Infantry Division who were not able financially to attend our reunions. In view of the complexity of the

problem, no action was taken at this time by the Board.

James Wells, Chairman of the Awards Committee, appeared before the Board and submitted recommendations for awards for the various classes of the Order of the Golden Lion. Due to the fact that all of the Board members were not present, action was deferred on awards of the Commander Class. The Board approved the awarding of Officer Class to Walter Bandurak, unanimously, for leadership, continuous support, and outstanding performance of duties in various official positions to the Association. Douglas Coffey recommended that the Officer Class, Order of the Golden Lion be awarded to Herr Joseph Pankert who has served the Association for more than 20 years in his capacity as Director of the College of Patronee and through his efforts and properation that the 106th Infantry Division Memorial was established. Motion was leconded by Tom Maw and carried. Motion was made by Sherod Collins to obtain a

secret ballot by mail on the recommendations for the two awards for the Companion Class, Order of the Golden Lion. The motion was seconded by Tom Maw and carried.

The subject of furnishing rosters to the Association membership was broached by Ted Straub. The Adjutant had queried printers and found it to be a very expensive item. The Adjutant stated that he is working on one and it will be published next year.

New Business.

The Adjutant spoke about the matter of multi-year dues, suggesting a plan that would set the dues for 3 years at \$27.00 and for 5 years at \$40.00. This subject was brought up at last year's General Membership meeting by Colonel Puett. After lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of the issue, the Board concluded that the dues structure should remain unchanged and suggested that the President so inform the General Membership at the next meeting.

A request from the Reunion Committee was received by the President on the use of \$1,000.00 advance for having a director placed in the back of the Reunion Book to be prepared by a commercial agency. The advance money was available due to the free buses. The cost of the directory would be \$280.00 for 8 pages and 16 pages would be required. Also requested that an additional 8 pages be purchased for pictures of members who could not attend and candid at the Reunion. Motion was made by Ted Straub to grant the request and seconded by John Robb. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

The Reunion Committee Chairman also requested that the allowance for the ladies luncheon be increased from \$50.00 to \$125.00. Motion was made by Doug Coffey and seconded by Charles Garn that the request be granted. The motion was carried. No action was deemed necessary by the Board on his suggestion requiring a deposit to accompany the registration for a reunion.

President Van Wyatt appointed the following members to the Nominating Commit-

tee: Tom Maw, Chairman; John Robb, Russell Villwock.

The following members were appointed to the Resolutions Committee by the President: Douglas Coffey, President; John McDevitt, Nathan Ward.

Ted Straub briefed the Board on the facilities in Roanoke, Va. and some interesting facts about the city as a site for a reunion.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M., there being no further business.

Respectfully, Samuel P. Cariano

Adjutant's Ad-Memos

I personally thank Marge DeHeer for all the work she has devoted in the publication of this edition of THE CUB. This is truly outstanding devotion to the Association. I know that the rest of the membership joins me in this expression of gratitude to her.

Another member to whom I am grateful is Jack M. Janicke, 106th Signal Co. He has been a tremendous help to me in getting the mailing labels ready for the distribution of THE CUB.

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I also express my gratitude to Col. Henry H. McKee, HQ 422d Infantry, for the donation of the shoulder patches to the Association. The proceeds from the sale of the patches will be deposited in the Memorial Fund in his name.

Finally, I wish to remind you that it is not too early to start sending your dues for the next membership year which begins July 1, 1987. Please send your dues and Memorial Fund contributions to our Treasurer, and not to the Reunion Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1985-1986

ELINDS ACTIVITY

7,676.26 \$ 6,698.79

Balance

			FUNDS ACT	IVIIY
INCOME Members' Dues Auxiliary Dues		\$ 6,610.00 512.00	GENERAL FUNI Brought Forward	D RECAP \$22,030.96
Interest Earned		1,527.51	Net Increase	620.78
		8,649.51		\$22,651.74
EXPENSE				
CUB Expense:				
Printing	\$ 3,320.97			
Covers	590.69			
Postage	1,223.07		MEMORIAL FUN	D RECAP
Travel	33.60		Brought Forward	\$11,432.21
Bank Charge	8.00		Contributions	2,234.00
Telephone	5.67	5,182.00	Interest Earned	708.84
Postage		332.30		14,375.05
Advance to 19	86			
Reunion Con	nmittee	1,000.00	Less:	
Loss on 1985 Re	eunion	849.73	Transfer to St	
Registration fee	es-4 officers	252.00	Vith School	7,500.00
Office Supplies	& Printing	219.24	Stock of Sympathy	
Travel		130.00	cards purchased	86.26
Telephone		48.46	St. Vith ExpCoffey	70.00
Bank Charge		15.00	Flowers	20.00

CHANGES IN CASH POS

8,028.73

620.78

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	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTALS				
This year	\$22,651.74	\$ 6,698.79	\$29,350.53				
Last year	22,030.96	11,432.21	33,463.17				
Increase (Decrease)	\$ 620.78	(<u>\$ 4,733.42</u>)	(<u>\$ 4,112.64</u>)				

BANK OF DEPOSIT — FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ATLANTA

Checking	\$ 1,427.36
Savings	27,923.17
Total in Bank	\$29,350.53

Respectfully submitted, Sherod Collins, Treasurer

Net Increase

Marjorie and Rick DeHeer wish to thank everyone for their kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us for the past few months. It's nice knowing we have so many friends all over the country. Thanks again. Bless you all!!!

106th Infantry Division Association, Inc. General Meeting 1985-1986 Columbia MARRIOTT October 11, 1986

The meeting was called to order by President Van S. Wyatt at 1:18 P.M.

The President welcomed all the attendees and expressed his appreciation for their attendance, making this reunion the largest since the initial reunion in Indianapolis. He expressed that it was a great privilege to have served as President of the Association for the past year and thanked the officers and Board members for their support.

The President then asked that all members who were attending a reunion for the first time to stand, giving their names, unit of the 106th Infantry Division, their city and state of residence. Reports indicated that the 422nd Infantry again had the largest attendance.

Adjutant Samuel P. Cariano read the minutes of the previous General Meeting held in Morgantown, West Virginia, July 20, 1985. Motion made by Robert Howell and seconded by Robert Pierce to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Treasurer, Sherod Collins, gave his report highlighting the larger expenditures in both the Memorial Fund and the General Fund which were the transfer of \$7,500.00 to the College Patronee and the publication of THE CUB which is the bread and butter of our organization. The report revealed an increase of \$620.78 in the General Fund and a decrease of \$4,733.42 in the Memorial Fund. There is now \$22,651.74 in the General Fund and \$6,698.79 in the Memorial Fund for a total of \$29,350.53. He went on to advise that all dues should be sent to the Treasurer instead of the Adjutant to reduce transmissions of funds and thanked the Adjutant for his cooperation on this matter Also, that membership dues were for 1 year - July 1st of one year through June 30th the next as shown on the membership cards. Question was asked about the deficit of \$849.00 for last years Reunion and this was explained by Ted J. Straub. After the discussion, Russell Villwock made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion seconded by Herbert Hochstetter and it was carried.

CUB Editor Richard DeHeer reminded the members that the CUB was their magazine and not his and that, if at all possible, articles sent to him for publication should be typed. Some articles sent to him could not be read and therefore were not published. Approximately 2,700 CUBS were printed and each copy costs about \$1.50 with not many extras being printed over the required distribution. Requests for a second copy cannot always be honored. Pictures sent in should be properly identified on the reverse side. The membership showed their appreciation for his work by a sounding round of applause.

Memorials Chairman Douglas Coffey gave a report on his trip to St. Vith for the presentation of the \$7,500.00 to the Director of the College Patronee and his discussion of the contract with the new Director. Records were kept on disbursement of all funds sent them since 1952. He told about the Scholarship Program starting with the one to be awarded to a school in Columbia, S.C. and that next year there would be one each in Edinburg, Indiana near Camp Atterbury and Indianapolis, Indiana, the latter being the love of General Jones and his wife. In this regard, we are doing all that is asked and that the scholarships are for \$200.00 and \$400.00 for five years. At the end of five years, our treasury will be checked to determine if the program should be continued or disabandoned. This program is to perpetuate the name of the 106th Infantry Division. He also explained about his contact with officials of West Point on this subject. They did not want to take any more scholarships because they had too many. However, they would accept one to honor the captain of the ladies basketball or volleyball team. He informed the Board of Directors that he didn't believe that we didn't want to spend our money on the teams.

