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# President's Message

As a young college student, back in 1943, I did not have any idea, by the "wildest imagination," that I would enter the military service and be assigned to the 106th Infantry Division, at Camp Atterbury. Then, after 47 years attain the prestigious position of President of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

It is with great pride and gratitude, that I have this distinct honor. I wish to thank your Board of Directors for showing their confidence in me by permitting me to be your president.

Your officers have already demonstrated their desire and willingness to make this year a most memorable one.

I remained in service, after World War II, making the military my career. I retired in, as a Lt. Col. in 1970, after 28 years service. My wife and I have traveled extensively, since my retirement.

When the 106th returned to the States in '45, I elected to remain in Europe and, as promised, received a promotion. I was then assigned to the 127th AAA Gun Battalion, as it's Sergeant Major, and subsequently promoted to Master Sergeant.

Upon returning to the States in 1946, I was married. I then was assigned as a Reserve Advisor near my hometown. During this four year tour I attended night classes, four nights a week, four hours a night, at the University of Alabama. I majored in business administration. When the Korean War came along I was again assigned to Camp Atterbury, and was appointed Warrant Officer, Transportation.

In 1951, I received a direct commission as a 2d Lieutenant, Transportation Corps. I attended many military schools during my career and served in Korea and Viet Nam, plus two other tours in Europe. I attended Flight School in 1955 and was rated as an Army Aviator, flying fixed-wing aircraft, as well as helicopters.

Those who attended the Sacramento Reunion, have already expressed their satisfaction to the "**Sacramento Reunion Committee**," headed by Michael Thome, for the professional manner in which they organized, managed and conducted the reunion. Michael Thome, 1990 Reunion Committee Chairman, took ill the first day and missed the reunion. He says that he is recovering, but slowly.

The 1991 Reunion will be at Huntsville, Alabama. The dates are September 18, 19, 20, and 21 at the Marriott (Huntsville), which is adjacent to the Space Museum. Registrations and information will be mailed in January of 1991.

Have a Good Year and a Happy Holiday Season.

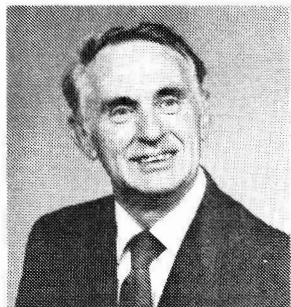
*John O. Gilliland, president*

106th Infantry Division Association



*106th Infantry Division Association President  
John O. Gilliland, 1990 - 1991  
592d F.A.B., Service Battery*

# ***"What have you done for me lately?"***



Reverend Ewell C. Black Jr., Chaplain  
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My father often said that nothing was as self-centered and demanding as a human infant. Hopefully, as we grow older, we are trained away from this trait and become more society oriented. Unfortunately, the truth is that throughout our lives we retain this trait to some degree.

A story is told of two men who had been friends since childhood. One of them had been very successful in all that he had tried, while the other had suffered set-back after set-back. Whenever the unfortunate one came to the other, help was forth-coming. Finally, the one who had been so unfortunate for so long became

a success and amassed great wealth. At the same time, the fortunes of the other took a turn for the worse. Faced with the loss of everything unless he could secure a loan, this man turned to the friend whom he had helped so often. Imagine his astonishment when the lifelong friend, whom he had always helped, turned a deaf ear to his plea for help. Barely able to contain himself, he asked, "When I have done so much to help you in the past, why don't you help me now?" The answer he received was, "It is true that you have helped me in the past, but what have you done for me lately?"

In this Season of Thanksgiving, I wonder how many people question what or whether they have any reason to give thanks. Almost all of us can think of a particular time in our lives when we had reason to be thankful to God for something in our lives. But, maybe things have been going good for us for so long that we have become complacent and believe that all these good things have come as a result of our own doing, and that we are not beholden to anyone but ourselves. In this way we become very much like the man in the story, who didn't deny that he had been helped in the past, but wanted to know "What have you done for me lately?"

***Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with the steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.*** Psalm 103:1-6

Father God, in this Season of Thanksgiving, we give Thee thanks that even when we have forgotten all of Thy blessings, you have not forgotten to continue unto us, blessing upon blessing. AMEN

# ***From the CUB's den – John Kline, editor***

Dateline– 31 October, 1990– Halloween– This CUB has been an interesting one to put together. This is the last few paragraphs, that I finish, as I put “**The CUB**” to bed. I am about 15 days behind and happy to be able to get The CUB to the printer tomorrow.

There are stories on our members returning to Europe. The Adjutants and Treasurers report are also in this issue. Lots of NEW MEMBERS and gobs of mail in the MAIL BAG.

Please check the schedule on page 18, for the December 16th 1990 Commemoration parties, fourteen in all, and join in the fun and camaraderie. Be sure to send me photos and stories of those gala events. Your photos and material must arrive before the January 1 cut-off date, for publication and lay-up work schedule for the February 1991 CUB.

The 1990 Reunion, in Sacramento, was a very delightful get-to-gether of old friends and comrades. It always warms my heart to see old buddies get together, sometimes for the first time since the war, and talk over what ever we old soldiers talk about.

The reunion committee did a fantastic job. Our thanks goes out to them. The hotel was great. The elevators were fast and prompt. The committee was well organized.

Mike Thome, Reunion Chairman, unfortunately, took ill on the first day. He was unable to continue. Ed Prewett stepped forward and did an excellent job of conducting the affairs of the reunion. Mike, get well fast, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Unfortunately space does not allow us to use all the pictures that are available. Those that are shown, starting after the attendance lists on page 21, are to be representative of all the good times and camaraderie that occurs at the 106th Infantry Division Association reunions.

You all come and see us at the 1991, Huntsville, Alabama Reunion. Chairman, John Gilliland, says that registrations and information will be in your mailbox during January 1991.

## **1990–1991 ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES**

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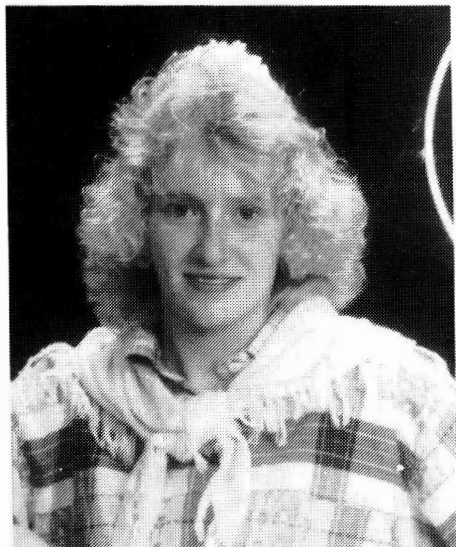


**Douglas S. Coffey, 590/C** sent stamp shown. It commemorates the 40th Anniversary of the Bulge. Issued–Belgium 1985. Not perfect, but maybe you would like it in your collection. To Highest bidder. Money will be donated to St. Vith Memorial Fund.  
Send bid to Treasurer, refer to this article.

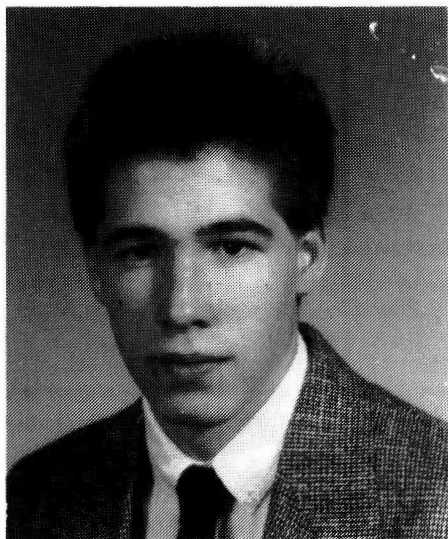


## 1990 Recipients of the Golden Lion Scholarship Awards

Edinburgh Community School, Edinburgh, Indiana  
Emmerich Manual High School, Indianapolis, Indiana  
O. Paul Merz 422<sup>nd</sup> SV, Indianapolis, Indiana



