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President's Message

My final message as president of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve you. With the help of the capable officers, the board of directors, the chairmen of various committees, the individual members of the 106th Infantry Division Association, who I utilized in the decision making process, I thank you all.

Soon we will meet at the 44th Annual Reunion in Sacramento, California and enjoy the planning of Michael Thome and his committee and the hospitality of the Californians..

The new officers elected there will carry forward the flag of our division. The 106th Infantry Division flag was first carried forward on 15 march 1943. Many brave men have carried it forward since that day.

The flag of this division has traveled many miles, the hills of Fort Jackson, the mud of Tennessee maneuvers, the flatland's of Camp Atterbury, the staging area of Camp Myles Standish, across the sea to England and the crossing of the English Channel to our destiny on the continent of Europe

There we suffered the brutality of war for a just cause, many of our comrades paid the ultimate price, many suffered through the indignity of POW camps and to this day many of us are suffering from the years of service long ago.

But, after 47 years, the survivors have the duty of carrying the 106th Infantry Division flag forward.

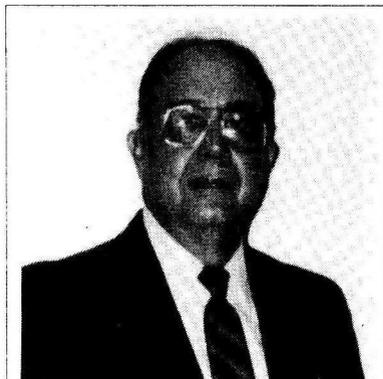
The 106th Infantry Division Association has the leadership capability to carry on this proud tradition. Leadership is judged by its results. So stand up and be counted and be proud of your 106th heritage.

Plans are progressing on the 45th Annual Reunion at Huntsville, Alabama. 1st Vice-President John Gilliland, the on-coming president for next year, and reunion chairman for 1991, tells us that it should be a good reunion.

At the Sacramento Reunion you will hear of proposed sites for the 46th Annual Reunion in 1992. Pitch in, carry the flag forward and enjoy the camaradery of your fellow soldiers.

To all of you, the best of health, enjoy life. I will see you all in Sacramento.

Orfeo "Gus" Agostini, president
106th Infantry Division Association



106th Infantry Division Association President
Orfeo E. Agostini, 1989 - 1990
A Company, 81st Combat Engineers

This is True Wealth



Reverend Ewell C. Black Jr., Chaplain
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A/422 held its first reunion the end of April. I don't know just how many men counted themselves as a part of this company during the lifespan of the 106th Division. I do know that at its full strength it had 200 men at any given time from activation to deactivation. Of this number many went out as replacements, one lost his life in the Battle of the Bulge and several died while POWs. As we gathered some 46 years after that battle, less than twenty of us were there along with some wives. Many who might have attended, we have lost track of. Some who were contacted could not come for various reasons. Some who had been with us at Camp Atterbury

and in combat have joined the number of those lost in battle and as POWs.

As we gathered, two things were apparent. We were all older and most of us were probably in better financial condition than when we had last been together. Of course this same thing can be said of our yearly reunions as the 106th Infantry Division Association. But it is neither of these things which brought us together or which brings us together each year. What brings us together is something which we had all of those years ago and which might be hard to put into words. Yet I believe that each of us knows what I mean.

As I thought about this I realized that each time that we gather we are faced with the fact that all of the worldly wealth which we have is not great enough to bring even one of those friends into our midst whom death has claimed. Those of us who have been blessed by God to be around for these reunions become aware that it is not of our doing nor because of our worldly possessions that we are able to take part while others have answered the final call.

The Psalmist writes in Psalm 49:10, ***"For all can see that wise men die; the foolish and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others."*** Of course the wealth of which he speaks is worldly wealth. Maybe the only true wealth which we have is God's love for us and the love which we give and receive from our families and friends.

I would like to think that it is this kind of wealth which we knew 46 years ago and which continues today, that brings us together, now, in our advancing years. There was and is something there which all of the wealth of this world can never buy. God gave us the opportunity at a very difficult time in our lives to form bonds with one another which time has not erased but, in fact, has made stronger.

Our Father God, we thank thee for the wealth of Thy love for us and of friendships sustained through the years. AMEN.

In Memoriam

Bailey, Margerat ASSOCIATE 2225 Weiss St Apt #1, Saginaw, MI 48602

No other word was received.

Brock, Lewis P. 422/F 69 Kings Highway, Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Lewis passed away April 12, 1990 at age 66. He was Past Commander of D.A.V. #23. Was incarcerated in Stalag 9B after the Bulge. Survived by his wife, Vivian.

Daun, Carl L. 423/K 6622 Carolina Ave, Hammond, IN 46323

Carl passed away January 30, 1990 at age 70. Survived by his wife, Martha Lebron Daub and daughter Diane, two sisters, three grandsons, and a brother. He was buried at Chapel Lawn, Schereville, Indiana. Martha wrote that she and Carl enjoyed our reunions so much and asked for a prayer, and that we all enjoy our reunion. Last year, according to Roy Bigger, Carl and Martha returned to Europe to visit her home. Her brother had been a POW of the Americans and was incarcerated in the U.S.A. Carl was an active member of the Indiana American Ex-Prisoners of War. He was incarcerated at Stalag 4B.

Davis, Leslie E. 422/SV 18032 Celia Ave., Brooksville, FL 34609

Delzell, William S. 424/M 225 Johnson Rd - 44b, Forest Park, GA 30050

Bill passed away May 28, 1990 at the age of 64. Survivors are three daughters, a son, nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild. Interment at Sherwood Cemetery.

Dretwniak, Stanley W. 423/G 703 East Warren, Rockton, IL 61072

Passed away in April of 1989. No other details known.

Hoinash, William DIV/HQ 11 Raymond St, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

Ken Schuetz, Division Headquarters - Finance, reports the death of his war-time buddy William Hoinash. Bill died on June 1, 1990. He is survived by his wife LaDonna, two daughters and three grandchildren. Bill and his wife LaDonna, along with Ken Schuetz and his wife took the "Charles B. MacDonald tour" to the Bulge area. They also, last year, visited with Captain Leonard Koplín in Princeton, New Jersey. Captain Koplín was one of the three Finance Officers

Pierce, Sr., Robert W. 81st ENG/C 474 Federal St NW, Warren, OH 44483

Bob died May 20, 1990 at the age of 66. His interment was at the Crown Hill Burial Park, Vienna, Ohio. Survived by Jean and his children. Bob served as President of the 106th Infantry Division Association 1963 to 1964, having served as Vice-President the year before. He served as Adjutant for five years, 1979 - 1984. He was Chairman of the 7th Annual Reunion in Columbus, Ohio. Also Chairman of the 17th Annual Reunion at Cleveland, Ohio in 1963. He was awarded the Order of the Golden Lion, Officer Class recently.

Doug Coffey writes:

We've lost a friend, Oh what a friend.

Bob devoted his life to the 106th and served it well. His recent award of the "Order of the Golden Lion" was well deserved. It was a long time coming, but he cherished it as though it were the Congressional Medal of Honor. Many have served the 106th and many will serve, but no one person has been as devoted to duty as Bob. He was a strong family man and a delight to his wife, Jean and their children. The entire family was wrapped up in the 106th and they arrived, as a family, for convention after convention. We who have known him, will not forget him, and we can all join together and say "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

Young, Harold Scott 424/HQ IBN 597 Highland Hills Dr Howard, OH 43028

Date of death reported as May 16, 1990.

NOTE: We do receive notices of non-members (of the Association) from time to time. While we sympathize with the family members, the purpose of this column is to notify association members of the deaths of current association members.

A LITTLE ADVICE: Explain to your family that you want them to notify "The CUB" in the case of your death.

All officers names and addresses are listed on the inside of the front cover of each issue.

From the CUB's den

I have a new mailing address. My forwarding privileges will soon run out, so please make note of this change of address. It is also listed on the inside cover, on the envelope that this CUB was mailed in, on any separate letter that I mail. My personal address remains at 5401 Upper 147th Street West, Apple Valley, MN 55124. This change has to do with me acquiring a Post Box. NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

John Kline, PO Box 24385, St. Paul, MN 55124-0385

I want to once again thank all of those people who have contributed material for "The CUB." This issue was used to play "catch-up" on the "Mail Bag." Many of you had furnished letters and photos, some of which I have held for many months.

I especially wish to thank the following. I have your letters, stories and photos and plan on using them in the next issues.

Art Van Moorlehem, photos and a story on his return to Europe; Edward Prewett, a story and article on the visit of CRIBA's Serge Fontaine and his visit to the Ed's home. Thanks Ed; Joseph Gresham on his visit to Belgium and the point of his incarceration, very interesting Joe; and to Lou and Marge Tury for a heart-warming story of their return to visit 1944 acquaintances in England; To Ward Richardson, for a nice story about he and his friendship with his war-time buddy "Tuck" Daugherty; to O. Paul Merz for his report on the scholarship awards, Paul I will take the photos to the September Board meeting and publish them in November, I hope you understand; To me, for I have a photo of two mail boxes, about two clicks south of me that are marked "9A" and "9B," as plain as day. Didn't know I lived next to those two famous (infamous) Stalags; To Pete Lauman, who I have been promising, forever, to tell the troops about his flying days; To John Miller, who has keep me supplied with material; To Jack Zuckerman, who sent some nice photos of the inside of the Fort Jackson barracks and museum; To Glenn Miller (Potter), who furnished some University of Alabama, A.S.T.P. photos; To Harvey Bradford, James McCammon, Reverend Ronald Mosely - I was going to use the "TS Card story" maybe next time; To Art Kuespert, who furnished some excellent drawings of the Kriegsgefangenenlager, Arbiet Kommando 1000, Grossenheim, Germany; to Jack Schlessler, Ivan Long, Ernie Simon, Ted Straub, Fred Chase, John Gilliland, Mike Thome (Mike, I have some other material on those awards, also); to Bob Walton and to many others I have probably missed. Thanks! You have made your editor happy by keeping him supplied with material.

CUB Revue:

On top of all the material supplied above, I have spent approximately 170 hours putting together old stories from the CUBs starting back in 1945. I have over 300 pages of printed text, ready to be assembled into a "CUB Revue." There is a lot more material to accumulate, for I am only into the 1960's at this point. This is a larger project than I imagined.

More reports will be forth-coming at the 1990 reunion and in The CUB in November.

See you in Sacramento

John Kline, editor

"A" Company, 422d Regiment, Reunion

by Dan Bied 422/A
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There were 12 guys in the first squad of the third platoon, Company A of the 422nd Regiment, according to some diary notes I've kept since late in 1945.

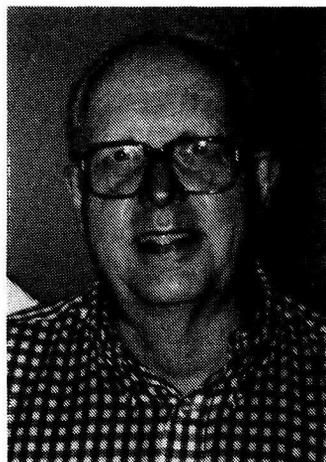
So it was a pretty good turnout, all things considered, when three of us attended the first annual Company A reunion at Charleston, West Virginia, in April of 1990.

Sixteen former members of our company, and 13 wives, were on hand for the get-together. The event was drummed up by Gene Schmalzried of Huntington, Ind., and Carlos D. Weber of New York City, former sergeants in Company A.

I recognized Dick McKee, who was a sergeant in our squad, as soon as I saw him in the lobby at the Ramada Inn. He is a bit heavier than he was 45 years ago but I was surprised how little he has changed.

Archie Prim hasn't changed a whole lot, either. He was a scout in our squad and is a retired school administrator in Graceville, Florida. Archie spends a lot of his time raising horses now, and he is trying to revive memories of his duty with the Golden Lion division after trying to "block them out" in earlier post-war years.

Dick and I spent some time recalling the first German shot by Company A, an incident in which he was directly involved. On the lighter side, we laughed about the radio several of us chipped in to buy in England. We thought we might be able to hear Glenn Miller's band on it as we traveled toward Berlin, but there were no plug-ins in the Siegfried Line. I was carrying the radio when we evacuated our dugouts on Dec. 16, 1944, and the last I saw of it was when I tossed it in a snow-filled ditch near our battalion headquarters.



McKee, who ran a printing business in Huntington, Indiana, did a good Job preserving military memorabilia over the years. He has, in fact, written a diary-type account of his Army career which is illustrated with photos, clippings and a detailed recap of the 106th's death-march into Germany.

Prim, on the other hand, told me he wasn't interested in recalling the war until after his wife's death a number of years ago. "I'm really interested now in what happened to the 106th," he said at Charleston. "I want to read all I can about it."

I was very pleased to learn how well many of the men in Company A had done over the years.

Eugene Powell, for instance, worked as a set artist for such movies as "Cotton Club" while living in New York. Ewell Black was in the newspaper business many years in South Carolina and then became a Presbyterian minister. Schmalzried was a building contractor and Weber was a jeweler and, I think, a watchmaker.

It is natural, of course, that I have more in common with some men after four and one-half decades than I have with others. I was particularly interested in talking to Clinton Hohnstein, who lives in Nebraska, about the work we have done for the Red Cross over the years. Clinton and

his wife have been active as Red Cross volunteers, while he has donated blood on many occasions, In my case, I was chairman of our Red Cross fund drives in Burlington, Iowa, in 1958 and 1959. We both appreciated the road received from the Red Cross in 1945 and wanted to do something to express our thanks to the Red Cross and its thousands of volunteers.

The men of Company A plan another reunion at Indianapolis in the spring of 1991. We're hoping for a larger turnout next year, of course, and expect that 20 or more of our Company A pals will be on hand.

We appreciate all the help received from John Kline, editor of The Cub, and are anxious to get more names and addresses of Company A personnel.

MY FIRST REUNION

by Dale Carver, 424/HQ 3BN
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*We were there, that winter long ago.
We survived; many of our comrades fell.
Twin enemies were the weather and the foe –
The never-ending cold and the bursting shell.*

*Concieved of this ordeal of fire and icy earth
this brotherhood of old men came to be;
a kinship stronger far than that by birth
was born when we were young, across the sea.*

*Of the ties that bind, others cannot know,
but we were there, that winter long ago.*

BEFORE THE VETERANS DIE

by
Dale R. Carver



CUB Laughs

by George Levine 424/M



**“I not only can't remember the names of
the towns in the Bulge — I can't pronounce them either”**

Special Report — St. Vith Memorial Douglas S. Coffey, Memorials Chairman

Not having received our normal annual report on the St. Vith memorial, I wrote the Director of the school on April 4, 1990 as follows.

Herr Engelbert Cremer, Director
Bischofliche Schule
Klosterstrasse 38
B-4780 St. Vith
BELGIUM

Dear Herr Cremer,

I have not received the required photos of the annual Memorial Service on December 16, the anniversary of the Battle of the Ardennes.

I have also not received the Annual Financial Report you agreed to make. The Board of Directors, and the colleagues in the 106th Infantry Division Association expect for me to report to them annually.

I was disappointed when I brought a group of 106th members for service at the Memorial in September. No one from the college was there and no one attend the Vin D'Honneur given in the Town Hall for those 106th members. Luckily, we had members from C.R.I.B.A. to help us pay our respects.

Even the Town Officials ignored our coming and it remained for the Burgomeister, alone, to honor us and be with us when we placed wreaths at the monument. The flags of Belgium and United States were also missing. I understand that there is some friction among the Town Officials and you. This is not our business and we do not wish to take sides, which may cause more problems.

The 106th Infantry Division Association relations, as well as my personal relations, have always been the best possible. I trust that they will remain the same in the future.

Respectfully,

signed

Douglas S. Coffey, Memorials Chairman

I received an answer dated May 2, 1990. It is reported on the following page.

Mr. Douglas S. Coffey
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Port Charlotte, FL 33948
U.S.A.

As Belgium is being transformed into a federal state and that the changes also concern schools, I am presently fully occupied with negotiations and planning meetings.

December 16th 1989 was a Saturday and thus a holiday. I was forced to adjourn the Commemoration until December 18th in order that a delegation of students could be present. The mayor was not there. I suppose he was short of time, as a member of Parliament. We would have appreciated him sending a delegate.

