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President's Message

We hope you are all enjoying a beautiful spring. Mattie and I have enjoyed the colorful flowers, and the change of weather from the dull winter. Spring is great season for all.

By this time I imagine many "Golden Lions" are making plans for the reunion in Roanoke, Virginia September 14-18, 1988. Ralph and Elizabeth Bowles are moving well in arranging for a "HOE DOWN" gala affair.

Doug Coffey stated in the last "CUB" that he is planning a tour to Europe September, 1989. If you have not been on a tour with Doug, you have missed a great time. It takes a great deal of time and effort to make the necessary arrangements for this type of trip. If you are interested in going, please let him know as soon as possible.

Mattie and I had a nice vacation in Florida the first week in March. Bike week in Daytona Beach was quite a week. One hundred thousand motorcycles can liven up any town.

We will be in New Jersey during April to attend the wedding of our grandson. We are going to Seattle, Washington in June and tour the West Coast. We plan to visit Ed and Reddie Prewett in Brentwood, California while out there.

John Kline is doing an outstanding job as Editor of **THE CUB**. It is up to the membership to supply him with information so he can spread the word to all of us.

Included in a "First Class" letter, mailed the week of April 18th to every 106th Association member, were registration forms and information on the Roanoke Reunion. With that mailing was a 1988-89 dues "envelope" for you to mail in your dues. Please submit your Roanoke registration and your 1988-89 dues promptly.

Mattie and I look forward to seeing you in Roanoke. That part of Virginia is beautiful country.

With Appreciation to All,
Roger Rutland, President



Return to Europe 1989

1989 is the 45th Anniversary of "The Bulge." Plans are being made to commemorate this event throughout Europe. We are planning to "GO BACK."

Join us on a trip to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and then on to "The Battle of the Bulge" area. September 5th, through the 19th, 1989

There will be plenty of free time and guided tours throughout the whole trip. The "Land Price" is estimated at \$1450.00 per person "Air Fare" from New York and return at approx. \$430 per person.. Contact me for information

NOTE! Spaces are nearly all sold. First Come — First Served!

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Chaplain's Column

Reverend Ewell C. Black Jr.



This letter is written the Monday before Easter. As I look from my office window, Azaleas are blooming in the yard across Main Street and the Dogwoods in the cemetery behind the church will be in full bloom for Easter. Once again, as it does each Spring, the Northern Hemisphere is coming back to life after being asleep for the winter.

Each year we are reminded, anew, that shrubs, trees and even some animals do not die in the Fall but only go to sleep. A sleep from which they awaken, again in the Spring, in all their beauty and vitality. As your Chaplain, each year I am reminded anew that none of us continues on this earth forever. Each year I am called on to send condolences to family members of our 106th Division Association who have experienced the death of a loved one. Some of these persons were very active in our Association, some were not, but all were loved, and were important, and each of them lived out the cycle of life as does the flower born in the Spring, which falls asleep in the Fall.

God does not view death in the finality with which some persons do. The Bible more often than not speaks of our *"falling asleep in the Lord."* Like the flowers and the trees which fall asleep in the Fall, the promise is that we will wake up again. In *Samuel, Chapter 12*, King David has words of reassurance for all of us who have lost a loved family member or friend. His servants could not understand why he wept and fasted while his son was ill, but got up to eat and go on with his life after his son's death. David told them, *"Can I bring him back again, I will go to him, but he will not return to me."*

This is the truth which is brought home to me again with each Spring and Easter. I can not bring those loved ones and friends back to be physically with me again in this life, but I know someday that I shall be privileged to go to them. For now they live in our thoughts, as life is sustained in the flowers and the trees over the winter, and in some future Spring, we shall be reunited with them in the next life, as the flowers and trees spring forth again next each year.

As members of the 106th Division Association family, and of many individual families, we enjoy the memory of many of our family members with assurance, like King David and his son, that a time shall come when we will be reunited with them.

O God, we thank you that when the fall of life comes, it does not mean the end, but a falling asleep in the Lord. And if we fall asleep, then shall there surely be a time of awakening, when we shall be refreshed and ready to enjoy our friends and loved ones for eternity. AMEN

106th Infantry Division Association, Inc.

RIVERVIEW PLAZA, Mobile, Alabama

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING 1986-87

September 19, 1987

The meeting was called to order by President John R. Fritz at 1:25 PM, CDT.

The President welcomed all the attenders, expressed his thanks for their attendance and was grateful to see so many new members and first-time attenders present.

He thanked the membership for allowing him to serve as President, stating that he enjoyed it, and that it was a gratifying year.

Adjutant Samuel P. Cariano read the minutes of the previous General Meeting held in Columbia, South Carolina, October 11, 1986. Motion was made by Russell Villwock and seconded by Douglas S. Coffey to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Adjutant then gave his report for 1986-87. The Association had 596 renewals, 23 new members, 6 re-instated members and 20 Associate members for a total of 745. This is a gain of 88 over last year. The Auxiliary membership reached 300. There were 39 delinquents for the past year. He also reported the death of 12 members. A motion was made by Robert W. Pierce, Sr. and seconded by Duke Ward to accept the report as read. Motion was carried.

Treasurer Sherod Collins gave his report setting forth expenditures and a receipt of funds for the General and memorial Funds. He informed the membership that interest rates were lower on our savings accounts and that the chairman of the reunion in Columbia, South Carolina had refunded a surplus of \$99.22. This is in addition to the \$1,000.00 refund of the 40th Reunion advance money. Two members who could not attend last year's reunion requested that their registration fees be deposited to the General Fund. He informed the membership of the generosity of Mrs. Alan W. Jones, the widow of General Jones, and Jim Wells to the Memorial Fund and asked that they be recognized. Jim Wells stood and received a resounding applause. The Treasurer also thanked the Adjutant for his support. He also mentioned that Jack Janicke furnished rosters and mailing labels to the Association with very little cash payments in return. A review of his written report showed an increase of \$4,188.67 in the General Fund and \$2,077.01 in the memorial Fund. There is now \$26,840.41 in the General Fund, and \$8,775.80 in the Memorial Fund. There being no questions on the report, Douglas S. Coffey moved that the report be accepted; motion was seconded by Benjamin B. Britton and carried.

The President congratulated the Treasurer for his good work and record keeping.

In view of the death of our CUB Editor, no formal report was made. The membership was informed that Majorie DeHeer, his widow, continued as Editor and was doing a splendid job. The Adjutant reminded the membership of the importance of getting change of address cards to him and the costs involved in "returned CUBs" and the forwarding of them once again.

Memorials Chairman Douglas S. Coffey first recognized, and thanked the members who had given \$25.00 or more to the Memorial Fund. He announced the award of scholarships to two outstanding students; John Scott, Edinburgh Community High School, Edinburgh, Indiana and Almitra Thomas, Arsenal High School, Indianapolis, Indiana. He thanked O. Paul Merz for setting up the scholarships and making the presentations. He also thanked Roger Rutland for his continued participation in the Columbia, South Carolina area scholarship fund. He briefed the membership on the signing of the contract with the College Patroness for the maintenance of the 106th Infantry Division Association Memorial in St. Vith, and the reporting requirements by the college contained therein.

The President announced that the next year's reunion would be held in Roanoke, Virginia and in 1989 at Chicago, Illinois. Dates for the Roanoke Reunion were set for September 14-18, 1988. Also, a discussion was held on the feasibility on having the reunion in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1990. No one offered to chair the reunion at that site. Michael Thome suggested that Sacramento, Ca., be chosen as the area for the 1990 reunion and gave an excellent briefing on transportation, travel

Adjutant's Report Cont'd

to Reno and several attractions to see in the nearby area. He would be willing to chair the reunion. After the discussion, a motion by John Gregory and a second by Orfeo Agostini was made: vote taken and carried. A member expressed that before we all become too old, an attempt should be made to hold a reunion in Indianapolis in the near future. John Gilliland explained that although some wanted to go back for sentimental reasons, there was nothing remaining at Atterbury.

Sherod Collins spoke on the local groups getting together to commemorate the *Battle of the Budge* on December 16th of each year. Several such groups are in existence and have been for years. He encouraged the membership to form more of these groups. A couple members announced the dates of the get-togethers in their areas.

Resulting from the query on the dates of the Chicago Reunion in 1989, a discussion followed on the time of the year to hold reunions. Joseph Puett stated that he had made a motion and it was approved at Savannah, Georgia, to hold the reunions after Labor Day and before October 31st. Russell Villwock then informed the membership that if that was the case, he would not be able to host the Chicago Reunion. After further discussion the President said he would appoint a committee at the next Board of Directors meeting to study the problem.

Communications;

A letter from Doctor Maurice Delaval to Samuel P. Cariano concerning the presentation of the order of the Golden Lion Award to Herr Joseph Pankert was read.

Nominating Committee;

Benjamin Britton, Chairman of the Committee, submitted the names of the following to serve on the new Board of Directors:

Orfeo E. Agostini	Benjamin B. Britton	Samuel P. Cariano
Douglas S. Coffey	John R. Fritz	Charles S. Garn
Robert A. Gilder	John O. Gilliland	John A. Gregory
Glen O. Hartlieb	William Lucsay	Joseph C. Matthews
Thomas J. Maw	John F. McDevitt	Paul McMillan
John G. Robb	Roger Rutland	Russell H. Villwock
Nathan D. Ward	Van S. Wyatt	Ed Zoll

There being no nominations from the floor, Robert A. Gilder moved they be closed. Motion was seconded by Robert Howell. Vote was taken and the above members were elected to the Board of Directors.

New Business;

Joseph Puett addressed the assembly on the composition of the Board of Directors and recommended that a change should be made in including a change to the BY-LAWS if necessary; IE: that one-third of the Board members would step down each year and that a member should not be elected to the Board until one year has expired from his last time on the Board. He recommended that the new President research this proposal and report to the next general meeting. In the interim, a notice could be published in **THE CUB**. The President informed Joseph Puett that the subject had been addressed at the previous Board of Director's meeting and that at the next Board meeting he would appoint a committee to study the proposal.

Douglas S. Coffey briefed the membership on trips to St. Vith every five years since 1954 and that the next one was planned for 1989. Other country tours have been included in these trips. Because of the increased costs, suggestions for countries to be visited were welcomed if the itinerary to Scandinavia was not of interest to the crowd. A flyer with the itinerary was distributed.

The President congratulated the Reunion Committee on the tremendous job they did for this years reunion and the membership joined him with a resounding round of applause.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM, CDT.

Respectfully,

signed-Samuel P. Cariano

Adjutant

106th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

BY-LAWS

I – Members

- a. Any individual who served in the 106th Infantry Division or in any unit of the **Armed Forces of the United States of America** attached thereto is eligible for membership in the **Association** upon payment of the annual dues fixed from time to time by the members at an annual meeting.
- b. **Associate or Honorary** memberships may be authorized by the vote of an executive committee composed of the **President, 1st Vice-President** and **Adjutant**. Any candidate for such membership must have a regular member as a sponsor.
- c. A **Ladies Auxiliary** may be formed whose members may include the wives, widows, mothers, daughters and daughter-in-law of those eligible for membership in the **Association**.

II – Board of Directors

- a. The **Board of Directors** shall consist of twenty – one (21) members of the **Association** or such smaller number not less than three (3) as may be determined at the annual meeting of the **Association**.
- b. The **Board of Directors** shall be elected at the Annual meeting for a term of one year. Members of the **Board of Directors** shall be eligible for re-election for successive terms.

III – Officers

- a. The officers of the **Association** shall be **President, 1st Vice – President, 2nd Vice – President, Adjutant, Treasurer, Historian, Chaplain** and such officers as may be required for the activities of the **Association**. Any two or more offices except those of **President** and **First and Second Vice – President** may be held by the same person.
- b. The **Adjutant, Historian** and **Chaplain** shall be appointed by the **President**. All other officers shall be elected by the **Board of Directors** for a term of one year or until their successors are elected.
- c. All officers shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election for successive terms.

IV – President

The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the members of the **Association** and the **Board of Directors**. Between meetings of the **Association** and of the **Board** he shall endeavor, to the greatest extent reasonably possible, to keep all board members informed by letter of all activities of the **Association** of major importance and of all other important developments coming to his attention which affect the **Association** or its operations. He shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office or which may be assigned to him by the **Board**. The **President** shall be elected from among the members of the **Board**.

V – Vice – President

- a. There shall be a **1st and 2nd Vice – President**.
- b. The ranking **Vice-President** shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the **President** in the event of his absence or disability. He shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office or which may be assigned to him by the **Board**.

VI – Adjutant

- a. The **Adjutant** shall record the minutes of all meetings of the **Association** and of the **Board** and shall keep such records in a book to be provided by the **Association** for such purposes. He shall have custody of the by – laws.
- b. The **Adjutant** shall maintain the membership roster showing the name and unit of the **Division**, or unit attached to the **Division**, in which the member served, and his address.
- c. The **Adjutant** shall include in the membership roster the names and addresses of **Honorary, Associate** and **Auxiliary** members with, in the case of **Associate** and **Auxiliary** memberships, a notation of the name and unit of the individual from whom the membership is derived.
- d. The **Adjutant** shall make an annual report of the membership at the annual meeting of the **Association**.
- e. The **Adjutant** shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office or which may be assigned to him by the **Board**.

VII – Treasurer

- a. The **Treasurer** shall be charged with the collection and the custody of the funds and other property of the **Association**. He shall keep or cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the **Association** in such depository or depositories as may be designated by the **Board**. He shall be charged with the disbursement of Funds of the **Association**, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements. All contributions to, income of and disbursements from the **Memorial Fund** shall be recorded in an account separate from the general and other accounts of the **Association**. He shall render full written

reports at the annual meeting of the Association of his transactions as **Treasurer** and of the financial condition of the **Association** and in addition, at the request of the **Board**, he shall render interim reports for the use of the **Board**. The **Treasurer** shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office or which may be assigned to him by the **Board**.

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

(NOTE: If desired the following provision may be added: "If required by the **Board**, the **Treasurer** shall give to the **Association** a bond in a sum to be determined by the **Board**, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties and for the restoration to the **Association** in case of his death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, or other property of any kind whatsoever in his possession or under his control belonging to the **Association**."

VIII — Historian

The **Historian** shall be the official custodian for the **Association** of all papers, publications, memorabilia and similar items pertaining to the 106th Infantry Division and to the **Association** and belonging to the **Association**. He shall retain at least one copy of "*St. Vith—Lion in the Way*," the official **Division History**, and of "*The Lion's Tale*." He shall maintain a file of all issues of **THE CUB** (two copies of each issue where available) and of all convention or reunion programs. He shall maintain a file of photographs, drawings, transparencies, film and the like that may be given to the **Association** and to the extent possible shall provide identification thereof. To the extent that storage of items in his custody may be required, the **Historian** shall arrange for proper storage at the expense of the **Association**. No property of the **Association** in the custody of the **Historian** shall be disposed of in any manner except with the consent of the **Board** or of the **Association**.

IX — Chaplain

The **Chaplain**, in cooperation with the **Convention or Reunion Committee**, shall arrange the memorial service to be held annually in conjunction with the annual meeting. He shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office or which may be assigned to him by the **Board**. The **Chaplain** may be either a clerical or a lay member of the **Association**.

X — THE CUB

- a. The official publication of the **Association** shall be known as **THE CUB** and insofar as practicable shall be issued four times each year. Each member of the **Association** shall receive **THE CUB** as a part of the annual dues.
- b. Notices of the **Annual Meeting** of the **Association** and the regular meetings of the **Board** shall be published in the appropriate issue of **THE CUB**.
- c. **THE CUB** Editor shall be responsible for the preparation of **THE CUB** and shall arrange for the publication and distribution thereof.
- d. **THE CUB** editor shall be appointed by the **President**.