Melissa Workmen, Edinburgh Community School  
Edinburgh, Indiana



Douglas A. Cook, Emmerich Manual High School  
Indianapolis, attending Evansville, Ind. University

## From our Treasurer/Historian

Several inquiries have been made, over the years, as to the availability of a crest or Regimental insignia of the 423d Infantry.

This crest was designed early in 1945 by a Sgt Frank W. Johnson of 423d "A" Co. No evidence has ever come forth to show that any metal insignia was ever produced.

The motto "**We Conquer**" at the top is lettered against a gold background; "Conquer," a strong word signifying the goal to be achieved by the military profession of arms. The crest is shaped in the design of an ancient Crusader's shield and surmounted by a spearhead thrust into black, representing the enemy.

Barbed wire represents "No Man's Land" of every engagement. There is a Lorraine Cross commemorating service with French forces. A Belgian Lion represents the Ardennes Campaign and 16 December 1944. A convex line represents the situation during the siege of the Lorient pocket. Red, White and blue colors are shown and the insignia is surrounded by a gold border.

Design of the crest was announced in the July 5, 1945 "Biv-Wacky," a short lived newspaper of the 423d Regiment.

If anyone has any information about this crest, please let me know.

Sherod Collins, Treasurer/Historian



# ***Back Home Again In Indiana***

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by Dan Bied 422/A  
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My wife and I drove across Indiana last summer, including a night in a small town motel and a brief stay in Indianapolis,

It was in the mid-90s as we cruised effortlessly across the 4-lane highways in our air-conditioned car.

Naturally, I remembered the 106th Division's long, hot summer of 1944 as, ever so briefly, I was "Back Home Again In Indiana."

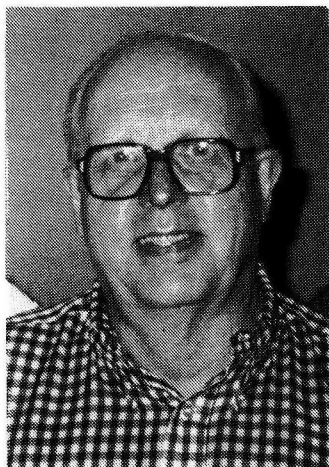
That song was played repeatedly at a jazz festival we attended in Elkhart so it was on my mind, as it was 45 summers earlier when I marched (and marched and marched) on dusty roads that, I'm sure, were hot enough to fry an egg on.

My wife asked me how it was at Camp Atterbury, now some kind of a government base for something less urgent than war maneuvers. I told her I remembered the heat, mostly, and the time I had to go on sick call because my feet were sore, blistered and bloody.

I told her about the times we were on bivouac and how good it felt when, finally, there was an afternoon downpour. It rained so hard that a half-dozen of us were allowed to cool-off in a tent. There was also a bad storm one weekend when we were trucked to Bloomington for a swimming exercise, (The whole thing was called off due to heavy lightning and I never did learn to swim, with or without a helmet and simulated rifle).

There were good times at Camp Atterbury along with the bad, I was a music buff and got a big kick out of the Red and Blue dance bands that played weekends at the service club. They were excellent bands, almost like hearing Glenn Miller or Artie Shaw.

The beer that summer in Indiana was pretty bad, as I recall it.



But it was cold, wet and plentiful and I drank my share of it at the camp's beer garden and in Indianapolis, even though I was only 18 and looked younger.

My mother and dad drove to Camp Atterbury from Iowa, a round-trip of some 700 miles, to see me a few weeks before we left for Europe.