Communications:

A letter from General McMahon to Colonel Cavender was read to the membership by Sherod Collins.

Sherod Collins also announced that Leo Leisse, one of our members, had a book on the Travels of POW's through various stalags up to the date of his escape on March 26, 1945, for sale for \$10.00.

Nominating Committee:

Tom Maw, Chairman, tendered the following slate for the new Board of Directors:

Douglas S. Coffey Samuel P. Cariano Benjamin B. Britton Sherod Collins Richard DeHeer John R. Fritz Robert A. Gilder William Lucsay Charles S. Garn Joseph C. Matthews, Jr. Thomas J. Maw John F. McDevitt Robert L. Scranton Paul McMillan John G. Robb Ted J. Straub Nathan Ward Russell H. Villwock Ed Zoll Van S. Wyatt E. C. White, Jr.

The nomination of Roger M. Rutland was made from the floor. In order to save time of separate vote of each individual due to more nominations than vacancies on the Board, Sherod Collins withdrew his name from the slate. William Cowden moved that the nominations be closed. Vote was taken and the new Board was elected.

The President explained to the membership that the Board of Directors had received the recommendations of a committee composed of James Wells, Charles Garn and John G. Robb on the awarding of the Order of the Golden Lion. Due to the absence of two board members, action could not be taken on some of the recommendations at this time.

Reverend Ronald A. Mosley reported on the sale of ties and ascots at last year's reunion and this year, thanking the Adjutant and the Reunion Committee.

The Adjutant made a report on the procurement of patches. Prices for 500 or more would run \$4.89 each and for less than 500 - \$5.13 each. One of our members had obtained 75 patches which bear a very close resemblance to our original patches and donated them to the Association for sale. The cost is \$4.00 each. Funds derived from the sale of those patches would be given to the Treasurer and if the need exists, could be used for the purchase of additional patches.

Following up on suggestions made at last years meeting that multi-year dues plan and life membership be made available, the President informed the membership that the matter had been studied and discussed at length by the Board of Directors. In view of the problems and added expense in administering these plans, it was decided to leave the dues payable on an annual basis. No objection to members paying two, three or five years in advance.

The President announced that next year's reunion would be held in Mobile, Alabama. The site was not voted on during the previous reunion and that should be done at this time. Colonel Joe Puett made a motion that Mobile, Alabama, be approved and it was seconded by Nathan Ward. Motion was carried.

John O. Gilliland, chairman for next years reunion briefed the membership on the reunion. The reunion would be held September 17-20, 1987, at the Riverview Plaza, a modern 16-story hotel. It's on the waterfront. Cost of the rooms will be \$56.00. He would like to know what type of activity you want to participate in. Free transportation is provided to and from the airport. He has 200 rooms reserved and there are 175 more rooms that can be reserved. His two co-hosts are Walter Bridges and Joe Massey. There's a parking garage adjacent to the hotel and he will try to work out an agreement for a nominal fee. Members were advised to fill out the registration completely.

New Business:

In view of the great amount of planning that goes into a reunion, the President asked if there were any volunteers for hosting future reunions. For 1988, Ralph Bowles would host a reunion at Roanoke, Virginia. For 1989, Russell Villwock invited the group to Chicago, Illinois. Both sites were approved by the membership.

Kenneth Bradfield wanted to know how many people would be interested in having a reunion in Indianapolis in 1990. The group was receptive to the suggestion.

A motion was made that next year with a fully paid registration fee, each and every member shall receive a ticket making him eligible for a drawing that will be held at a time designated by the President and the award shall be a full paid up hotel bill and meals. It was seconded by Arthur Hinson. After discussion and opinion that it should be left up to the Reunion Committee, a motion to table this motion was made and seconded. Motion to table was carried. Joe Puett made another motion that it be left up to the Reunion Committee. If they wanted to follow such a plan, one dollar would be included in the registration and that the registration should be made by a certain time. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Bradfield. A vote to call the motion was taken and carried. Then a vote on the motion was taken and also carried.

Inquiry regarding the status of obtaining the large blazer-type patches. No one present knew who was to get them. The supply was exhausted. It is believed that the costs of reproducing such patches would be expensive.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded for adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 P.M.

Respectfully, Samuel P. Cariano Adjutant

106th Infantry Division Association, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting (New) Columbia MARRIOTT Columbia, South Carolina October 11, 1986

The meeting was called to order by President Van S. Wyatt at 4:06 P.M.

Roll call was taken by Adjutant Samuel P. Cariano. All board members were present except Benamin B. Britton and Robert L. Scranton. New members of the Board are John R. Fritz, Robert A. Gilder, Roger M. Rutland and Edward Zoll.

The Adjutant read the minutes of last years Board meeting. Motion was made by Nathan Ward and seconded by Russell Villwock to accept the minutes as read. Motion was carried.

Consideration for awards of the Order of the Golden Lion was resumed and after due deliberations and discussions, a motion was made by Nathan Ward that Robert W. Pierce, Sr. be awarded the OFFICER CLASS, the Order of the Golden Lion for his leadership and outstanding performance of his various duties to the Association. Motion was seconded by Charles Garn and approved by the Board.

Resolutions Committee Chairman Douglas S. Coffey read the proposed resolutions. John Robb made a motion that the resolutions be adopted. Motion was seconded by Nathan Ward. The resolutions were adopted and approved by the Board. (Copies attached).

Suggestion was made that the Adjutant make arrangements for necessary press release and presentation of Walter Bandurak's award of the OFFICER CLASS, Order of the Golden Lion, since Walter was not at this year's Reunion.

An election of officers was held for the year 1986-1987 and after due process the following members were elected to offices indicated:

John R. Fritz										President
Paul McMillan										1st Vice President
										2nd Vice President
Sherod Collins										Treasurer

The newly elected President, John R. Fritz, appointed the following members to offices indicated:

Discussion was brought up on the disposition of funds derived from raffles, sales, etc. at reunion sites of the Association. After various issues were evaluated, John Robb moved that the funds from the raffle, this year, be turned into the Treasurer and that the Board of Directors take action to decide rules for future sales. Motion was seconded by Tom Maw and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully, Samuel P. Cariano Adjutant

Resolution

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

WHEREAS The 106th Infantry Division Association has established the Order of the Golden Lion which is to be presented from time to time for outstanding and devoted service, and

WHEREAS Herr Joseph Pankert, former Director of the College Patronee in St. Vith, Belgium, home of our Memorial, has served the 106th Infantry Division Association for more than 20 years in his capacity as Director, he is therefore herewith presented the Officer Class Order of the Golden Lion, and

WHEREAS it was through his efforts and cooperation with our Memorials Chairman, Douglas Coffey, that our Memorial was established and has served to perpetuate the Memorial, and

Be it resolved that this Resolution be published in THE CUB and a suitable scroll be presented to the said Herr Joseph Pankert.

Done at the City of Columbia, South Carolina, this 11th day of October in the year of the Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Samuel P. Cariano Adjutant Van S. Wyatt President

Remember, a "CUB" Editor is needed, so call John Fritz now.