XI — Memorials

- a. A memorial fund shall be maintained to provide for the Memorial projects of the **Association**.
- b. The care and general supervision of the **Association** Memorial edifice at St. Vith, Belgium shall be by the **Memorials Chairman**. Expenditures for the necessary upkeep and/or beautification of the memorial edifice shall be recommended from time to time by the **Memorial Chairman** to the **Board** or the **Association** for consideration.
- c. Other memorial projects established or approved from time to time by the **Association** shall be under the supervision of the **Memorials Chairman**.
- d. The **Memorials Chairman** shall be appointed by the **President**.

XII — Committees

- a. Unless otherwise ordered by the members of the **Association** or by the **Board**, the **President** shall appoint all regular and special committees.
- b. There shall be a **Convention Committee** whose duties are set out in Article XIII — c of these by-laws.
- c. There shall be a **Nominating Committee** consisting of not less than three (3) members of the **Association** which shall prepare a slate of nominees for the **Board of Directors** to be presented at the annual meeting of the members of the **Association**. The number of nominees shall be the same as the number of **Directors** to be elected. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.
- d. There shall be a **Resolutions Committee** consisting of not less than three (3) members of the **Association** which shall present appropriate resolutions at the closing banquet of the annual convention — reunion.
- e. Other committees appropriate or desirable for the activities of the **Association** shall be appointed from time to time.

XIII – Meetings, Quorum and Voting

a. Annual and Special meetings of members

1. The annual meeting shall be held during the month of July or at such other times as may be determined by the **Board** or members of the **Association** in conjunction with the annual convention or reunion; provided however, that if such convention or reunion be held outside the **United States of America**, the annual meeting shall be held separately at such time and at such place in the **United States of America** as determined by the **Board**.
2. Special meetings may be called by the **President** or by the **Board**.
3. Twenty-five (25) members or ten percent (10%) of the membership, whichever is less, present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum.
4. Each members whose dues are not in arrears shall be entitled to vote at any meeting. Voting may be by proxy.
5. **Honorary and Associate** members may be given the privilege of the floor but shall have no vote.

b. Meetings of the Board of Directors

1. Regular meetings shall be held immediately prior to and immediately following the annual meetings of the members.
2. Special meetings may be called by the **President** or by any three (3) members of the **Board**.
3. A majority of the **Board** shall constitute a quorum.
4. Meetings, regular and special, may be held at any place in or out of the **State of Maryland**.

c. Convention or Reunions

1. An annual convention or reunion shall be held in July or at such other time as may be determined by the **Board** or members of the **Association** in such community as may be selected by the members at a previous annual meeting.
2. The **Convention Committee** shall select the location within the community and the date and shall arrange the general program for the convention or reunion in consultation with the **President**. Arrangements pertaining to the **Memorial Service** shall be made in consultation with the **Chaplain**.
3. The convention fee and the items to be included therein shall be determined by the **Convention Committee**.

XIV – Signature Authority

Deeds, assignments and all other instruments conveying and transferring real or personal property owned by the Association shall be signed by the **President** or **Vice – President** and attested by the **Adjutant** or **Treasurer**.

- b. Checks and drafts drawn by or on behalf of the **Association** against any funds on deposit in the name of the **Association** or against any other property owned by or due to the **Association** shall be signed by the **Treasurer** and countersigned by the **President**. In the absence of either or both the **Treasurer** and **President**, the **Vice – President** or the **Adjutant** may either sign or countersign.
- c. The **Convention Committee**, or the **Convention Chairman**, may establish such temporary bank accounts as may be required to facilitate the financing of a convention or reunion and provide for the disbursement of funds for such purposes from such accounts.

XV – Seal

The seal of the Association shall be the “**SEAL**” printed, typed, lettered or hand – written.

XVI – Amendments

These By – Laws may be amended either;

- a. At any meeting of the **Board of Directors** by the affirmative vote of not less than the majority of all **Directors** then in office and such amendment shall remain in effect unless altered or repealed at the next succeeding meeting of the **Association**; or
 - b. At a meeting of the members of the **Association** by the affirmative vote of two – thirds (2/3) of those present in person or by proxy, provided that notice of such proposed amendment be published in the preceding issue of **THE CUB**.
- end of by-laws...

Now and Then

By the Association Historian
Sherod Collins

**Let's go back to Volume 11 of 1954-55.
There were five issues that year.**

The Eighth Annual Reunion was successfully completed in Atlantic City that July and people were still talking about it, and enjoying it in retrospect. The Board elected John Loveless President and James R. Klett Vice-President. William K. Fowler was elected Treasurer. John appointed Austin Byrd Adjutant, Reverend Paul Cavanaugh Chaplain and Doug Coffey Editor.

In VOL 11, No. 1, there was a group of good pictures taken at the banquet and a big picture of President Loveless. The reunion reports mentioned one memorial fund scholarship grant, a speech by Vice-President Richard Nixon and one by General Strickler, a moonlight ocean ride and a presentation of a wheel chair to a children's home by the ladies auxiliary.

Doug Coffey wrote an article giving details of the proposed trip to Belgium for the 10th Anniversary of *The Battle of the Bulge* and mentioned thirty six names who had expressed interest.

The principal items in VOL 11, No.2 (the second issue) were an "In Memoriam" article on the cover mentioning the upcoming 10th Anniversary of *The Battle of the Bulge*, and another that the 106th Infantry Division Association travelers would be holding memorial services at the *Henri Chapelle Cemetery* (American) outside Leige, Belgium and urging all to thank God for sparing the lives of those who returned and to remember those in the hospitals and those who did not return. There were late pictures from the Atlantic City reunion and one of the annual 592nd Service battery picnic at Hershey Park, PA on Labor Day.

VOL 11, No.3 was entirely taken up with the group trip to Belgium for the above noted 10th Anniversary. The cover picture shows King Baudoin receiving a copy of the Lions Tale from Doug Coffey with the 106'ers and Belgian officials around them. The entire issue consisted of Doug's narration of the group trip. Only eight people eventually made the trip, Dr. G.D. Fridline, 331 Medics and his son Jake; Bill McMurray, Jim Wells, C/81st Engineers; John

and Stella Gallagher, C/81st; Doug Coffey C/590th and Richard Behr, Service/423rd. Three had been POWs and two had been wounded.

The group left Idlewild Airfield on a KLM Royal Super Constellation and landed in Scotland at Prestwick after flying nine and one-half hours. After breakfast at the airport and a breakfast in Glasgow, they enjoyed a fast train ride to London. After checking into the Clarendon Court and the next morning touring the city they noticed evidence of the war still existed. After another train ride they reached Dover. They then experienced a rough crossing to Ostend and on to Brussels and the Hotel Splendid. There they were on their own for five days to meet later in Liege.

Three of them arrived in Leige, hailed a taxi, piled luggage all over it and told the driver "*Take us to the Wiser Hotel.*" The driver looked at them and said, "*But Monsieur, you are at the Wiser.*" Sure enough there it was, right across the street.

After settling down, they rented cars to visit battle sites and towns, some winding up in St. Vith, as all 106th groups have done. The Division Headquarters was a shambles (a German helmet could still be seen) but in front was a new hospital. The former frontlines were visited and memories abounded. That night the District Governor of the Lions Club of Belgium entertained the group at his Liege home.

The next morning a Belgian Sergeant called for "*Colonel*" Coffey and friends to drive them to the American cemeteries and elsewhere. So away they went, flying General's flags -- all courtesy of the Belgium Government. On separate days they visited the *Henri Chapelle* and *Nieuville-en-Condroz* cemeteries, wreaths were laid and John Gallagher led in prayer. The grave of *Eric Wood* was located in the deep woods and a wreath was laid. They also paid a visit to the home of Peter Maraite (Wood's benefactor) where they were received by Peter's widow and family. They were shown a picture of Eric Wood.

Thanks to "Colonel" Coffey, a Lion himself, the Lion's Club of Liege hosted a dinner for the group in a beautiful building - the old palace of the Duchy of Liege. Doug thanked them in his best "High School" French and made a hit with them.

A day passed enroute by train back to Brussels where they were whisked to the home of an American Colonel, a member of the Belgian - American Association (who was to introduce them to the King the following day). The evening passed pleasantly.

Next day the grand ceremony took place at the *Palais de Academies*. The group sat on the stage with an honor guard of Belgian Officers. Onto the stage came Belgian Soldiers carrying the flags of the 48 United States, then a guard of honor for the flags of both countries. (The flags were loaned especially for the occasion by the city of Bastogne). On the rostrum were the Prime Minister, the President of the Belgian - American Association and other dignitaries. In attendance were Counts and Countesses, Dukes and Duchesses, Generals, two Archbishops, the United States Ambassador, Ministers of England, France and others.

General McAuliffe entered with his Aide followed by King Baudouin and the program began. General McAuliffe made a speech followed by others and then the King left his box for the rear conference room. The men of the 106th were escorted to that room to meet his Majesty. The King smiled and shook hands with each of the six men. Doug Coffey presented a short speech along with a copy of *The Lion's Tale* on behalf of the 106th Infantry Division Association. The King thanked Doug and then the entire group.

After his departure the group made a broadcast to America along with General McAuliffe and Baron Boel of the Belgian-American Association. Then they were taken to the Hotel Metropole for a banquet in the honor of General McAuliffe and themselves. Each one was introduced and given an ovation. Afterwards a tired, happy bunch made their way back to their hotel followed by photographers and reporters anxious to get their stories. The papers carried their pictures and the story of the 106th Infantry Division the next morning.

The group made their way to Paris, then to Amsterdam and to their return via an airliner. After a couple of forced weather stops they alighted at Idlewild in New York, tired but with a sense of accomplishment.

The Maryland Chapter had its December 16th dinner at Marty's in Baltimore, and in VOL 11, No. 4 the Jersey - December meeting was chronicled, as was the 10th meeting of the 81st Engineers at Dwyers Elbow Room in Newark.

There was a big ad for the up-coming Ninth Annual Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association in Detroit in July. Hotel rooms were \$5.50 and \$13.00 at the Sheraton-Cadillac.

There was also a script of the previously mentioned broadcast that occurred in Belgium.

VOL 11, No.5 (the fifth issue) featured a Convention program, a nice article by the First Sergeant of H/424 - **Abner Harris**, about his people who attended the last reunion. He made a plea for his H Company absentees to come to Detroit. There was a moving report by John Gallagher on his views of the trip to Europe, that was mentioned earlier. Finally there was an article by Robert E. Kelly, Service/423 outlining the joys of attending reunions over the years and urging others to do likewise.

Since the telling was long, the change of pace will be short.

Here are a few tid-bits (trivia)

Glenn Miller, the band leader, died on December 15, 1944 - the day before the Bulge.. His body was not recovered from the English Channel.

Do you know who named D-Day *The Longest Day*? It was Field Marshall Rommel who said to his Aide "Believe me, Lang, the first twenty four hours of the invasion will be decisive for the Allies, as well as for Germany, it will be the longest day."

And here, with a tip of the hat to AMVETS, who published the story some time ago is the story of *Private Shurtleff*.

Personal ingenuity and remarkable stamina concealed for nearly two years the secret of *Private Robert Shurtleff*. Despite "his" fear of discovery, the determined patriot was mustered into service at Worcester, Mass. in May of 1782.

As a skilled soldier of the Light infantry, the unusual private fought gallantly in several battles before suffering a serious wound from a British ambush.

Healing enough to rejoin the ranks, and still undetected, Private Shurtleff took part in the capture of Lord Cornwallis in Yorktown. But what a musket ball had not earlier disclosed, fever did. "Private Shurtleff" was again hospitalized and as a result, the audacious masquerade came to an end. At West Point, N.Y. in the sunset of the War for Independence, the first woman admitted to active duty in The United States Armed Forces was honorably discharged. Deborah Sampson . . . alias "*Private Robert Shurtleff*."

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The Good Old Days



By Dan Bied 422/A

I'm old enough now, at age 62, to remember much of my experience with the 106th Infantry Division as "the good old days."

Everyone knows "the good old days" weren't all that good.

My brief stint as a rifleman in the Ardennes wasn't good, either. The march across the Rhine, the boxcar ride to Stalag IV-B and three months working in a coal mine near Leipzig weren't the kind of stuff nostalgia is made of, as a rule. But I was only 19 then, my frozen feet were normal again after a few winters and, as a professional writer since 1955, I've made a few bucks reminiscing about my war—your war, our war—in print. I have some regrets of course.

When I joined the 106th at Camp Atterbury in June, 1944, I was one of the few guys on hand with benefit of an infantry basic. I wasn't tough and I was only average, at best, when it came to firing an M1 rifle. I fell out on two or three marches that long hot summer in Indiana, when my feet started to bleed and I seemed to run out of gas. "I'm saving my strength for the real thing," I told

myself as, amid some jeers as I got into the "meat wagon" for the ride back to camp.

I had volunteered for a rifle company, instead of going to Fort Benning for advanced radio school. I was ready to fight when Company A, 422 Infantry, arrived up front a week or so before the Germans hit us, not only with the kitchen sink, but also with the stove, the wash machine, the dining room table and a ton of bricks.

Most all of you know what happened as well as I do. It wasn't pretty. But it could have been uglier yet if our regiment had fought to the last man instead of being ordered to break up our guns and surrender.

Dan Bied, from West Burlington, Iowa, is a former rifleman from A company, 422nd Regiment.

Dan has authored and self published seven books, totaling 9,400 copies, he is a regular writer for columns in the Des Moines County News.

Dan has agreed to write a quarterly column for THE CUB. This one is his first. I like Dan's style. He like many of us took a quick course in rifleman-ship in the Ardennes in 1944, and the luxury class 40&8 coaches through the beautiful German country-side.

Thanks Dan for your offer to share your knowledge and wisdom with the men of the 106th. (Ed.)

SEE THE ARTICLE "BOOK REVIEWS" IN THIS ISSUE FOR MORE ABOUT DAN BIED.

That was some march. I knew I was dead that night in Koblenz when the bombs from our planes pulverized the city, but somehow missed us. The boxcar ride was even worse, as I recall it through the haze of 44 years. I can still see the flames when I remember the night in Feb. 1945, when the British bombers plastered Dresden.

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Well, those weren't exactly "the good old days." But when I recall 1944 and 1945 I'm most likely to think about some of the good times. Four of us spent four nights in London, living it up in the Picadilly Hotel on \$100 my dad sent me a day or two before we shipped out of Camp Myles Standish. It was a thrill to be in London, especially in wartime, I had my 19th birthday the same day I saw my first V-2 rocket. France was beautiful, even though it was covered with mud beyond that big long hill above Le Havre. And I'll never, ever forget the morning our ship, the Sea Robin, brought us back to the "the states" with a spirited greeting—fire boats, show girls and a band—in the New York harbor.

I no longer have hard feelings about the 106th and what happened to us in the Ardennes, except for one lingering misconception. Our outfit didn't panic when we left the Siegfried Line the morning of December 16, 1944, although some people think we did. We'd thrown away our overcoats, gas masks etc., when we left our log huts. Later on, when all the stuff was found by other units, they probably assumed we had run in the face of the attacking Germans. — We hadn't.

I didn't get to be a hero. Few of us did in the brief time the 422nd was in action that long ago "Dark December."

In a different circumstance, we would have prevailed in combat as well as any other bunch of 15,000 men getting their first taste of battle.

We were there. We gave it what we had and, of course, some of our guys—mostly 424th and the Combat Engineers, from what I have read—gave the Germans all they could handle.

It was an experience unlike anything most men ever endure. I met some great guys, including several with whom I've kept in touch and visited over the years.

I wouldn't trade my experience for anything, as the old saying went.

Once was enough, however. ■

Book Review

By John Kline -- Editor

Some time ago Jack M. Janicke 106 Signal, gave me a list of books that he thought would be of interest to 106th Infantry Division members. His list prompted me to pass these along. I have added a few that I have read. It is quite likely that you may have read one or more of these. For those that have not, here is the list.