Dad got some extra gas stamps from a friend who ran a filling station. He had to fix a flat tire on the way, mother told me several years later. They stayed in some kind of room provided by the camp and we went to Indianapolis to see Victor Mature and a movie called "Wilson" at a theater on or near the city's circle. They left me in town where I got drunk and, somehow, got back to camp on a bus.

I looked awful the next morning, and surely smelled of beer. But they didn't say a word.

That's how it was for all of us, more or less, at Camp Atterbury in the summer of 1944; heat, endless marches, visits to the day room or beer garden, more marches and, always, the intense heat.

They're remodeling the circle in Indianapolis, I noted as we walked around sightseeing in the July, heat. The Claypool Hotel is gone, of course, but one of the present-day ritzy hotels has a shopping mart called the Claypool Court.

Indianapolis looks prosperous. That's the way it should be, I think, because I

remember the many wonderful people there during WW-2 who were helpful and friendly to us GIs.

The old railroad station is still there. But it has been refurbished to include a nifty restaurant, a shopping center and a Holiday Inn with rooms that cost around \$95 a night.

My recent visit to the Hoosier State made me realize how long it has been since that morning in June, 1944, when I

came in from Ft. Meade, Md., just in time for the noon meal at Sgt. Richardson's mess hall.

More importantly, it made me feel thankful to have lived through the battle in the Ardennes, the coal mine in Eastern Germany, and some close calls I've had during the post-war era.

**In a way, after all these years, I still feel I'm part of the 106th.**

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## ***Dawn In December – 1944***

From a book of poems

by Lt. Dale Carver

424/HQ 3Bn, A&P Platoon Leader

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The man beside me breathed no more  
at the light of the cold, clear dawn.  
We had talked for hours that solemn eve—  
at daybreak he was gone.

We had talked of rolling tons of steel  
crashing through the pines,  
of foemen in our uniforms  
filtering through our lines;

of happiness afar at home  
that hallowed the mystic night:  
and cozy children dreaming  
of a sleigh in magic glight;

of a Child born near Jerusalem  
ages, long ages, ago;  
of the gentle truth He had spoken;  
of three crosses in a row.

We had talked about the weather—  
the cold, the fog, the snow;  
of air support that never came;  
of retreat before the foe.

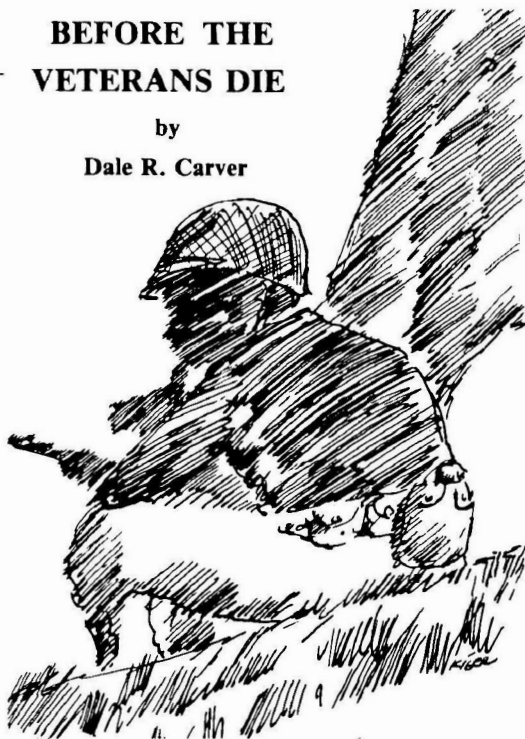
He missed the golden sunrise,  
felt not the limpid light,  
heard not the throbbing sound of hope,  
saw not the awesome sight;

Shining ships of silver  
droning their cloudless way —  
bright avenging bombers  
aloft on Christmas Day.