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Resolutions

Whereas the 106th Infantry Division Association is taking note of its 40th Annual Reunion in Columbia, South Carolina, the Town in which Fort Jackson is located and where the 106th Infantry Division was born, and

Whereas each and every one of us is thoroughly enjoying the hospitality of old and new friendships while participating in all the activities planned at this Reunion,

Be it resolved that we express our deepest gratitude to the Manager and the entire staff of the Marriott Hotel for its warm hospitality and exceptional service, and

Be it further resolved that we extend to Mattie and Roger Rutland and their committee members, Howard and Luvelle Terrio, and William F. Smith for their outstanding efforts in planning and promoting one of the largest and most successful conventions in our long history, and

Be it further resolved that we commend the elective and appointed officers of the 106th Infantry Division Association for their faithful and efficient execution of their positions, and

Be it further resolved that we extend our utmost thanks to the Commanding General of Fort Jackson and all the personnel who extended themselves to make our visit to the Post area one of the highlights of this, our 40th Reunion. We trust that he will personally commend those men who served us at the Memorial Service, and

Be it further resolved that we extend to the Reverend Isham Harris formerly of the 423rd Infantry for his stirring address at our Memorial Service and to Reverend Roy Hilliard, formerly of the 422nd Infantry for his participation in that Ceremony, and

Be it further resolved that a \$200 scholarship fund be established for five years in Edinburgh, Indiana, the town near Camp Atterbury where many of our families lived, and a similar scholarship fund of \$400 for a minimum period of five years be established in the memory of General Alan W. Jones in his favorite City of Indianapolis. These awards are to be dedicated as the "Golden Lion" award established by the members of the 106th Infantry Division Association, and

Be it finally resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the 106th Infantry Division Association, published in THE CUB and a copy sent to the person and organizations so cited.

Adopted this 11th day of October, 1986, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Committee on Resolutions, Jack McDevitt Nathan Ward Douglas Coffey, Chairman

Resolutions

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

WHEREAS the 106th Infantry Division Association has established the Order of the Golden Lion which is to be presented from time to time for outstanding and devoted service, and

WHEREAS Robert W. Pierce, Sr. has shown the qualities of leadership and devotion to duty in behalf of the members of the 106th Infantry Division Association and performed outstanding and devoted service, he is therefore herewith presented the Officer Class of the Golden Lion, and

Be it resolved that this Resolution be published in THE CUB and a suitable scroll be presented to the said Robert W. Pierce, Sr.

Done at the City of Columbia, South Carolina, this 11th day of October in the year of the Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Samuel P. Cariano Adjutant

Van S. Wyatt President

Resolutions

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

WHEREAS the 106th Infantry Division Association has established the Order of the Golden Lion which is to be presented from time to time for outstanding and devoted service, and

WHEREAS Walter Bandurak has shown the qualities of leadership and devotion to duty in behalf of the members of the 106th Infantry Division Association and has performed outstanding and devoted service, he is therefore herewith presented the Officer Class Order of the Golden Lion, and

Be it resolved that this Resolution be published, in THE CUB and a suitable scroll be presented to the said Walter Bandurak.

Done at the City of Columbia, South Carolina this 11th day of October in the year of the Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Samuel P. Cariano Adjutant Van S. Wyatt President

ADJUTANT'S REPORT 1985 - 1986 MEMBERSHIP 1985-1986

Renewals	33
New Members	95
Reinstated Members	13
Associate Members	16
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 6	57
Auxiliary Membership	39
Memorial Fund Contributions	68
Delinquent Members (1985-1986)	
Membership Gains (1985-85: 568)	89
Auxiliary Gains (1984-1985: 195)	43

10-YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECAPITULATION

MEMBERSHIPS

ASSOCIATES

AUXILIARY

1985-1986	641	16	239
1984-1985	555	13	195
1983-1984	481	19	160
1982-1983	470	14	155
1981-1982	443	22	139
1980-1981	463	19	103
1979-1980	450	16	115
1978-1979	421	19	134
1977-1978	415	18	143
1976-1977	383	15	126
1975-1976	328	7	111

DEATHS REPORTED

John Heneghan	HQ 422nd Infantry	March 9, 1985
Roger A. May	DHQ - G-3 Section	August 13, 1985
Colonel Howard A. Kriz	Service Btry., 591st FA	October 17, 1985
David C. Ormiston	Co. I, 422nd Infantry	November 6, 1985
Harold W. Martinek	Co. F, 424th Infantry	March 15, 1986
Myrtle Byrd	Auxiliary	March 1986
(Wife of Austin Byrd)	Adamary	
Lillian Bandurak	Auxiliary	June 16, 1986
(Wife of Walter Bandurak)	,,	June 10, 1500
Annamae Gatens	Auxiliary	March-August, 1986
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Respectfully submitted, Samuel P. Cariano Adjutant

Now and Then A Column By The Association Historian

I would like to highlight Volume 28 issued in 1971-72 for this time. We had just completed a successful and interesting reunion at the Holiday Inn in King-of-Prussia, a sort of suburb of Philadelphia, Pa. Bob Gilder was assuming the Presidency and in his first message thanked Clay Rarick (who passed away this July — we will miss him), John Gallagher, Frank Maloney and Charles Walsh, the reunion committee, who with their wives, put on a fine relaxed convention. Covers pictures shown in sequence, Dick and Marge DeHeer wearing their O.G.L. Medals in front of Valley Forge Chapel; five officers; and the Jacksonville Hilton Hotel. John Loveless' Chaplain messages were all alive and illuminating.

Gen. McMahon in his "Bag Lunch" column reviewed the activities of the reunion, our 25th, and mentioned the bus tour of historic Philadelphia (including the Liberty Bell and the historic hall where leaders signed the Declaration of Independence) and the memorial service at the beautiful Valley Forge Military Academy Alumni

Memorial Chapel led by Chaplain Loveless.

In addition, there was a bus tour of the Continental Army campground at Valley Forge and some got to see Freedom Foundation — a museum and bulwark of our

heritage. As usual, one bus got lost coming back from Philly.

Gen. McMahon wrote that Mrs. Alan W. Jones was on her way to Africa to photograph real lions on safari; also that several Golden Lions had visited the McMahons in Middletown, including the Lovelesses, the S. Collins, and Carol Beals. This first issue contained interesting pictures of the attendees at the various banquet tables of Saturday night.

Jacksonville, Fla. was listed as the next reunion city and Pete House wrote of plans

for entertainment.

Doug Coffey wrote interestingly of their travel to and enjoyment of the reunion. Your historian wrote of seeing Independence Hall in Philly and of the unfortunate happenings which occurred to almost all of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who signed knowing full well of the possible consequences from the British.

Minutes of meetings, resolutions and reports to the convention were printed. Gen. McMahon was listed as an injured casualty in an auto accident near his home. An A.P. news article copied from Houffalize, Belgium noted that the town council had sent letters to the U.S. and Germany asking \$300,000 from each as compensation for destruction.

In Volume 2, some interesting letters to the Editor included two from Jack Schlesser outlining his plans to round up for membership, people from Service Battery, 591st F.A.; an inquiry about authority for our fourth battle star (Northern France), and an answer by Gen. McMahon indicating his opinion of our eligibility for it based on certain documents (note: we were awarded the star but had it taken away by D.A. saying our presence at St. Nazaire and Lorient did not fit the proper time frame); and a nostalgic letter from Col. Herbert Livesey, organizer and first adjutant, about the early days of organizing the Association and fighting for membership (from 40,000 names) and running the first reunion at Indianapolis. Five hundred attended but 2,000 were expected.

Dec. 16th meetings at Union, N.J. and North Ridgeville, Ohio were reported.

The 28-member trip to Europe in Fall 1971 was the next subject. Doug Coffey wrote of his troubles in getting to the airport and of the early part of the successful trip. Walt Bandurak and Phil Shutte contributed humorous articles.

in the third issue besides the President's and Chaplain's messages, "Bag Lunch" mentioned, among other things, the several 106th friends who visited the author (Gen. McMahon) while he was in the hospital with his auto wreck injuries. The Henry Brothers entertained the Maryland Chapter in December as reported by John Loveless. A complete roster also appeared in this issue.

There was an interesting story by Arnold Goldberg, 424th Infantry, a newspaper man, a reprint from the VFW Magazine detailing his return trip to St. Vith in 1969.

An article outlined plans for the 106th to entertain a student from the school in St. Vith at the homes of five of our families and at the Jacksonville reunion.

Ron Mosley presented a poem written by his former Chaplain's Assistant and another G.I. — a former Berliner.

The hospital claimed Editor John Gallagher about this time and the fourth issue began with his thanks for favors done him by his friends — the membership. In the General's "Bag Lunch" column, he wrote of a pleasant eleven-day cruise to the Caribbean, of visiting Col. Malin Craig and Mrs. Alys Jones, our much esteemed "General's Lady."