I will list them, with a few added remarks.

Thanks Jack!

FIGHTING DIVISIONS

Zenger Publishing Co.

PO Box 9883, Washington DC 20015

(Short history of each U.S. Combat unit)

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

John Toland

Random House, NY (1966)

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE -- 1944

Napier Crookenden

Charles Scribner's & Sons (1980)

THE ARDENNES -- BATTLE OF THE BULGE

U.S. Army in World War II

European Theater of Operations

Hugh M. Cole

U.S. Government Printing Office

Washington DC 20402 (1977 reprint)

(Over 700 pages, plus maps.)

(\$20.00 plus - Back-ordered since Oct 87, Ed.)

A TIME FOR TRUMPETS

The Untold Story of THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

Charles B. MacDonald

William Morrow and Co., Inc - NY

(This is the book that brought me back to life, and to the 106th Infantry Division Assoc. Charles B. MacDonald, author of "Company Commander; The Battle of the Huertgen Forest; A Field of Red; Airborne; The Siegfried Line Campaign; Three Battles and others," was one of the youngest Company Commanders in World War II. A War Historian and Author, he tells it in a manner, that for once and all - Shows that the blame for the *Ardennes Breakthrough* cannot be laid at the feet of the individual soldier. A book that took years of research, and tells it the way it was.)

THE BITTER WOODS

HITLER'S SURPRISE ARDENNES OFFENSIVE

John S.D. Eisenhower

DEATH OF A DIVISION

Author - Whiting

(I hesitate to list this one in the same list. If you want to see how a biased English writer views our Division, read this one. As far as I am concerned they should dump it, but this is a free country.)

SCHOLARS IN FOXHOLES

The U.S. Army Specialized Training Program in WWII.

Author - Louis Keefer

McFarland & Company, Inc. (summer 1988)

300 pages, 100 photos, about the ASTP program, particularly about those that went to line outfits, where they fought - in their own words.

(The author's letter was sent to me by Robert W. Pierce, Sr C Co./81st Engineers)

106TH INFANTRY DIVISION AUTHORS

THE CUB is not a publication that is to be used for the benefit of individual members. The listings and comments (including those above) are not primarily for that reason. However, the books and articles that are mentioned do speak of, and describe certain actions of the 106th Infantry Division and it's members.

The opinions and views are those of the authors alone. The 106th Infantry Division Association cannot endorse these books or the actions they describe. You as members have to judge them for yourself. It will be obvious that much research and care has been taken by each of these authors. I am sure that what they have written will round out your overall perspective of *The Battle of the Bulge*. Judge for yourself.

THE SILENT SNOW

By Brig. General Oliver Patton USA (Ret.)

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A novel (paperback) published by Signet, should be in the book stores now.

I can best describe this novel, by saying I read the *galley proofs*, and found it very entertaining. The story is about a the 106th Infantry Division in the *Ardennes Breakthrough*.

From the back cover (in part) -- *And trapped behind the advancing German lines, surrounded in a carnage of disaster by a horde of enemies who gave no quarter, a green infantry lieutenant, a battlewise black sergeant and a terrified Belgian girl wage their private war in a world of bloodstained snow and freezing hell.*

The front cover, a picture of what appears to be a German Mark VI tank, has an endorsement which reads - "EXCELLENT... AT LONG LAST, AN AUTHENTIC NOVEL ON THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE - CHARLES B. MACDONALD, AUTHOR OF COMPANY COMMANDER."

Brig. General Patton included a letter from John S. D. Eisenhower, author of *BITTER WOODS* and *Hitler's SURPRISE ARDENNES OFFENSIVE*. He says (in part) - "*Patton describes the loneliness of the GI, newly arrived at the front, the small things those GIs found important, their initial disbelief when the Nazi attack began, the cold, the movement of the troops, the weapons and devices both sides used, and the known cruelty of the fanatic SS troops* **THE SILENT SNOW** provides an insight into the battle from the soldier's viewpoint as **THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE** did for the Civil War.

TRIO

Author - Dan Bied 422/A

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Published in 1977 by Craftsman Press, Burlington, Iowa.

When I took over the editorship of **THE CUB** I found a couple of articles (newspaper clippings) that had been sent by Dan to Dick DeHeer. I found them interesting. The first one I read, after I had gotten into the old files, was entitled *Battle of the Bulge* and appeared in the Des Moines, Iowa **NEWS**. I liked his style. I wrote Dan and asked if he would furnish us with a column for each quarterly publication. He agreed. The first entitled *THE GOOD OLD DAYS* is in this issue.

TRIO is a trio of three stories. The first *THE ARDENNES*, is World War 2's greatest battle recalled in first hand terms. The second is *TRAVEL TALES*, Europe without C-rations... and other vacation reminiscences. The third story of TRIO is *BENNY GOODMAN*, The King of Swing's reign is chronicled in a very personal way.

Dan also has an un-published manuscript of his book *HELL ON EARTH*. It is 90,000 words mostly factual with a little harmless fiction for continuity, including some conversations at Stalag IV-B and the coal mine Dan slaved in.

He recently published a book of nostalgia, about Burlington, Iowa, on the Mississippi River. The post card used to advertise the first 1,300 copies, which were sold out, pictures a Mississippi Steam Boat tied to the docks, with Burlington in the background. Dan says he having 500 more copies printed, just to do something.

I just read this publication, even though you may think you have no interest in BURLINGTON, IOWA, this will bring back memories of your earlier years. It is well written and reeks of good ole USA Nostalgia.

Definition of COMPOSE: To assemble text into type. Once upon a time, writers wrote, editors edited and typesetters composed. Now desktop publishers (like me) are doing all three, thus combining the excesses of the author with the confusion of the editor and the unintelligibility of the typesetter. (your Editor)
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December Commemorations

(Editor's note) Several of the December 16th Commemoration gathering reports were received after the February CUB went to press.

NORTHERN CALIF. DECEMBER 16TH COMMEMORATION

submitted by Michael Thome 422/HQ 1Bn

Sorry to be so late in sending the picture of our Northern California December 16, 1987 Christmas luncheon attendees. A great time was had swapping stories and experiences.



Back row: L/R—Dan Cooley 423/HQ 1Bn; Jerry Liseman 423/HQ 3Bn; John Stauff 591 FA/B; Michael Thome 422/HQ 1Bn.

Middle row: L/R—Walter F. Johannes 423/E-424/K; Monroe Duke 422/Cannon; Edward Salata 423/Cannon Medic; Joe Salber 424/SV; John Gregory 424/E.

Front row: L/R—Ed Prewett 424/B; Joseph Gross 591 F/C; James Rupert 424/AT; Ivan Long 423/HQ.

Michael Thome

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CHICAGO MEDICS GET-TOGETHER

On December 23, 1987, just one week after the 43rd anniversary of The battle of the Bulge, seven veterans of the 423rd Medical Detachment and all 106th Infantry Division Association members had lunch together at Fields Restaurant on Chicago's South side. Those of us who attended, all from the Chicago area, included: Dick Juriga, Ed Jarlacynski, Don McCarron, Bob Robson, the Costa twins,- Anton and Laurence and Ken Hunt. This was the first time most of us had seen each other since the winter of 1944!

For over three hours the words really flowed and lunch was all but forgotten as we recalled the many experiences we shared together.

From the meeting, one thought emerged - how great it would be if all members of the Detachment could come together for a reunion and what better place and time to do it than at the 106th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion - like Roanoke in 1988.

We ask that any 423rd Medical Detachment veteran who would like to attend such a meeting, to please write. We will put you in touch with other members and we can get our plans together to get a reunion rolling!

Ken Hunt

4327 Greyfriars Lane

Palatine, Illinois, 60067

December Commemorations

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 16TH COMMEMORATION

submitted by Milton Weiner 424/M

I was pleased to follow Sherod Collins suggestion and host a December "BULGE" remembrance party.



Back row: L/R—Marion Mileski, DIV/ARTY; Joseph Litvin, 423/D
Dick Peterson, 422/I; James Rupert, 424/AT; Bob Embury, 806 Ord;
Don Bettlach, 423/HQ 38N
Front row L/R—Leo Krueser, 81st Eng/MED; Joseph Toce, 591/HQ;
Edward Nelson, 590/C; Milton Weiner, 424/M

It was nice to share memories with fellow members of the 106th Infantry Division.

18 of us, including guests, had a wonderful lunch experience on December 6, 1987. The consensus was that our fellowship would make the month of December easier for all of us. Many of those in attendance drove over 100 miles.

We plan on meeting the first Sunday of every December from now on. If anyone is in Southern California and has not been contacted, please write or call me.

Milton Weiner
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Buena Park, CA 90620
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CINCINNATI OHIO DECEMBER 16TH COMMEMORATION

submitted by Bob & June Walker 422/D

We are a little late in sending in news of our December get-together for the Cincinnati area, which we hosted at our home.

There were 19 from Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, including some first-timers.

Janis and Garry Hanson, New Richmond; Jean and Roy Bigger, 423/HQ, Gas City, Indiana; June and Lou Grivetti, 423/K, Harrodsburg, KY; Laura and Charles Perry, 423/K, Cincinnati; Ethel and Joe Topicz, 423/E, Cincinnati; Carlene and Paul Merz, 422/SV, Indianapolis, Ind; Betty and Lloyd Anglin (Deceased), 424/K, Union, KY; Iva and Fred Nartinez, 590/A, Noblesville, Ind and Kenneth Hester, 590/C, Sheperdsville, KY.

On a sad note.. Betty and Lloyd Anglin were killed on Januray 9, in a fiery auto crash, near their home. They attended this Commemoration, the Mobile Reunion and had planned on going to Roanoke. We had gotten to know them well the last few years and will miss them very much. Services were held January 14th, which we attended.

June and Bob Walker

3607 Shady lane Rd.
North Bend, Ohio, 45052

Along with THE CUB and the Annual Reunions, the December 16th Commemoration get-to-gether are the *Life Line* of the Association.

Plan a get-to-gether in your Community, it is a rewarding experience.

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PITTSBURGH BULGE COMMEMORATION

On December 12, 1987, a group of the 106th Infantry Division Veterans from the Pittsburgh area and surrounding communities attended a noon luncheon to Commemorate the anniversary of *The Battle of the Bulge*, at Tiffany Place, Pittsburgh.

The dining room was decorated for the Holiday Season and Mrs Franny Jackson presented the ladies with a beautiful Christmas wreath pin which she had hand crocheted.

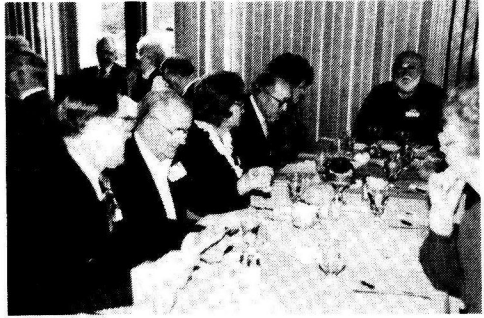
Our guest speaker, Pastor Edward J. Alexis, a member of the 28th Division, gave an interesting talk on the Battle of the Bulge, and the similarity of extreme hardships encountered on the battlefield by our two Divisions.

In attendance were the following veterans, wives and guests, forty-one in all:

Allen, Calvert and Kathryn; Bellay, Charles J. 423/C; Bosle, Robert H. and Gloria 422/I; Collins, John S. and Katherine; Creehan, Arthur J. and Lois 423/HQ 2Bn; Devaty, Raymond S. and Eileen; Flick, Robert F. 81st Eng/C; Huminski, Edwin C. and Elizabeth 424/F; Jackson, Harry and Franny 423/MED; Janosky, Walter and Josephine; Kwaczek, Carl S. and Lillian 422/C; Langham, Francis S. and Jean 423/B; Martin, John B. Dr. and Pearl; Noon, Cletus E. and Faye 423/SV; Rigatti, Richard L. and Pat 423/B; Strohmier, Bernard C. and Virginia 589/B; Ulrich, James L. 423/MED; Vance, Geroqe T. and Norma 422/AT; Yanchik, Pete and Dian 423/A; Yelchan, Albert M. and Marge 422/HQ; Zewe, William A. GUESTS....Alexis, Edward J. and Marge; Chapman, Jo Ann



L/R George T. Vance (standing) seated: Norma J. Vance, Bernard Strohmier, Marge Alexis



L/R Edwin Huminski, Arthur Creehan, Katherine Collins, Robert Bosle, Pearl Martin, Robert Flick, Elizabeth Huminski



L/R Kathryn Allen, Dian Yanchik, Pete Yanchik, Calvert Allen



L/R (center of photo) - Robert Flick, Dr. John B. Martin, John Collins, Lois Creehan

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L/R Seated — Charles Bellany, Virginia Strohmer
Standing — George Vance



L/R Standing — Pat Rigatti; Gloria Bosle



L/R Faye Noon, Kathryn Allen, Dian Yanchik



Back row: Walter and Josephine Janosky
Center row: Richard and Pat Rigatti
Front row: Harry Jackson, Albert Yelochan

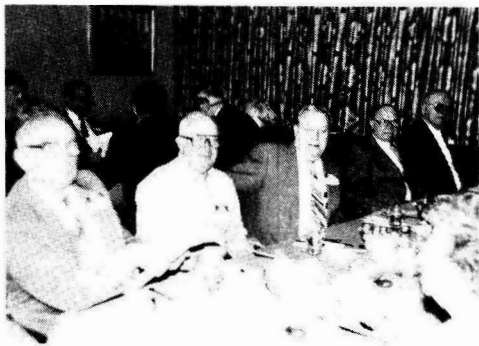


L/R Gloria Bosle, Richard Regatti, Edwin Huminski,
Arthur Creehan, Kathrine Collins, Robert Bosle



L/R Calvert Allen, Cletus Noon, Raymond Devaty
Eileen Devaty

December Commemorations



L/R Francis Langham, James Ulrich, Harry Jackson,
Albert Yelochan, Carl Kwaczek



L/REileen Devaty, Franny Jackson (standing)
Faye Noon

I wish to express a Thank You to Mr. Sherod Collins for encouraging our 106th Infantry Veterans to initiate this Commemoration Meeting, which resulted in a display of warm feelings and fellowship by everyone in attendance.

A special thanks to Pete Yanchik for the excellent pictures taken during the luncheon.

George T. Vance,

283 Dutch Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, 413-653-1724

Men of HQ Company, 422nd

from: Jack Bryant

On our recent return from Florida, Emily and I stopped off in Knoxville, Tenn. to visit Captain Bruce Foster, CO, Regimental Headquarters Company, 422 Infantry. Captain Foster had just been released from the hospital after undergoing colon surgery. Mrs Foster assured us that he would welcome our visit and we found him in good spirits, but naturally very weak. Bruce Foster Jr., who greatly resembles his father, was on hand to help his mother.

Captain Foster would love to hear from his old friends in the 422nd. A Get-well card, snapshot, letter, or even a post card, would cheer him and speed his convalescence. He hopes to well enough to attend the September convention.

Captain Foster's address is as follows

Bruce E. Foster

2622 Lynbrulee Lane

Knoxville, TN 37923

tele: 615-577-4835



L/R William Wentz, M/423 and Jesse Curtiss Jr, HQ/592
Dateline—Kenton, Ohio —Our 106th comrades are shown in a dedication of the American Flag for the men of the 106th at a Memorial Day celebration in 1986.

The flag flown on the flagpole was presented to J.C. Curtis by his son Craig. It was flown over the United States Capitol in 1985 at the request of Honorable John R. Kasich, member of Congress. The certificate accompanying the flag states it was flown for Captain J.C. Curtis, Jr., and all the men of the 106th Infantry Division at St Vith, Belgium, who served there in 1944-45. Captain Curtis was a Battalion Staff Officer of the 592 FA Battalion, which was later attached to Corp Artillery and supported the 82nd Airborne Division in the counter attack. Wentz was captured near Schoenberg with members of his unit. He is active in the American ex-POW Assoc.