Every year, pupils attending our school for the first time, attend the December 16 commemoration, for two reasons:

1. I found that many of these pupils do not understand what happened on December 16 and cannot imagine what living under a dictatorship can really mean.

They do not know the importance of being grateful to all of those who risked their lives in fighting for liberty. They do not know that living in peace is a gift of God.

This could be imparted very well, especially for the year of 1989, as the wall of Berlin came down, and people living only 600 km from us were liberated from dictatorship. So we could remember that Berlin West has been living in freedom since 1945, owing to the support of the American people.

2. In that way, every new generation of pupils get informed and this causes a snowball effect. As in every year, at the end of the commemoration, we remembered the dead and prayed for peace.

On December 29, 1989 the savings account amounted to 353.718 b.fr.

The current account amounted to - 201 b. fr

Balance of 353.517 b.fr.

Concerning the reception of September, I must inform you that I did not know that it was a celebration for the 106th Infantry Division. In order to avoid such misunderstandings, it is imperative that I be informed of future meetings.

As to the friction between us and the town, It is quite clear that there is none, as they are furnishing the machinery and labor for our evacuation work.

I meanwhile consider it essential that we meet each other personally, in order that we can discuss this project and decide whether it should be realized, or not. Yours Vert Truly,

signed Engelbert Cremer, headmaster

From the Editor

July 1 was the cut-off point for this issue.

If, by chance, I have missed listing you in this column, please drop me a note and I will include you in the next issue. The next issue will be mailed November 1, 1990, so have your letters and /or photos to me by October 1, preferably earlier. REMEMBER, I have a new "Mailing Address. I still live in Apple Valley, but have a Post Box:

John Kline

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Albers, Bill G. 424/I

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Hi John, "Surprises of Surprises" at getting an epistle from the sunny southwest. I was just reading my copy of the Minnesota Legionnaire and came across your article on the 106th Infantry Division and it's reunion.

I used to belong to the association when I lived in Minnesota, but dropped out years ago. I lived in Brainerd, Minnesota for 61 years, before retiring to New Mexico 10 years ago.

I was a Staff-Sergeant in 424/I; joined them at Atterbury. I was seriously wounded on January 13 1945 and was hospitalized for 6 months in merry old England before being discharged from the service, after 3 yrs, 9 months and 18 days.

I am Past-Commander of Post 255 American Legion, Brainerd, MN; Past 6th District Adjutant-Amer Legion and member of the 194th Chapter of the Order of the Purple Heart.

We live on the side of Sacramento Mountains at 4,300 feet. I play golf at the 9,200 foot level. We enjoy 19 to 27 per cent humidity and just recently had 9 straight days of 6 per cent humidity. Strange as it seems, neither my wife or I can take the heat and humidity in Minnesota anymore!

Beaver, Johnnie R. 423/H

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(editor's note — Johnnie thanks for the six page letter and all the interesting material;

V-Mail, news articles, Kriegsgefangenen PostKarte from 4-B, and the reprint of Cedric Foster's broadcast of January 21, 1945 "The Story of America's 106th Infantry Division. It was interesting to me that the re-print of that broadcast was published (printed) by The Employer's Group of Boston, Massachusetts. I used to represent that insurance company when I was a general agent - they are a great company.

Apparently you, like a few others that wrote me, had some of the same feelings that I had about the mess we found ourselves in on 19 December, 1944. I can understand how angry you were and how hurt you must have been. The story of marches back to camp and the misery of the prison camps has been told many times. I never tire of reading individual experiences about those experiences. Space does not allow me to reiterate each individual story, so I will use only part of your six page letter. . . J. Kline)

Dear John, When I was discharged from the Army I was hurt and a very angry man for I could not understand why we were put into the position that we found ourselves in December of '44. One of my friends who went into combat with me should not have been there. He was practically blind, particularly at night. He could hardly tell where he was going, his thick glasses were awful. He was killed when the fighting began. . .

I was captured on 18 December '44 trying to break out of the trap, along with Lt Phillipson, Jack Barton and I think Dopp was driving the jeep. We were on a dirt road, through some woods, when we came upon Captain Deland who looked as if he had a broken arm. He told us to go down the road, take a left - we did but there was a jeep knocked out in the middle of the road.

I talked with C.L. Cooper the other day and he said it was his jeep that we had to stop for. We lost Jack Barton back at an open field when the Germans laid down a barrage. Dopp jumped out of the jeep on the left and Lt Phillipson and I on the right. There was a lot

New Members

of shooting. All of a sudden everything went blank, we had taken a rifle grenade (or something) on the jeep. It put a hole in Lt. Phillipson's shoulder and a piece in my side. As I crawled up to him, to help, I heard a voice and there was a German officer holding a gun on me. I motioned to the Lt's wound. The German officer motioned for me to get Lt. Phillipson up. I carried him back to the Germans gathering point and was put with other prisoners. Next morning on the 19th we started our march back of the lines, but some place during the day I put the Lt. aboard a train of box cars. That was the last time I saw him. He was a real good officer. When the Germans were pounding us with everything they had, Lt Phillipson was crawling from man to man with encouragement.

I have always wondered what happened to him.

(editors note — There was a lot more in Johnnie's letter... Johnnie I have a copy of the Combat Infantry Badge Awards to the 423rd Regiment. It is order #51 Hqs 106th Division dated 31 July 1945. It shows you "Pvt Johnnie R. Beaver ASN 34 964 488" and "2nd Lt. Herman L. Philipson ASN 0 551 011" as having been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB). That means that Lt Philipson did survive, for both you and he are listed in "Category IV" which are the ones that survived. I personally had several copies made of Order #51. It is 20 pages in length, with 17 of them printed "double-sided." It shows every unit in the 423rd Regiment and includes Killed in Action as well as those Missing in Action. To cover my bare costs I need \$5.00 to cover copy and mailing costs. If you or any other 423rd member want a copy of the orders let me know. I guarantee you there is no profit for me in it. I also have a copy of order #2 (4 January 1945) of the 424th Combat Infantry Badge Awards, but as yet I have not had any copies made of that order.

This brings up a point — I am look-

ing for the Combat Infantry Badge General Order that Awarded the 422nd Regiment their Combat Infantry Badges, and as well for the Medical Combat Badge orders. Sherod Collins, Treasurer/Historian and I need them for the historical files — I use them to answer questions about individuals, like 2nd Lt Philipson. They make nice reference material . J. Kline)

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Andalusia, AL 36420

I was a heavy machine-gunner. My gun was being used in a German gun emplacement. (I think by "C" Company.) As I went to eat breakfast I was told that a German patrol had gotten through the lines, that was on the morning of the 16 December. I was captured and locked up about mid-night on the 16th. The next morning I broke out and got away.

When the war was over I stayed over and guarded German prisoners. I came back to the U.S.A. on the U.S. Enterprise Air Craft carrier in December of 1946, just before Christmas. I was allowed to go home, but had to report back to Fort Hood, Texas and spent 9 months in the hospital. I was discharge with a 50% disability which was called "fatigue." It took the V.A. 40 years to find out that it was "Lymes Disease."

I married in June of 1947, went to Business School. I have two children, two grandchildren.

Bishop, Russell L. 422/AT

Route 2
Foster, KY 41043

I am a retired carpenter, master plumber and electrician. My wife Myrtle and I have three grown children, Brenda, Russell Jr. and Ricky; Six grandchildren Scotty, Shad, Tony, Timmy, Jeremy and Steven. We have one great grandchild, Andrew.

Born 4/5/24 near Falmouth, Kentucky, Pendleton County, I was drafted 13 March 1943. Captured 16 December I was in Stalags 4B and 7A. Liberated by the Russians, discharged 24 October 1945.

Bull, Joseph W. 106 SIG

1919 Brierwood Ln
Port Byron, IL 61275

Served with the 106th from March 1943 to May 1945 in the Signal Company Telephone-Telegraph Section. Was in all Combat with 5 Battle Stars. Currently retired from Gas & Electric Utility Co after 44 years service.

My family consists of seven boys, one girl and one wife, Kathleen. My hobbies are carpenter work. I enjoy Poker and other card games. Wish I could make Sacramento, but will try next time.

Carrico, L. John 423/H

395 Crestment Dr.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

(editor's note — Jack sent along a newspaper article from the Telegram-Tribune of June 5, 1989. It is his story about the 106th and the Bulge and some of his life. The story was triggered by his receiving his POW Medal in recognition of those days spent as a guest of the German government...)

It reads in part ... Ammunition was in short supply the night that Jack "L.J." Carrico was shot in the leg. It was World War II, the Battle of the Bulge.

He remembers hearing German "gibberish" as medics carried him to an aid station. "They said we were prisoners."

The Germans took him to a make-shift hospital that had once been a barn.

"The German doctor who operated probably saved my leg," said Carrico, as he massaged the old wound.

It was over 4 months before he was freed. And now 45 years later, The San Luis Obispo resident's service to his country has been formally recognized.

He was presented Saturday with a medal that was recently made available by the Army to veterans who were imprisoned in enemy camps.

On the front of the medal is an eagle, symbol of the United States and the American spirit. The eagle is surrounded by barbed wire and bayonet points.

"The medal means a lot to me," said the 68 year-old Carrico. "It marks a certain time of

my life."

The article continues for several column inches more. It relates his prison experience and his release. It continues to say "He taught junior high and high school in the Los Angeles Unified School District for 39 years, coaching almost every sport, including boxing. He walked a mailman's route during the summers to help support a growing family.

Carrico met his wife, Helen, who also has been a teacher, at a Catholic social. They have been married for 37 years and have four children and five grandchildren. They retired in 1986, moving to a home they'd bought in 1975 near the Country Club.

Jack said, "We went all the way to Oregon and back, then decided this is the nicest place in the whole world."

Now he walks a couple miles a day, plays a little golf and tries to be a "gentleman farmer."

While with the 106th Jack was a member of both the 423d Service Company and the 423d "H" Company. In "H" Company he was a machine gunner.

Carter, Ellwood 589/C

Box 104
Osseo, WI 54758

Entered the service March 17, 1943. Was taken in the organizing of the 106th. As a radio operator (voice) was kept with "C" Battery (Pfc) for most of the time, then went to Hdqtrs Battery as a Tech-5. In that position I was the Commander's Radio Operator. I took the place of the forward observer's radioman for one day because the radio operator was sick and I became involved in a range accident.

A round from a 105mm fell short and I was wounded in the left arm. Spent 11 months in the hospital and was discharged on July 25, 1945.

I married Mildred November 30, 1942. We have a son "Arlan" and a daughter "Sharol" and two granddaughters.

Christenson, Dean R. 422/F

11C 60, Box 2605
Lakeview, OR 97630

New Members

Cocke, Sam L. 422/HQ IBN

403 Warwick Rd
Clinton, MS 39056

Captured 19 December '44, interned in Stalag 9-B, Bad Orb. Graduated from Mississippi College in 1947 in Business Science. Married Patsy June 19, 1949.

Father of two sons, two daughters; Grandfather of four boys and one girl. Worked in accounting '47-'49, went into the florist business in '49, partly retired after 40 years.

Collins, John P. 81st ENG/A

PO Box 1856
Lees Summit, MO 64063

I enlisted in February 1943 and was assigned to a new division that was being activated. That division was the 106th Infantry Division.

I was Platoon Sergeant for Co. "A", 81st Combat Engineers. Captured at St. Vith on 23 December 1944. POW at Stalag 4-B, Muhlberg and Stalag 8-A, Gorlitz, Germany (near the Czech border). I escaped with Sgt. Hunt of "B" Company and was recaptured near Hanover near the end of the war. We were placed in Stalag 11-B, Fallingbosten and liberated by the Irish Free Lancers.

I re-enlisted into the Air Force in August of '86 and served on Okinawa and other places. Attended Civil Engineer School at Fort Belvoir. Discharged and moved to Alaska in 1954 to 1967. During this period I was active in American Legion and VFW Community projects. Scoutmaster and managed Boys Club in spare time. I was Commander of the Jack Henry Post I 1963/64 and during the earthquake of March 64.

Raised three boys — one a family man and two served with honor in Viet Nam, one in the marines and one in the Navy.

I was employed as a Civil Engineer '67 thru '84 in Asia, the Mid-east and Africa.

Retired and purchased a home in Sedalia, MO, but it is used very little as my wife (of 47 years) and I are avid RV'ers. We spend our winters in warm climates such as Arizona and travel to cool places in the summer. We enjoy fishing.

I might add that for years I wondered why the 106th never had a reunion. I was always

looking in the service magazines for it, but never spotted one. I finally found one recently in the V.F.W. magazine.

(editor's note — John, I was with you in Stalag 8-A. By the time you read this I will have sent you a copy of my "War Diary" which contains among other stories, the story of our evacuation march out of Stalag 8-A. It started, as you know, on Valentine's Day. February 14th, 1945. I was liberated east of Braunschweig on Friday, April 13th, 1945. One day less than two months on the road and 415 miles. Several prisoners left our column at Duderstad and ended up in Fallingbosten - did you escape at that time? ... J. Kline)

Cooper, James A. 424/AT

3602 Reading Ln
Bacliff, TX 77518

I joined the Anti-Tank Co April 19, 1944 at Camp Atterbury. I was shipped home and discharged November 15, 1945.

I worked in construction until March 1958, at that time I went to work in the Maintenance Department of Union Carbide, Plant 515, Texas City, Texas. Retired April 1, 1990.

Dailey, Hampton J. 422/K

3900 France Place
Brooklyn center, MN 55429

Darby, Lee R. 423/G

4876 Wade Green Rd.
Acworth, GA 30101

Daugherty, Walter "Tuck" 423/L

106 Jackson Rd
Ludington, MI 49431

I was 1st Sergeant, 1st Platoon of 423d "L" Company.

Married and have two children, Diana and David. Two grandchildren, Mandy - 4, and Zachary-7. I will be at the Sacramento Reunion. Ward Richardson, myself and our wives will be there together.

(editor's note — See "Ward Richardson, below)

Deleo, Joe 592/B

268 South Clarkson St.
Denver, CO 80209

(editor's note — This member came to us by the way of a gift from a friend. The friend's letter follows, it is addressed to "Robert" - I do not know which "Robert" in the 106th Association, anyway it appeared in my mail... J. Kline)

Dear Robert, I asked Bill Meyer, the superb editor of the 99th Division "Checkerboard" newspaper for your address. You may have been with him when a lot of the Division newspaper editors went over on a trip one week in January. They went to the Bulge area, Normandy beaches, and the site of the famous battles in World War I in North East France.

I am enclosing the membership fee for a friend of mine, who was in your Division and in the Bulge. He does not know that I am writing you. He was a German prisoner for 12 hours and escaped when the guard went to relieve himself.

We are dedicating our first monument in Belgium next October in Krinkelt. We needed \$14,000 and now have \$24,000 and climbing, so we shall also dedicate a bronze plaque by the towers on the West side of the Rhine at Remagen, since we were the first "complete" division to cross the Rhine before the Ludendorff Bridge fell into the river.

Regards

Al Nelson

"I" Co., 393rd Infantry

393rd Regiment

99th Inf. Division

(The division on the 106th's left flank)

Drago, Anthony C. 423/L

R.D. #1, Box 39
Oneonta, NY 13820

Edenbaum, Jesse 422/I

12 Everett Rd
Cranston, RI 02920

Erbes, Richard C. 423/HQ

24501 Woodshed Way
Lake Elsinore, CA 92330

Dick is in touch with Colonel Cavender a

couple times a week, as he travels near Cavender's residence running personal errands. I recently talked to Dick as he was in Cavender's apartment. The Colonel has had a couple of medical problems recently, but is anxiously looking forward to being at the Sacramento reunion. He will be bringing Col. Cavender to the reunion. Cavender will be staying with me at the hotel, with a 423rd detail party to help him around to the various functions. . J. Kline)

Everett, Thomas J. 422/D

2530 Columbia Ave #4
Swissvale, PA 15218

I am 76, retired in 1974, spend six months in Florida and six months in Pennsylvania. Really enjoy life.

Flen, Howard ASSOCIATE

1716 7th St NE
Rochester, MN 55906

John, I read the article about you in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune of January 7, 1990. I thought it was an excellent article and because of my interests would like to join your association as an associate member.

I am a history reader of World War II. I read everything I can get my hands on, and recently toured Europe with the 78th Infantry Division Reunion Tour and had a fantastic trip. I travel into Apple Valley often and will look you up.