Pete House's boss, Joanne, said she and Pete spent a week in California for top sales in a division of 3M Company. They had their own stewardess in the reserved penthouse of a Delta 747. Doug Coffey wrote of being at Henri Chapelle (military cemetery in Belgium) for Memorial Day services and of finalizing plans over there for the visitation of our Belgian student to the U.S. Pictures of Alfons, the student and of young Onnie (our friend over there), Mayor Pip and Director Pankert were printed.

A Lt. Col. Fisher wrote of the death of his father, Leo J. Poisson, who had at age 37 volunteered and was captured with I Company, 422 Inf. A special post-reunion tour of Disney World was announced for 106'ers. The issue terminated with an article by your historian anent little known facts about "Old Glory", about Congressional Medal of Honor winners who protected the flag, its rich legacy of patriotism, and of its greatness measured by centuries of history.

And now for some other history: On D DAY there was only one naval engagement, only one adversary encountered on the open sea, and two lost ships, one

frustrated skipper.

The Norwegian captain, a thirty year old lieutenant commander named Tore Holthe had just gotten his own command, a new British fleet destroyer named Svenner, recently turned over to the Norwegian Navy, whose men had escaped Norway to fight again.

Captain Holthe had commanded a pathetic, obsolete torpedo boat in Norway's pre-war navy and had scuttled his ship rather than turn it over to the Germans. He had upon arriving in Britain via a fishing boat, been given an equally obsolete destroyer which he coaxed up and down the east coast of England expecting to help repel the coming invasion of that coast. He served later on the new destroyer Stord and was aboard her when she helped in the sinking of the Scharnhorst.

After four years he got the new 1800-ton Svenner and his pride showed — both with national feelings and personal ones. He received orders to join a flotilla to escort capital ships to the extreme eastern end of the intended British landing areas — Sword — near Ouistreham. This force turned round and steamed North for twelve hours to waste the day of June 5 — the postponement day. At 11 p.m. that day, his group turned south to enter one of the ten channels which mine-sweepers had cleared to the continent. Their's was the easternmost channel.

At 5:30 a.m. the entire fleet dropped anchor, the destroyers to wait for sweepers to open a channel even closer to the shore. Commander Holthe's career was at its zenith — he had a modern ship, a well-trained crew and he was ready for a battle of supreme importance to his country. At that moment he saw, three hundred yards away, the unmistakable track of a torpedo.

Three German torpedo boats emerged from the smoke screen on the far side of the fleet from where Svenner lay, commanded by a man named Heinrich Hoffman, who found himself facing such odds as no navy ever faced before.

The sight of six battleships or heavy cruisers and so many other ships that he could not count them amazed him even though he suspected that the invasion was on. Even so, he set course to present the smallest silhouette and fired 17 torpodoes into the mass. Then he turned back and although fired upon (and returning the fire), he made it back to La Havre under escort of British fighter bombers. Also returning were two of three small armed fishing boats who had answered the call to arms.

Time seemed to stand still for Holthe, but his ship was hit amidships, broke in two. He gave the order to abandon ship and jumped. He watched sadly from the water along with his most of his men as Svenner's bow and stern rose high out of the water

and eventually the stern rolled over and sank — the bow remaining sticking up in the air. Thirty-two plus two British liaison men were killed and Svenner had not fired a

The 17 torpedoes had passed through the entire fleet and sank one ship on the other side. The attacker never saw his victim.

The Norwegian and an American destroyer "Corry", hit by a shore battery at Utah Beach were the only two ships lost on "D" Day.

Sherod Collins



Laying down in front of front row: Carl Roger Luckas, Orf Agostini, Ivy Deane, Messina. Front row, left to right, Cebert Impera (I am not sure if that is his name, Turner, Bill Clark, Sabatini, Bill Cowden. he spoke with an Italian accent, and was Standing up, left to right, Honaman, not in the U.S. too long).

Annual ''Battle of the Bulge'' Meeting of Atlanta Area Group

They just get better and better — these December meetings of the Atlanta Area Golden Lions.

Thirty-two enthusiastic members and guests gathered at Dobbins Air Force Base Consolidated Mess on Sunday afternoon, December 14, to share greetings, fellowship and good food. Some came from quite a distance such as Hepzibah, Ga., Hamilton, Ga., Columbia, S.C., and Raleigh, N.C.

Those participating were: Mr. and Mrs.

Bob Burkes, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Maples, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rutland, Col. and Mrs. Joe Puett, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wells, Sherod Collins and guests Dot Waldrop, Col. Joe Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Newton L. Mosley, and guest Regina Thomas, Carroll Padgett and guest Jean Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Duke Ward and guests Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moon, Ira Bottoms and guest John Chatham, Bill Delzell and guest Marie Worrell, and Sandy Grossbart and guest Linda Neistad. All three infantry regiments, the engineers and the artillery

were represented.

Annual "Battle of the Bulge" Meeting of Atlanta (Cont.)



Sherod Collins and Charles Moon



Standing left to right: Mattie and Roger Rutland and Martha Ward. Sitting, Jean Alexander and Carroll Padgett.



Two old soldiers — Joe Matthews and Jim Wells

Mail Bag

Dear Marge,

Our Northeastern Ohio "Bulge Dinner" was somewhat smaller than in the past, but we enjoyed the hospitality of the Gilders as we always do.

Our host, Bob Gilder was somewhat under the weather, having just had eye surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. The surgery was not successful and he endured a lot of pain, but he is now well on his way back to being himself and they are getting ready for a well deserved vacation in Florida.

Those attending this year's dinner were our hosts, Bob and Jeanne Gilder, Bob and Jean Pierce, Chuck and Willie Garn, Lyle and Vivian McCulloch, Mike and

Elaine Zenn, Frank Trautman, John and Martha Fritz and Martha's cousin from Las Vegas, Clara and her friend Odis. After a delicious meal and some good conversation, we broke up rather early and all got home safely.

Martha and I will be meeting the Gilders in Florida in mid-February. We are really looking forward to this. When we return to Ohio, we will be moving as we have sold our home. As soon as we have a new address and phone number, we'll let you know.

Expect to see all of you in Mobile in September.

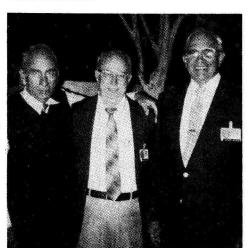
John & Martha Fritz

Dear Dick,

In addition to the big reunion at Columbia, a mini-reunion took place behind the scenes; in the picture, from left to right is Clyde W. Hines from Shawnee, Oklahoma; Dean Redmond, Statesville, North Carolina; and Ed C. Wojahn, Onalaska, Wisconsin. We were held as prisoners of war in a work camp in Rabenau, Germany in 1945 and were moved to Zennwold, Czechoslovakia just before the war ended, where we last saw each other in May of that year.

It was great seeing these two again after 41 years.

Thanks, Dean Redmond



Left to right: Clyde W. Hines, Dean T. Redmond, and Ed C. Wojahn.

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Our group in Chicago had the usual December gathering, which was held at the home of Florence and Bill Lucsay, on December 2nd, 1986. Those in attendance were Jackie and Russell Villwock, Florence and Bill Lucsay, Clare and Jim Henning, Herbert Hochstetter, Howard Niemitz, Ben Carpenter, Lou and Herb Meagher, Jean and George Zak, Sylvia and Ed Rydzinski, Virginia and John Bieze and Dorothy and George Rinkema. I have enclosed a picture of all the smiling faces, except Ben Carpenter, who unfortunately had to leave early.

The buffet dinner was prepared by Jackie and Russell, with desserts brought

by some of the ladies present.

We were reminiscing about past conventions and dinners and it brought back many memories of good times we had.

As Jim and Clare Henning said goodbye to everyone that evening, they also said goodbye to all their friends in Chicago. On January 5th, 1987, they left to live in Arizona.

Marge, in closing, I would like to say carry on with the wonderful memories you had of Dick, as Bonnie Enlow will do with the wonderful memories she has of Russ, who passed away the 14th of January.

Sorry to say, sometimes the Cub is late with news and we feel very badly about the matter.