A 1987 visit to the area of the Battle of Coulee

By Edward A. Prewett B/424

Andre Hubert was born two miles from the important crossroad in the *Battle of the Bulge* known as "PARKERS CROSSROAD."

He was a child during the battle but has become an ardent student of the Battle of the Bulge.

He is now Vice-President of CRIBA, which stands for Centre De Recherche Et D'Inforation Sur La Bataille Des Ardennes (Research and Information Center of the Battle of the Ardennes). He was a guest speaker at the Arlington, Virginia Veteran's of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) convention in December 1985.

When Dr. DeLaval realized that he would be hospitalized at the time of our visit, he arranged for Andre to fill in for him. Andre was overly generous with his time, seeing to our every need. Since our main reason for the visit was to see Dr. DeLaval, we were not seeking old battle areas. However one area we did explore was around Coulee.

Andre knew of another member of CRIBA, who had written articles of this particular battle and was trying to obtain all the information he could from veterans of that particular engagement. We made a date to meet in the village of Wanne. We arrived first and had time to admire a monument to those killed during World War I. It had been altered to honor the World War II dead also.

Under words that were confusing to me was a list of others who obviously died during the battle. At least the dates would so indicate.

Serge Fontaine, our expert on the battle, explained that those were the people, who the Germans took and killed during that period. They were not killed accidentally, but were picked out of a line up and murdered by the Germans.

One readily should realize that the people, French speaking that is, who live close to the border of Germany, to this day do not forgive the Germans. Some of this feeling exists within Belgium between German and French citizens of Belgium.

Also St. Vith and Vielsalm are only about 10 miles apart, but there is a much wider gap between them. St. Vith was originally a part of Germany and was given to Belgium when Germany lost the 1st War. Changing the boundaries did

not necessarily change the people. This I was not aware of in December 1944, prior to the Breakthrough. It does explain much now, when we reflect on the events of the that time.

Serge Fontaine brought a copy of his map and his writings on the *Battle of the Bulge*. Unfortunately they were in French and I could not read them. He spoke very good English and proceeded to explain what he knew about the battle known as the *Battle of Coulee*.

This he knew was the engagement I was interested in. He explained that he had received information from other organizations, but had never received much from the veterans of the 106th Infantry Division.

The objective of CRIBA is to get the facts recorded correctly, while the actual participants are still alive. he definitely knew more about the *Battle of Coulee* than I.

His map spelled out exactly where the various units were and where they went.

I tried to answer Serge Fontaine's questions and promised to write my former 1st Sgt, Roger Rutland, and ask him to write his recollections of the Battle of Coulee.

He explained to me that the 1st Battalion/424th started from Spineaux. Company A/424 attacked the village of La Vaux. Company B/424, my Company, attacked the hill to the left of La Vaux. We then proceeded to advance on the *Village of Coulee*. Stopped by darkness and the loss of over 250 casualties, including our Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Welch, the 1st Battalion drew back towards Wanne.

Serge Fontaine's explanation cleared up some things in my mind. In my papers, I had the name of Spineaux but didn't know where it fit. I never saw a map nor were we ever told much about where we were. Once in a while we would catch the name of a place, but nothing was ever mapped out in any pattern.

Serge took us to Spineaux. Sure enough this looked familiar and with a little exploring I found the house that we used. We were in fox-holes facing the Germans across a valley, however the extreme cold weather forced us to rotate out of those holes every couple of hours. The house I found was used to give us warmth and rest. From Spineaux we worked our way

Through the woods toward Coulee. He pointed out where **A Company/424** had run into a machine gun nest that resulted in casualties. He then pointed out the area where we were hit by a barrage of 88's. The shells exploded in the tops of the trees and rained shrapnel down on us. We lost many men. Then finally we reached the hill across from Coulee, the high point of our advance.

He had the facts down nicely. What he lacked was the finer points. He wanted to know if we reached the bridge across a small stream. If there was a stream I wasn't aware of it, nor the bridge. It was all covered by snow in 1945.

He didn't know that Company B's 1st Sergeant **Roger Rutland** had been put in charge of the 1st Battalion by Lt. Col. **Welch**, before he allowed himself to be evacuated.

I tried to answer his questions and promised to write to Roger Rutland and ask him to write his recollections of the *Battle of Coulee*. He had other questions as to who held **Wanne** on January 12, 1945, just before the attack. He had the 3rd Battalion/424 located in that area but would like it confirmed by someone who was there.

It is still important to preserve the truth while we are still able to do so. Anyone who might be able to help should contact:

Serge Fontaine, Chemin De Ster 11
B 4970 Stavelot, Belgium

I know he would be grateful for any information you can supply.

Edward Prewett

How I remember The Battle at Coulee

by Roger Rutland, former 1st Sgt B/424.

This is how I remember January 9-13, 1945.

We moved in around **Spineux** the night of January 9th. As we approached the house where I planned to set up Company Headquarters we heard a noise in the basement. We threw in a few hand-grenades and the German soldiers who had occupied the house got away in the dark.

We remained in the area until early morning January 13th.

Company A and B of the 424th moved forward and by 1200 noon we had accomplished our first mission of the day. It was about noon when 1st Lt. McKay, Commanding Officer of A

Company was killed. Soon after noon we moved on toward Coulee with C Company taking the lead position. At 1400 we stopped for a break and it was at that time an artillery shell landed near us. 1st Lt. Herman Slutzky, Commanding Officer of B Company was wounded. 1st Lt. Charles E. Brown assumed command of B/424 at that time. I assigned a man to take Lt. Slutzky to the Battalion Aid Station.

We continued on toward Coulee, through the deep snow, until 1700 (5:00PM). Near Coulee the German 88's hit us very hard.

I was ordered to take over the Battalion

The Battalion Commander **Lt. Col. Lamar A. Welch** and **S-2 Lt. Huddleston** were hit. About fifteen men in my weapons platoon were killed on the spot. Col. Welch was hit in the hip and leg and could barely walk. He told me to take charge of the Battalion, and to please not let the men run.

Lt. Huddleston had both legs blown off but was still alert enough to pack snow on the remaining part of his legs to help stop the bleeding. He directed the two men carrying him to the Aid Station and died after arriving there.

Lt. Daniel B. Woolcock of Company B was hit the same time as the others in the weapons platoon. T/Sgt Clair D. Adams and Pfc Thomas B. Cowan were assisting Lt. Woolcock when a shell landed near them killing Woolcock and Cowan and wounding Adams. All of the killing and maiming happened within five minutes.

We moved back several hundred yards and set up the best defense we could. It was dark at that time and there was no other action for the next few hours.

Colonel Welch had been wandering around for the past few hours in a daze. About 9:00PM he found me and wanted a cigarette. I could tell he was weak and had lost much blood. After he smoked and rested awhile I had a man take him to the Aid Station. I did not see him again until April.

A Major that I was not familiar with was sent, later that night, to take command of our Battalion. The next morning we were relieved by another Battalion and moved from our position near Coulee.

January 13, 1945 was without a doubt, the worst day of my life.

Memories of a Soldier – from son of former 106th Division officer, **Wolfred K. White HQ/424**

I ran across an old copy of "THE CUB" (Vol 40 No.3, 1984) in my father's papers. He so enjoyed keeping tabs on his old comrades. As a Navy vet myself (Vietnam) I thought his old comrades might want to know what happened to him.

My father Colonel Wolfred K. (Fred) White U.S.A. (Ret) joined the 424th Regiment at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Was with the 424th through England, The Bulge, he served as a 2nd or 1st Lt. —I haven't been able to find out his company or platoon. (see Sherod Collins article following) When the 106th was broken up he was assigned to an Ordnance Outfit to the end of the war.

At the end of WWII he went to regular Army and was in Korea when that one started. He was Secretary to the General Staff for General Ridgeway during the Korean conflict.

His later duty assignments were numerous, including—CO 1st Bn 188th ABN Reg, 11th ABN Div. Ft Campbell, KY & Augsburg, Germany; G-3 Sec. HQ 7th Army, Stuttgart, Germany; USMC Senior Officer Course, Quantico, VA, P.M.S., F.S.V. Tallahassee, Florida; CO 2nd Training Reg. Ft Leonard Wood; May IG 8th Army, Korea; U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA; O.C.M.H., M.D.W., Washington, DC, Ft Meade, Maryland; P.M.S. Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.

My father retired in 1975 and was offered a position with the College of Law Enforcement at Eastern Kentucky Univ. He created, researched and wrote the courses on Anti-terrorism, Organized Crime & Composite Police Systems that he taught. His students had the Law library at E.K.U. named "**WOLFRED K. WHITE LAW LIBRARY**" in his honor. He passed away 1 June 1984, after 6 months of illness.

He is survived by his wife Patricia White, 1039 Idylwild Drive, Richmond, KY 40475 (who would be happy to hear from his old comrades) his son Wolfred K. (Kip) White II of Las Vegas, Nevada, and his two daughters Elizabeth White, Madison, KY and Debra Jean (DJ) Sturgeon, Louisville KY and four grandchildren.

Father was proud to have served with the 424th Regiment, 106th Infantry Division.

Thank You,
Wolfred K. White II
969 East Flamingo Rd #169
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

My friend Lt. Wolfred K. White, from William J. Mosolf Cannon/424 *in a letter written to Sherod Collins*

Our member **William J. Mosolf, Cannon Co./424th Reg.** (17159 Esperinza Dr., Perris, CA 92370) writes to tell us of the death of his leader, **Lieutenant Wolfred K. (Fred) White**, his leader during the hectic days of the Ardennes, and the man for whom he had great respect.

Bill says he (Bill) came from a AAA Battalion to the 106th and was assigned to Cannon/424, but never served in the company at all. He remembers Bob de St. Aubin, who brought their mail and Bob Caskey of B Co./424. Bill had come all the way from the Normandy beachhead and as soon as he was transferred he was detailed to a crew to pick up battlefield dead all over the area. The bodies were transferred to Graves registration at Strohiem. Lt. White was the officer in charge.

Later Lt. White was assigned as Special Services Officer for the 424th regiment and took Bill along, a move which Bill appreciated, especially since he was already 35 years old and obviously was not trained in Infantry work. This crew of four was billeted and had their Headquarters in Ettlingen, Germany, where they lived upstairs over a drug store. Their code sign in the window was "Dervish S.S."

Their job was to break down and distribute a multitude of items to the 3600 remaining members of the 424th Regiment. Formerly there had been about 11,000 men to whom to distribute. All this involved many calculations which the crew became expert in doing. On July

12, 1945-7400 bottles of American beer arrived, two weeks rations, one bottle of beer per week per man, being the first American beer tasted since arriving in the ETO.

Lt. White went on to become Colonel Wolfred K. (Fred) White and spent 33 years and two months in the Army. He passed away in 1984 while teaching police administration at Eastern Kentucky University.

Col. White's obituary (see letter above from his son) reflects a distinguished military career, listing a large number of assignments and some very important posts. There were many teaching assignments, which he dearly loved. Therefore he remained at his last post to become an Associate Professor at ECU, College of Law Enforcement. He was lauded by his superiors for an outstanding job. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Bill Mosolf figures that someone from the 106th will remember his friend of long ago.

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In Memoriam

Peter Edward Keenan, HQ 2Bn/422

Sharon Moffit, daughter of Peter E. Keenan, Antioch, California, reports that her father passed away January 11, 1988, from cancer. He is survived by his widow Katherine, One daughter, two sons, eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Sharon passes along "Thanks" for all of the years of pleasure the Association had given her father. Peter has been a member of the 106th Infantry Division Association for many years. He will long be remembered by his comrades.

Frank Schoemer, M/424

Frank Borberly writes to tell that Frank Schoemer of Wyandotte, Michigan passed away on October 7, 1987. Frank attended the Columbia, S.C. Reunion. He became ill 6 months prior to his death. Frank would like to pass along this information to Schoemer's friends. Borberly states that Schoemer was a great soldier. Had six children and used to work in the Office Supply business.

Lloyd and Betty Anglin, C/424

Lloyd and Betty Anglin of Union, Kentucky were killed in a fiery auto accident near their home on January 9th, 1988. They were at the Mobile Reunion and had plans to go to Roanoke. No other details were given.

Bruce Shaffer, F/423

Bruce Shaffer of Tulare, California passed away sometime in February, 1988. No other details known.

Joseph A. Cavanaugh, C/422

Joseph A. Cavanaugh, a retired Chief of the Manpower and Research division of the Agency for International Development's Office of Population, died at his home in Bethesda Maryland on February 29, 1988, after a heart attack. Joseph was 73. He had a long and illustrious career, at one time he was technical adviser in demography and health statistics to the Institute of Inter - American Affairs in Lima, Peru. he is survived by his wife Carol, a daughter Karen and a brother.

John J. Fischer, Service/422

John passed away on February 2, 1988. His mail and affairs are being handled by Keating, Muething & Klekamp, Attorneys, 800 Provident Tower, One East Fourth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. We have no further information about his death.

The Officers, Directors and members of the 106th Infantry Division Association wish to express their condolences to the families and friends of the deceased.

TREMENDOUS MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

From the Editor—At the Mobile Reunion it was announced that the membership stood at 745. As of this date (16 April) the membership stands at 955. This tremendous growth did not happen by itself.

The last issue and this issue of THE CUB have shown listings for nearly 143 new members. There is no general advertising campaign to credit for this. The facts are that many of our existing members have been putting a special effort on seeking out and soliciting new members. I hesitate to mention the few that I know, in fear of missing some, but they have done such a tremendous job that I must give some credit. If you assisted and I do not mention your name please forgive me, then let me know what you have been doing to spread the word.

Gill Helwig 423/M, 2006 Ontario Lot #55, Niles, Michigan 49120, a friend and former War buddy of mine, has taken it upon himself to send letters to former 106th Infantry Division men that do not belong to the Association. He started by picking names from the AX-POW new member lists that appear in their publications. The first mailing was 75 names. He had a acceptance rate of about 28%, in the meantime he has started sending letters to 133 former Division men, from a list of 202 that I received from the Veterans of the Bulge. Seven or eight new members seem to appear each month in the AX-POW publication. On top of that **Sherod Collins** has sent him a list of over 100 names from the 106 Recon group. **Gill** is a very busy man. As of 16 April he had signed on 46 new members. If his 28% holds up he will produce over 70 new members. He signs his letters as "Association Membership Committee." He is THE committee. We should all thank him for his efforts. It shows that all it takes is a little persistence.

The December 16th Bulge commemoration parties always seem to produce some new members. The organizers of those special events around the country should be thanked for their work.

Russell Villwock in Chicago has always been a great supporter in the solicitation of new members.

At the Minneapolis Dec. 16th memorial luncheon **Robert Sandberg 81st ENG/A**, 1786 Saunders Ave., St Paul, MN 55116 and **Russell Gunvalson 81st Eng/A** gave me a list of fifteen names, from the letters I sent there were 6 new members from **Russ's** list of 9, and 4 new members from **BOB's** list of 6. Thanks gentlemen.

I should mention **Frank Borbely 424/M**, 2801 Stanbridge Street, Norristown, PA 19401 has contributed several new members. I see his name on several applications that are forwarded to me from **Sam Cariano** our Adjutant. I am proud to say (I didn't take this job because I am bashful) that I have been involved in soliciting nearly 50 of the new members. The membership from my former outfit **423/M** has grown from 9 in September 87 to 21 at this date. It's been a lot of fun, as the enthusiasm grows, so will grow the membership. Imagine what would happen if each member solicited one other former 106th Infantry Division man.

Again, I am sure that I have missed other missionaries to our cause, I don't want to close this without mention of the perennial producers our Treasurer **Sherod Collins** and Adjutant **Sam Cariano**, they are always in there pitching for new ones.