Gaggin, Verner S. 591/HQ

2463 Brook Ledge Rd Apt. #BR3
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Formerly Captain Gaggin, S-2 of the 591st FAB. (see Colonel Wohlfeil's article, under his name, in the "Mail Bag.")

**LIFE membership
now available
See inside cover
Left column**

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GOSSET, Pierre ASSOCIATE

Rue des Fraisières 20
B 4410 Vottem, BELGIUM

(editor's note — Pierre is Secretary of the Belgian organization know as "CRIBA." If you read the last issue of "The CUB" you would probably recognize his name as a contributor to my stories on this organization. CRIBA is an acronym for "centre de recherche et d information sur la bataille des ardenes." Translated to "Center for the Research and Information on the Battle of the Bulge." CRIBA, the organization, is one of our ASSOCIATE members. their individual members also have the privilege of joining the association as ASSOCIATE members. A great organization who know more about the "Battle of the Bulge" than any other modern organization. They were formed from individuals interested in "The Bulge" I in 1980. Thanks Pierre. . . John Kline, editor)

Greve, Walter C. 423/HQ IBN

13102 E. Florida Ave
Aurora, CO 80012

I was captured 19 December 1944 near Schoenberg, marched to Pruem and Gerolstein, bombed at Limburg near Stalag 12A. Went to 4B and then to a Kommando. Worked in a coal mine near Furstenwalde. marched to Leipzig, became very sick. Passed out and spent V-E Day in a hospital. Eventually went to a hospital in England then by hospital ship to Charleston, S.C.

Finished college at Valparaiso Univ, receiving my B.A. became an insurance adjuster. Married, had two sons, eventually became Branch Manager of the claims office and was transferred from Chicago to Milwaukee to Denver. Now I am retired and do some consulting work. Through all these years my wonderful wife has put up with me. How, I don't know. Both sons have graduated from college with B.A.'s

Hannon, Philip A. 81st ENG/A

2416 McKenzie Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21043

POW Bad Orb 9-B, Barracks 24. Jean and I have been married 43 years as of June '90. We have been to Bad Orb twice and once to Auw, where "A" Company 81st Engineers was deployed on 16 December, 1944. Ben Tousy was best man at our wedding and I want to give him hell for getting me tied up for 43 years. (sorry, Phil, Ben is not a member of the association - hope you have luck in finding him...)

Hocutt, O. Malcolm 589/A

Box 6105 Rte 14 Hwy 19 N
Meridian, MS 39301

Floyd Elston 589/A submitted membership for Malcolm...

Heckman, Roth 423/UNIT?

8 Conway Dr
Middletown, PA 17057

Hoffman, Harold V. 422/B

1836 Penna. Ave.
Irvin, PA 15642

We have three children, all married. I am retired from El Corp, 43 years of service (1979).

Joined the 106th Infantry Division September '44 as a point scout. I was captured 19 December, wounded in Right hand and left eye. Moved to Stalag 11-B, then Stalag 2-A, Neubrandenburg. The Russians liberated us in April '45. I was discharged from the Swananoa Army Hospital at Asheville, N.C. in December of '45.

Kincannon, Clifford E. 590/HQ

5159 Hallmark St.
Riverside, CA 92505

Homan, Robert C. 424/D

1614 Holly Dr
Janesville, WI 53546

I joined the Army in March of '43, sent to Fort Jackson to join the 106th. I stayed with the Division until July of 1945 when I was transferred to the "28th Division." I was discharged 23 Oct 1945 at Jacksonville, Florida. At the time I was discharged I held the rate of S/Sgt. My position was "Section Sgt" in

charge of two 81 mm Mortar Squads.

I married my high school sweetheart, Pat Dewitt, while we were stationed at Camp Atterbury.

The Bulge was our first taste of action. During that period we were constantly moving around to regroup. On January 9, 1945 we were moving back to the front lines near Stavelot to relieve another company. That was about 5:00 a.m. and our guide missed the assigned positions and we walked right into a German controlled town. When we realized our mistake we headed back to our lines and were bombarded by artillery. The man next to me was killed and eight of us were wounded. I spent the next two and one-half months in England in a hospital. I still carry a piece of shrapnel in my right cheek bone.

I had my own Concrete Construction business for 30 years. Am now retired and playing a lot of golf with my wife and spending winters in Harlingen, Texas. Have two daughters, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Houser, Jack E. 422/G

7526 10th Ave So.
Richfield, MN 55423

Am re-upping. Some years ago I threw away my war time medals, feeling I had no further interest in the "incident." My prison buddy Keith Ginther has been active in the association and his correspondence stirred up some memories of names & faces, enough to result in me joining.

(editor's note — Welcome back Jack, I am sure some of your feelings were shared by others. There are a lot of good men in the association. I can't name one bad one, and when they meet you begin to realize that it's the greatest thing that happens. Hope to meet you personally one of these days. We can't be over 10 miles apart... J. Kline)

Iwamoto, George G. DIV/HQ

1105 "D" Ryeroft Street
Honolulu, HI 96814

I worked under Lt. Col. Herbert Livesey at EUPEN, and was attached to the 159th Infantry, "H" Company, and the 401st FAB "A" Battery

(editor's note — George, do you have any idea where Herbert Livesey is today? ... J. Kline)

Kinney, Lawrence M. 423/I

PO Box 1132
Arkansas City, KS 67005

I do have fond memories of the 106th at Camp Atterbury, Camp Myles Standish, the trip over on the Queen Elizabeth and the short stay in England. Of course from there it all got worse. Have wondered about Sergeant Guida (sp) and Sergeant Michelson. I know we lost Sergeant Pate.

Lois and I are going strong, just celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary. Guess the army training put me in good shape.

(editor's note — Lawrence, I found a S/Sgt Angelo Guida and a 1st Sergeant Lief Mikkelsen in "Category IV" of the 423rd Combat Infantry Badge Award list (General Order #51, 31 July 1945) that means they survived. Yes, Sergeant Marvin C. Pate, is listed as Category I (Killed in Action) (the only one as KIA in 423/I). There are six other men listed as Category II (Missing in Action), Pvt Donald Alzman; Pfc Gene Kobus; Pfc Paul McNally; Pvt Elmond Mitchell; Pfc Michael Palata and Pvt Richard Rickard). There is also a Pvt Eugene Matuszowski listed in order #51 in Category III (Prisoner of War). In the way of explanation; There are four categories in the award list; Category I, awarded Posthumously; Category II awarded as MIA (my personal interpretation - either MIA on the battlefield or died while enroute to prison camp, before being registered); Category III, Prisoner of War, probably means the man died while in Prison Camp; Category IV is you and me and all the others that survived.

Kunz, Vernon C. 423/K

6938-a Alabama Ave
St. Louis, MO 63111

(editor's note — Vernon writes that we missed listing him as a new member. He joined in August of 1989. We are sorry about

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that Vernon. I guess the percentages catch up with me at times - You will listed in the July 1990 Unit roster which should be included with this August CUB. Nice hearing from you - Good Luck. . . John Kline, editor)

Maynard, Curtis P. 424/I

4911 Cole Rd.
Memphis, TN 38117

I was recently handed a "CUB" by one of my old Fort Jackson buddies. I really didn't know this association existed and that there had been reunions and plans for future reunions.

I was amongst the first arrivals at Fort Jackson when the Division was activated in March 1943. The cadre started immediately putting together the rifle companies and my assignment fell with Co. "I" of the 424th regiment. I left the 106th in December of 1943 with an assignment in the Air Force which carried me to the Aleutian Islands in the North Pacific.

I will look forward to reading future publications of "The CUB" with the hope that I will see a name or a face that I will recognize.

I would like to express my appreciation to you and the other members of the board whose efforts have kept the history of the 106th Division alive and active.

McCallister, Clinton K. 81st ENG/A

109 Virginia Street
St Albans, WV 25177

I joined 81st Eng/A Company at Atterbury. I came from Shelby, Mississippi 65th Division Engineers. I was interned as a prisoner at Stalag 9-B, Bad Orb. I was in the first barracks to the right as you go into the American sector.

Miller, Jerome P. 423/E

2896 Dellvue Dr.
Madison, WI 53711

Palmer aka Pawlowski, Joseph 422/D

8530 Braxton Dr
Hudson, FL 34667

Had a name change from Pawlowski to Palmer in 1965. Was a squad leader and section leader in 422/D.

Now retired after 32 years as a Chicago police officer. Have three children, and am a grandfather seven times. My wife and I have 45 years of marriage. Her 91 year old mother

lives with us. Both Elaine, my wife, and I have been blessed with good health.

Pigeon (S), Rene L. 422/AT

44 Cottage Street
Central Falls, RI 02863

Pivornik, William 424/UNIT?

400 Tangerine Dr.
Oldmar, FL 34677

Richardson, Ward R. 422/D

707 Calvin
Traverse City, MI 49684-3517

(editor's note — I received two letters from Ward. The first had a story of seven pages of double spaced type. A story two hometown men, Ward and "Tuck" Daugherty, (see his new member message above) who never knew each other before service, but met during basic training in 1943 and have sustained that friendship from there through duty with the 386th, the 106th at Atterbury, the Bulge, as German prisoners and through the eons of time since. I hope I have room for this story - in this CUB, which I am trying to rush through before the 1990 reunion, for they will be together at that event with their wives. It's a great story and has probably been repeated numerous times within the 106th, but I never tire, as I am sure you also feel, of hearing the wonderful strains of the bonds of friendship. Good Luck Ward and "Tuck."

Ruddick, Donald K. 423/E

1392 Canfield Ave
St. Paul, MN 55108

John, I was surprised to find a notice in the Minnesota Legionnaire that the 106th Infantry Division Association existed. I appreciate all the information and the application that you sent after I called. I have lived all my post-war years in St. Paul, Minnesota. I married Janis, my wife, in 1950. We have three children, all daughters, who have given us 5+ grandchildren. I retired in 1985 from the U.S. Postal Service with over 30 years of service.

I would appreciate hearing from any of the 106th members. I came to the division as a replacement in April of '45. From the list of

423/E members that you sent me, I believe I recognize **Walter Johannes and John Simons**.

Santhoff, Paul C. 159/HQ Attached

6223 Oleatha
St. Louis, MO 63139

I was a replacement and ended the war at Zinzig, Germany with the 159th headquarters outfit. I was in charge of feeding 130,000, mainly because I was sober (after the 1st three days) after they brought in all that liquor. My civilian life has been as hectic and interesting as my Army life. I have five children and my wife and I have enjoyed traveling around the U.S.A. for the last 10 years.

Sisson, Roger 423/C

81 Middle Ave
Tiverton, RI 02878

Sutter, Peter S. 423/HQ

41 Grace Street
Cranston, RI 02910

Williams, Jack P. 424/B

1649 Hwy 99-Chapel Hill Pike
Eagleville, TN 37060

Buddy Sherod,

I enjoyed our little chat Sunday. I called Captain Charles Peyser. We talked a few minutes.

This is the first time I have heard from anyone in 46 years/ It sure makes you feel good to hear, and most to know, some of us are left after what we all went through. Just thank God that so many got to come home. I pray for those families that were not so fortunate.

I was 1st Gunner in a machine gun squad. I was frozen from the waist down and have a 60% disability. That is what happens when you stay in a river most of the day in cold weather.

I am married, wife's name is Shirley. We have six children, four boys and two girls. We have nine grandchildren and one on the way. Three of the boys served in Viet Nam. The youngest is a student at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. I am employed by Roadway express and was in a truck accident in March of '89. I had to have a total hip revision and have not walked since December of '89, but hope to be able to do so by July. I hope to make the Sacramento reunion, but it all depends upon my hip. I also heard from Michael Thome this past week, he is sending me a packet of material. Hope to see you in September.

Zahratka, Arnold "Buck" 424/L

405 4th Street NE
Montgomery, MN 56069

(editor's note — Another new member that read my little ad in the Minnesota Legionnaire paper. Some of you legionnaires should try that - a little ad can do great things, I think this is the fourth 106er that we let know that the 106th is still alive, through a small ad (out of my pocket, but it makes me feel good - try it.)

John,

Honorable discharge at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. I was a MOS 745 rifleman.

I belong to the DAV, VFW 5340, American Legion Post 79. My hobbies are Honda riding, snow-mobiling, winter and summer fishing. I rode my sled in a "Multiple Sclerosis Snow Rally" for six years, made 1,660 miles and \$3,947 for Multiple Sclerosis drives. I am also a great-grandpa.

John thanks for the call and "The CUB."

Mail Bag

From the Editor

July 1 was the cut-off point for this issue.

If, by chance, I have missed listing you in this column, please drop me a note and I will include you in the next issue. The next issue will be mailed November 1, 1990, so have your letters and /or photos to me by October 1, preferably earlier.

REMEMBER, I have a new "Mailing Address. I still live in Apple Valley, but have a Post Box:

**John Kline
CUB Editor
P.O. Box 24385
St. Paul, MN 55124-0385**

Anderson, Francis (Toby) 106 SIG

16501 N. El Mirage #1019
Surprise, AZ 85374

John, thanks for the CUB and the lists. I am impressed by your work. Had a nice talk with my buddy Russ Villwock. Say hello to all for me and stay healthy. - Toby

Antonovich, Jacob F. 423/H

1603 Liberty Ave
Reading, PA 19607

I enjoy the CUB very much. I will not be able to attend Sacramento. I would like to hear from some of the fellows that were in the Motor Pool, "H" Company, 423 Reg.

Aspinwall, Francis H. 589/HQ

32 Lamont Cr
Cortland, NY 13045

(editor's note - Francis sent me a series of color slides he took in the battle area during the spring and summer of 1945. Thanks Francis, when I get through with this edition of the CUB I will look the slides over and return them. I also received your personal journal. It contains information of some interest to the boys of the 590th. Your article that appeared in "The Lion's Tale" in 1953 has been put to text and will be used in the forthcoming "CUB Revue"



Company A, 422d Regiment, first annual reunion, April 27-29, Charleston, West Virginia

*L/R, seated: Carlos Weber; Richard McKee; Ralph Musi; Clifford Shows; Archie Prim and Edward Maloney
L/R, standing: Ewell Black; Peter DeBello; Eugene Powell; Clinton Hohnstein; Dan Bied; Roy Maki; John
Damon; McAdoo Williamson and Gene Schmalzried. Carl Edwards was present, but not in picture.*

submitted by Dan Bied, 422/A

which will probably be printed the first part of next year. Parts of Aspinwall's letter follows. . . J. Kline)

I appreciated your phone call John.

I'm sending you the pictures I took in '45. The color, after all these years, leaves a little to be desired.

In 1945 I wrote up a 24 page personal journal during the Jan — June '45 period, and I'm going to send you a copy of that, with the hope that some of it may be of use to you. Please return the slides at your earliest convenience. (signed) Frank.

Barnes, L. Preston DIV/HQ

K-17 Avon Dr
East Windsor, NJ 08520

All of you people who are working so hard on behalf of the Association deserve high praise.

The CUB has been getting better and better with each issue — the latest issue Apr-May-Jun (just received) is a real winner! — Preston

Bickford, Thomas DIV/HQ

311 Bloomingdale, Ave.
Cranford, NJ 07016

Sherod, Here are my association dues. We won't be in Sacramento, it is too far from home.

Flo and I have been married 50 years as of May 1990, not bad at all. Keep in touch and keep up the good work — Tom and Flo

Black, William C. 591/C

72 Honeysuckle Wds Rvr Hills
Lake Wylie, SC 29710

John, you sure do a Super job on The CUB. I enjoy them so much — now someone else can have the pleasure. — Bill Black

(editor's note — Bill sent along 3 late editions of The CUB — I have already used them because I was out of stock on the last one — Thanks Bill... J. Kline)

Bloomingburg, George 423/I

1732 Sycamore
Benton, KY 42025

I will not be able to make the Sacramento Reunion but wish all that do to enjoy it. I will try to get to Huntsville in 1991. — Thanks, George and Juanita

Bradford, Harvey D. 424/SV

71 Rosemont Ave
Aston, PA 19014

Dear John,

By not being a continuous member of the association from the early fifties, I have no idea if you, Boyd Rutledge (Adjutant), Sherod (Treasurer), other directors were acquainted with the article of columnist, DREW PEARSON, which appeared nationwide in the spring of 1945. I am enclosing a "blown up" copy.