We wish to tell you that Walter Bandurak was awarded the "Officers Class of the Order of the Golden Lion." Walter has been an active member of the 106th Infantry Association for many years. He was Adjutant, ran a reunion and helped in many other ways.

NOTICE • NOTICE

A Cub Editor is needed in September. Anyone interested please contact a Board member at ONCE.

Thanks, John F.

Deadline for the next CUB, April 15th, 1987.

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Colonel & Mrs. C. C. Cavender 28262 Pebble Beach Drive Sun City, California 92381

Dear Lois and Charley (Moe):

Thank you for your most welcome letter of 11 September 1986.

On 31 July 1986 I became ninety-three years of age. Wilda is younger than I, but because of arthritis she had an operation to replace her left knee joint two years ago. She walks with a cane but can still drive the car which is good because I haven't driven for several years.

In view of the above, we regret that we cannot join you for the 106th Infantry Division Association reunion down in Columbia, South Carolina, where the Division trained. We especially regret not being there with you for your very first reunion.

However, we do accept your kind offer to extend our greetings to one and all. Please do so to all those assembled and express our regrets for not being there and our best wishes for a successful and rewarding reunion at the birthplace of the Division. In particular, give my personal regards to all of the Association current officers who are old friends of mine: President Van Wyatt, 1st Vice President Walt Bandurak, 2nd Vice President Don Armington, Treasurer Sherod Collins, Adjutant Sam Cariano, Cub Editor Dick DeHeer, and Memorials Chairman Doug Coffey.

Of those mentioned, I probably know best your Treasurer, Sherod Collins, who is a veteran of our 423rd Infantry. For your future reference, his new address is 448 Monroe Trace, Kennesaw, Georgia 30144.

Wilda and I were sorry to hear about your curtailed vision, Moe. I know you are lucky and proud to have Lois there to assist you as I am similarly proud and lucky to have Wilda's help here.

We extend our best wishes to you both for a pleasant reunion and hope that you will enjoy it as much as the many reunions we were able to attend in past years. I know that the Association will be honored by your presence.

Warm personal regards, Leo T. McMahon, USA Ret.



Mr. Samuel P. Cariano Secretary, 106th Inf. Div. Assn. 122 Skyline Boulevard Satellite Beach, Florida 32937

Mr. Secretary:

In view of the untimely demise of our Cub Editor, Dick DeHeer, I am writing to you in hopes you will pass it along to whoever may be replacing our fine friend

and comrade. This I know will not be an easy task as Dick was tops in this field.

My wife, Wilma, and I are still talking about the October reunion and the very fine time we had there and needless to say we regret that we did not make more of them in the past. We are truly grateful to the Rutlands for the outstanding effort in making this a memorable event. We in particular, who were unable to make a commitment in housing due to my wife's treatments, are thankful for the accommodations we had so close to the reunion site. Again, thank you Roger and Mattie.

I feel safe to say the 3rd Bn. Hq. Co. of the 422nd Regt. had the best percentage in attendance when one takes into consideration that we had but 104 or was it 108 men in the company and of that there were six of us there. To me this was very gratifying, to see Liesse, Sievers, Hennings, Gehrig and Slaback again. It had been our good fortune to see Leo Liesse and Bill Slaback in recent years, but for the others it had been 42 long years.

We are looking forward to Mobile and are sitting on the edge of our seats in hopes that it does not fall on the same days as our Great Lakes Shriners Assn. meeting which is also in the month of September.

I don't know who has the Lion Head Hooks that are the '86 momentos, but after having mounted ours on the fireplace, we would really like to have another for the other side, if you or the custodian of this memorabilia would please send it parcel post collect, I will be more than happy to pay the charges. Thank you.

In closing we hope that all had a joyous holiday season as we enjoyed and we will be looking forward to joining you again in September in Mobile.

With kind regards and best wishes, we remain,

Yours in Comradeship, Milton G. Haas 3rd Bn Hq Co 422nd Inf Reg





In Memoriam



WANOLD D. OLMAN

It is with deep regret that we learned of the sudden death of our comrade, Wanold D. Olman, Service Co., 422nd Infantry. Most of you will remember Olie, who attended many of our reunions with his gregarious flair and fun-loving attitude. Farewell, dear friend. Our heartfelt sympathy to Mayetta Olman.

Editor

Wanold Olman, Sr/422, passed away after attending the reunion, before he left Columbia. His home was Rt. 6, Box 6140, Arcadia, FL 33821.

LILLIAN M. BANDURAK

Lillian M. Bandurak died June 16, 1986. She was an active member of the 106th and its auxiliary, and over the years had addressed Cub envelopes by hand, helped plan and attended conventions, along with 3-106th trips to Europe and e Dec. 16 dinners. Lillian was also an antiring helper to Walter Bandurak while he was Adjutant of the Association. We will miss her smiling face.

CLAYTON R. RARICK

Clayton R. Rarick, died Wednesday night at 9:22 of natural causes in his residence. Born in Allentown, he was employed for 23 years by Glidden Coatings & Resins-SCM Corporation, retiring in 1979.

He was also the owner-operator of Berks Traffic Service, Blandon, retiring in 1980.

Clayton was a member of the Maidencreek Lutheran Church, Blandon; also treasurer and past president of the Blandon Fire Company and relief association. He was past president of Local 130, Paintmakers Union and also was a director of Veterans of the 106th Infantry Division and served in L Company 424 Infantry.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel; three sons, one daughter, and three grand-children.

WILLIAM M. LINEBERGER

William M. Lineberger, SV/591, of 1014 Woodlawn, Dallas, Texas 75208, passed away May 4th.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of all the 106th members in the loss of your loved one. May God be with you, this your hour of affliction.

ARTHUR B. PHILLIPS, JR.

Arthur B. Phillips, Jr., M Co., 423rd Infantry, passed away September 14, 1986. No details were received.

Our sincere condolences to Anna Phillips.





Memorial Service

Dear Dick,

As you are aware, I don't provide you with news very often, but here is an item

that is worth noting. On Feb. 28th, 1986 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Donald R. Whitnew of Millville, Pa.

was presented the "Combat Infantryman Badge" and Bronze Star Medal which he had earned over 40 years ago with Co. F. 422nd Inf. He did not receive the awards

because of a mix-up in MOS assignments

and a second request was denied, even though it was routed through his Congressman. Last year I helped him to prepare a new application, outlining

106th operations and prepare his own service record, and they finally came through.

Actually, Whitnew must have been among the first men in the Division to be either wounded or taken prisoner, on December 15, 1944, even before the Bat-

tle of the Bulge began. He was wounded and captured while on a combat patrol. but escaped and returned to our lines. He was wounded twice again and

taken prisoner at the Battle of Sclumburg. As a result of wounded and POW experience, he had a V.A. rating of 100 percent disability for quite a few years.

If any of our members feel they have not received awards to which they are entitled, I would suggest, even at this late date, that they submit an application setting forth the unit, serial number, dates,

and full circumstantial evidence of service for which the award is requested. Incidentally, last year Congress authorized a Prisoner of War Medal, and information should be available soon as

to how to make application for it. Hope Sam and you are O.K.

Sincerely, loe Matthews



Dear Mr. Cariano:

I am a relatively new member of the Association but have not been able to attend any reunion, but will do my best to attend the one in Mobile in September.

I was a member of the Division from Camp Atterbury thru the end of the war

in Europe (E-424) and subsequent assigned to the 28th Division for return the States.

I ultimately retired in August 1959 and again retired from the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1976.

Reading the current edition of THE CUB, I see where you have available patches of the Division. It's odd, but I never was able to keep any in my possession; so you're having some available was a hap-

I wish you luck in your endeavors and hope to meet you and others in the near future.

God bless you, C. E. Schwarz 714 Cliffside Drive Chester, VA 23831

py point in my life.



Dear Sam:

Retired as Assistant General Counsel. Prudential Insurance Company America.

My thanks to John Gilliland for the membership forms.