New Members - Welcome!

Following NEW MEMBERS have joined since the last CUB

DIV/HQ

Jones, William T. 16 Club Lane Reading, PA 19607

Recruited by Sherod Collins, Bill writes— Married to wife Betty for 41 years, 2 Daughters— 3 Grand-Daughters. Retired from a life time of retailing in January 1987. Play as much golf as possible.

106 QM

White, William H. 6 Western Ave Natick, MA 01760

Recruited by Gill Helwig Bill says— Retired after 39 years with the Highway department. Joined the 106th in Fort Jackson from the beginning until discharged in 1945.

422/A

Lamar, Thomas M. 131 S. Emma Olathe, KS 66061

Lucero, Isaac A. 516 Alverado SE

Albuquerque, NM 87108

Recruited by Gill Helwig— Isaac writes; After being captured near St Vith I was sent with 44 others to an open pit mine. We received very little food and were hardly able to work, we lasted about one week. After being sent to several places, I can't remember the names of the camps or towns, I ended up in Stalag 4-B and was liberated there.

I hear that there is a Prisoner of War Medal. Please let me know about the Medal.

Your loving Comrade, Isaac A. Lucero.

(Editor's Note) Isaac the POW Medal has not yet been issued. It is in the second year of delay, but I heard recently that it should be released this summer. We will publish any details we learn in this publication "THE CUB."

422/AT

Zampieri, Tullio 4 White Street Barre, VT 05641

Recruited by Gill Helwig, he writes — Have a family of 9 children and 13 grandchildren, my hobby is restoring antique automobiles. (Welcome back to the 106th Tullio).

Wilson, William L. 111 Forest St. Hamden, CT 06518

Joined 2/25/88, I haven't received any further information.

422/B

Korbel, George Rte 2, Box 86 Roberts, WI 54023

Another from Russ Gunvalson's list.

422/C

Bozman, V.C. 307 Oliver St. Crewe, VA 23930

Joined 3/7/88

Wessels, Robert R. 2005 Shades Crest Road Huntsville, AL 35801

Dear Sherod, Thanks so much for your letter. You really got me out of my "Gloom period." I am enclosing my application for membership. Our two children are grown and have left the nest, the last dog died and my wife, Jerry and I are enjoying semi-retirement here in Northern Alabama. Our only regrets are that our two grandchildren are miles away in England and in the State of Washington.

We are pleased to join up with the Association after all these years and appreciate the opportunity to see some of you again.

422/CN

Purcell, Thomas I. 17 Treat St. Stamford, Conn. 06906

New Members - Welcome!

Formerly Tech Sgt, Platoon Sergeant, Cannon/422.

Married — 4 children, 3 grandchildren. Entered Life Insurance business in 1951, worked for 22 years with Metropolitan Life. Took early retirement in 1973 after 12 years as District Manager in New York State.

Returned to Stamford and entered the real estate business as a "semi — retired" profession. Have had this position for 14 years directing a staff of six — maintaining multiple listing service for over 050 members.

Am planning to retire (fully) in a year or so. Health is good, play golf whenever I can. Do a lot of traveling with my wife. Anxious to hear from anyone from Cannon/422.

422/D

Rosenberg, Winfield (Nick) 36 Love Creek Park Lewes, DE 19958

Recruited by **Jack McDevitt** 81st ENG/A, McDevitt writes — The enclosed article (a newspaper article) appeared last Wednesday, 17 Feb. in a small local newspaper where I read **Nick** was a member of the 106th. I called him and he invited me out. He is not in the best of health (70% disability) but would like to travel to **ROANOKE** this fall. Not mentioned in the article that he is Jewish. Even though American, he was transferred in February of 45 to a concentration camp with other Americans and European Jews. (editor's note), The article is entitled "**LOVE CREEK POW Reminisces: I'll Go to Heaven Because I've already been to Hell**" Nick writes on a small note attached — "Dear Friend Sherod, I was in 422/D. A Jack McDevitt told me about the 106th Association and getting **THE CUB**. I was captured in the Bulge and went to Bad Orb, was later segregated and sent to Berga."

(Ed. note) The article explains that Berga was near Buchenwald, almost straddling the Czech border, but it was not on any list of German POW Camps. The men labored from dawn to Dark moving rock from tunnels being blasted into nearby mountains. Nick was 25 at the time. The article explains that Rosenberg survived Berga, a German POW Camp for Jews and other un-desirables — less than 100 of the 350 people sent there in the waning days of World War II are believed to have survived. he was liberated on 20 March along with others that had evacuated the camp against oncoming troops.

If you have further interest I suggest you write a note to Nick. The article has a photo (German) taken at the camp, with Nick and others shown. None of the survivors weighed over 90 pounds.

422/E

Rudnick, Miron 11 Woodland Dr. Howell, NJ 07731

Mr Collins — **Ernie Vermont** from Baltimore told me about the 106th Association. I was in the same outfit as him, as a S/Sgt. Enclosed find my membership fee. Thanks.

422/F

Mays, Joseph A. 276 Forrest Rd. Huntington, WV 25705

Recruited by **Gill Helwig**, he writes — After being liberated from 9B, Bad Orb, he remained in the hospital till 5 December 1945. Had a tough time settling down. Enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps (Reserve) and was placed on active duty with the Inspector's Staff of the 4th Engineer Battalion, USMC(R) 1 July 48. Transferred his Reserve Status to Regular Marine Corps served from 1 July 48 thru 31 Aug 66. Served in places like Korea — Jan 53-Apr 55, with the 1st Marine Division; Recruiting duty until 58, Marine Corp Air Station MCAS, Cherry Point, NC from 58 to 63. transferred to 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa. Suffered a heart attack in late 64 — flown back to U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, then onto Marine Barracks Phila. Later to Marine Corp Schools, Quantico, VA where I trained young officers till 66. Obtained the rank of Gunnery Sergeant in 56, turned down a commission as Warrant Officer in 66, He would have had to serve 10 more years to retire at Officer's pay, and serve a tour in VietNam. He married a very lovely lady (sounds like a Marine), **Edna Mae Crisel Mays**, has one son, Michael, who is employed by the Continental Insurance Company as Senior Brokerage Officer. Michael's wife, Sharon is head of

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Nuclear Medicine in Woodbridge, VA. We have two grandchildren, Chris and Meredith Ann. My wife and I are both retired from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, my wife was an accountant and I retired as Chief, Procurement & Supply Division. Signed Joe.

422/G

Bryan, James B. 2330 Fairview Dr. Macon, GA 31206

Recruited by Gill Helwig, he writes - Retired 20 years Army, 21 years Medical Center of Central Georgia, Macon. I was a regular Army advisor for the Michigan National Guard from 47 to 51 stationed in Flint, Michigan.

422/H

Brown, Kenneth H. 10 Maple Ave Freeport, ME 04032

*Hi Gill, thanks for your solicitation letter. I was in 422/H, Stalags 9B and 9A. Would like to hear from anyone who knew me back then. I'm married with three children and two grandchildren. My wife's name is **Dorothy**, we are both retired. We will see you at the ROANOKE Reunion in September. Our telephone is (207) 865 6679*

Fox, Robert J. 3604 46th Ave Rock Island, IL 61201

Please note Fox is 422/H, we published his name in the February CUB listed as "Unit Unknown." At press time in Feb we did not have a letter from him. I do now — John, enlisted Oct 42, went to Camp Roberts, transferred to the Air Corps, sent to Spearfish, SD for Cadet Training. Two weeks prior to commissioning was sent back to the Infantry, joined the 106th at Atterbury. Ended up as a rifleman, captured in The Bulge, went to Stalag 9B, Bad Orb. My wife and I are presently active members of the Western Illinois Chapter — American EX-POWs.

422/HQ

Barker, Thomas 2938 Hale St Philadelphia, PA 19149

Dear Sherod, I was in the original cadre with the 422nd and served from Feb 1943 till Oct 1944. I then left and went to Ft Benning (OCS). The Division was alerted, so I resigned at Benning before going to school. I requested transfer back to the 106th. My request was not accepted.

I served with 3 Divisions, but my one and only love was the 106th Infantry Division. Please accept my membership, I would like to see some of the men I served with.

Luoma, Edwin O. 2027 Kaleva Dr. Eveleth, MN 55734

*Another new member from Russ Gunvalson's list. He writes — Wife's name **Mildred**, married 5/2/43 Camp Roberts, California; Four children, 2 boys, 2 girls, 6 grandchildren (4boys, 2 girls). Retired July 1978 Chief Claim Agent of Duluth, Nussche & Iron Range Co. (US Steel). Member of DAV, active in EX-POW Arrowhead Chapter in Hibbing, MN*

422/HQ 2BN

Nausin Jr., Frank 624 Masonic Ave Albany, CA 94706

*John, Thanks again for your phone call and kind attention to sending me information about the 106th Infantry Division Association. Corporal HQ Company Ammunition & Pioneer Platoon, captured 17 Dec 44. Stalag 4-B. Wife **Clara**.*

422/F

Hanke, R.E. 2384 Sun Valley Cir Wheaton, Maryland 20906

Sherod, I did not know that such an organization as the 106th Infantry Association existed, until a friend wrote me and told me of it. I joined the Division in December of 1943 and was assigned to 422/F. I was with them through the BULGE, and was taken prisoner. The rest is history. Any information you can send me would be appreciated.

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422/HQ 3BN

Green, James C. 2736 S W 60th Pl Oklahoma City, OK 73159

422/K

Boatright, Winford Rte 3 Box 205 Alma, GA 31510

Recruited by Gill Helwig, he writes - Married Virginia November 1950. We have 6 children and 8 grandchildren. I have been in the Post Office for 34 years and will retire February 1988. Captured 19 Dec 1944, liberated 24 April 45, discharged from Welch Convalescents in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Peters Jr., David J. 457 Morning Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15236

422/L

Braaten, Carl Box 492 Osceola, WI 54020

Recruited by Gill Helwig.

Howland, Everette W. 45 Ships Rudder Dr Box 419 Mashpee, MA 02649

Recruited by Gill Helwig, he writes - 45 - 54 Western Auto Supply; 54 - 73 Western Auto Dealer, Owned and Operated; 74 - 88 Moved to Cape Cod, Remodeler. Married 40 years to Ruth, 2 children. Belong to Ex-POW, DAV. Stalags 4B - 4A - Leipzig Hospital.

Rogers, Francis J. 708 Brigadoon Cir. Leesburg, Florida 32788

Dear John, Presently retired, formerly lived in Stratford, Conn. Interned in Stalag IV-B Muhlberg, later transferred to LAZ IV for medical reasons. Here are my dues plus \$10.00 for the MEMORIAL FUND.

422/M

Buckley, Vincent J. 678 A - Newcastle Court Lakewood, NJ 08701

Ex-Staff Sergeant - retired April 78, Employed by County of Essex, Newark, NJ for 27 years. Last seven years was Clerk of the Essex County Grand Jury. Family - 2 children Barbara and Robert (both married), 5 grandchildren, Now living in a Retirement Village, Original Leisure Village.

422/SV

Morawski, Alexander 605 Marquette Calumet City, IL 60409

Recruited by Howard Niemitz (one of our new members). Howard met Alexander at a AX-POW meeting and asked him to join. Alexander, like many of us that have recently joined, did not know the 106th Infantry Division Association existed. Welcome back to the 106th Alexander.

Petroff, Frank 916 First Street Pepin, WI 54759

Another from Russell Gunvalson's list.

423/A

Lane, William M. 1714 Peachtree Circle S. Jacksonville, FL 32207

Recruited by Gill Helwig - He write, many thanks for the application. Will send more information later. Would like to have a copy of the previous CUB if possible.

423/AT

Botz, Art J. 720 Sinclair Lewis Lane Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Another new member from Russell Gunvalson's list

423/B

Cox, Phillip D. 1330 Carroll White Dr Indianapolis, IN 46219

Recruited by Gill Helwig, he writes - Gill, your letter much appreciated. Married to Jean

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42.5 years, 2 children, 4 grandchildren. Plan to retire November, 1988.

Loudermilk, Teddy L. PO Box 367 Bingham Lake, MN 56118

Teddy's name given to me by Russell Gunvalson 81st ENG/A.(Ed.)

423/C

Cahill, John A. 7 Crawford Dr. Woburn, MA 01801

Recruited by Gill Helwig.

Rosalia, John 632 Grant Ave Baldwin, NY 11510

Another of Gill Helwig's contacts — John writes, My wife and I have been blessed with good health and after 32 years of being self-employed we are now enjoying the fruits of our hard work. Would like to hear from anyone who was with me in Co. C, 423rd Regiment.

423/CN

Skinner, William M. 660 Woodsmill Rd Gainesville, GA 30501

Recruited by Gill Helwig

423/D

Hoffmaster, Wendel 117 South First St. Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

Recruited by Gill Helwig, Wendell writes — "Windy Hoffmaster" came back to Wisconsin, went to college, taught school for 1 year and then went into the Hotel and restaurant business. I am now semi-retired. Hope to make it to ROANOKE in September.

Hunter, David 417 Messenger St Johnstown, PA 15902

Recruited by John Kline David was ASTP University of Alabama prior to joining Division at Atterbury. Thanks David, Good Luck.

423/G

Brewniak, Stanley W. 703 East Warren Rockton, IL 61072

Recruited by Gill Helwig.

423/HQ

McClure, Charlie (Clint) 8607 E. 77th Pl. Tulsa, OK 74133

Recruited by Gill Helwig, he writes — Received a BSME degree in 1949. Worked out of the El Paso, Texas office as Pipe Line Engineer until 1968. Retired from that company and took up same work for another before retiring in 1987. Retirement is great. I spent my POW life in Stalag 4B. Have had very little contact with my Regimental HQ Company since then.

Strong, George W. 4936 Glendale Ct SE Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Gilbert, Thanks for taking time to write me. because I live so far away from most of the activity there has not been much incentive to join. A few months ago my old Sergeant (Robert Grimes) got on me to join, so it was just a few days ago that I sent in my dues. Sorry that you are a week late with your application. When I get to a reunion I will be happy to meet you.

I was in the Xmas Eve raid at Limburg, spent a few days at Muhlberg 4-B. More than a hundred of us were taken in box-cars to Dresden and stayed in the slaughter house and worked in town. After May 8 I saw enough Russians to last me for a life time.

Sincerely, George Strong.

423/HQ 2BN

Paulson, Dorayne Rte 1 Luck, WI 54853

Another from Russ Gunvalson's list. Dorayne writes — I was with 423/HQ 2BN as an aircraft gunner-truck driver. After capture was in Stalag 4-B, Bad Orb. was in the box-cars

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that were bombed at Limburg on Xmas Eve. We were taken to a place along the Elbe River and put to work on rebuilding the railroads. I escaped with Keith Gintner of Fairfield, Montana. After discharge I finally came back to this area. I became a Rural Mail carrier and have been retired over a year. My wife Betty and I live in a log home which we built. My hobbies are old cars and Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Still would like to locate some men from our old unit. Looking for a Roy Regal from Wisconsin; Allen Hayes from Chicago area and Robert Shur from Skokie area.

Tomlinson, Ryan E. 1718 Madison Rd. Unit 17 Columbia, SC 29204

Sorry we missed listing your name in the February CUB Ryan. Welcome back to the 106th.

423/I

Montgomery, James #130 151 11th Pipeline Ave Chino, CA 91709

Recruited by Gill Helwig, he writes - Stalags IX-B & IX-A, back to Arizona. Arizona State University—1949; Pittsburgh Steelers, Football season 1948; Football Coach, Phoenix JR. College 49-59; Arizona State Commander Ex-POW 50-51; Equipment Leasing, Los Angeles 60-67; California Department of Corrections 68-88; Retired

423/K

Bailes, Russell G. 1113 Derian Place Nakomis, FL 34275

Russell writes that he retired from Dept of Business Regulation Division of Beverage in January 84 after 25 years. His wife is Etta and they have three children, Sharon, Russell III and Eric. Have four grandchildren. Love living in Florida.