On March 17, 1945, Frank Casey and Nick Bruno, originally from Bridgeport, Conn., wrote a letter of rebuttal to Drew Pearson and forwarded a copy to their hometown newspaper, BRIDGEPORT POST, of which I had typed a copy back in 1945. I knew Nick personally, even though he was in Anti-Tank Company and I was in Service Company, 424th Regiment.

Though Nick and I do not possess a copy of the column in which Drew Pearson, somewhat apologized, citing that he was mis-informed, his "retraction" was only one column wide and several inches long.

The two enclosures that I have sent you are quite lengthy for "The CUB," and they are far to many other letters from other members of the 106th, which deserve priority, I thought you would like these for reading material.

I finally located Nick Bruno still living in the Bridgeport area at a new address in Fairfield, CT and spoke with him for over a half hour. Frank Casey, after being discharged, took up residence in Indianapolis, Indiana, but is now deceased.

I sent Nick a membership application, hope Sherod hears from him soon.



106 SIGNAL COMPANY, Photo sent by Charles Brown, see below:

Back Row - Schatzel, Campbell, Van Horn, Fell, Foster, McCoach, Luke, Schepard, Mann, Mayer

Front Row - Smiga, Ketchum, Smith, Romie, Brown, Kauffmann, Korban, Shoefeldt, Berkepile, McKammy

(editor's note - Harvey, thanks for all the information. Hope Nick joins - as of yet (7/8/90, as I type this column) I have not seen his name come across from Sherod Collins for the roster. I will keep the info on the Pearson incident and possibly capsulize it somewhat and pass it along in another issue. I always feel that I will fall way short of material, but as of late I have not. People like you have been very gracious about keeping me supplied with material for the CUB. Thanks, ... J. Kline)

Brown Jr., Charles A. 423/CN

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(editor's note - Charles, thanks for the picture showing 20 members of the 106 Signal Company and your personal "Overseas Calendar." The picture appears in this issue, hopefully near your name in this column. I will list some of the important dates you have given me. The first part from Oct '45 through 17 December are pretty familiar with all. I will start on the 4th of December '44... J. Kline)

Dec 4-11 Enroute through France, Belgium to the town of Oberlaschied.

Dec 17 German attack started. Attacking town of Bleialf. Everyone moved to support the Anti-Tank Company in that town. Captain Manning was killed first day.

Dec 18 Retreated to hillside to reform troops.

Dec 19 Destroyed equipment after being encircled. Started a two day march through German lines to Pruem.

Dec 21 First food. Loaded 60 men to a box-car.

Dec 24 Bombed by British at Limburg rail yard, Stalag 12-A

Dec 29 Arrived at Stalag 4-B, Muhlberg, got shower, registered, searched and lost everything.

January 4 1945 Left by box-car to Stalag 3-B, Fuerstenburg.

Jan 6 In barracks, very cold, sick w/ GIs.

Jan 31 Russians coming, ordered out.

Jan 31- Feb 6 Walked 168 kilos, my new shoes killing my feet, very cold, little food. Walked with Sgt ... Darnell.

Feb 9

Went to a big tent, slept on straw. Sent to revier for frozen feet.

Feb 15-25 Hospital for bleeding nose and foot treatment.

April 6 Moved from Revier to barracks.

April 21

Liberated by Russians, confined to camp, found some food in the Russian barracks.

April 22 - May 5 Guards kept us in, said there was too much fighting out there to let us out.

May 5 Started walking to Allied lines (Magdeburg), picked up by bread truck, taken to Darby. Sent first word home by Red Cross.

May 6 By truck to Hildersshine Airport

May 9 Board C-47s and flew to LeHavre, France. 27 men per plane. Saw bombed towns and battlefields. Got new clothes and physical. Food and a clean bed. Many of our Company men there - Camp Lucky Strike.

May 22 Moved to Chilsie, boarded ship in Le Havre — the MONTICELLO

May 22 Left the injured at South Hampton, England.

May 25 Joined a convoy of 25 ships heading for home.

June 3 Landed in NEW YORK harbor at 3:30 pm. Big Welcome Fire Boats and Bands. Moved to CAMP KILMER for steak dinner

May 4 Moved to Fort Dix for more clothing and furlough.

May 6 Start 64 day furlough. Met Mother and Dad at Summit Ave bus stop at 11:30 pm

GRAND REUNION!

Clark, Dr. James I. 592/MED

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Sherod, Thanks for looking after my membership interests. We had hoped to make the reunion in California, but it appears that I may need to be back in Natchez at that time, so we are not planning that far ahead.

Nice to know that the membership is growing (1,456 on 7/8/90..editor) and hope that the new men can maintain the interest us "old timers" have had for such a long time. Regards to all. — Jim and Shirley

Clark, Herbert H. 422/CN

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Do enjoy "The CUB" — You Bet!! I always read it from cover to cover.

Was an ASTP student from the University of Alabama in April of '44. Was ticked off when I was sent to Division Headquarters on TD, as a driver, December 14th, 1944. So was one of the few survivors of the 422d Regiment.

Spent Christmas with a can of C-ration beans under my arm-pit, thawing them out for my holiday repast. There were four of us, all feeling sorry for ourselves. At that point in time, had no idea what you fellows were going through. I can remember the sun coming out and a flight of B-17's (12) headed east and thinking what a soft deal they had when two of them were shot down. At that point I decided that the Air Corps had its bad points also.

Was re-assigned to the Cannon Company in late March when the 422d was reformed. We went up to the St Nazaire pocket on May 1st and 2nd to contain it. That is the reason for this letter.

In the February CUB on your note to Mike Mueller about the 4th Battle Star!!

I immediately dug out my discharge and yes, I was awarded the Northern France Battle Star.

I was transferred to 117 Inf Reg in July '45, so did not come home with the 106th in November. Due to a SNAFU, didn't get home until February 16, 1946. Every time our number came up for redeployment, our Colonel was off somewhere in Paris. We were all frustrated, we should have been home by Christmas of '45.

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Hang in there and keep up the good work.

(editor's note - Herb, sorry I shook you up about the "Northern France" Battle Star. I know many men have that award on their discharge. I think it depends on what discharge center you came out of.

I was told, after I took over the job of editor, that I should eliminate the wording "Northern France" from the cover of The CUB. The reason that I was given, was that battle star was disallowed by the government due to the fact that the 106th was not technically engaged in combat in Northern France. I am still searching through the old CUBs to find when that order might have been issued. Sherod Collins, our Historian was the person that told me to strike the name "Northern France" from the mast-head of The CUB magazine.

I called Sam Cariano, who was Adjutant at that time, because he had confirmed this decision when we were re-ordering 106th Infantry Division Association letterheads. He says that there was a General Order issued by the U.S. Army to the effect that the battle star was dis-allowed. Fortunately, the five-points that gave everybody that received it was already used to the recipient's advantage.

I have been told, by others like you, that the artillery was all set in place ready to pull the lanyards, the infantry was ready to attack and at that time the whole deal was called off for the higher echelon had negotiated a surrender. I will not argue, for that was not my point, that the exposure was there. I can only base my remarks on what I was told. We are trying to find a copy of the General Order, just to set everyone's mind at ease. Will discuss it in The CUB when we get the word. I also received your second letter and appreciated your comments - keep in touch Herb... J. Kline)

Cohen, Allen T. 423/E

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Dear John, I read with interest your comments on the "Northern France" battle star in your replay to M. J. Mueller in the February CUB.

I was part of the new 422 & 423 regiments that were re-constituted in Rennes, France. We were moved to a French Army Camp attached to the 66th Division. On May 8th we were alerted and within one hour drive we were in the front lines of Lorient and St. nazaire. We were told the war was not yet officially over at this location until it was official from the Headquarters of the German High Command. On May 10th, 1945 it was over.

All I know is when we got back to Rennes we were given the E.T.O. ribbon with a Battle Star for Northern France. The whole division could not claim it, but we certainly could. We were in the vicinity and that's all that mattered.

Its on my discharge records and they have had plenty of time to take it off.

My compliments on the superb job you are doing on "The CUB." — Allen Cohen

(editor's note - Thanks Allen, yes, I realize the sensitivity of this. I am sure the Army would not go back and eliminate what was already on the record, but I'll bet that if you tried to get the Northern France battle star added to your discharge (for some person that did not get it, like myself) you would be denied. Quite frankly, I wondered how I got a battle star for Rhineland and Central Germany, when I was actually not a combatant - I am told that it was because I was east of the Rhine River when those battles were going on (in POW camps). One of the fellows wrote me the other day and said, and it's not such a funny joke, that the 106th was the first Division that crossed the Rhine, I suppose he should have added "under guard."

Allen, at the Schaumburg reunion you offered to give some story and pictures on your many travels into Belgium, Germany and the battle areas. Most appreciate if you could come up with 4-5 pages (about 2,000 words) and some pictures of your travels. Thanks for all your comments. If I can come up with the General Order mentioned in my comments above, to Herbert H. Clark, I will publish it... J. Kline)

Davis Jr., Sam E. 423/HQ

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Dear John, With the help of one of my men from the 423rd Headquarters Company, we have sent out a quarterly bulletin to all of the headquarters men.

We manage to keep up with all of the men we have addresses on. The purpose of the bulletin is to urge everybody in 423d Hq Co. to attend the Sacramento Reunion.

(editor's note - Sam, that's great. I've heard that you were keeping the men informed. As you know, Col. Cavender has asked that he stay in my room at the reunion. I do appreciate the fact that you have a detail all assigned to help him move about the hotel and to the meetings. I will be too busy with my editor and board duties to monitor him during the day. I am happy to be part of the detail, with my duties seeing that he has a room to bed down in and being available when I am not with my M Company men, prowling the corridors and lobby, and attending official functions.

(editor's note - I would like a transcript of the I&R Platoon story when you get it in writing - it would make good CUB material... J. Kline)

De Poyster, Fred 423/K

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(editor's note - Fred wrote me three legal pages about some of his experiences in '44 and '45. He told

me I could throw it in "file 13" if I didn't want it. That's not the case. Parts of it have been re-hashed many times in the CUB, but as always - even though most of us experienced the same routes of travel, the same battle scene and prison experience, there is always something that could be of interest to others... J. Kline

John, I joined the 106th in September of '44 from the Fort Mead Replacement Center. I trained as an engineer, I was sent to Atterbury, joining 423/K. My commander was Captain James Bricker, Platoon Leader was Lt. Leo Cornett. I wasn't with them long enough to get to know them. I ended up as a BAR man in the second platoon . . . When the Bulge started I was shot in the hand and my BAR was busted. I left it and pulled back to the Company Medic Aid-Station. As they were dressing my hand I was lying on my back, the medic was lying on his stomach. My legs were propped up and I got hit again in the left leg. We both got up. When I caught up with Lt. Cornett he asked what was wrong with my leg, there was a lot of blood. I told him a spent bullet had hit my leg. I pulled off my shoe and found the bullet had dropped into the shoe. The rest you know (he relates his capture and the hikes back to the German line..editor)... After moving me around several camps with other wounded men. I finally ended up in a hospital at Heppenheim (?).

Towards the last of March the 3rd Division came through the wall. We were afraid they would start shooting. When they saw we were Americans they backed off. I ended up in a goesParis Hospital. I weighed 210 pounds on the front line. When I arrived in Paris I weighed 150 pounds. I was flown home.

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Edelman, Louis 423/M

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Sherod, Hope to see you in Sacramento. Here are my dues and a donation to the Memorial Fund.

Facey (Col Ret), Kenneth B. 106 MP

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Sherod, Keeping up with WWII, Korea and Vietnam friends and associations makes it difficult to decide where to go when other family and business affairs call.

I will try to make the Huntsville Alabama reunion in 1991. Hopefully I can see Hanke, Kortlang, Harned, Brazill and anyone else from the 106 MP's that shared the "Bulge" experience.

Even though I served with some of the best in Korea and Vietnam, it was the 106th that did much to develop me as a soldier, and prepared me for the rigors of the other two conflicts. I still get Ralph Hill's reports and it helps to remind me of how good the 106th was.

Best to all — Ken Facey, Col. USA Ret.

Farris, Philip B. 423/H

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Dear Sherod and John,

I believe in "Firing for Effect," even though we are out of ammo for the 81's and the "front" seems to be a circle instead of a line. I really enjoyed last year at Schaumburg and particularly in meeting both of you, along with the 423/H's Fields, Swett, Cooper, Kurzeja, Peterson, Smith and Colonel Puett and 423/D Edwards. All of us Univ. of Tenn. and ASTP at Univ. of Alabama. go-together in past two years. **This organization has made all that possible.**

John your article in the April CUB was great. I'm sure you suffered much. You are doing a great job. I'm sure if Colonel Puett had been at least a Three Star General and you two at least a One Star, the

rest of us "Birds." it would have been a different situation.

I doubt that we make it to Sacramento, but will see you next year.

We have also made contact with other POWs in the work detail from Stalag 4B at Zeitz. According to my correspondence there were two work details there. I was billeted above a tavern. Bunks for approximately 150 men on the dance floor.

Excuse my long letter, but I appreciate your great jobs.

I am enclosing money for a LIFE MEMBERSHIP for me and my wife Gwen.

signed, Phil Farris

Gallagher, John I. 81st ENG/C

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(editor's note — John thanks for the material on the Reading, Pennsylvania December 16th get-together. Sorry I ran out of room for the last CUB, by the time your material arrived. Your photos should appear elsewhere in this issue. Nice to hear from you... J. Kline)

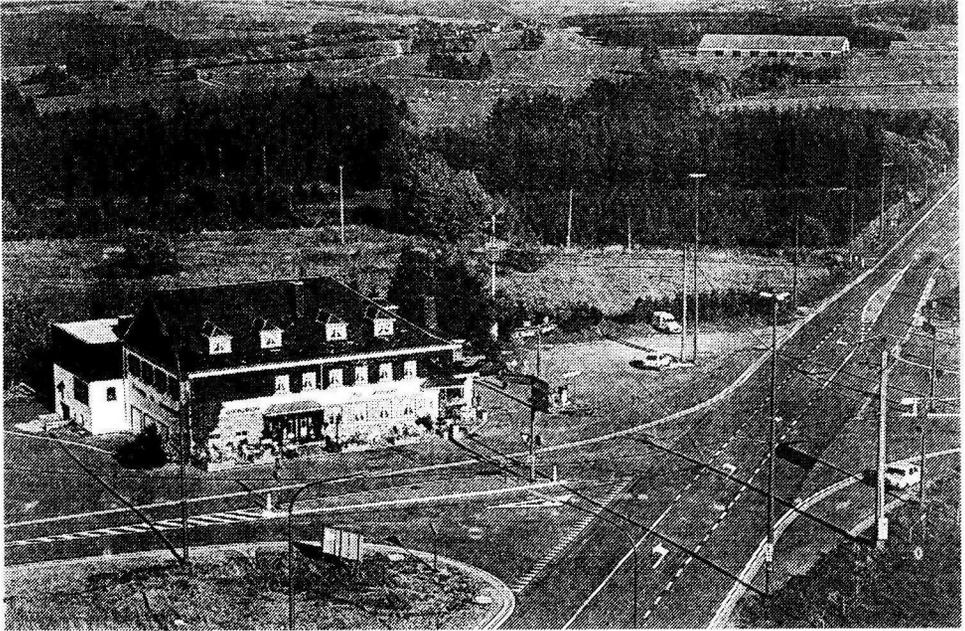
Gatens, John 589/A

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John, Thanks for the extra copy of the CUB. I will send it to Maria LeHaire in Belgium. I think it was an excellent idea for you to promote the ASSOCIATE membership for CRIBA. I am sure they will appreciate it and the idea of five CUBs to the organization will give all those well deserving members an opportunity to read it.

You sure took on a job, to research all the old CUBs and publish the most interesting stories in book form. I would certainly be interested in that book. I have only been a member since 1983 and missed all the earlier stories.

All the stories in the CUB were super. I was pleased with my story in the JAN-FEB-MAR 1990 CUB. Great job.