### **BEFORE THE VETERANS DIE**

by

**Dale R. Carver**





# Adjutant's Report 1989—1990

## Membership as of July 1, 1990

Renewals . . . . .	1,023
New Members . . . . .	329
Reinstated Members . . . . .	24
Associate Members . . . . .	33
New Associates . . . . .	8
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP includes LIFE . . . . .</b>	<b>1,417</b>

Auxiliary Members . . . . .	505
Memorial Fund Contributors . . . . .	258
Members discontinued . . . . .	23
Membership Gains . . . . .	305
Auxiliary Membership Gain . . . . .	169

**Membership as of October 28, 1990**

**1,503**

### 10 Year Membership Recapitulation

Year	Memberships	Associate	Auxiliary
89—90	1,417	41	505
88—89	1,128	39	348
87—88	928	30	359
86—87	745	20	300
85—86	641	16	239
84—85	555	13	195
83—84	481	19	160
82—83	470	14	155
81—82	443	22	139
80—81	463	19	103

### Deaths Reported 1989—1990

Margerat Bailey	Associate	Apr 1990	James A. Klett	106 Med	Dec 1989
Timothy Berkery	424/M	Aug 1989	Elmer Kobs	423/C	Oct 1989
Robert Bosle	422/I	Oct 1989	Col. Ambrose Leach	589/B	Jan 1989
Lewis P. Brock	422/F	Apr 1990	George Mangiaracina	422/Med	Feb 1990
Ambrose Collier	422/L	Nov 1989	Adolph G. Moritz	422/F	Unknown
Carl L. Daun	423/K	Jan 1990	Robert W. Pierce, Sr.	81st Eng/C	May 1990
Lesley Davis	422/SV	Unknown	Roland G. Parquette	423/AT	Jan 1988
William S. Delzell	424/M	May 1990	Francis Rogers	422/L	Apr 1990
William J. Devine	423/SV	March 1990	Edward C. Salata	423/Med	Unknown
Thomas C. Dorosky	592/SV	Aug 1990	Col. W.C. Scales, CO	422/Hq 2Bn.	Sep 1989
Buster Downing	424/M	Aug 1990	Edward B. St. Clair	422/E	Unknown
Stanley W. Drewniak	423/G	Unknown	Donald Stone	592/C	Aug 1989
Alvin B. Grigsby, Jr.	Associate	Unknown	Harrison Tissot	422/C	Unknown
Henry Healan	423/M	Feb 1990	Raymond K. Untiedt	423/C	May 1989
William Hoinash	DIV/Hq	June 1990	Donald E. Weaver	820 TD Bn/C	Unknown
Harry L. Holder	424/H	Jul 1990	Harold Scott Young	424/Hq 1Bn	May 1990

# 106th Infantry Division Association

## Treasurer's Report

### 1989 - 90

#### INCOME

Member's Dues	23,765.00
Auxiliary Dues	1,718.00
Interest Earned	3,052.43
Patches Sold	366.30
Postage, sale of patches	9.15
	<u>\$ 28,910.88</u>

#### EXPENSE

CUB Expense:	
Printing	7,552.10
Layout	1,439.00
Postage	1,117.59
Covers	950.50
	<u>11,059.19</u>
Printing & Supplies	1,626.53
Postage	967.13
Telephone	86.62
Computer component	1,693.00
CUB Review	3,600.00
43rd Reunion Shortage	1,056.76
Grant to 44th Reunion	3,000.00
Registration Fees 4 Officers	340.00
File Cabinet, 4 drawer	139.24
Annual Corporate fee, Ga.	15.00
Bank Charge	18.00
Patches	316.66
	<u>23,918.13</u>
Net Increase	<u>\$ 4,992.75</u>