Grivetti, Louis G. 345 Shawnee Dr. Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Dear Sam, drafted December 43, basic at Camp Croft, advanced training at Camp Shelby, then Asst BAR man in 423/K at Atterbury, captured 19 December, Stalag IV-B, then to Slaughterhouse, Dresden. Took R&R at Lake Placid, sent to Camp Robinson to train recruits and discharged.

Couldn't stand coal mines, re-enlisted served in Japan, Germany, Korea, trained recruits at Fort Knox, Ft. Lee and instructed in Air Craft Maintenance, after several years as A/C mechanic and Tech-Inspector, then retired February 1966.

Had 21.5 years. Wood badge trained Scoutmaster, Serving on District round table, awarded Silver Beaver, active in Civil War living history, portraying a Confederate Colonel. Awarded Kentucky Colonel by the Governor in 1966.

Met my wife while in service, she was serving as an Army Nurse. Married 38 years. Have a daughter, Louise, who is employed by U.S. Postal inspection service. Have been employed by Corning Glass optical Co. Retired again with 22 years, for good this time on Feb. 1, 1988

423/M

Burke, James 1125 Quail Hollow Road Kernersville, NC 27284

(editor's Note) Jim Burke was the second man I contacted from 423/M in May of 1987, since then my list has grown to 35. He helped me get my head out of the sand by telling me about the AX-POW Association, the Ex-POW Protocol exams and helped me get a great start in my pursuit of my past. Lou Edeleman 423/M, was the first contact I made from an old Veteran's of the Bulge list.

Recently Jim put me in contact with Julian Burnside 423/M, in Land O'Lakes, FL. Julian called me on the 4-5th of March—Jim Burke was sitting in his front room visiting with him. Julian is away on a business trip and will be joining the Association after he gets back. Thanks for the new member Jim (Jim just joined recently)

Burnside, Julian 182 King Lake Drive Land O'Lakes, FL 34639-3711

Solicited by Jim Burke/John Kline, he states—Am married to Lidia, have four children, 3 grandchildren. Still working with Underwriters Laboratories, doing Public relations work with Government Authorities.

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Was captured 19 December, 1944. Was marched, starved, packed in box-car for days during which it was bombed on Christmas Eve 1944. Eventually wound up at Stalag 4-B. Was sent with 150 others to a Kommando work camp at Dresden.

Survived the incessant fire bombing of Dresden — went through the ordeal of marching, pushing loaded wagons, strafed by the Russians, on into Sudetenland. Was liberated by the Russians on 9 May, 1945. Took off on my own to get back to the American lines — never made it!

Picked up by searching American Ambulance in Pierna (?) approximately two weeks later. Back to Stateside through a series of hospitals and discharged from the Welch Convalescent Hospital 5 October, 1945.

It's absolutely fantastic to suddenly be hearing from some of my old buddies!

Camarda, Vincent 1930 73rd St Brooklyn, NY 11204

Recruited by John Kline — Vince didn't write anything on his application, but it is very nice to have him join. He is one of the 423/M men that I have been sending information since May of 87. Welcome back Vince. (This may not be you — but if it is not I apologize) I ran across an old letter to the former Editor, Richard DeHeer, from Sam Katz of the 28th Division, who was also in Stalag 8A, he mentions taking his nightly stroll and stopping by "Vinnie Camarda's "Chicken Deli." It might be another Camarda, but it is interesting that I came across that name about the same time you joined the Association. Katz's letter was written in January of 85.

Fazio, Joseph R. 1120 Foxhill Dr T-8 Monroeville, PA 15146

Recruited by John Kline, he writes - John, it was really nice talking to you. It really doesn't seem like 43 years have passed since those days in Dec 1944. I was liberated 3/27/45, discharged 11/18/45. In June of 46 I was admitted to the VA Hospital for removal of shrapnel from the right forearm and pleural cavity. Am currently 80% disabled for residuals of those injuries. (Joe was a mortar man and relates that his mortar was bracketed by 88's at which time he was wounded. He was picked up by the German Medics. During captivity he was kept hospitalized. To continue — I was married 12/14/40, 1st daughter Nov 42, drafted April 43, second daughter April 50, and 3rd daughter April 55. All are married and have given us seven grandchildren. I retired on disability retirement from the Vets Administration October 1977. My wife and I are 67 years of age. John, thanks for contacting me.

Kotlarich, Paul 361 North Central Ramsey, NJ 07446

Recruited by John Kline, Paul was a section leader in M/423

(Ed. note — Paul sent a drawing or schematic made in Stalag 9A showing the various assignments made in each barracks. eg: Barracks Leader etc. In the next issue, August there will be some pictures and articles about Zeigenhain 9A. Paul's list of names will appear there.

Noe, (Tex) Carthel E. 565 Harvard Ave Gladstone, OR 97207

Tex's wife Julia writes — Tex got hit on the 19th of December 1944, was able to hit and run with a few other 106th men until 24 December, 1944. Was a prisoner at Bad Orb, 9B. Was liberated Easter Sunday April 1945. His health has been very poor since 1973 when he had to retire because of war disabilities. Worked in construction on crushing plants and large shovels till he could no longer handle that. Continued in auto mechanics till he could no longer work in 1955. Tex has had three major surgeries in the last few months. Married (second wife) for 38 years. six children. Would love to hear from his old buddies. Phone number 503-656-9576.

John Kline, CUB Editor in his pursuit of old 423/M Company men found us and has kept us with information since May or June of 1987. (Julia, thanks, we now have 21 423/M Company men in the Association. Editor-John Kline)

New Members - Welcome!

Venegoni, Vincent J. 4633 Tower Grove Place Saint Louis, MO 63110

Hi John, Hope this finds you in good health. We were married July 11, 1944, have 3 children, 7 grandchildren. I was number 3 in the draft drawing in Oct 1940. I was in the grocery business and returned to that after the War, then purchased a 24 lane Bowling alley, then in 1958 built a 32 lane alley, then in 67 purchased a 10 lane alley in a small town. Retired in 1979.

In the Army I spent 2.5 years in Alaska then joined M/423 in August of 1944. you know the rest of the history. Was at 4-B then on the forced march out of Stalag 8-A, same as you. My old Division the 35th liberated me 20 kilometers outside of Braunschweig (Brunswick). Reached U.S. by Hospital ship. Discharged Aug 2, 1945.

(Ed's Note) Thanks Vincent, nice to have another 423/M member aboard. I was liberated about 15 miles East of Brunswick in Helmstedt. I was beyond the point of walking and had been thrown on a "sick wagon." I never did know what Division went through there, I assume from what you say that it was the 35th. Thanks.

Vigue, Donald J. 6028-51 McDaniel Lane Charlotte, NC 28213

John, Received your latest M Company/423rd News Letter. You put so much time and effort into making this a great organization, and tracking down the 423/M members that it makes me realize, even though I am very busy in other things, that I should not drop ties to such a friendship. Please find my re-instatement dues enclosed.

Thanks for everything John. (Don vigue is a very busy and dedicated worker for the AX-POW. He is Commander of the large Charlotte Chapter (The Metro Chapter). — Thanks Don for your kind words. John Kline

423/MED

Brown, Bernard T. S. Hurd St PO Box 2 Cazenovia, NY 13035

Recruited by Gill Helwig.

Hunt, Kenneth 437 Grayfriars Lane Palatine, IL 60067

Juriga, Richard S. 1169 Memorial Dr. Calumet City, IL 60409

Shown in February as 423/CN. Sorry Dick.

Wing, Carlton P. 10 Landing Woods Lane Falmouth, ME 04105

Recruited by Gill Helwig.

423/SV

Burns, William R. 48 Hollywoods Dr Apt B Fort Thomas, KY 41075

Recruited by Gill Helwig he writes — B.S. Degree 1951 American University, Washington D.C., M.E. Degree 1967 University of Cincinnati, Retired 1984. Worked in Commercial and Public Radio & TV, as on-air personality, Program Director and in Management in Cincinnati, Miami, Houston, Charleston and Providence, RI. Was also a Communications Faculty member at Miami Univ, Univ. of Cinn. and Northern University.

Prior to joining the 106th was in ASTP at Clarkson College, Postdam, NY and in Air Corps in Stuttgart, Kansas.

Captured 19 Dec, 1944, a short stay in Stalag 4-B, but mostly in Stalag IV-A (during the Dresden air raid of February 13, 1945), liberated by the Russians on May 9, 1945 near the Czech border. I expect to attend the ROANOKE Reunion in September.

McVoy, Robert E. Rte 8 Cold Brook Poland, NY 13431

Recruited by W. J. Melichar 423/SV, he tells Bill — Sorry I didn't answer your letter back in 85. I was paying dues to over twelve organizations and swore I wouldn't join anything else. Your pictures alone are worth the \$10.00, so here are my dues.

Can you top this one? I sold an ex-German Tank Commander a new car the other day. He

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was in the Panzer outfit that captured me on December 16th, 1944. He was later captured by the Yanks just thirty miles from his home in Germany. He spent two years in a prison camp in France. I am the only one still working out of over thirty members in our local POW Club. Plan to start taking some more time off. Hope to be in Florida for 3 weeks this winter. (This letter was dated 1/13/88, but I received it on 3/14/88 -Ed.)

Starmack, John S. 22 Mell Drive North Babylon, NY 11703

*Dear Sherod — Funny, after all the years I have been out I now find I have missed a lot of reunions. Just last year I received a 106th Division decal from **Sal Grasso**. I originally came to the 423rd from McKeesport, PA, spent a lot of time with **Carl Travers** along with the rest of the Service Company.*

*Talked with **Noon's** wife over the Holiday and she and **Clete** sent me your address. I looked at my old book for the 106th Division and found your signature in the back and your Waycross, GA address. I am sending along a copy of the Service Company picture, one with my picture circled and one to return with yours to be circled. I think I remember where you were standing, but after 45 years I don't want to go out on a limb. Best wishes for a NEW YEAR! signed John Starmack.*

Ulin, William 18601 Sunburst St. Northridge, CA 91324

Dear Sherod

Living in California since my Army discharge. Am retired after 20 years as a Los Angeles police officer and an additional 18 years with the Department of Public Works. Health good except for poor eye sight. Lost sight of one eye due to Histoplasmosis, then in 84 became legally blind in the other from the same disease. I am told that Histo... is a fungus prevalent in the Ohio River valley. Have had two VA operations and have regained some sight. The only time I was in the Ohio River Valley was while stationed at Camp Atterbury, wonder if any other guys have had this problem.

Still married to the same dear wife of my Army years, with three wonderful children. I would be very please to have a list of the Service Company members and the picture you mentioned.

Thanks

Bill

424/Co. not listed

Niemitz, Howard P. 759 N. 400th East Valparaiso, IN 46383

*We missed Howard in the Feb CUB as a new member, our apologies Howard. Nice talking to you on the phone and thanks for recruiting **Alexander Murawski** for the Association (he is listed elsewhere in this column). Good Luck, we know you have been enjoying your AX-POW meetings. Again our apologies for not listing you last issue, as you did join in December at **Russell Villwock's** Dec 16th Commemoration party.*

424/CN

Grimes, George O. Rte 4 Box 161 Waynesburg, PA 15370

Mason, Frank L. 417 Watertown St. Newton, MA 02158

Ross, Frank E. 23205 Sutton Dr Southfield, MI 48034

Retired since 1984 at age 59, after 20 years as university professor of English, and previously as Supervisor of English for the Detroit Public Schools. Seven books and 30 articles published.

I was a member of the Association for it's two reunions in Indianapolis and detroit, then it seemed to have dissolved, thanks for the name of Jack Bryant.

424/D

Gerlach, Phillip 2005 Marshall Avenue St Paul, MN 55104

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Another from Bob Sandberg's list.

424/HQ

Emmert, David S. 834 Monroe Ave Hagerstown, MD 21740

This past Christmas I sent a card to an old buddy of mine and through that I learned there was still a 106th Association, that was very much alive and having some great times together at the reunions. That "ole buddie" was John Fritz (86-87 President). I started with the Division at Fort Jackson, trained with them, went overseas with them, fought with them and returned home after V-J Day with them. I attended the first meeting of the Association in Camp Lucky Strike and belonged to the Association in the late forties and fifties, then somewhere along the line lost track. I was with Headquarters Company all the way. I was wire team chief in the Communications Platoon, later became wire chief of the Headquarters Company. If you have a copy of "St Vith, A Lion in the Way" and turn to the pages of photographs in the back you will find a full page photo of me. The caption said "Private D.S.E., but at the time I was Regimental Wire Chief and Platoon Sergeant. Keep up the great job you are doing.. Enjoyed the Feb-March CUB from cover to cover. Congratulations to those that have kept the Association alive!.

(Editor's Note) I hope you don't get tired of my "Editor's Notes," Recently through the good graces of Edward Prewett, 424/B of Brentwood, California and Frank Lapato, 422/HQ, Kittanning, Pennsylvania I received an answer for my plea to build up a library of old CUBs (to be used as historical material for the editor, present and future). Amongst the two shipments I now have CUBs starting with Vol 3, No.1 August 1946, through Vol 5, No.2, Oct-Nov 1948. The next batch starts on Vol 16, No. 1 of Sept-Oct 1959 on through to the present publications. I am sure I am missing some amongst those two separate series, but it was great to receive such a valuable collection. I will conserve them to be passed on to the next editor. To get to the point of my "Editor's Note." In vol 3, No.1, the President was ex-Staff Sergeant David A. Price. Editor was H. B. Livesey. This was the "Maiden" issue of the civilian CUB. From further reading I determined that prior to Vol 3 there had been "Newspapers" issued while overseas. In this issue there was a column entitled "THIS BUSINESS OF CHARTER" MEMBERS. It recited the "Charter Meeting" held at Camp Lucky Strike, there were 71 names on the original roster, despite a head count at the meeting of 117 men. David S. Emmert, S/Sgt Hq. Co. 424th Inf. of at that time from Fountain Head Heights, Hagerstown, Md was amongst those on the roster. Included in the Camp Lucky Strike roster of 71 men were Frank Aspinwall, 589/HQ, Pontchatoula, LA, then S/Sgt Aspinwall from Rome, NY; William J. Donovan, DIV/HQ, Ridgewood, NY, then T/4 Donovan from Brooklyn, NY; John L. Hall, 423/SV, Sebring, FL, then M/Sgt Hall from Coltwah, Tenn; and William B. Harris, 423/SV, West Reading, PA, then Cpl Harris from West Reading, PA. These gentlemen are presently members of our 106th Infantry Division Association. They could be called "our forefathers." (I don't have the date of the meeting, but our original BY-LAWS were drafted September 15, 1945) to mimick Walter Cronkite, through their eyes "YOU ARE THERE." "Congratulations gentlemen, you were definitely on the ground floor in the start of our great Association.

Lennstrom, Edward 839 Highland Rd R.R. Frankfort, IL 60423

We showed Ed's last name as Linstrom in the February CUB, sorry Ed.

424/HQ 1BN

Young, Harold Scott 597 Highland Hills Dr. Howard, Ohio 43208

To Sherod, was in the 424/HQ 1st Battalion, Communications platoon.

424/M

Downing, Buster Box 23 Lulu, FL 32061

Recruited by Gill Helwig

McMurray, William C. 566 E. McMurray Rd McMurray, PA 15317

Referred by Frank Borbely

589/A

Roy, Charles J. Rte 1 Rayland, OH 43943

Mr Collins, It has recently come to my attention the existence of the 106th Infantry

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Division Association. I would appreciate being included in the membership. Enclosed are my dues and those for my wife. I hear there was an interesting article "In Memory of General McMahon" in the Nov, Dec, Jan 87-88 issue. Would like a copy of that article. (Sherod sent a copy)

589/C

Karnes, Herbert M. 18 Lime Lane (W) Okeechobee, FL 33474

Recruited by Gill Helwig.