PARKER'S CROSSROADS as it appears today, For 1944 see page 12, The CUB, Apr-May-Jun 1990 submitted by John Galens, Battery "A", 589th FAB (see preceding page)

(editor's note - John, thanks for the CRIBA patch and the various photos that you sent me. How did you make the collage - four photos on one -, looks like you laid them on a mat and photographed them. Hope you like the CRIBA material in the APR-MAY-JUN 1990 issue. It was fun putting together. I especially liked those two photos of Baraque de Fraiture that Andre Hubert sent. Compared to them, the modern "Parker's Crossroads" sure looks different. The painting of the winter scene that was given to you by Madame LeHaire is excellent. It's so realistic that it takes you right back to the snowy December of 1944. I can see how the artist, Annie Grandhenry has won many awards in art shows in France and Italy. Keep in touch John... J. Kline)

Gillespie, John M. 422/C

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John, I appreciate the mailing to me and especially the effort you give the As-

sociation and it's members through the CUB.

The biography of your personal travel reflections in the Ardennes reminiscence of many memories I still carry of the walk across the Rhine, Stalag 4B and over to Stalag 8A, at Gorlitz, and then the walk back East. I was a lucky one to have been picked by the Red Cross and shipped up to Fallingbostel at 11B. Liberated by General Montgomery's own Company and returned to England on his aircraft.

I expect to fly into Minneapolis soon and hope that we can get together. I will be driving right by your door, maybe we could have dinner together.

(editor's note - John, it was nice having dinner with you. I guess we both got busy after that and failed to make contact again. Hope your business trip was a success. It was certainly nice to talk with you. You have had a lot of experience with the 106th Infantry Division Association. I especially enjoy talking to one who has had the experience of being

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"editor" of The CUB. You can realize what it takes to put this publication into the member's hands. Hope to see you at the 1990 reunion... J. Kline)

Gresham, Joseph W. 423/G

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I am planning on going to France, Belgium and Germany in May and I saw in The CUB where I should contact CRIBA. I would appreciate it if you could tell me how to contact them. Also if anybody might give me any pointers on getting over there.

(editor's note - Joe, I printed the above letter, you sent it to me in February, so that I could lead into a suggestion for the other members. You have since gone on your trip, have contacted the friendly people of CRIBA and came away with a great feeling for them and memories of re-living some of your youth. It's a great feeling, sometimes prefaced by apprehension, but I haven't heard from one person who has re-visited the old battle-ground that said he was sorry he went back.

See Joe's pictures and story of his trip to Europe elsewhere in this issue.

The last couple of CUBs have praised the CRIBA organization. Rightfully so, because they are very cooperative and are willing to spend a lot of time with our members. Because they are a volunteer organization I must caution the other members to remember that they, CRIBA, are voluntary and do have to take time from their personal pursuits to guide our members around when they are there. So be fair, give them plenty of time to assign one of their members to you and your party. Remember that they are doing this because they too have an interest in the "Battle of the Bulge." But, they also work for a living. Most of them were just youngsters when we were engaged in the battles around their homes.

They are great and gracious people, and truly respect us because we had a hand in the liberation of their lands.

If any person is interested in traveling in that area and would like to meet a CRIBA member, write me and I will send

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE MEN OF THE 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION, U.S.A. WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES DURING THE ARDENNES CAMPAIGN (BATTLE OF THE BULGE) DECEMBER 1944. ERECTED BY THE 106TH INF. DIV. ASSOCIATION. DECEMBER 1959. DEN GEFALLENEN DER 106. INF. DIV. U.S.A. GEWIDMET MAJ. GEN. ALAN W. JONES, COMMANDING

*Plaque on St. Vith Memorial
submitted by Joseph Gresham, 423/G
see preceding page and this page*

you a list of those CRIBA members that we have on a roster. They are not a "Tour Bureau" they are just like you and I. Think of it this way. What would you do if a Belgian wrote you and asked you to direct him to an area around your home? I hope that puts it in the right perspective. They will help, but they want to be able to fit your plans into their lifestyle and daily living... J. Kline)

Grosjean, Robert 422/HQ 3BN

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I have paid into the Memorial Fund since the first CUB in 1952. They also put a note about me under "What are they doing Now?" I have been disabled for a year. I would like to see my name in print again, its been a long time.

(editor's note - Bob, it isn't important, but the first "State-side" CUB was published was Volume 3, No.1 August of 1946. Volumes 1 and 2 had been published as a "newspaper" while the division was overseas.

We try to mention, in The CUB, every one that writes us. I am real happy to hear from you and hope that you are coming along O.K. now.

Drop us a line anytime you feel like it... J. Kline, editor)

Guigno, Joseph M. 423/A

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Sherod, My dues for the year. I sure enjoy The CUB.

Guy, Albert F. 81st ENG/A

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John, you asked me what company I belonged to, with the 81st Engineers. I sent to St. Louis to get a copy of my service record, and as of this date I have not received it.

When I received my copy of The CUB magazine, I looked through it and on the same page that my "new member" letter was printed there was an article by another new member "Jim Debruin" which reminded me that I must have been in "A" Company. Incidentally you made a mistake in my letter on the date of being drafted. It was 11-12-41 not 11-21-44.

Haines, Joseph C. 106 RECON
(Lt.Col. F.A. Ret)

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Dear Mr. Collins,

I am again reading Col Dupuy's *St Vith — a Lion in the Way* and wish to state for the record (and for history) that the 106th Reconnaissance Troop did not "disintegrate" on the 16th of December 1944, nor did the Germans "pour through" Grosslangenfeld on the 16th. We were driven out early in the morning of the 17th. The Germans may have gone "around" us, but they didn't go through us.

I don't know where Col. Dupuy got his information about the Recon Troop, as there is no indication that he interviewed anyone from the Troop.

If it will be of any interest as part of the "Division Records," I will try to write my remembrances of what happened.

Do you have a copy, or know where I could get a copy of the Division and/or the

424th Infantry Operations Order(s) assigning the Reconnaissance Troop the mission of a "Rifle Company" in the "Defense.?"

I would certainly appreciate this information.

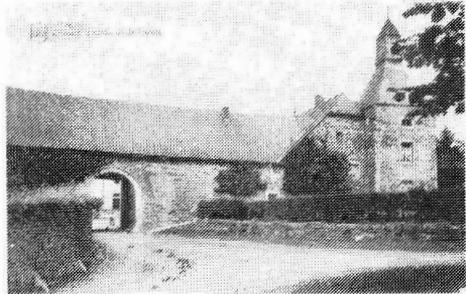
Thank you, Sincerely
Joseph C. Haines
(Lt. Col. F.A. Ret)

(editor's note - Can any person out there help the Colonel with the above request?

(editor's note - Colonel Haine, I am sure that your "remembrances" would make good reading material for the troops. Do what you want, but if you come up with a story let me have a crack at it for "The CUB." I hope some out there will respond to your question and to what you have put forth "on the table." ... J. Kline)

Hall, John L. 423/SV

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John Hall's Picture Card, see above.
See "BILL MOSOLF" story page 19, last CUB

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After reading your article in the May CUB about Bill Mosolf and Limont, Belgium, I remembered I had a picture postcard of Limont. It is enclosed. Thought you might be interested.

(editor's note - Thanks John for the picture. See below.

I also appreciate the story you passed along on "A" Company, 424th Regiment. It is the same story that I printed in the Jan-Feb-Mar 1989 CUB, page 16., a great story about "A" Company and it's grudge fight because of the death of it's com-

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mander, 1st Lt. Robert G. McKay. He was killed while drawing fire away from his men. The men carried the fight and won the battle of the day for their commander. A great story of valiant men and their leader. The story was printed in "Stars and Stripes" January 13, 1945. I'll save the poem you sent for another issue. Thanks John, hope to see you again in Sacramento... J. Kline)

Hartman, Willard G. 592/A

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John, I came for the Univ of Tennessee, ASTP, joining the 106th in March 1944. As I recall it the division, after the replacements arrived had the lowest average age, the highest per-cent of college men of any division. I have a article from an Army booklet sent by my brother from the Pacific that said the 106th had on neckties, even when sent to the front - a big lie.

Kurt Vonnegut who wrote "Slaughter House Five" was my best buddy. He was from Indianapolis and was captured. He said the character "Billy" was named after me since I was the only "Billy" he knew. Why don't you write him, if he doesn't belong to the association. I have his address... My youngest brother (also ASTP) was KIA Nov 23 1944.

(editor's note - Billy, you will obviously note that I haven't use all of your letter. Some things are better not published, at least in the CUB. Vonnegut has been approached by several association members. It's obvious that he doesn't want to belong so I think the matter has been dropped. I have heard that old story about 106ers wearing neckties. As far as I am concerned if they did, it was to keep the heat from escaping out of the top of their shirts... J. Kline)

Hayes, John P. 422/F

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Sherod, I am real proud that the 106th Infantry Division Association has 1425 members and is still growing. We will miss the Sacramento Reunion - bad heart. Hope the membership continues to grow...

Holtzmuller, J. Don 589/A

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Farmersville, OH 45325

I noticed your request for postmarks of German Prison Camps. Enclosed is one I sent in 1945 from Hammelburg. This may be somewhat a rare card as there were not many 106ers in that camp. I was in the camp the day Patton's task force tried to liberate his son-in-law from the officers's camp which was away from our camp up on top of a hill. We NCO's were not aware the officer's camp was in the neighborhood and didn't know what was going on until they brought in some of the task force that was captured in the raid.

A few days after the raid we in the enlisted men's compound were put on a train and sent to the Air Corps camp at Nuremburg, and after a few days they put us on the road and we walked to Moosburg VIIA where we were liberated.

I attended the December 16th get-together in Cincinnati at Bob Walker's residence. Only 6 persons were there, but a good time was had by all. I did find that my battery commander Captain A.J. Menke still lived in the area, 1088 Gift Ridge Rd, Manchester, OH 45144, and have been in contact with him.

(editor's note - Don, did you try to get Captain Menke to join? Thanks for the "Postkarte" I forwarded a copy to Gruenzner in Texas - he is the author of "Postal History of American POWs." Last I heard he was coming out with an updated edition of it. Haven't seen it, nor have I heard from him lately. I do have copies of the Saturday Evening Post article and



See Edward Jarlock, 423/MED, below

If you can identify any of these persons, please write the editor. No date, location or names given.

the article about Lt Eric Wood. There is a man by the name of Ralph Hill that probably would be interested in your remark that you were probably the last man to see Lt. Wood when you got caught in Schoenberg. He has written reams of material about the Bulge and Lt. Woods, comes up with a different theory all the time... Keep in touch... J. Kline)

Horne, George A. 806 ORD

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Sherod, I enjoy The CUB. Didn't know that the 3d Infantry Regiment was attached to the 106th Infantry Division. I was transferred from 806 Or located at Bad Ems to "D" Company 3d Infantry, located at Limburg in June of 1945. We were located at the old POW camp outside Limburg. I notice many of the 106th people were interned there during the war. I plan to attend the Sacramento Reunion.

Houser, William H. 424/HQ 1BN

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Reading, PA 19606

John, I am a new member and want information on the 1990 reunion in Sacramento. I would like that information to make reservations.

(editor's note - Bill, a mailing was made after the first part of May - I understand it went Bulk Mail. I received my copy May 14th. I did not hear from you after I called you by phone, so I assume you received all the info... J. Kline)

Jarlock, Edward S. 423/MED

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(editor's note - Ed, Finally I found space to print your picture. Sorry we did not get to it sooner. - Ed sent a picture of the 423d Medical Detachment (July 1987), with no names, but maybe some of you out there can tell us who they are. The edges are fuzzy but I think you can make it out - look

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how young those guys are... J. Kline)

Jensen, George 422/M

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My wife Sally and I sure hope to make the reunion in Sacramento, but we have a relative who is quite ill, which may prevent us from coming. If we don't make it tell the "M" Company, 422d Reg men that we are thinking of them...

Johnson, Newton 423/MED

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Mc Leansboro, IL 62859

Sherod, can't make California, but will be thinking of you that do. I plan on coming to Alabama next year...

Jose, Marvin L. 589/HQ

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Warren, OH 44485

A note of information for the records, your records show only my name. It should read:

Marvin L. Jose - 01176684

Capt. F.A.B 589th

Liaison Officer to Lt. Col. Scales 422 Reg, 3d Battalion.

My Commanding Officer was Lt. Col. T.P. Kelley.

(editor's note - Captain, the association records do not contain all the military information, just names addresses, unit designator etc. Your information was appreciated and I have printed it here for others to observe... J. Kline)

Klein, James J. 589/HQ

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(editor's note - Jim, thanks for all the "Kraut" material. When time and space permit I will reproduce some of those pictures in the brochure from Leipzig for the festival held in Juli und August of 193, probably in next issue.. Sure shows how the Germans were preparing their men for war. Motorcycle races, Youth groups, Rifle ranges, Military style marches, in civil-

ian clothes etc. Thanks Jim... J. Kline)

Koehler, Franklin R. 424/D

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My personal thanks to you, Sherod, and to John Kline, Boyd Rutledge, Doug Coffey and all the others for all your efforts on behalf of those former "CUBs"..

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Kuespert, Wilfred A. (Art) 423/F

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North Fort Myers, FL 33917-5401

Sherod,

I received, read and enjoyed every word in the APR-MAY-JUN 1990 CUB and congratulate all whose effort produce it. John Kline must spend hours and hours on the project. I plan on writing John in the next few days and adding my input to his "hat" and hope he draws on some of it for future issues.

Not only did Jack Sulser have a bigger stick than you, he also had a good grip to twist my arm. And he's going to have to use it on Capt. (Major now??) Zullig. We did have some great time going over the memory trail. Somehow or other, we all seem a bit older...

Yes, we were neighbors at Fort Jackson. I re-visited the place — Tank Hill and our area — back in 1950. I have the picture somewhere in my files. I was part of the cadre from Camp Forrest, Tenn. — the good old 80th Division. I still meet some of the 80th when they are in Florida.

I was one of the original members of the 106th Association. I know I was, when the reunion was held at Detroit. The Association has come a long way since that time. There were only 267 members then, 75 auxiliary and 7 associates.

Family matters, prevent us from attending Sacramento, but maybe Huntville in '91.

I published the "COMPANY F GUIDON" for several years. We had good turnouts for our annual dinners... Take care — signed Art.

(editor's note — Art received your material, somewhere in this stack of mail — will keep in touch with you, thanks... J. Kline)

Lerno, Alfons P. 589/A

BOX 118

Santa Margarit, CA 93453

(editor's note — Al, hope to see you in Sacramento — received your note asking for information, which you probably received right after your mail arrived here... J. Kline)

Long, Ivan 423/HQ

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Penn Valley, CA 95946

John,

This evening when I was cleaning out my desk I ran across some material I acquired at the last reunion. I thought you might be interested in some of it. I will look forward to seeing you in Sacramento.

(editor's note — Thanks Colonel, I will use the material when I get the opportunity. Get the troops in shape and do your reconnaissance, the 423d will be there, including it's commander. "M" Company will be in support as always.. J. Kline)

Marcus, Gilbert 423/SV

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Dear John,

I feel moved to write this letter because the things I have to say, have to be said. Since you have taken over the job as editor, "The CUB," in this writers opinion, is superb and a pleasure to read. The make-up, content, editing and all that goes into making the publication LIVE is what you have done. I would be remiss in my duty as a member of this wonderful organization if I didn't put these thoughts down on paper. I salute you John for a thankless job well done, and believe me when I tell you that each edition gets

better and I look forward to receiving them.

Time is moving on and we are all getting a little older, but like baseball, motherhood and apple pie, I still thrill at the sight of our flag, a man in uniform, and everything that we all fought for and believe in.

Sincerely yours,
Gilbert Marcus
Captain, 423d Infantry
Service Company

(editor's note — Thank you Captain Marcus. These remarks coming from you, have touched me, and I do appreciate them. I will continue to try to make the CUB everything that you feel it is. It is my honor and pleasure to serve you and the rest of the members, in the memory of the past and reverence to those that cannot share the joy and living of the survivors.. J. Kline)

Mascone, Attilio A. 422/M

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Silver Spring, MD 20903

John, The "Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge" (VBOB) was organized to honor the Americans who served in the Battle of the Bulge and to remember those who never made it home. The VBOB is a non-profit educational organization which does not engage in either political lobbying or propaganda activities.

Those who were in this historical battle never forgot. VBOB strives to represent every unit that fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Tell the 106th members that for a modest \$10.00 fee they can belong to this great organization.