Thanks, Robert C. Maddox (CN Co/424) 154 Goldfinch Drive Hackettstown, NJ 07840



Dear Sam:

anyone who knew me in the 106th, as well as anyone who was a P.O.W. with me in Grossenhain, Germany or Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Retired. Would like to hear from

(Excerpts from later letter.) I was in the

422nd Regiment, Hdqtrs. Co., 3rd Bn, Anti-Tank & Rifle Platoon.

Before I came to the 106th, I was an NCO in the 11th Armored Div. Then, I spent about 8 or 9 months in the Army Specialized Training Program Nashville, Tenn.

I retired about three years ago after being in Sales and in Sales Management for about 37 years. Most of my time was q the road from North Carolina to Main

I recently wrote a brief article for the EX-POW Bulletin Magazine. It was accepted and published in the August 1986 edition. I am enclosing a copy. If THE CUB would like to use part or all of the article, you have my permission.

I certainly would like to hear from any others, their relatives or friends who were involved in these incidents mentioned.

Thanks, Sam.

Sincerely, E. L. (Buddy or Al) Hellwig 153 East Orange Court Baltimore, MD 21234



Dear Sam:

Retired from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in 1980. Various ventures and travel keep us busy.

On a recent European trip, a visit to the Bulge area was thwarted by a Belgian rail strike.

Ray R. Vaughn (CN Co/423) RR 2, Box 560 Cobden, IL 62920

Dear Sam:

I am retired after 41 years as a selfemployed upholsterer. I am married and have four grown children and six grandchildren.

Ernest L. Miller Rt. 1, Box 79 Big Pool, MD 21711

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Dear Sam:

I plan to attend the Reunion of the 106th Inf. Div. I was one of the original members of the Div. since its activation. I would appreciate info. on the Reunion in Mobile, Ala., Sept. 17-20, 1987, as soon as it is available.

Also, I am looking for any other members of Co. E, 422nd. It seems as if I am the only one left. I hope not. I am looking for a Sgt. Doto (spelling, not sure) or Sgt. Hamn or Lieut. Keyo of Phila., PA.

Thanks, Ernest (Ernie) Vermont (Co E/422) 1739 Weston Ave.

Raltimore, MD 21234

Dear Mr. Cariano:

(Excerpts) I joined the 424th Regt. at Camp Atterbury and stayed with Co. I, 424th Regt. until Dec. 24, 1944 at which time I was hurt outside of St. Vith, Bel. Then sent to hospital at Liege, Bel. Was in hospital when it was bombed on Dec. 25, 1944, about 6 P.M. in the evening; was then sent to Paris, France for a few days and then back to England for 4 months. Back to the 424th Regt. in Germany where we were guarding German prisoners; then came home Oct. 1945.

Sure would like to hear from anyone that remembers me. More especially James P. Smith from Bossier City, Louisiana, and Wallace Bailey from Alabama.

Thank you, Melvin Suttle 2595 63rd Terrace, North St. Petersburg, Fla. 33702



Dear Sam:

Was a Chaplain's Assistant under Chaplain Alexander of Louisville, KY.

I was originally from Pennsylvania and after leaving the service, lived in Ohio (Columbus) for 40 years until coming down to Alabama.

Theodore W. Young (SV Co/423) P.O. Box 1355 Ozark, AL 36361



Dear Sam:

Married to Dorothy for 43 years. Have three married sons, three wonderful daughters-in-law, and six grandchildren -4 boys and 2 girls. We all live in St. Louis, Mo.

C.W. (Pete) Lauman 592d FA 6399 Smiley Ave. St. Louis, MO 63139 Sam:

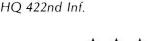
had other plans to attend a reunion of OFLAG 64 to be held in Orlando, Florida. the same dates. I am now a member of the Ad-

Sorry we couldn't be in Columbia. We

ministrator's (Veterans Admin.) Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War. We are responsible for providing con-

sultation and advice to the Administrator concerning the administration of benefits for former Prisoners of War. Alan J. Dunbar 4675 Green Canyon Drive

Las Vegas, NV 89103



Dear Sam:

Bob Scranton gave me your address. We wish to reinstate our membership to the CUB.

Enclosed is \$10.00.

We would also be interested in finding out how Brig. Gen., retired, Leo T. McMahon is.

Thank you, Mrs. Henry F. Libera RR #1, Box 29 Abbot, ME 04405



Dear Sam:

old.

Retired and living on the farm with my wife of 37 years. I am in good health and have a son and a daughter; 4 granddaughters and 1 grandson. I am 63 years

Lawrence C. Jones E/424 Rt. 1, Box 172 Everton, MO 65646



Dear Sam:

Retired from Sears & Roebuck. Own Reidsville Camera Shop and do aerial photography. I am a Captain in the U.S. Corp." Past President "Fifth Infantry Division, U.S. Army," for seven years, "American Legion Post 79 member 40 & 8, Life member DAV, Life member Military Order of The Purple Heart and member of the VFW.

Air Force Auxiliary. 62 years old. Vice President of "Reidsville Rotary Club," Vice President "Reidsville Downtown"

William A. Stanfield (C Co/423) Route 5, Box 82 Reidsville, NC 27320

Dear Sam.

I hope this finds all the 106th guys well.

As for me in Shepherdsville, Ky., I feel good for my age (60), and believe me it did not take long for me to get where I

When in the Bulge I was 19 years old, when captured Dec. 19, '44 and put on an 11-day march to Stalag 4B; we were locked in Box Cars, when our planes came over and bombed and strafed us Was a terrible sight to see. So much for

I retired in August of last year, so I don't do verv much. So I wish the very best to all in the 106th.

Kenneth T. Hester "C" 590 Fa BN

Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Dear Sam.

Rt. 4B4 320

I retired in 1983 as corporate vice presi-

dent of RFL Industries in Boonton, N.I. Came home in 1946 with the 29th Division and married the girl who had been writing to me all those years during war.

Our son and his wife live with a Butler. My wife's name is Thelma.

Sincerely,

lack lanicke 122 Bellevus Ave. Butler, NJ 07405

Mr. Sam Cariano:

First joined the 106th during reorganization at Rheims, France, in early 1945. Assigned as 1st Sgt. of M Company, 424th Inf. Unit assigned as security forces of German POW camp at Zinzig, Germany (just below Remagen-on-the

Rhine). Later acted as security forces, occupying small villages in the Karksruhe, Phorsheim area. Discharged Oct. 1945. Joined Calif. N.G. Commissioned INF. Calif. N.G., 1948,

went to Flight training, 1949. Returned to Active duty as 1st Lt., 1952. Flew in Korea, 75th FA Bn, 9th Corps Arty, 1952-53. Served in Alaska, 1955-58. Attended Inf. Officer Advanced Course, 1959. Flew armed helicopters and Med.

Evac. in Vietnam, 1963. Retired as Major,

Infantry, 1966.

Both Evelyn and I are active in Volunteer services. She with Army Community Services and I with the Army Aviation Museum at Ft. Rucker, Ala. We both are active in VFW affairs - she being Senior Vice Commander and myself as Chaplain of Post 6020 VFW and VFWA at

We both are members of the Military Order of Cooties, Pup Tent 11, Daleville, Ala. with Evelyn being the State of Alabama, Grand President of the MOCA.

We are looking forward to the Reunion in Sept. and will maintain close contact with John O. Gilliland, our representative in Enterprise, Ala.

Best wishes, Harry E. Archer (M Co/424) 1107 Glenwood Lane Ozark, AL 36360



Dear Sam:

Daleville, Ala.

Interested in the 106th at the Bulge where I was captured Dec. 19th. Would also like to receive the CUB Magazine and would like to hear from anyone from the 423rd. Co. M.

Thanks, Louis Edelman (M/423) 245-30 Grand Central Pkwy. Bellrose, NY 11426 Dear Sam:

Now 61; have been in the electric motor sales business for 35 years. Wife is former 4th grade teacher. We will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary this year. Have 4 children all living on the West coast from Portland, Oregon, down to San Diego, CA. Beside motor business, am on two bank boards, involved in church work and have been active on village and school boards. Like to travel and will have time for this in two years when business sale is completed.

Very truly yours, John Swett (H/423) 194229 Old Tavern Road Oak Brook, IL 60521



Dear Sam:

I am a minister of the Gospel, and my wife and I have served a church in this community for 34 years. For 18 of those years, I was also the principal of a school in a nearby community, a post which I retired from three years ago.