589/HQ

Kelly Jr., T. Paine Box 1531 Tampa, FL 33601

Recruited by Sherod Collins, Kelly was the CO of the 589 FA.

590/HQ

Binder, Clarence M. 117 North Elm Mt Prospect, IL 60056

Recruited by Gill Helwig, he writes — Many thanks for your letter of Jan 21 concerning membership information. I was aware of the organization (Association) but had no knowledge of who to contact. It wasn't until I joined the Ex-POW Association that I began to hear about the 106th. I'll give you the name of my Ex-Sergeant, Robert Dean, 9130 E. Crescent Dr., Inverness, FL 32650. (Any of you Floridians — give Robert Dean a call and solicit his membership). I did attend the first two reunions of the 106th, one in Indianapolis and the other in Chicago — that goes a long wayback. I am a self-employed Advertising Consultant & Designer. I was inducted March 43, assigned to 590/HQ as scout corporal. Captured 19 December. Stalags 4B-Muhlberg, 8A-Gorlitz and 11B-Fallingbostal, liberated by british forces 16 April, 1945. Returned to States via London; Camp Stoneman, California; and Camp Beale, California. Discharged November 45.

(Editor's Note) Clarence, looks like I was with you most all the way. On our 415 mile evacuation march from Gorlitz 8A, I went north out of Duderstad to Brunswick. Your notation of being liberated at Fallingbostal confirms that some of the 8a evacuees went the same route as the British, that is from Duderstad to Fallingbostal.

I sent letters, in June of 1987, to 41 known 106th members who had been in 8A — the names came from Ex-POW Assoc list — you apparently have joined them since.

Clarence is one of the many new members that was solicited by Gill Helwig of M Company 423rd.

590/A

Underwood, Jake Rural Route One Uniontown, Kansas 66779

Recruited by Sherod Collins — Welcome back to the 106th Jake!

591/No Battery given

English, Daniel F. 94 Arnold Street Methuen, Maryland

To Sherod, Jack Schlessner gave me this address. He said to ask you for a copy of the FEB-MAR CUB. Dan's wife died twelve years ago, and my husband died nine years ago. Dan and I were married last April. He didn't care to go to the reunions, but this time he will and I will go with him. We are looking forward to it.

signed Mary

Then from Dan... Dear Sherod, Thought I would put in my two cents worth. I don't think we have ever met, but I hope to see you in ROANOKE in September. signed Dan.

592/A

Neiweem, Edward P. 505 North Russell Mt Prospect, IL 60056

592/C

Jones, John A. 71 Orlo Dr. Zephyr Hills, FL 34248

Recruited by Frank Borbely, he writes — Married 46 years, 4 children, 11 grandchildren.

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Moved to Florida from Pennsylvania 6 years ago. We are very active in golf and bowling, enjoy it very much. Looking forward to seeing the fellows from our outfit. Thanks

Lorah, Elwood Rte # 6 Box245 Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Referred by Association member Frank Borbely. Elwood states — We are retired, have two sons who were in the service also. Hoping to see all our comrades at ROANOKE. I am contacting three other buddies. Welcome back to the 106th Elwood.

81st ENG/A

Broadbent, Thomas D. 4554 Monroe Avenue San Diego, CA 92115

John, Just got you solicitation letter, which I was very happy to receive. Over the years I have kept in touch with a few members of the 81st Engineers. One friend **Abe Garbin** of Girard, Illinois died recently. I am sure you got my name from **Robert Sandberg of St Paul, Minnesota**. (your right Tom) I have my own home here in San Diego, my mother will be 90 this August, my dad died 5 years ago at the age of 90.

Hammar, Arthur E 224 10th Street Lowell, MA 01850

Another from **Bob Sandberg's** list given to me at the December 16th Minneapolis party.

81st ENG/B

Bartholomew, Theron 232 Lincoln Downers Grove, IL 60515

Recruited by **Gill Helwig**, he writes — I was with the 81st/B from the start until the Bulge. I am now in forced retirement due to poor health. Had a triple by pass in 86 and a severe blood clot in 87. I am still confined.

I would certainly like to hear from **Tony Palazzo** who was in my company. He probably saved my life while we were on a German prisoner train, by throwing himself over me during a strafing raid. I was known as "**Chicago**" in those days. Thanks.

Valenstein, Col Earle L. 5737 Bar Neck Rd. Cambridge, MD 21613

Colonel Earle L Valenstein, USA (Ret) writes; Joined the Division July 1944 at Atterbury, as a Platoon Commander in B/81st Engineers. On 18 dec 1944 while on patrol east of St Vith, I was wounded by a German hand grenade. Taken prisoner a day or two later. Held prisoner in Stalags VI-C and XI-B until liberated 16 April 1945 by the British 7th Armored Division.

I returned to the U.S. in May Of 45 and remained a patient at the Walter Reed Hospital until February 1946, when I was returned to general duty. Served continuously in a variety of assignments in the U.S. and overseas until retirement in 1970 as a Colonel of Engineers. In retirement my wife and I reside in Cambridge on the Eastern shore of Maryland, enjoying the land of pleasant living and sailing on Chesapeake Bay.

81st ENG/HQ

Barsema, Donald 2754 Maple Ave Yuma, AZ 92115

Another from **Bob Sandberg's** list. Don writes — Retired from U.S. Postal Service. Married to Lorraine for 43 years, have two children, James and Sandra — grandchildren. Glad to re-establish contact with the 81st Engineers through **Casimir Prokorym** of Stuebenville, Ohio and **Robert Sandberg** of St Paul, Minnesota.

ASSOC 422/D

Pitts, Mrs. Thomas W. 901 Orchard Road Richmond, VA 23226

(Editor's Note) Mrs Pitts is Thomas Pitt's widow. I contacted her while in the pursuit of former Stalag 8A prisoners. She expressed an interest in keeping in touch with former members of 422/D that knew her husband. Esther is a very gracious person and I am sure she would appreciate any support (in the way of a letter or card) you could give her.

UNIT NOT LISTED

Tarantino, Joseph C 47 Star Route Quakertown, PA 18951

Sherod, I was in the 106th when it was activated and up to the time of capture in Dec 1944.

I would like to join, what is cost for a Life Time membership.

"Editor's Notes," Joe, there are no Life Memberships offered at this time. The dues are annual and include the subscription to "THE CUB of the Golden Lion" our quarterly publication.

Colonel C.C. Cavender CO/423 Reg. writes.....

John & Margot

Thanks so much for the article about the conditions that were found on the hill outside Schoenberg. Joe Puett had told me that his brother -in-law had visited the battlefield and the things that he found there. I shall never forget it. Please let me express my sincere appreciation for the wonderful job you are doing as Editor for **THE CUB**.

My classmate, Col. Robinson lives here in Sun City, commanded a Regiment for the 79th Division. He showed me a very nice lapel pin depicting his Division's insignia (the Cross of Lorraine). I am sure a lapel pin would be greatly appreciated by all members of our Association. Perhaps you could present this idea to our Association Officers. I value very highly our Division insignia on a bolo necktie which

was given to those attending the meeting in Kentucky.

Our plans are all set for my 65th Class reunion at West Point, New York May 17th thru the 20th, 1988.

I hope to see some of the members of the Class of 43, who joined the Regiment just before we left Camp Jackson.

All the best to you and Margot.

Faithfully

Lois and the Colonel

From the WEST POINT ASSEMBLY

Colonel Charles C. Cavendar, Class of 23, recently celebrated his 90th birthday (Oct 3, 1987), and received a 90 Year Book album from the Association of Graduates. In his letter of thanks to AOG President Davison '39, Colonel Cavender reminisced on his appointment to West Point. We think his comments are worth sharing!

Dear General Davison,

May I again express our thanks for the beautiful album, it is beautiful and artistically done.

We enjoyed looking through it so much and needless to say it brought back many fond memories. The picture of me in my Cadet uniform is unbelievably good. I thought "Oh to be young again!"

"Since my appointment was somewhat unusual I am including a brief outline...

"I was in my 2nd year at Texas A&M and had taken competitive exams for West Point and Annapolis.

"I had been promised a principal appointment by Congressman Fritz Lanahan, for June 1918. In November 1917 a wave of patriotism swept over the campus and cadets were leaving by droves for service in the armed services, so I enlisted as a volunteer for the duration of WWI. We were to stay in A&M for 4 months studying signal communications. Wanting to get overseas, I volunteered for assignment to the 9th Field Signal Bn, 5th Division.

"While in the Argonne, I was selected to compete for an appointment to West Point. I arrived at my billet after midnight and took the examination for plane geometry the next morning. The War department had been given 90 appointments - the contestants to be one man from each regiment in the AEF. Approximately 200 competed and 18 made a passing grade. "Please note that the second person on the list who passed the exam was Charles Barret, late head of the Department of Modern Languages. I was roomed with Charlie until I was turned back in the spring of 1919. Charlie had a photographic mind and was one of the smartest persons I had ever known. I was turned back in Solid Geometry which I had successfully completed at Texas A&M!"

If we missed your article this issue, we hope to have it in the next one which will be mailed around August 15.

Thanks,

Mail Bag

Lanier Eason, member of **I/422**, left the 106th as a replacement for the 60th Infantry Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division.

In his two page letter, I repeat parts here, he says — I was eventually, after just missing OCS, assigned to the 106th at Fort Jackson as it was being "activated."

Somewhere along the line, I made Staff Sergeant and was busted down to a buck private. Following the Spring maneuvers in Tennessee I spent a short time in England and then joined C Company, 60th Reg., 9th Infantry Division during the Normandy Campaign. I fought my "shooting" war with the fantastic Ninth Division, which had first seen action in North Africa.

I "got mine" during the Northern France Campaign in the late summer of 1944, when I was hit, at point blank range, by a Schmeisser burp gun. I was evacuated to the States in the late fall of 1944, discharged November 1945.

I entered the University of Virginia in early 46, married a student nurse in late 47 and graduated, with one child on hand, in August 1950. I majored in Commerce (accounting), we lived and worked in various places in Virginia, South Carolina and Florida through to the end of 1983, when I retired as financial manager with the Dept. of the U.S. Navy. We returned to Charleston in 1961 and we remain here in retirement.

Treva, my wife, and I have 3 children. Sidney, a graduate of U. of Georgia, a Captain in the Army Reserves, with two children: Thomas, a graduate of the College of Charleston, who operates his own business, Eason Diving & Marine Contractors, Inc.; Caroline, our only daughter, a graduate of Clemson University, is office manager of Eason Diving. Treva, my wife, a registered nurse has worked very little during our 40 years of marriage, preferring to remain home with the children.

As a result of my confrontation with the German Schmeisser, I have been rated 100% by the V.A. ever since my discharge. My major accomplishment in life has been my marriage and providing an education

for my children. I have very little to brag about, but I *have been very happy*. (I think Lanier has a lot to brag about. You have done a great job. Congratulations Lanier! — editor)

Lanier Eason 422/I

436 Wade Hampton Dr.
Charleston, South Carolina 291412.

Dear Sam,

I am writing and hoping someone can put me in touch with "**Weldon Dennis, formerly of Ft. Worth, Texas.**" He was with me in **424/F**. The last time I saw him was in the 60's when he visited me in Vandalia. All of my letters sent to his Ft Worth address have been returned.

Cecil Clausen, 424/F

908 W. Lincoln St.
Vandalia, Illinois 62471.

John

Congratulations on your 1st CUB. — Good Job!

Recently my wife purchased a VCR tape for me. It was Reader's Digest, "**History World War II in Europe,**" — 4 volumes.

I viewed the tape of "**The Battle of the Bulge.**" I found it very interesting, Colonel Riggs, Battalion Commander of our 81st Engineers had a prominent part discussing the defense of St. Vith. Brought back many memories of the snow, cold weather, mud and fellow 106'ers.

December 16th Ralph Hill, an Associate member and I had dinner with our wives, in memory of **The Bulge**.

Best wishes to all. Thank you for your willingness to take over **THE CUB**, it is the most important "life line" of our Association.

Hope to see you in **ROANOKE**, September 88.

John I. Gallagher, 81st ENG/C

4003 Frances St.
Temple, PA 19560

John,

Happy belated birthday. Received **THE CUB** yesterday, it was great. Will have a story for you sometime in the future, my

brother Jul was in a P-38 group. He was stationed in Belgium, came to visit me in the Schnee Eifel on the 17th of December, was captured with me on the 19th. Keep up the good job John, yer ole POW buddy—"Brose."

Ambrose T. Collier

108 Walpole Road
Groto, New York 13073

John,
Just received your welcome letter on the 106th Association. I really should have waited until tomorrow to answer, because it is the day I was captured, 19 Dec 1944. Ed Kelly 423/D, is the only guy left that we have kept a Christmas card exchange with. For a few years we kept up with Timm, who also received your letter, but we lost track a few years ago.

The ROANOKE Reunion sounds very interesting to us.

It's been a long time!

J. H. Watters 423/G

56 Spring Lake Est.
Quincy, Illinois 62301

(Editor's note—Somewhere I ran across Watters by calling Kelly, after reading a note from him for the "Mail Bag.". I was looking for members that used to be in the ASTP program at the U. of Alabama. It was the wrong Kelly, but got me on the trail of Watters and David Hunter, 423/D whom I signed on as new members.

Dear Editor,

It was a pleasure for me to attend the National Convention of Ex-Prisoners of War in Charlotte in October, and to meet a number of former 106th members, many of whom I had not previously met. I managed to obtain a roster of 35 names. Some pictures were made, but I have been unable to obtain copies to send to you. I have addresses for them if anyone should need.

The attenders were:

106th ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

(Ed. note—Kommando = "Work Camp"—Listing in order, Name, Unit and Stalag/s)

- William Lange, 422/1 11B/Kommando
- Louis Grivetti, 423/K Slaughterhouse V Dresden
- Dean Redmond, 423/HQ 3BN 4B/Rabenau Kommando
- George Robertson, 590/C Stalag not listed
- George Moore, 422/B Stalag not listed
- Ross Gillikin, 422/I Stalag not listed

- Joe Guigno, 423/A Berga
- Dale Patrick, 589/C Berga
- Marion Blackburn, 422/F Stalag not listed
- Lonas Chesney, 422/G 4B
- Jack Sulser, 423/F 9B/9A
- William Wentz, 423/M 4B/4A/Kommando
- Donald Vigue, 423/M 4B/Kommando
- Roy Bigger, 423/HQ 12A/4B/3B/3A
- Gordon Zicker, 423/HQ Slaughterhouse V Dresden
- James Bard, 423/I Stalag not listed
- C.L. Cooper, 423/HQ 9B/9A
- Robert Fox, 422/HQ 9B
- Tom Lamar, 422/A Stalag not listed
- Ralph Bowles, 422/CN 9B
- Robert Eldridge, 422/G 12A
- Wes Eckblad, 422/D
- Mike Thome, 422/HQ 1BN 4B/6A
- John Kelly, 423/C Stalag not listed
- Charles Harvey, 424/A Hosp. II/Luft I

NOT CURRENTLY

ASSOC. MEMBERS

- William Diehl, 423/I Stalag not listed
- George Southam, 423/B 12A/4B/4A
- Robert Hanna, 422/HQ Stalag not listed
- John Ezelle, 423/A
- Walter Dunn, 422/D 9B
- Rudy Blalog, 590/C Stalag not listed
- Harold Shafer, 423/A 9B

signed,

Dean Redmond, 422/HQ 3BN

611 North Center St.
Statesville, N.C. 28677

(Editor's note—send a list of those that are not Association members to Gill Helwig, 423/M, 2006 Ontario #55, Niles, Michigan 49120. Gill is our membership committee, he is mentioned elsewhere in this CUB.)