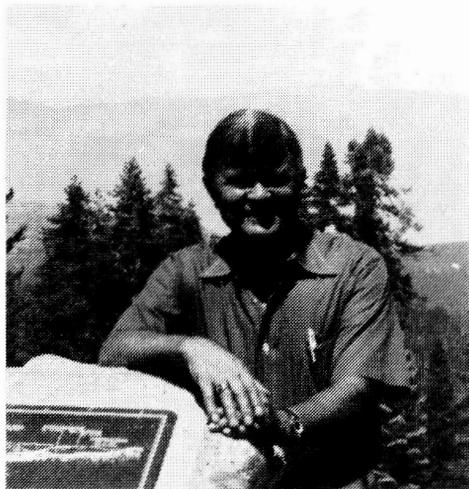
Veterans of the battle of the Bulge
PO Box 11129
Arlington, VA 22210-2129

(editor's note — Thanks Attilio, I appreciated the picture of your three hats, the DAV, the VBOB and Ax-POW. maybe one of members has a spare 106th Infantry Division cap that he will send you.

VBOB was the organization that led me to recognize that there was

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an association by the name of "the 106th Infantry Division Association" in 1987. Their secretary's name (VBOB) was "Poppy." She sent me a computer list of the 106th members that belonged to VBOB and told me that I should contact Sherod Collins, our treasurer to join the 10th Association. At that point in time my life turned around. I found old friends, new friends and am having a ball. I found 37 of my old "M" Company, 423d buddies, after I got on this roll... it's been great... J. Kline)



*James A. McCammon, 423/F
in the High Sierras, August '89*

McCammon, James A. 423/F

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Van Buren, AR 72956-2911

(editor's note - I wish to apologize publicly to Leon. In digging through my material for this CUB I ran across a letter I had written to Jim, dated January 6, 1990. It was in answer to his sending me a poem and his personal diary. I printed the poem in the Mail Bag of the February issue, but placed my typewritten letter, his photo and some other material in with a stack of material that I had marked as being used. In the meantime I have sent the long past

due letter - I am sure I didn't send another copy - or am I going loco. Anyway, Jim's personal diary is written in beautiful hand, and is easy to read. It is most interesting, but as are many of the diaries I receive, too large to print in The CUB, and I would not do it justify if I tried to reduce it in size. The picture that he sent along will be included in this column. On the back of the picture he wrote, "Picture taken in High Sierras Mountains near ? National Park, California, last August 1989. It was taken before I had my quad by-pass surgery on December 11, 1989.)

McElvenny, Albert R. 424/E

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John, just a note to let you know how things are with me. I have been in and out of the hospital since my return from Europe in October of 1987. I did get to see the St. Vith Memorial and some of the country around there.

I had a couple more tests at the hospital, but haven't heard the results. I doubt that I will make the Sacramento Reunion.

John, don't let them make a parking lot in front of the St. Vith memorial, it will detract and there is plenty of room in the rear!

Best regards to all. signed Your 106th
Buddy, Albert McElvenny

(editor's note - Thanks Al, nice to hear from you and we all wish you the best in your bouts with the hospital tests etc... Keep in touch, please... J. Kline)

Meader, William H. 81st ENG/A

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Houston, TX 77025

Mr. Kline,

Thought the enclosed would be interesting to you and The CUB. It is my POW papers that I took from the German files when I was liberated. Can't remember the camp number, since I was in quite a few. But it was in the town of Luckenwalde.



Cpl. William H. Meader, German POW 312612
January 6, 1945 taken at Stalag 4B
apparently followed him to Luchenwalde.



Today William H. Meader with his
Champion Bedlington Terrier

The Russians liberated me and after a few days took us to a nice clean SS barracks in Juterbrog. (?) We had clean beds and it was nice.

After a few days stay some of us left and walked until we met some Americans in trucks. We crossed the Elbe and were at last free.

This picture of me was taken on my 64th birthday in 1988. It also has my Champion Bedlington Terrier. I breed, show and raise these dogs.

I am originally from Springfield, Illinois, moved to Houston in 1964. Am now retired.

(editor's note - What a proud looking dog, and more proud than the dog, is the owner. My wife Margot (Frankfurt, Germany) and I love animals. We have a 11.5 year old "sofa dog" named Ginger, who is half Visila (Hungarian hunting dog) and half Irish Setter. She was given to us by a Doctor friend, whose Irish Setter got through the fence and mixed with a Visila (I may have that spelled wrong). Ginger was the last of two left for our choice, out of eleven pups. She has been the joy of our life.

The Asst. Editor to this magazine "The CUB" is Oliver, one of three cats that we own. He is a plain "barn cat." A 9.95 special, the last left in the cage at a local pet shop. I brought him home and he nestled in my heavy sweater, here in the basement, as I was typing away at The CUB, and he has been my "boy" ever since. He is now three years old and has positively no hang-ups. All love and soft fur. He consumed a half hour of my typing time every night, relaxing on my lap. We also have an Orange Tiger and a Burmese. Pets are great.

(editor's note - The copy of your POW registration card reveals that you were registered and photographed at Stalag 4B, Muhlberg, Germany. Your POW number is 312612, dated 6 January 1945, mine is 315316 dated 7 January 1945. It shows you were a Cpl in the Infantry and that you were a "Schreiber," Company Clerk. Your Army serial number was 36478423, captured 19 Dec 1944, transferred to Stalag 12A, Limburg on 29 December, thence to Stalag 4B on 6 January 1944, then to Stalag IIIA at Luckenwalde, apparently on 1 Feb-

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ruary 1945. Not many of our division ended up at Stalag IIIA.

Your picture should appear in this column. Thanks for the material, it is interesting... J. Kline)

Messina, Carl 81st ENG/A

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John, I trust you are well, and enjoying a little relaxation after the last sensational cub, and I mean sensational.

I'm trying to get a December area get-together started. After two attempts at hotels, I'm about ready to back out. They want a minimum of 25 people and "XX" dollars up front. I'm going to try and find a place with a bar and food and see if they will let the gang buy their own drinks and food, with no minimum.



"Have they blown the bridge yet?"

President "Gus" Agostini, left

Carl Messina, right

*81st Engineers, "A" Company
apparently at Schaumburg Reunion.*

I have also found an article about a G.I. starting up a listing service, wherein he can find your service buddies. I will be writing to him soon. Number three, I have a few pictures that may be of interest to you and The CUB.

Also here is a clipping from our newspaper. Thanks to my army training, I could have been dead, and more people shot up.

(editor's note - Carl, thanks for your letter and photos. It's always a pleasure to hear from you. I'm glad to see that you survived the hold-up attempt and did suffer more than you did. Things like that can get pretty hairy.

On the December meetings - have you tried the local service clubs, like the V.F.W, American Legion. We use them up here for some of the AX-POW meetings. Also some of the small restaurants have a small room and will either serve al-carte or on a guaranteed number. Knowing you, I am sure you will get it ironed out. Those get-to-gethers are really nice. It's always wonderful to get the 106ers together.

Carl, sent along a newspaper clipping which reported a robbery in which he (Messina) was one of the victims of the shooting that began. It follows, in part... J. Kline)

(From the Linden, News Tribune, date missing)

LINDEN Police are following several leads to find the gunman who shot two men during a robbery at a Roselle Street delicatessen Tuesday.... George DiPierro, 60, of Roselle, the deli manager, was shot once in the face with a small caliber revolver during a robbery, police said... He is expected to undergo surgery to remove the bullet lodged in his neck, police said.

DiPierro's friend, Carl Messina, 67, from Linden, who had stopped in the deli that night, was shot once in the palm of the right hand, police said. He is listed in fair condition at Rahway Hospital according to a hospital spokeswoman...

A customer in the store, who had been filling out a lottery ticket, told police his back had been turned when he heard the first shot.

When he turned around, he saw the gunman standing behind Messina holding him around the neck with his left arm, police said.

According to police, as the gunman began to release Messina, Messina turned

with his right hand slightly above his head and was shot in the right palm....

After demanding the money, the suspect shot DiPierro in the mouth, police said.

The gunman is believed to have gotten away with about \$10.00...

(editor's note - Thanks, Carl. Look for your pictures in this column. Again, glad to see you again amongst the survivors... J. Kline)

Mikalauski, John L. 424/H

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On reading the Apr-May-June issue of The CUB, on top of page 12, I noticed a question asked, "Why is the Lion, the emblem of your division?" (that question was by Andre HUBERT, vice-president of CRIBA).

In a book I have, "Division High-lights," which I received at Camp Atterbury, signed by General Alan W. Jones, the following is noted on the inside cover:

"The blue in the background stands for the infantry; the red in the border is for artillery support; the lion's face represents strength and power."

I hope that this answers Mr HUBERT's question.

Miller, Col. John W. 423/E

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Arlington, TX 76012

(From a February letter) John, Received your card, been trying to phone Burton Hauxwell, but no answer. Last time I talked to him, he did not seem too well. I will follow up later...

We plan on making the reunion in California. I've taken on some work with the census bureau to pass away a little time and keep me busy. You're doing great work with the CUB, well organized and edited.

I'll send you photos and a story later of Bad Orb, Moosburg and other interesting POW sites...

(from an April letter) Talked to Burton Hauxwell, his wife is doing much better and he appeared in good spirits. Got a phone call from Lawrence Perkins, "E" Company, 423d Regiment, who was driving to WACO, the site of the Stalag 9B and 9A's reunion.

(then from Sally, a staff member of the AX-POW Headquarters office in Arlington, Texas) John, as per your request the AX-POW emblem logo is on its way to you.

Thanks for the current issue of THE CUB. What nice work you put out! As I was flipping through the pages, LO & BeHold! There was my old buddy John Miller's name in the Mail Bag section. John is a neighbor here in Arlington and a good friend. I don't get to see him often, once in a while he drops by the office and says "howdy." We can always count on him and his wife to bake a big batch of ginger snaps for us to take to the VAMC for the Vets Xmas Party. In fact, the cookies are so good, they now make a batch for us at HQ, to keep us from stealing the Vets share!

Guess what? "Ole" John just walked in! I can't believe it! His semi-annual pilgrimage! I showed him my note to you that is still in the typewriter. He said to tell you "HOWDY!"

Got to go now, till next time. signed Sally, AX-POW office

Miller, Ernest L. 422/G

12733 Pecktonville Rd
Big Pool, MD 21711

I am hoping that someone will recognize some of the things I am writing down, and contact me.

I was captured on 18 December 1944. I was in Stalag IIIB and IVB and many other places.

After several months three other guys and I escaped. We walked on railroad



BILL MOSOLF, 424/Cannon (in the Tuxedo, wife to his left) at Bill's wedding (his son) in 1989. Bill's story appeared on page 19 of the Apr-May-Jun 1990 CUB

tracks until a Russian officer shot at us, one guy was Polish and could converse enough that we were taken, and given some food.

We left then and started to walk again. We found four bicycles and took them. We rode into a town (?) and another Russian officer took us to a German home in which there were two women. These women cooked what little they had and gave us a bed to sleep in that night. The next morning we took off again and walked until we found the American lines. I can't remember how long it took.

I hopes this sparks the memory of someone and they get in touch with me.

I would like to know what happened to Captain Keilmeyer, Sergeant Ternacki and a man by the name of Hinis who was from Boston.

Would appreciate hearing from somebody on these questions.

(editor's note - Ernest, look in this column for information from John Whitehead. He relates that he

and two others also stole bicycles and rode to the American lines. He also refers to receiving help from a Polish G.I. Maybe he can help you... J. Kline)

Mosolf, William J. 424/CN

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Perris, CA 92370

(for my story on Bill Mosolf refer to page 19 in the Apr-May-June 1990 CUB... editor)

Excuse this short note John. I had a bad fall lately and have been bed-ridden for three weeks.

Enjoyed the May issue of "The CUB" and especially your war time experiences. I can empathize with you on all counts. Only someone who has walked in your boots can understand our problems... Gotta get back to bed, just wanted you to know how much I appreciated the article you printed about me, and your friendship. Thanks.

(in another letter, later, with photos)

The copies (of the CUB) came today and I must get this note out to let you know how much I appreciate them. A friendship such as yours is rare and hard to come by. "You're one hell of a man."

In found a few more things in my memory box that might interest you.

I can't get to the reunion in Sacramento, but have been reading about the event in The CUB. I worked up there in my youth. Sacramento has a lot to offer and it should be a grand trip for anyone who hasn't been there. I used to take mud baths at Calistoga near Napa and Santa Rosa in the wine country. Picnics in the Redwoods near Sausalito across the Golden Gate bridge, Reno and Tahoe. Also lived in Monterey and Carmel. I worked in the hotel business.

Thanks again for your help. You are a great Moral Booster and I really appreciate what you have done for me. I reproduced your CUB article for my family scrapbook. Regards and best wishes. signed Bill Mosolf. (pictures in this column)

Murray, Jr., George 424/H

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Bemidji, MN 56601

Sherod, here are my dues. I hope to see you in Sacramento. Have purchased my airline tickets and will make my reservation soon. I was going to the DAV National in Anaheim, California July 28-August 4, but received a letter to report to the Minneapolis VA for a check-up, so cancelled that one. Keep up the good work.

Nagle, Edward J. 81st ENG/B

1222 Kame St
LaCrosse, WI 54603

Enclosed is check for LIFE MEMBERSHIP for me and my wife Elrose. Regret that we will be unable to make Sacramento this year. Our Grandson has set September 1 as his wedding date. Be thinking of all of you and will see you in Alabama in 1991.

Pastor, Irving 81st ENG/B

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Dover, NH 03820

John, Having recently joined the organization, I would like to obtain an old copy of Vol 44, No. 4 "The CUB" July-Aug-September 1988. Edward Wojahn tried to send me a copy of the article about Colonel Riggs, however it did not come out well, and was difficult to read.

I would appreciate receiving a copy of my own.

(editor's note - Irving, I was happy to have sent you a copy, one of the last that I had left-over. That was a memorable story, one that gives all of the 106ers inspiration and faith in those that we served with... J. Kline)

Peterson, Richard W. 423/I

1285 Rubenstein
Cardiff by the Sea, CA 92007

Dear John,

It seems to take so long to get anything done these days. I am now beginning to understand the business world's fascination with Fax, word processors, Fed Express, etc. Is life really going this fast? Are we just getting old? Does the speed of communication and travel make for more efficiency? Or is the merry go round of life merely going faster without moving out of the circle in which it travels? There, that will keep you awake nights when the CUB is put to bed and you have some time to relax.

I really enjoyed seeing my words in print as always, but your kind words and the extra story were most appreciated. Had a call from some of the members, one who had never made contact with anyone before. That seems to be the story more often. Those who tried to forget or just could not find anyone to listen, are coming to the front now.

The parallel of the WWII prisoner of war, and the Viet Nam veteran is a constant source of amazement to me. Primarily the unwillingness of anyone to listen. That is also a factor with the concentra-

tion camp survivor. It's something that I could write about, with a little additional time.

Again thanks for the boost to my ego. I plan to be in Sacramento, I owe you one. Will look you up when I arrive.

(editor's note - Richard Peterson, MBA, Ph.D. After his retirement from banking Dick earned his Ph.D. in Psychology, writing his dissertation on the "Successful Readjustment of a Group of Former WWII Prisoners of War.")

He presently serves on the faculty at the University of Phoenix, San Diego, and works with Viet Nam veterans as a Readjustment Therapy Counselor for the Veteran's Administration. His story, about his return to Stalag IX-A, Ziegenhain, Germany, appeared in the last issue of The CUB on page 25, with another short article on page 30 about his return to the battle area at Schoenberg. The latter story was part of his Ph.D. dissertation.

Thanks Dick, your contribution to The CUB help make the last issue one of the best, from my viewpoint, and gave a lot of some excellent insight to the way things were and how they have affected all of us. Am looking forward to visiting with you in Sacramento... J. Kline)

Phillips, George F. DIV/HQ

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Uniontown, PA 15401

Sherod, No it's not April Fools Day, please find my check for a LIFE MEMBERSHIP — this way I don't forget!

(George Phillips was the Red Cross Director for the 106th Infantry Division...editor)

You asked how I got involved with the Red Cross. I was a volunteer First Aid Instructor in 1940. Teaching Standard and Advanced classes in Fayette County. December 7, 1941 gave the "First Aid" program a shove forward with Civil Defense etc.

I worked with the program through 1942. In January of '43 I joined the Field Service Program in Washington D.C.,

then on to Fort Eustis, Maxwell Field, Alabama, 2d Army Directors Headquarters, Lebanon, PA then to the Tennessee Maneuver area.