#### FUNDS ACTIVITY

##### General Fund Recap

Brought Forward	43,462.55
Net Increase	4,992.75
	<u>\$ 48,455.30</u>

##### Memorial Fund Recap

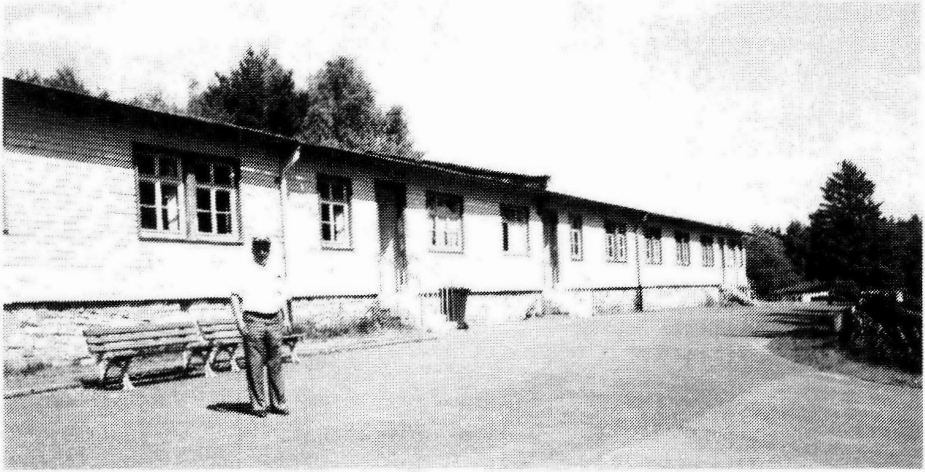
Brought Forward	15,486.72
Contributions	3,229.30
Interest Earned	1,148.26
	<u>\$ 19,864.28</u>
Less:	
3 Scholarships	- 1,200.00
	<u>1,200.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 18,664.28</u>

#### CHANGES IN CASH POSITION

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Memorial Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
This Year	48,455.30	18,664.28	67,119.58
Last Year	43,462.55	15,486.72	58,949.27
Increases	<u>4,992.75</u>	<u>3,177.56</u>	<u>8,170.31</u>

#### Banks of Deposit

First Atlanta Bank	1,107.00
First Community Bank	66,012.58
	<u>\$ 67,119.58</u>



*Art Van Moorlehem, 423/B standing in front of old barracks at Stalag IX-B, Bad Orb*

By Art Van Moorlehem, 423/B

As promised, John, here is my brief report on our "Return to the Ardennes" in May 1990.

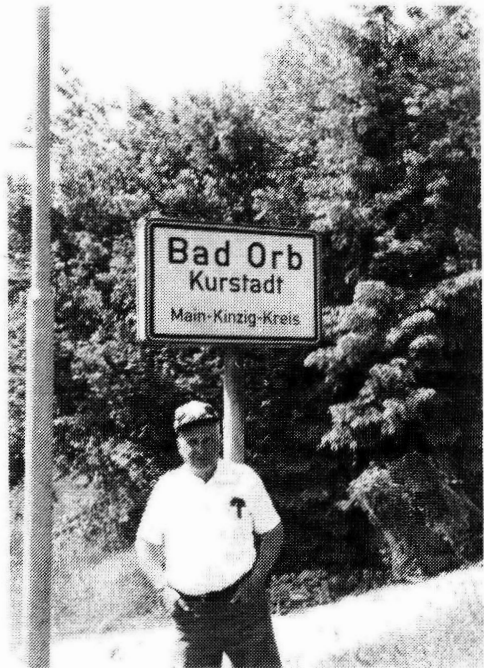
With a few helpful assists from you and Joe Massey, we made the trip back. My son Edward and his wife Nancy, and myself. Ed and Nancy were stationed in France and Germany during the 60's with the paratroops, so we were able to put things to make our way around, pretty well. A better grasp of the France and German language would have helped.

We were able to visit briefly with cousins in Waregem, Belgium after renting a car in Amsterdam. We had been in contact with Mr. Andre HUBERT and Pierre GOSSET. We called them from Waregem. (They of course are CRIBA members) After a visit to the foreboding Hurtgen forest and a visit to the monument at Malmedy we met Mr. Hubert and Gosset in St. Vith.