Hi John,

Just a line to thank you for the wonderful job you are doing with THE CUB — We are proud that we selected you for the job. Keep up the good work. (Paul continued, relating the death of Wilburn (Rip) Wood. The notice of Rip's death, 2 January, appeared in the last CUB.)

Paul McMillan, 422/SV

294 Albermarle Pl.
Macon, GA 31204

Dear John,

You don't know me but I know a buddy of yours from 423/M, Joe Fazio, I met Joe at one of our POW seminars at the Highland VAMC in Pittsburgh. He had some papers, maps and your diary amongst other things that you had sent him. I too was a POW at Bad Orb 9B and Zeigehain 9A. I have copies of diaries from Joe Barish, I don't

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know which outfit, and from Troy Kimmel of Cannon/422.

John, I didn't get to read all the material that Joe had, could you send me a copy? Her's a little to cover the postage, Thank you for any material you can send.

Joe Fazio thinks you're OK with the phone call and all the material you sent, he is glad to get back in touch with the 106th and his old outfit.

Frank Lapato, 422/HQ

Rte 8 Box 403
Kittanning, PA 16201

(Ed. Note — Frank I was very happy to get in touch with Joe Fazio, he was number 34 on my list of contacts with my former 423/M comrades. Since then I have contacted Julian Burnside, they are now 106th Infantry Division Association members, and their resume appears in this publication in the "New Member" column I also want to thank you for the material you sent me on 9B and 9A, your pictures will appear in the August publication. I have several photos and articles on 9A/(B and 4B, and not enough room in this May publication, sorry. I particularly want to thank you for the old CUBs, you sent, Volumes from 1946 through 1948. They are in "The Editor's" CUB file and will be passed along to the next editor should something happen to me. The day before your package arrived I received a package of CUBs from Edward Prewett 424/B, of Brentwood CA. He included CUBs from 1958 to present. My library is growing. I am missing from 1948 to 1958. If anybody would like to donate CUBs to the "Editor's Library" they will be used solely for the editor's research and will be passed along to the next editor, or placed in the Division's Historical files.

Dear John

Received your M Company Bulletin" of February 10. Please note a change of address to 4210 Bob White Lane, Oakwood, GA 30566. (Change made in 106 roster and M Co. roster).

I sent my dues in September, I received a membership card, but Ruth did not.

Jesse M. Bishop, 423/G

4210 Bob White Lane
Oakwood, GA 30566

(Ed. Note — Jesse, the wife as an Auxiliary member does not receive a separate card. This has been the practice for some time. She is registered in the official records as an Auxiliary member. Thanks for your comments.)

Dear Sam,

I saw your memo in the Feb-Mar CUB about the patches. I would like 3 shoulder

patches and 2 blazer emblems, if they are still available.

We have quite a few 106th vets here in Boston that I see every week. About 60 POW's meet every week for a discussion session. It's great therapy for us. We also go to High Schools, Civic groups etc and give talks on our POW experiences. We have been very well received.

I am a very active member in the Massachusetts Charter #1 of the Ex-POW's. I was in 423/A and was held at Bad Orb for a while and then transferred to Berga on the Elister, the camp was a slave labor camp for American Jewish GI's and undesirables. Check enclosed for \$15.00 use the balance for the Memorial Fund.

Joseph Guigno, Sr., 423/A

15 Dix Street
Waltham, MA 02154

(Ed. note — Sam says thanks, \$2.00 balance applied to Memorial Fund.)

First, thanks for taking on THE CUB it was great. I appreciate you listing me on the Mobile Reunion roster. Please correct my unit. I was I/423 before the Bulge and K/42 after the breakthrough. See you in ROANOKE.

Howard Terrio, 423/I 424/K

4429 Briarwood Rd
Columbia, SC 29206

(Ed. note — Sorry Howard, a typo on my part, for your information and others — If you have a dual unit affiliation, your units appear on the official roster. However, in my roster it makes it difficult to sort the membership by unit when there are two units shown, so I use, until I am notified differently, the unit that was known to be the unit when the 106th went on the line. If I show two separate unit affiliations, it means two labels, to CUBs etc. So for my purpose, as Editor, I have two stick to one or the other of a multiple unit member. Thanks for drawing the mistake to my attention. If any of the other members have a preference as to the listed unit — let me know.

Dear Sam,

Just received THE CUB for Feb-Mar 1988, it brought back fond memories for me, seeing all the former 106'ers at the Reunion in Mobile.

One of these days you will see me amongst those in attendance. Maybe when you

come to Sacramento, CA, in 1990—God willing.

I will be contacting John Gregory to offer my support for California in 1990. It's not too far away.

I am still busy with the AX-POW's serving as their National Service Advisor. I am also a member of the POW Advisory Committee, appointed by the Administrator of the Veterans Administration to advise him on POW matters. We just had a lengthy meeting in Washington discussing such items as autopsies, annual physical examinations, burden of proof of claim.

The VA has agreed to put out instructions for the use of their field offices.

We also discussed use of the HOT LINE. We encourage all POW's to continue to use the HOT LINE. Another area we discussed was Nursing Home care for the Ex-POW, use of Fee basis cards and the re-imbursement for emergency medical care. All three items must have Congressional Action and the two EX-POW organizations will prepare resolutions when their Board of Directors meet.

My offer still stands—if any 106'ers need help, I will be happy to assist in any way. I can't promise awards from the VA, but rest assured I will give it my best shot.

Stay in touch, remember the EX-POW National Convention will be in Las Vegas Sept 26-29th 1988.

Warmest Personal Regards,
Col.(AUS Ret) and Mrs Alan Dunbar, 422/HQ

4675 Green Canyon Dr.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103

Dear John,
I joined the 106th Infantry Division Association two years ago and consequently a good old buddy of mine found my address after 42 years.

Imagine my surprise and delight to hear from Richard Dillard 591/C. We were together for basic training at Bragg, transferred to Atterbury and on to St. Vith. We stayed in the same Battery for the battle until June 1945 when we were separated. We forgot to exchange home addresses.

Richard is poor in health, has lost his sight and resides in a nursing home. He would like to hear from his former comrades.

Would also like to hear from anyone interested. To contact Richard or me, write to my address below.

Eugene Morell, 591/C

12946 Ridge Rd. East
Wolcott NY 14590

Sherod,

Thanks for the planned meeting for the 106th last December, it was my first and I shall attend from now on. The dinner was very good, and the camaraderie was great.

I wonder if you might have record of a name "NARDICK?" I was an ammo bearer on the 18th of December 1944—on the morning of the 19th we were lying side by side. During an artillery barrage, he lost his right leg—I never saw him again, except he was driven away by the Krauts in one of our captured 6X6 trucks. He was alone, sitting erect, as I remember him. He was large framed, about 230 pounds and dark skinned.

He told me he was from the Chicago area, I don't remember the first name, so that makes it difficult.

I'm looking forward to the ROANOKE Reunion this summer. Maybe we can find someone who remembers him. I assume he was in 423/E, as I was just picked at random to be his ammo bearer.

It would be nice to have a complete roster of E/423 it might stop a lot of wondering.

H. Storey Edwards, 423/E

828 Cherokee Ln.
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

(Ed. note—In a note to me. I have changed your unit affiliation in the roster. Thanks for the good words about THE CUB. In July of 1945 the 106 Infantry Division cut General Order #51, which listed all the personnel known that were eligible for the **Combat Infantry Badge**. It listed 4 categories. Category I, those that were known to be Killed in Action. Category II, those that were still missing in action as of July 31, 1945. Category III, those that were still listed as Prisoners of War as of July 31, 1945, and Category IV those that were known to be released or where there present unit was unknown.

For your information, in reference to 423/E, there are no men listed in Category I, there were six listed in Category II—"missing in action". They were Privates Lee

Mail Bag

Anderson, Richard Assessor, Julius Bivens and Worth Johnson; PFC's Lawrence Gore, Orie Quinn and 2nd Lt. Charles Mangieri.

At that time, July 31, there were no 423/E men shown listed as still being prisoners of war. I can only guess that your friend **NARDICK** could have been listed in Category IV. I have only 423/L and 423/M listings on that Category.

If you are like me questions came to my mind when I read this order. KIA is self explanatory, they were reported or found to be Killed in Action. Category II "Missing in Action" shows that they had not been reported by the Germans as prisoners, nor had they been found on the battlefield as our troops swept back over the area. It doesn't mean that they were killed in the battle, it could have been that they died before being registered as prisoners, and that their death was not reported by the Germans. Eg: In a bombing raid, or on the way to the registration camp. Category III shows that they had registered as prisoners, but no report of them was available as of July 31, 1945. Could be they died in camps, records were fouled up etc. If we could look back at a similar listing say in December, 1945 some of this could be cleared up. Somebody somewhere has the Order #51, dated July 31, 1945 as it relates to 423/E. I will do some inquiries and let you know if we can come up with that list.

Dear Sherod,

I am enclosing my wife's and my dues for 1988.

Place my name with the Service Company/424. I was Regimental S-4 from the first day in the life of the Division until it's (the Regiment's) colors were retired at Camp Shanks, Tarrytown, NY in October of 1945.

I reported to Ft. Benning from the 80th Infantry Division.

I plan, Lord willing, to be at **ROANOKE**. I will be 78 years old when I am at the 1988 Roanoke Reunion.

Tiller E. Carter, 424/HQ

21406 Horseshoe Loop
Lago Vista, TX 78645

After reading the first two editions of **THE CUB** that you were responsible for, I wanted to write and compliment you. Very well done.

As a member of 424/HQ 2BN from March 44 until July 45, I have had a deep and lasting interest in reading in depth of anything I've ever heard of having to do with the Battle of the Bulge.

Also I have been a member of the Division Association over the years, attending the first Indianapolis Reunions, missing those in between until going to Morgantown, WV and Columbia SC. Missed Mobile but will be at Roanoke.

As you have discovered from your trip to Mobile, the nostalgia darn near overwhelms you and the tears rise when the least expected, tears that you thought had dried over the decades since '44 and '45.

My problem I found was regret. Regret I hadn't attended more of the reunions, in the past. Now most of us are in or 60's and 70's or more, we realize the years have dwindled down, and we better take the time to do what we can before time takes it's toll.

Frankly, two of the very best and most enjoyable social times I have had in the last twenty years were those at Morgantown and Columbia. Two platoon buddies and their wives were there and that made it more endearing.

Glenn Ross, Marion Indiana and **Dick Frankini**, Farmington, Michigan were "men."

By the way, John please check your records on Glenn, Rick and me. We were all in 424/HQ 2BN. **THE CUB** shows them as 424/HQ. (corrected - Ed.)

Again, John - Good Job!

Don Kersteiner, 424/HQ 2BN

558 New London Rd.
Hamilton, OH 45013

Dear John,

Thank you for another fine issue of **THE CUB**. Having been a member for almost a score of years, attended dozens of exciting reunions and even been president one year, I appreciate such detailed news of the Association's activities.

It seems strange that, having been so much in the midst of things for many years, I should know so few of the members mentioned.

It would be a very exciting experience to attend another reunion and renew with the many I do remember. We are fortunate

to have the Association, so few Divisions do.

Helen's and my health preclude any traveling so we settle for a happy life in our retirement home on Lake Minnetonka. I particularly appreciated the coverage you gave to **General McMahon** in your first edition. He was one of our best friends.

H.M. (Jim) Hatch, DIV/HQ

2830 East Road
Wayzata, MN 55391

(Editor's note 16 April) Jim has been ill and has had heart surgery. There are, or were some blood clot problems. If I hear more I will include it here.

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a Blessed Easter.

In January **Stella** and **John Gallagher** stopped by and visited with me for a while. It was sure nice having them here and hope they will stop in again.

From what I hear of the weather I think they should have stayed in Florida a little longer.

My big trip was to Las Vegas for a few days, sorry to say I didn't win any big money.

Linda Rossi came and spent a day with me and **Lou** came in the evening and took us out, and I saw Vegas at night. The dazzling bright lights are something to see. It was cold and windy and we did not do much walking.

The big name shows are not around in January; but we did see some good shows and got some good laughs.

Linda and **Lou Rossi** are well and like living out that way.

To **John Kline**, a very nice **CUB**, Thanks.

Love to all

Majorie DeHeer, ASSOC

86 Bershire Dr.
Palm Coast, FL 32037

John,

My new address is as follows:

Hugh Hochstetter, 424/I

847 Catherine Court
Grayslake, IL 60030



81st ENG/A 2nd Platoon

L/RMeisner, Sheets, Nooris, Luoma, Hammer

I would like to hear from anyone that was in the 81st Engineers, especially the 2nd Platoon of A Company. My first reunion was at Columbia, and again last year at Mobile. I met fellows from the 81st, but none from the 2nd Platoon. Would appreciate hearing from any of the 81st guys.

Roy S. Sheets 81st Eng/A

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Mifflin, PA 17058 717-734-3769

Dear John

I have been receiving **THE CUB** for the last 6 months and I think you and your staff are doing 2 fine job. Please change my unit to 423/MED

Richard S. Juriga 423/MED

1169 Memorial Drive
Calumet City, IL 60409

(Editor's note) Dick, Thanks for the compliment—The only staff I have is an 80 lb hunting dog and three cats. **THE CUB** is put together in my basement, I do all the typing and layout, then take the sheets to the printer who makes half-tones of the pictures and pastes them onto the squares I leave for the photos. Every word is typed and retyped by me and my trusty computer. I use a "Publishing Program" that allows me to layout the articles very much like a publisher or newspaper can. The work that I do saves the Association a lot of money that was used for typing costs.

POW MEDALS

Call 1-800-873-3768 for information

ROANOKE 1988

- **Registration forms, Instructions, Tour schedules and Reunion activities schedule were sent to every 106th Infantry Division Association member, First Class mail, the week of April 19th, 1988.**
- *If you did not receive the information contact the Registration Chairman — Mr. Fred J. Farris, 104 Pinehurst St., Salem, VA 24513— or Committee Chairpersons Mr & Mrs Ralph (Elizabeth) Bowles, 3637 Grandview Ave., Roanoke, VA 24012 — tele: 703-362-5081.*
- **Send your reservations to the Registration Chairman, as indicated in the form — DO NOT send Reunion monies to Sherod Collins.**
- *Notice that you must make your HOTEL RESERVATIONS with the Hotel, not with the Reservations Chairman. He handles the Association Reunion reservations only.*

• DUES and ADDRESS CHANGES

- **In the same envelope was a return envelope for your 1988-89 Association Membership dues. Dues run con-currently from July 1 to July 1. DO NOT pay your dues to the Reunion Registration Chairman.**
- *Mail your dues to Sherod Collins, Treasurer, 448 Monroe Trace, Kennesaw, Georgia, 30144 —*
- **If your dues are not paid by July 31, 1988 you will be removed from the roster and will not receive any further mailing of THE CUB.**
- *THE CUB is being mailed 3rd Class mail — IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY US OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES — we cannot be responsible for the forwarding of Third Class Mail.*

- **COMING NEXT ISSUE — August 15th, 1988 mailing.**
- **Photos and Articles on Stalags 9A, 9B and 4B**
- **The story of Col Thomas J. Riggs 5000 mile travel by truck, train, boat and airplane to return to his unit, the 81st Engineers, after his escape from a POW Camp in Poland.**
- **More NEW Members, our MAIL BAG of letters from members**
- **Last minute updates on the Roanoke Reunion and a new roster.**
- **If we missed your letter in this issue, we'll try in the next.**

- *The Editor is looking for back issues of THE CUB from Vol 5, No. 2, Oct-Nov 1948 to Vol 16, No. 1, Sep-Oct, 1959. They will be used for Historical Research on past articles. He has on file CUBs from August 1946 to Nov 1948, and from Sep-Oct 59 to present. They will be passed to future Editors.*