I then went to the 106th, Fort Jackson in June 1943. With the 422d and then with Division Headquarters. I was with the 106th all the way to Karlsruhe when the Division was deactivated in August 1945.

I then went to 7th Army Heidelberg as Field Supervisor, 3d Army Munich as Asst. Regional Director and Regional Director at Regensburg for Southeastern Europe and Austria. I returned to the U.S.A. August 1946.

Camp Atterbury and Fort Harrison, Indiana as Field Director. Harrison closed July 1, 1947. I became Executive Director, Fayette County Chapter ARC until January 1959.

Back to the schools in Fayette County from where I started in 1943. Guidance Counselor Director, North Union Schools 1956-62; Principal Frazer High Schools Perrgopolis, PA 1962-70; Fayette County Schools Office, Court House Uniontown 70-71.

Administrator with North Fayette Area Vocational Tech School, Connellsville, PA until retirement in 1977.

William Barry and I developed the school from a piece of paper in 1970 to opening in September of 1972. Quite a project and quite an experience.

When I notified Colonel Baker that I was going to the 7th Army from the 106th, he told me in an emphatic way "We brought you over here, and we will take you back to the U.S.A. with us." I had to convince him that I was staying on a voluntary basis - no pressure to stay - then and only then did he give his approval. Later Colonel Baker and his Adjutant, Captain Melvin Crank returned to the ETO with the military government in Frankfurt, Germany.

I had a call from Captain Crank to 7th Army Hq. The message said, "You get ur

here to the Military Government HQ, we want to see you. I made it to their office in about a week. We had a reunion of the 106th. Colonel baker gave me a pass to the War Crimes Trials in Nurnberg. It was quite an experience to sit in on the trials.

Colonel Baker was an exceptional person, as we all knew. Proved it by becoming a Major General.

At Camp Miles Standish we went to an orientation session before going overseas. Division Headquarters personnel conducted the session from our bivouac area. On the way back Col Baker led the group. I was in the column behind him. He turned and came up to me. He said, "Do you know the way back to our area?" I said, "Yes!" He said, "Stay here with me and show me the way. I am lost." I will never forget that march back to our area.

I had a number of very favorable meetings with Colonel baker, while with the 106th and later.

We all learned that his word was the law, in the 106th. Some high ranking officers learned it the hard way at Camp Atterbury, but that's another story.

Sherod I hope my rambling doesn't bore you.

Best of luck to you and all of the 106th
Geo Phillips

Prewett, Edward A. 424/B

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Brentwood, CA 94513

John, When I sent you my collection of CUBs I held back the issue of Spring 1971. On page 12 through 20 was printed a letter, which I had written home in 1945.

I was saving the issue for my grandchildren, or whatever. However since you are putting together a better collection of such write ups, I think you should have it to complete your files.

I am also forwarding a letter from Andre Hubert (CRIBA) along with a newspaper clipping, and a copy of the translated speech of Jules Hurdebise at

the Dedication for the 424th Memorial at Spineux last September. You have probably already covered this event fully by now, but you might like this copy anyway.

The CUB to most members in our association is the only link to each other. The 106th Association is very fortunate to have someone as dedicated as you to bind our membership together. I just want you to know that your editorship is appreciated and the increase in membership is the most visible evidence of this.

Fraternally, signed Ed Prewett.

(editor's note - Ed, thanks for those kind words. They mean a lot to me, coming from you who has had years of association with the organization and who has traveled back to the scene of our past so many times. I know your contact with men such as the late Dr DE LAVAL of Vielsalm and other members of CRIBA have meant a lot to you, and that you have been a strong supporter of the association. You were the first to bring that organization (CRIBA) to my attention. I will continue to do my best. I am proud to be a part of the 106th Infantry Division and it's Association.

I have your story (from 1945) in text form ready to be published in the "CUB Revue" (the name I have attached to the project for identification) a reprint of many of the interesting stories, coming from the CUBs dating back to the first volumes in 1945. There are approximately 190 issues. I have at present nearly 300 pages of text prepared, and I have only edited through the first decade. I will bring a rough copy of the contents of the proposed publication to Sacramento so that we can finalize the form and content before final printing. Hope to have the book ready as soon as possible after the reunion. Also plan on taking pre-publication orders at the reunion with Public Relation material (ad-

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vertising piece) to follow, to those that do not attend.

It was nice to have a few short words with Serge Fontaine (CRIBA) when he was visiting your home recently. I will reproduce the BRENTWOOD NEWS article about his visit in this issue. I owe so much to people like you, that keep me supplied with information. At times it becomes logistically (right words?) a puzzlement because of space, but all makes for a good CUB, and without it I would not have the success that I do. An editor without words to print is like an artillery piece without ammunition. Where have I heard that before? See you and your charming wife, Reddie, in Sacramento... J. Kline)

Richards, Charles W. 423/SV

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Sherod, I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the latest issue of The CUB and note among other things that we now have a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Even at age 77, I consider it a good investment, as one does get forgetful as we get older and can forget annual dues.

Therefore I enclose my check for myself and Blanche with another \$60.00 to go to the Memorial Fund.

I have had a couple of health problems lately.

We had a nice cruise around the bottom of South America in January which included going around Cape Horn and through the many beautiful channels at the south end of South America. The trip started at Port Mont, Chile and ended at Buenos Aires, Argentina and the weather was perfect all the way.

Rickard, William 422/HQ 2BN

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26 Feb 1990 — John, my wife and I had a wonderful time in Schaumburg at the 43rd annual reunion. Got to speak to you for only a few minutes, but you are a

popular and busy man. Hope to see you again in Sacramento.

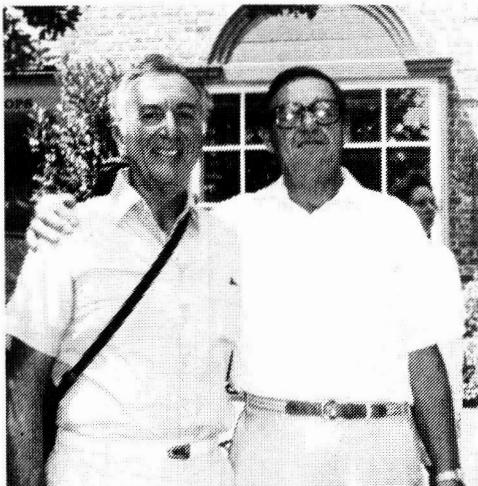
Through The CUB I found, or they found me, five of my old boys from HQ 2Bn Communications Platoon of the 422d Inf. One of them Sgt Weyman Jobe is a member. He got my address from a letter of mine you published.

By his efforts I received mail from two other of my boys, Sgt John Lomonoco and Sgt Robert Sherrod. We all thank you for your part.

(editor's note — William Rickard was the Comm Officer for 422/HQ 2BN, he followed his original letter with the following.... J. Kline)

John, thanks for your fast reply on the membership list. I know there is not enough hours during the day for you. Enclosed are pictures of two of my boys. We are having a reunion of five of us on April 4, 1990. (this letter was written 16 March, and I did not have room in last CUB, sorry... editor) What a bang that will be.

When I was sent to ETO from Atterbury, I was in Normandy and Northern France. My fighting was done when you all came over before the Bulge.



William Rickard, Comm. Officer(Right) with - John Lomonoco, 422/HQ 2Bn, known each other since Fort Jackson. Rickard left the 106th at Atterbury -



Weyman Jobe, Sgt - message center Chief,
422/HQ 2 Bn. Photo taken on a fishing
trip - Gulf of Mexico.

submitted by William Rickard, see previous page.

(editor's note - See you in
Sacramento Bill. Photos are else-
where in this column... J. Kline

Robb, Dr. John G. 422D

(Past-President, 106th Assoc.)

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Meadville, PA 16335

John, thanks for the copy of your personal diary. I have read it twice and some parts additionally. It was well done and great that you had the foresightedness to keep a diary and preserve it.

It brought back a lot of memories—like the menus on the back of photographs of your mother and father. It is impossible to describe, to other, the feeling of starvation.

One of my most terrifying experiences was on Christmas Eve of 1944, when we were in the box-cars, in the rail yard at Stalag 12A in Limburg, when the British bombed it. The big bombs would raise the car right off the tracks.

P.S. Marilyn is sending a note to Margot

(editor's note - Thanks, John. It was a pleasure to serve you during your term as 106th Infantry Division Association President. Thanks to Marilyn for the letter to Margot, my wife. She will not

be in Sacramento, but I hope to get her to Huntsville during the 1991 45th Annual Reunion. She says I am too busy and too tied up with my duties during the reunions (There may be a little truth to that) and she cannot leave the house that long). I am looking forward to seeing both of you in Sacramento... J. Kline)

Salazar, Ernest Z. 423/M

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Hi John, I ran across this letter when I was cleaning my desk and thought you might like to see what the 106th was doing 40 years ago.

(editor's note - Ernie and I were both in 423/M - He sent along a copy of a letter written on June 22, 1949 by Edward L. Luzzie, chairman of the 1949 Chicago Convention Committee. It also advertised The CUB, and dues were \$3.00 a year at that time. - Thanks Ernie, I hope we see you in Sacramento, there will be other M Company, 423d Infantry men there... J. Kline)

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John, I saw you briefly at the Schaumburg Reunion, when I thrust a folder into your hands with various write-ups that I did not explain. On page 25 of the November 1989 CUB you asked several questions which I will answer.

First let me explain that when I was discharged from Service in December of 1945, I had grandiose ideas about developing a scrap-book of stories and pictures relating to my overseas experiences. I did get started by writing up about one-half dozen incidents and outlining a number of others. But the C.P.A. exam and such other things put my thoughts on the back

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burner. Now in my recent years I have a little more time and have enjoyed going through my old letters home, old pictures, old maps etc.

Then, a couple of years ago on a European Elderhostel program, I met a retired Ohio State University professor who advised me of a World War II round table discussion group that met periodically in Columbus, Ohio. He invited me to attend one of the meetings in 1988, which I did. Then, this November 16 (1989) I attended another, for which I prepared a paper on the Christmas Day attack on Manhay, Belgium (copy enclosed).

Bob Ringer, 591st FAB, Service Battery, is a member of the Columbus group; it was interesting to talk to him for it was the 591st that provided the artillery support for the 424th Regiment of which I was a part.

Now for some elaborating on the points you raised. The article on Paul Oxford, was something I picked up, while still in Europe in 1945, from some newspaper from the 106th, perhaps the forerunner of The CUB. I thought it interesting for Oxford could have been any of us during those miserable days at the end of December 1944. I have no idea of Oxford's whereabouts.

The story of the "hoot-owl" experience is my narration of what happened along "F" Company, 424th regiment's front in Neuhof, Germany in mid-February, 1945. I have enclosed several pictures taken in this area, including one of me and Tony Wetch at our fox-hole at the time of the "hoot-owl" happening. I have had no contact with Wetch since the war.

The "Battle of the Bulge" piece likewise was written by me in 1946. As an "F" Company member I was present when Lt. Colonel Umanoff made his remarks.

"A Rest at Plainevaux, Belgium" was written by me and covers a remarkably pleasant stay with the Beta's family. I

have enclosed several pictures taken of Plainevaux, including one of the family. The Beta's sent me their picture taken a year later, which is also enclosed. The only other soldier mentioned in this article whose whereabouts I know, other than myself, is Russell Mayotte, who is a member of the association.

I have enclosed two other pictures. One shows some members of "F" Company, 424th moving by box-car from Karlsruhe to Compiègne. I'm the one with S/Sgt stripes. I have had no contact with the other men. The other picture shows me in July, 1945 at a POW camp for Hungarian prisoners, near Budesheim, Germany.

Other enclosures include an account of the first days of the Bulge that I wrote in 1946 and recent writings of the Christmas Day attack on Manhay, mentioned earlier.

I hope you can find some things of interest. If an answer is needed for anything call me in Skokie at 708-673-7806.

Keep up the good work on The CUB. signed Milt Schober.

(editor's note - Milt, your material is very comprehensive and very interesting. One of the my biggest stumbling blocks in assembling The CUB, is timing (pertaining to story material) and lately, space. I get a real guilt complex when I cannot use all the material that is sent to me. In this issue my problem is that I had to lay aside so much "Mail Bag" material during the last issue that I wanted to get it cleaned up so that I could make run in future issues for some feature stories, like yours.

Even as I am writing my excuses to you, I am formulating an idea as to using your material in a future CUB. Your material should be published, and will be. It's too bad I cannot publish more issues of The CUB, but it is a very large task and I would soon be burned out if I had the pressure eg: of publishing a bi-monthly issue. We'll get around to it. At this



Stephens, George W. 424/H (Picture above)

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John, the following are enclosed. A few back issues of The CUB, the 1986 Reunion Photo Album, an article written by a reporter from the Associated Press, a photo copy of an article from the Indianapolis-Star, a 40th Anniversary (The Bulge) article from the Arizona Daily Star, where I was interviewed at my home with picture in paper holding the front page of the "Scottish Daily Express" dated March 10, 1945, that I bought before coming home on the "Queen Elizabeth." I plan on attending the Sacramento Reunion.

point in time I need to get "this CUB" ready and in the mail so it will get to the troops before the 1990 reunion in Sacramento. This probably will create "self imposed stress." I guess I should call my shrink at the Minneapolis VA Hospital and tell him to bump my "Post Trauma Stress Disorder" award up a couple of points. Thanks for the material. If you have need for it in the meantime, call me or drop a line... J. Kline)

Sciullo, George A. 422/UNIT?

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(editor's note - George, it was nice hearing from you. I am putting your nice letter about your POW experience aside to include it when I feature some more stories on the 106'ers POW experiences. I hope you enjoyed seeing the pictures in the last CUB, May 1990, showing Stalags 9A and 9B... J. Kline)

Simon, Ernst DIV/HQ

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(editor's note - Ernest wrote that he has experience in writing

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articles and offered to help. I am looking forward, Ernest, to receiving what ever material and photos you wish to offer. Please look me up when we get to the 1990 Sacramento Reunion... J. Kline)

Stauff, John H. 591/B

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(editor's note - John I ran across the letter you sent me earlier this year. It prompted me to put this editor's note under your name, once again thanking you for your thoughts. I appreciate your friendship and look forward to meeting you in Sacramento. Please let yourself be known to me amongst the crowd... J. Kline)

Straub, Ted J. 422/M

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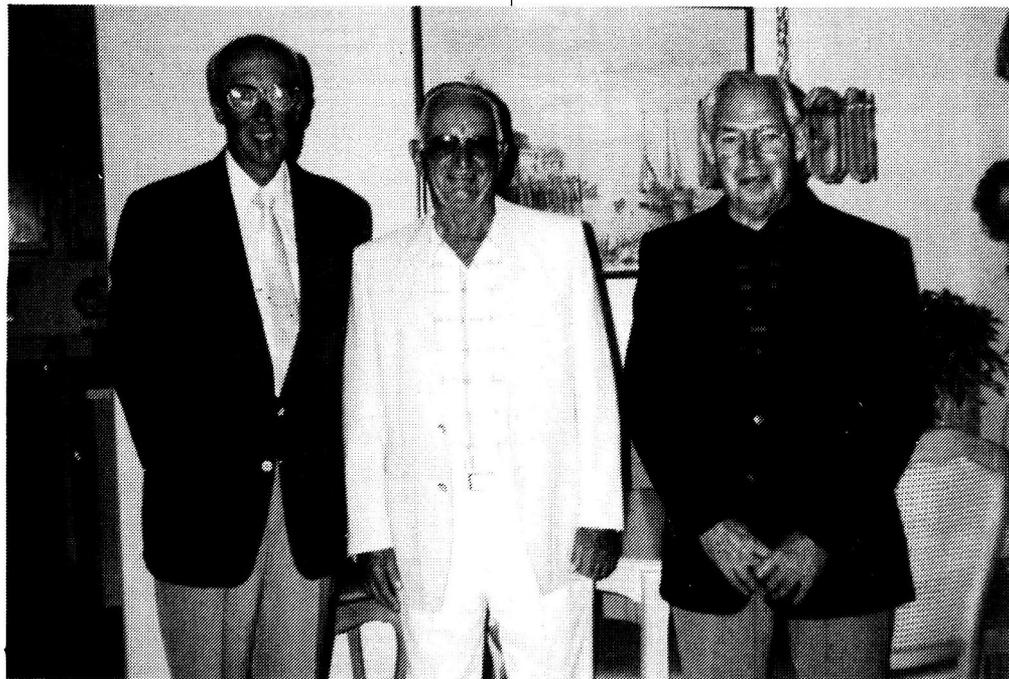
I appreciated receiving your 62 page "letter size page" book describing your experiences in the war, as well as those of others. I didn't understand that you were

with me, and others, in the same columns, on the long march from Stalag VIII-A. I see you were liberated on April 12, 1945 at Difurt. I was liberated at Helmstedt, east of Braunschweig on April 13th. I will have to take time to read this carefully and compare the march route that I have with yours. I have compared this with four other Stalag VIII-A prisoners and they are, of course, similar until we got to Duderstad where the columns were apparently split. I went north to Braunschweig, some went toward the Stalag at Fallingbostel, up towards Hanover. Very interesting material. I also appreciate all the material you have sent on the 201st Infantry Association... J. Kline)

Sulser, Jack A. 423/F

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John, Thanks for the copy of your "Service Diary", the Combat Infantry Badge Order showing "L" Company CO Huyett



See Jack Sulser's story, above and next page

L/R - Jack Sulser, Captain Charles Zullig CO, and Art Kuespert . Picture was taken at Cpt Zullig's winter home near Bonita Springs, Florida, Some person near Bonita Springs, sign on Cpt Zullig.

as M.I.A., and another excellent issue of The CUB.