They proceeded to take us to the Schnee Eifel hills, stopping at Schönberg and the bridge we should have held. It, incidently has been replaced and moved slightly.

We drove past the old 423d Regimental Headquarters. Next stop was "B" Company positions in the Eifel. There we were

able to locate several old foxholes and dugouts left behind in Dec. '44. Our old positions on the north side of the logging trail still remains, but the south side of the road has been cleared and is farmed. The holes are partially filled, of course, and the pill boxes we used as Company Hqs. are destroyed. But the nostalgic view of the Alf Valley is about the same. Brings back a lot of memories of those scary days and





## Art Van Moorlehem returns to Europe



*Van Morelehem standing  
in a "B" Company 423d fox-hole  
in the Ardennes*

nights in the cold dark days of December 1944.

The CRIBA people gave us a tour of the hills where the 422nd and 423rd surrendered on Dec. 19, 1944. This was interesting because I was with another group looking for a way out when that happened. It is a farmers hayland now and very peaceful of course.

We next toured the Losheim Gap area and I was surprised to find it less rugged terrain than I imagined. We stopped for a short visit at the grave marker of Lt. Eric Woods near Meyerode, in the dark area of woods.

After the Schnee Eifel trip, we returned to St. Vith to visit the 106th Memorial and

the old site of Division Headquarters. St. Vith is bigger and is prosperous as is most of Belgium, Holland and what we saw of Germany.

We proceeded in our little Ford to Vielsalm, and to Baraque Fraiture, and Augerge du Carrefour, at "Parker's Cross-roads" owned by CRIBA members Lengler, Lejuene. We stayed at the Auberge, at site of the heroic battle. Incidentally, they were expecting a visit from the Parker Family the next week. They were very hospitable.

After a visit to the 106th battle area, we continued on to Houffalize and Bastogne, visiting the church area where Belgian civilians were massacred. We stopped at the German cemetery at Racogne, Belgium where 7,000 German casualties of the Bulge are buried. The next stop was the beautiful American Cemetery at Neuville, near Liege, where well over 100 of the 106th Division boys were buried on land donated by the Belgium Government. It was very impressive.

The next day was spent in touring the Normandy invasion beaches, museums, and cemeteries. Omaha and Point du Hoc are the most impressive as the signs of bombing and artillery still remain.

We had the opportunity to return to Paris, where I was sent on returning from prison camp in April 1945. The French attitude toward Americans has changed dramatically, which is unfortunate. I wish I could have spoken the language to express my impression to them!

The final impressive climax of the visit was a return trip to Stalag IX-B, at Bad Orb. The old camp still has three of the original barracks left. They are apparently used as storage buildings, mess-hall complex for the Youth camp now occupying the area. The stark old place is now full of trees and beautiful and is in some sort of a

tourist area called "Wegscheide" now. The old water hydrant by the cook's shed is still there. What mystifies me is the "Russian Cemetery" at the west edge of the old camp with 1,340 buried. We knew them as Serbs in '45, but does anyone know what happened, that 1340 perished there? Would be interested in knowing the story about that, if anyone can fill me in. There also appears to a cemetery for refugee's that probably occupied the camp in 1946 and later. I am enclosing a picture of the sign near the camp. Do you know what it says?

(editor's note — Art, I will give you a literal translation. The top line "VERTRIEBENENRUHESTÄTTE" translates to "Refugee resting place," RUHESTÄTTE means "resting place. The next line "des ehemaligen Vertriebenen Auffanglagers" translates to "of the former refugee camp" and the next line "Wegscheide 1946-1948" names the location and date. As you say, probably the name of camp. "Wegscheide" in the German dictionary says "Fork in the road." The arrow on the bottom "ca. 1000 m" means "approximately 1,000 meters.")