I have been in contact with Charles R. "Dick" Ord off-and-on through the years, and I hope to visit him some time soon. He and I were best buddies as prisoners of war in Leipzig.

I have also recently been in correspondence with Helmuth Qualman, who acted as interpreter in our work command at Leipzig, and I hope to visit him, too.

David H. Vennberg (E/423) 24 Wareen Road Sugar Grove, PA 16350



Dear Sam:

Presently a Real Estate Broker in Miami, Fla. Would like to hear from any of my old buddies from Hq. Co., 1st Bn, 423rd Inf.

John Greene 8654 S.W. 154 Circle Place Miami, FL 33193 Dear Marge,

Since this is Veterans Day — here is a photo of 10 out of 12 Co. H 424th Veterans that attended the 40th Reunion in Columbia last month.

Back row, left to right, Don Armington, John Mikalauskis, George Murray, Abner Harris, J. Edward Collier and Peter Russin. Front row, left to right, Charles Garn, Les Crossman, Larry Walden, and Harold Bailey. Robert Howell and Curtis Lindsay were also at Columbia, but not available for this picture.

I just retired in August, so this was the first time Willie and I had an unlimited schedule, and we combined the "big" convention along with a few extra weeks in Florida. It was a big one — and the Roger Rutland - Marriott committee did a fine job with good food and service all the way (except check-in time). Thanks Roger! We enjoyed it!!

We enjoyed a condo also for a week at New Smyrna Beach, Fla., then toured Epcot in a day (almost like a 14 mile hike), saw performances at 7 different "countries" and watched the World Saucers on U.S.A. stage during lunch. Toured central Fla., and then Ft. Meyers Beach for a week with Willie's brother and sister-inlaw. They know Doug and Isabel Coffey, so the six of us had an evening together.

Visited other former Ohioans living in the Ft. Meyers area, and then enjoyed a night of Southern hospitality with Harold and Peggy Bailey in Savannah, Ga.

We just met Walter Bandurak for a long lunch this last Sunday, he's coming along fine.

Haven't really adjusted from that 80° temperature yet, but Ohio's first snow arrived today.

See some of you in December!!!

Sincerely, Chuck Garn



Dear Mr. DeHeer,

Just a line to tell everyone how proud I am to belong to the 106th. I heard about it several years back, but never did anything about it. I was in the 422nd Reg, 3 BR HQ CO. I was the Radio Jeep

Driver. Time has dimmed the upper parsof the body.

I joined the EX-POW Bulletin early this year. My name came out in the May issue, and a good friend saw it, and wrote to me. I was surprised and delighted to hear from him after 42 years. Dean T. Redmond was my friend who also served in the 422, 3 BN HQ, as a Wire Jeep Driver. He was kind enough to sign me up and also paid my dues for this year.

I plan to come to the reunion with my wife, The First, and hope it is not the last. I hope to see some of my old buddies.

See you!!!

Sincerely, Clyde W. Hines 1407 E. Walnut Shawnee, OKLA 74801



Dear Sherod:

This past December, I mailed holiday cards to many of the men from the 106th Division, 423rd Infantry, service company. I never thought I would get such a response. I received letters, cards, and photos from fifteen of the fellows. It was a great feeling to hear from army buddies that I have not seen or heard from in forty-two years.

Recently, I've been in contact with Bill Melichcar. On April 19th, my wife and I were invited to Bill's home along with Bill Devine, Fred DeFeo, Gabriel Aiello, and Bill Harris. Bill Harris was unable to attend, but did call while we were all there. It was great to see one another after all these years, and to meet the wives for the first time. We had a grand time reminiscing about our army days together. We are hoping to get together again in the near future.

Just to tell you a little about myself and what I've done since my medical discharge in September of 1945. I married my wife Mary in June of 1946. (Next month we will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary.) We have three sons and one daughter, ranging in age from 28 to 38 yrs. All are married and doing well. We also have eight grand-children from ages two to fifteen of which we are very proud.

After leaving the service, I drove a truck for a few years. I later purchased a NYC Taxi Medallion which I operated for 24 years. I still own the medallion which I now lease. In 1969 I then started to organize the taxi industry and became a union delegate. I later formed Grasso Brokerage Inc. with my daughter Deborah as my partner. We arrange the sale and financing of NYC Taxi Medallions, along with General and Medical Insurances. For the past thirty years I've been involved and very active in Civic and Youth programs in my community.

I think enough has been said about myself. I look forward to hearing from you, and maybe meeting again at the reunion which I hear is going to take place some time in October in South Carolina. Stay well.

Sincerely, Sal Grasso 194 Bay 8th Street Brooklyn, New York 11228



Dear Harold,

I have your letter addressed to me but sent to Dick DeHeer regarding the transfer of goof-offs and misfits from some outfits.

I had no idea that anyone would take offense at the repeated statement of a truth that has been the case in all armies since time began. This is a fact which would be borne out by anyone who has been in an army for a considerable time. In addition, I was quoting another author.

If you were as efficient in weaponry as you say then I do not understand why you would place yourself in the position of a misfit and ask for an apology.

I would not deign to accuse any of the members of the 106 Infantry Division Association of being in such a category. I love every one of them just because they are members of something to which I have given hundreds of hours of service, work and dedication to. In addition, I am defensive of them because I know they tot a raw deal in service and have been injustly kicked around since then by cer-

tain authors and historians. To me all of us in this Division are due all respect for the wartime courage and achievement and this includes replacements whom we (I) regard as "one of us."

An apology? No, it's not in the picture! See you around the campfire — maybe at the reunion.

Sincerely, Sherod Collins Treasurer & Historian



Dear Marge,

Don't know how far along you are with next Cub, but if you have space could you get in the following.

In 1947 THE LIBERTY WAY was dedicated to remember the Gls from all over the U.S. who came over the Atlantic to bring back liberty to Europe. From Normandy to Bastogne, 1182 stones were placed along the road, one at each kilometer. Each stone has 48 white stars for the United States in 1947. It shows a torch—the Torch of Liberty—and waves, the waves of the sea the brave young Americans had to cross to free France, Luxembourg and Belgium.

For the 40th Anniversary of the dedication of the Liberty Way, a torch will be carried from Normandy to Bastogne. The torch will be escorted by 50 World War II vehicles.

Veterans who fought in the ETO are invited to attend and cordially invited to participate in these ceremonies August 22 to August 30, 1987.

Many people do not even know that the "WAY OF LIBERTY HIGHWAY" exists. It is truly one of the greatest WWII memorials anywhere. These August 1987 events will be impressive, historic and most of all, FUN! It is being supported by official representatives in all four countries — France, Luxembourg, Belgium and the U.S.A. The 106th has been asked to help in getting out the message.

Galaxy Tours, through Hal Ryder, is in charge of the program and has a complete schedule of Tours and Events. For fares and complete details contact Galaxy Tours, P.O. Box 234, Wayne, PA 19087 or telephone free 1-800-523-7287.

Doug Coffey, Memorials Chairman 41st Annual Reunion Mobile, Alabama 17-20 Sep. 87

Now is the time to take your registration and tours form out of "The Cub", fill it out, and return to me, don't wait. Also, fill out your hotel registration form and mail directly to the hotel. Now that you have completed those tasks, sit back and relax until the reunion, and don't forget the date, mark it on your calendar. If for some unseen reason, you must cancel, do so before 10 Aug. 87 for the hotel and 10 Sep. 87 to us.Don't forget to line out \$56 on the hotel registration and enter \$52, as we got the price reduced after the hotel printed the forms.

Your fee for the reunion covers six meals, the Ladies Trip on Saturday, and the

Mardi-Gras Ball together with miscellaneous expenses (truly a bargain).

Response to our notice published in many Veterans Magazines and papers as well as major newspapers in Alabama is good from 106ers who have never heard of our reunion.

We have planned some exciting tours, so if you do not participate it will be your loss. We have some free time for you so get your War Stories together and enjoy

yourself.