I'm still hopeful that Captain Huyett came through it alive and that I'll run across him someday. The July 31, 1945 MIA listing is certainly not conclusive. I have found men that were listed as dying in POW camps still alive, such as Ralph Hansen, one of our Association members.

I have enclosed a photo of former "F" Company CO, Capt. Charles Zullig and former cook and combat rifleman, Art Kuespert and Yours Truly. It was taken at Cpt Zullig's winter home near Bonita Springs, Florida. I had not seen Zullig since a 1950 gathering of 20 or so former "F" Company vets in Union City, New Jersey, near Zullig's home base. That reunion took place the night before hostilities started in Korea and a couple of weeks before I sailed on the "Queen Mary" for my first Foreign Service assignment at the Embassy in London.

Kuespert acted as sort of Alumni Secretary for Co. "F" after the war, publishing and mailing to all known members a newsletter reprinting letters received from former "F" Company members.

In 1950 he organized reunion in South bend, Indiana, where he then lived, and in Union City, New Jersey, Zullig's home ground. Art now lives in North Fort Myers, Florida, and I have seen him a couple of times when we go through there. I am pleased that Art has finally joined the Association.

Keep up the good work! You are a great asset to the 106th Infantry Division Association.

(editor's note - Thanks Jack, Maybe some one reading this can help you in the search for Captain John B. Huyett, Jr. of "L" Company, 423d Regiment who was listed as M.I.A. in order #51, dated July 31, 1945, from Headquarters, 106th Infantry Division.

Jack, GOOD NEWS, I think. I just talked with Colonel Cavender. He says he corresponded with Cpt

Huyett for several years after the war. He is going to send me his address. He says the Captain was seriously wounded, but survived.

Tribout, Arthur J. 424/G

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(editor's note - As late as February 1990 I had word that Arthur was in a nursing center, unable to continue his membership. One of our members graciously contributed his dues. I am sure Arthur Tribout would appreciate receiving mail from some of the 106th Members. How about it gang, put a little sunshine into his life, maybe it will reflect back... J. Kline)

Uveges Jr., John 424/SV

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John, just received the Jan-Feb-Mar issue of the CUB (this letter written 2/20/90). My congratulations, for it's the best yet. I could be biased, but the story of the 424th was great! I am from the 424th Infantry Regiment, but did not participate in the operation around Spineux, for I was captured just outside Winterspelt on December 17, 1944.

While at Stalag 12A, Limburg, I met Louis Tury, Hungarian descent, of "A" Company, 424th Infantry. Last year, while looking through a diary he kept, he came across my name and remembered the two of us were Hungarian. This prompted him to look through the American Ex-Prisoner's of War roster and sure enough he found me. We have been communicating since. I don't think he is a member of the Association I will give you his address, can you contact him?

(editor's note - John, as you know, now, Louis joined in August of 1989. He sent me some material on his return to England. I hope to print it as a feature story in this issue of The CUB... J. Kline)

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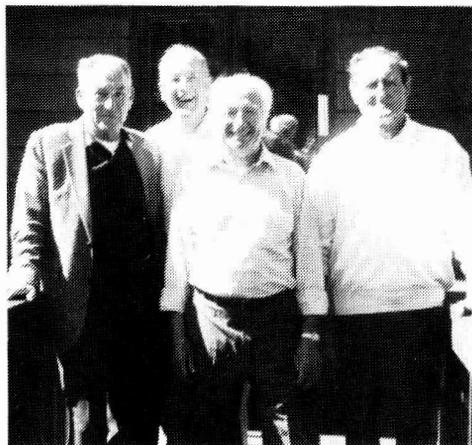
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John, enclosed is a reunion picture of a few 422d Anti-Tank Co. men, taken at Walter Pawluk's home in Meriden, CT September 1989.

Our best wishes with warm regards to all of the "Battle of the Bulge" comrades in the 106th.

Oh yes, Colonel Puett's accounting of the crossing of the "Aquitania" in the



A reunion of 422 Anti-Tank Co. vets picture taken at Pawluk's home in Meriden, Conn.

L/R: - Tony Giglio; Mike Valovcin; Walt Pawluk and Rene Pigeon

November 1989 CUB brought back old memories. Our Company was on the Aquitania that October 1944 date.

Picture below... J. Kline)

Varhola, Steve G. 424/D

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I really enjoying reading The CUB.

We are committed to go to Alaska with a group on August 28th and will not be able to attend the Sacramento Reunion.

Hope you all have a good time, One More Time!

Good Luck, God Bless and Stay Healthy.

signed "Steve and Irene"

Vermont, Ernest B. 422/E

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John, do me a favor and correct my Regiment number to read 422/E, not 423/E. I was a Staff Sergeant with 422/E, 3d Platoon, 3d Squad, later became a Tech/Sergeant.

Whitehead, John L. 423/HQ

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Enjoyed the last issue of "The CUB" as usual and after the third time through I guess I haven't missed anything. As you requested from my letter in the Jan-Feb-Mar 1990 CUB, page 51, I'll give you a few details, as I remember it, of my stay at Postdam and the release by Russian troops.

Left Luchenwalde along with twenty-three others in early February 1945 by rail. I'm not sure if their were others from the 106th, perhaps others will see this and let me know.

After a short trip from Luchenwalde to Postdam, where we were held in a small barracks at an officer's training school. To the best of my knowledge there were no other Americans in this compound. I could be wrong.

Our work detail was to dig and construct air raid shelters in a pine forest a few miles from where we were being held. Living conditions were a bit better than the big camp, but still no food or sanitary conditions.

Red Cross parcels arrived in March on a split basis, but this did help the food situation. Every night bombing of Berlin kept us in the air-raid shelter every night in March and April as they flew right over Postdam to Berlin.

The Russians moved in, in early April, releasing us with words to go to Moscow and home. We, however, with much language help from a Polish speaking G.I. started to the Elbe River. We were able to steal bikes making travel a little bit easier. For safety reasons, we moved into Ger.

man homes at night as we traveled, stealing food as we went. We finally arrived at the Elbe River and after much delay the Russians took us to the American side.

From the Elbe on to Camp Lucky Strike for a short stay and a slow boat ride back to Boston, with a steady diet of creamed chicken.

Hope to met you in Sacramento, John. I am looking forward to the Reunion, it should be interesting.

(editor's note - John, look back up this column for a name "Ernest Miller." His story parallels yours, including the bicycles and the Polish G.I. interpreter - Maybe we have a "hit" and you can discuss this with one who was probably with you

Widdicombe, Robert W. 423/1

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John, Many thanks for the time and effort you put into each issue of "The CUB." I was hoping to meet you in Schaumburg, but did not have the opportunity to attend because of other matters.

Again John, thanks... Keep up the good work, it is really appreciated...

(editor's note - Thanks for the kind words Bob. You gave me a name of John Duffy, 340 Parkdale Dr., Venice, Florida 34285, as a former 106th member. I dropped him an application, but have as yet to see his name come through as a member. Why don't you write him, or maybe some of our Florida friends can give him a call... J. Kline)

Wilcox, Donald O. 106 SIG

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Still here and fighting Cancer!

Enjoy the "CUB" and reading the stories about the "Bulge." May God Bless all of us. . .

Wohlfeil, Col. Carl H. 591/HQ

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Sherod,

I hate to start a letter with an apology, but I meant to answer your letter a long time ago and just got around to it.

I had a phone call from an old 591st FA Bn associate (and friend), though I wouldn't want him to take advantage of that admission. It was almost like a voice from the "Nether Regions." Maybe he might have made it through the Pearly Gates, I wouldn't put it past him, for he was a sneaky guy — S-2 type.

Anyway, here are my dues to cover my own re-admission to the select group of old loyal soldiers of the 106th Infantry Division Association and for the enlistment of the fore-mentioned associate (friend). Namely, Captain Verner S. Gaggin, S-2, 591st Field Artillery Battalion.

(Another letter from Colonel Wohlfeil, Commander of the 591st FAB to the editor)

John,

After getting sidetracked I finally got around to answering your very interesting and informative letter.

Most recently I have been reliving my experiences with the Second Division in Korea where I commanded the 15th F.A. Bn during most of 1951 after participating in the Inchon landing in September of '50 as X Corps Artillery Communications Officer, they already had to many commanding officers.

My daughter gave me a book "*The Forgotten War — America in Korea 1950-53*" by Clay Blair. It's an enormous volume and wouldn't recommend you buy it unless you're a dedicated history buff. (It's probably available in the library.)

I had a nice letter from Sherod Collins recently giving me some more information on the St. Vith/Clarke controversy. I still think Clarke and the 7th Armored Division took a heck of a lot more credit than they earned.



Chester Wroblewski 423/C in center.

He says Harold Peterson, on the left with his brother Ellwood Peterson on the right, along with him (Wroblewski), have been turning out for Memorial Day Parades for the past 43 years.

All are from Youngsville, PA

I'm sending some copies of "The CUB" which I recently discovered in my attic. I understand that you want back-issues to pass along to other members.

Meanwhile, stay healthy, because I can't think of anyone else who could, or would, do as good of job as editor of "The CUB" as you!

Sincerely, Carl Wohlfeil.

(editor's note - Thanks, Colonel Wohlfeil. I hope you have found a copy of Hugh Cole's "Ardennes" which is one of four books published by the U.S. Government Printing Office under the name U.S. Army in World War II, European Theater of Operations, Stock number 008-029-00069-5. To the members - this is available at a cost of \$21.00 postpaid from the Printing Office in Washington D.C. Cloth Bound, 744 pages of maps, pictures and accounting of the "Battle of the Bulge."

Wroblewski, Chester 423/C

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John, In reading page 8 of the Oct-Nov-Dec 1989 CUB, I thought I would ask for a little help.

To me "Hell on Earth" was on the 22nd or 23rd of December 1944 at the Koblenz rail-yards.

I don't know how the numbers stacked up, but I do believe there were 25 to 20 rail cars of POW's of the 106th Infantry Division on the train that stopped right in the middle of the Koblenz rail-yard, and a second train stopped on the next track with the engine next to our box-car. We saw the train crew jump off and run into the darkness. The parachute flares were coming down from what looked to be hundreds of planes.

I knew we had to do something, and that was to get out of the box-cars. We had to not only get out of the cars, but to get clear of the rail-yards. I pushed my way out of the barbed wire on the windows and others helped me do this... Then once on the ground I ran to the doors and got them open. The cars and rails were being lifted into the air by the bombs. We ran into the darkness, out of the yard for about 100 yards, that's when I got hit.

But, that is not the question of this letter. The question is, is there anyone out there that remembers all of this. If there is, please answer and give me your version of what happened. I am really interested in knowing how many lives were saved by getting out of the box-cars that night. Also does anyone remember who was the first to open the doors. I would appreciate hearing from any who were involved in the bombing at the rail-yards.

(editor's note - Chester, I hope some members will answer and discuss this with you. I have read accounts of the bombing at Gerolstein rail-yards, between the front lines and Koblenz, also the Christmas Eve bombing of the rail-yards outside Stalag 12A, at Limburg. I

was personally, along with hundreds of others involved in the daylight bombings of some three story German barracks in the City of Koblenz, last couple of days of December 1945. We left Koblenz and marched to Stalag 12A, Limburg overnight, then put on box-cars and shipped to Stalag 4B at Muhlberg.

Again, outstanding rail-yard bombings that I have heard of were Gerolstein and just adjacent to Stalag 12A in Limburg. I am sure we will get some response on this... J. Kline)

Wyman, Valerie ASSOCIATE

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Sherod,

Enclosed is my check for a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. The stories and letters published in "The CUB" are very interesting to me, and it seems nice to insure that they keep coming.

Spent a few days in England this spring, in the Catwolds, not far from Fairfax, where David was stationed before crossing the channel. It is a beautiful section of the country.

Best wishes to you all for a rewarding reunion.

(editor's note - Thanks Valerie, I'm sure your late husband David, from 422/D, would agree with your actions. It is nice to have you with us, and to know that you enjoyed your trip to England. Keep in touch... J. Kline)

Zampieri, Tullio 422/AT

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I have a question. My Army discharge states my Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) as "Pioneer 729." I was with the 422/AT Company and my duties were setting and picking up "Mines." I was also trained with the "Flame-Thrower." Does anybody know what "Pioneer 729" means?

Zuckerman, Jack 423/C

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John, enclosed are some pictures I took on my visit to Fort Jackson in the winter of '89.

Have been a member since 1946. Your issues of "The CUB" are the best yet.

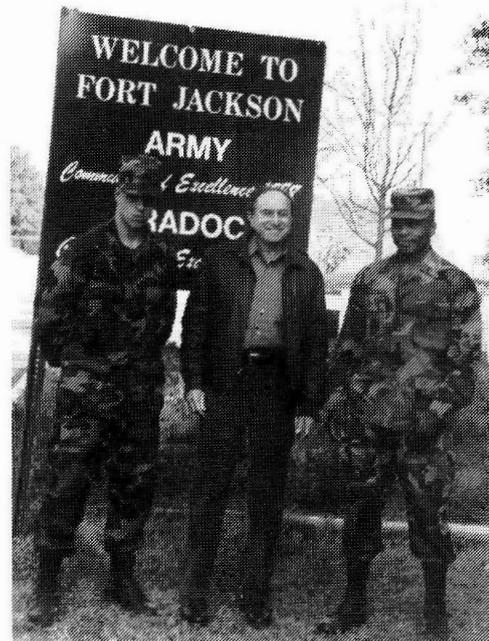
I joined the Division after basic at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Went on Tennessee Maneuvers and Camp Atterbury. Was discharged because of an old leg injury when the division went overseas.

Taught History and was Asst. Principal and Principal before retiring in 1967.

(editor's note - Jack, Thanks for the story and pictures on Fort Jackson.

I'll save the barracks and the inside pictures for another issue. Hope to see you in Sacramento...

J. Kline)

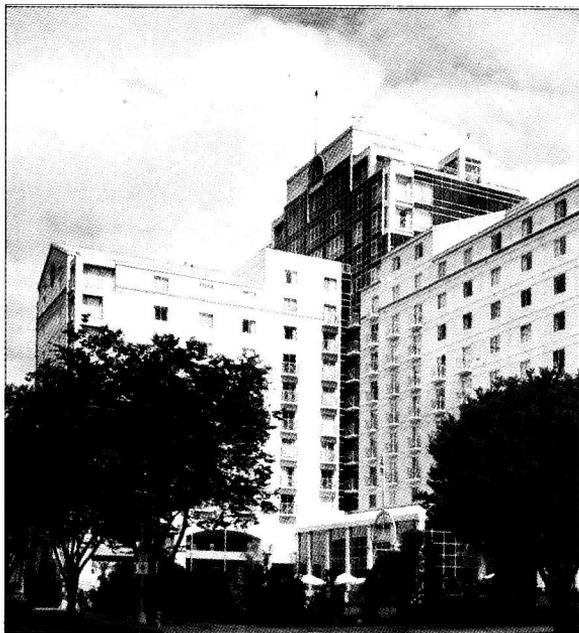


Jack Zuckerman, 423/C
at Fort Jackson

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