Your Reunion Committee has decided that we would not schedule any major speakers. We did invite the Mayor of the city of Mobile to our reception, but no response, as yet. The Mobile Chamber of Commerce is working on a humorous speaker for a short presentation, but, as yet, no final decision.

We are looking forward to seeing a large crowd in Mobile, so don't let us down, as everyone here is working hard to make this reunion a most memorable one.

John O. Gilliland, Chairman 1987 Reunion Committee 605 Northside Drive Enterprise, Alabama 36330 (205) 347-7730

T-Shirts • Caps • Tote Bags

We have the source, so if you want them in Mobile, then send your money with the order. We must order at least two dozen of each item to get them at the price listed. Logo will be like the auto license plates and in proportion to the item. The basic color will be gold.

SUMMER CAPS (Adjustable • American Made) ... \$700

TOTE BAGS Small \$400 Large \$700 We will have other 106th items for sale, like bolo ties, belt buckles, lapel pins,

etc., but you do not have to order now as we will have plenty on hand. John O. Gilliland, 605 Northside Drive, Enterprise, AL, 36330. Phone 205/347-7730

Dear Sir:

On December 13th, a group of the 106th attended a Reunion celebrating the anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

I am enclosing two pictures which I hope you can use in The Cub. The names



John Hohenstein, Vic Breite, Gene Saucerman, Robert York, Ken Bradfield, Newt Johnson, John Mikalauskis, Eugene Kelch, and Glenn Hartlieb.

of the persons are listed on the back of the pictures. There were nine members and their wives, plus one guest, in attendance.

An enjoyable time was had by everyone and it was decided next years reunion would be held on December 12, 1987.

Yours very truly, John L. Mikalauskis, H424



Leida Johnson, Dorothy Kelch, Iona Hohenstein, Thelma York, Sally Saucerman, June Bradfield, Dolores Mikalauskis, Nadine Hartlieb, and Avis Breite. Front: Saucerman's daughter.

captured in various battles. We were

After the Battle of the Bulge

EDITOR'S NOTE: E. L. (Al or Buddy) Hellwig, 153 E. Orange Court, Baltimore, MD 21234, would like to hear from exPOWs, their relatives or friends who were involved in the incidents in this story. He served in the U.S. Army 1942-46, with the 11th Armrd'd Div, and the 106th Inf. Div., 422nd Regt., Hdqtrs Co, 3rd Bn, A.T. & Rifle Platoon.

I was captured in the Battle of the Bulge on or about December 19, 1944, by overwhelming German forces. I escaped one time but was recaptured again. Before my first capture, I was wounded slightly in my feet by shrapnel and treated the wounds myself because no medics were in the area.

Some weeks later, I was imprisoned by the Germans on a very small railroad station in the town of Grossenhain, which was fifteen miles northwest of Dresden, Germany. There were approximately ten of us from the 106th Infantry Division, two British flyers, five or six men who had served in the Aleutian Islands, and about even other Americans who had been

locked in cramped conditions, fed very little and guarded night and day by a German sargeant and a German private. We got up every morning at 4:30 a.m., were loaded in railroad cattle cars and went into Dresden to work on the bombed out railroad tracks and stations. The tracks and stations were bombed night and day by the U.S. and English air forces. We worked 14-16 hours a day in the coldest weather with limited clothing protection under constant threats and beatings by the German soldiers and civilians. We were at the Grossenhain prison for about 41/2 months. During this time, at least six or seven POWs died for various reasons: starvation, various illnesses and injuries caused by the cold weather and beatings, some from the feeling of utter hopelessness and giving up the will to live. Several of the Aleutian Island veterans died for these reasons, plus the fact that they were in a weakened physical condition when they got to Grossenhain.

One night when we were back in our Grossenhain prison, we heard the loudest of bombings and the whole sky lit up in the direction of Dresden. We found out that night that the Allied Air Forces

had completely leveled most of Dresden, and we found out later that over 100,000 German men, women and children had been killed or injured. In history books, it

German men, women and children had been killed or injured. In history books, it is known as "The Bombing of Dresden."

Very early the next morning the German guards loaded us on the small train for the ride into Dresden. The guards were furious and hit us with clubs and rifle butts as we loaded. The city was in complete shambles. Dead and injured people were all over the place, most of them under the shambles. We unloaded

people were all over the place, most of them under the shambles. We unloaded from the train and were marched in the rubble and immediately started digging bodies out. It was terrible. The bricks were still hot and burned our hands. The German civilians and soldiers beat us with anything they could get their hands

on. One SS Trooper hit me in the mouth with the butt of his pistol, splitting my lip and damaging some of my front teeth. Other POWs were treated even worse.

Several days after the Dresden bomb-

ing, we were marched in a southerly direction. Along the way, we picked up other POWs until we numbered approximately 45-50 POWs. I think this was in April 1945. This "death march" was just that — no food or water and few stops. Ouite a few sick and weakened prisoners died along the way. We finally wound up in a makeshift prison near Prague, Czechoslovakia. We were put in a fenced area for pigs or cattle. The area was 20x30 feet in size, ankle-deep mud, and connected to an old barn. Again, food was practically non-existent (a cup of watery soup a day). We were guarded constantly by armed Germans, but two other Americans and myself managed to escape into the night. One was a friend of mine by the name of Jack Brugh from Buena Vista, VA. Jack and I were together almost the whole time we were in the 106th. The other escapee was only known to me as Al. I believe he was from the suburbs of Pittsburgh, PA. Al was a very young man, about 20, olive complexion, about 5'10" tall, 170 pounds

or something like that.

The three of us made it back to suburban Dresden where we once again found ourselves in the frontlines in combat, this time with the Russians, who were trying

and had a small mustache. Jack later told

me he thought Al's last name was Garron

to catch the Germans, hoping they would surrender to the American troops in the West. During one battle, all three of us were wounded by shrapnel. I got hit in the right arm and head. During all the confusion and sniping, Jack and I got separated from Al. The battle lasted all day and night and, unfortunately, we never saw Al again. This battle ended May 7-8, 1945, the last days of the war.

Jack and I somehow got to an American tent hospital and were operated on immediately. Jack was released before I was and I did not see him again for 39 years, in 1984. We met in Concord, NC, an emotional experience for both of us.



Dear Friends,

All pictures that were taken by the Delmar Company during the 40th Annual Reunion in Columbia were sent to us a few days before Christmas. Our part of the deal was to select the snapshots that would go in the reunion book. We arranged the pictures in accordance with instructions from Delmar. This included all pictures sent in by members who did not at-

to include a few candid shots.

The Delmar Company required us to have all materials back to them by January 5, 1987, so they could proceed with printing the reunion book.

tend the reunion. Also, we were able

All books that were ordered and paid for should be in the mail by the last of February. If you requested a book, but did not include your payment of \$10.00, they did not record your order.

We look forward to seeing you in Mobile. Alabama.

Sincerely, Roger & Mattie Rutland 6632 Arcadia Woods Road Columbia, SC 29206

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1987

Noon-5 PM Early Bird Registration Optional Tours

Free Tour to Clock Factory

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1987

9 AM-5 PM Registration Optional Tours

Free Tour to Clock Factory

4 PM-6 PM Board Meeting

6 PM-?? Reception/Welcome Party/Snacks

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1987

7:30 AM-9 AM Continental Breakfast

9 AM-Noon Optional Tours

Free Tour to Clock Showroom

Noon Lunch on your own

1 PM-4 PM Optional Tours

Free Tour to Clock Showroom

4 PM *Memorial Service - Christ Episcopal Church Dinner On Your Own - Maybe you like Seafood?

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1987

7:30 AM-9 AM Continental Breakfast

9 AM-Noon Optional Tours for Men???

9 AM-3 PM Ladies Tour to Eastern Shore and Luncheon at

The Grand Hotel - Point Clear

Noon Men's Luncheon

1 PM-3:30 PM Business Meeting

4 PM-5 PM Board Meeting (immediately after business

meeting)

6 PM-?? Reception/Banquet-Dinner/Mardi-Gras

Party/Dancing

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1987

7:30 AM-9 AM Full Breakfast and Good-Byes till Roanoke, 1988.

^{*}A short walk from our hotel. Church was built in 1823.