The trip to Europe brought back old memories, that I suppose has been haunting most of us since December of 1944. I can't help but think - we were younger than our grandsons, when we went through that horrible Winter. Now the old camp is beautiful and overlooks a peaceful valley. Downtown Bad Orb was leisurely, that Sunday we visited it. A far cry from the Christmas afternoon we unloaded from the box-cars in the middle of the town and that solemn group of German civilians dressed in their Sunday best, back in 1944.

We traveled about 1,500 miles on our trip. Prices were high, autos were clean - no junk or dirty cars on the road. The beauty of the area is surprising, when you compare it with the devastation we left behind when we loaded on the *S.S. Argentina* on April 21, 1945 at LeHavre.



L/R Edward (son) and Art Van Moorlehem  
CRIBA's Andre HUBERT – Pierre GOSSET

I must compliment the CRIBA members, Andre HUBERT and Pierre GOSSET for their services. They refused remuneration, but do accept contributions to CRIBA. (The quart of Tennessee whiskey went over well.)

I would like to reiterate the fact that they have a lot of visitors, from other divisions also, and that accurate advance information and any changes in plans, are appropriate. They are real fine people and go out of their way to make you comfortable and well received in their country.



*Branbury, England, the happiness of the meeting is shown in the faces. June 1989.  
L/R Helen and Derek Creed; Ex. Sgt Louis Tury, Jr. 424/A;  
Molly Creed, mother of Helen (passed away 12/31/89) and Margerat Tury*

by Louis Tury, Jr 424/A  
12 Weaver Rd  
Fairview, MI 48621

I stayed with a family in the town of Branbury Oxom during our stay in England, before going into action in Europe. The family's name was "Creed" and they lived at 59 Cromwell Road. Every evening after 424/A would finish their field problems, I was welcomed into their home.

After the "Bulge" and five POW camps, and field hospitals, then back home and being discharged, I kept in touch with the "Creed" family. Molly, Idythe and Molly's daughter Helen.

In June of 1989 we flew over to England to visit our daughter, Margaret, her husband Mike Mast and our grandson, Gregory. They were stationed at Alconbury Air Force Base. My son-in-law

has been with the Air Force for 22 years.

My wife and I had them drive us to Branbury to look-up the "Creed" family. We had the most wonderful and beautiful reunion ever held. Molly and her daughter Helen and Derek, Helen's husband drove us all over, showing us the town of Branbury and the many places our 106th men enjoyed.

424th "A" Company stayed at the "Red Lion Inn," but it had been torn down. The "Creed" family gave us so much Love.

We have since received a letter from Helen, that her mother, Molly, passed away on December 31, 1989. The wife and I shall always treasure our visit to the "Creed" family.

**It was the reunion of a "Lifetime."**





*Branbury, England, Home for the Aged, 1989, Louis Tury, Jr 424/A  
Marge and myself with Idythe Creed, who befriended me during our English duty in '44.  
She remembered me, after I introduced myself. She was so pleased we took time to visit her.*

## *Christmas 1944*

A Christmas I shall never forget

by Louis Tury, Jr 424/A

As my wife and I celebrate Christmas each year, I remember those Christmas that were special. I spent my younger days in Glen Alum, West Virginia. We had wonderful times cutting and decorating our trees. We used to sing songs, both English and Hungarian. I then spent more Christmas in Old Debray, an area southwest of Detroit, with my folks, brothers, sisters and friends. We always attended midnight Mass to celebrate the birth of Christ.

One Christmas that stands out in my mind, one that I vividly remember is the

one I spent in Stalag 12-A, Limburg, Germany. Like all camps, it was surrounded by barb-wire and guarded by Germans with guard dogs. It was in 1944, after I had been taken prisoner, along with ten other buddies of mine, after defending the village of Winterspelt. It was the "Battle of the Bulge," and the coldest winter, remembered, in Germany.

There were POWs in Stalag 12-A from nearly every country; Canadians, French, English, Polish, Americans and Russians. Many of us were still suffering from battle wounds. All suffered from dysentery, and malnutrition. As prisoners we had little clothing and medical attention. Some of my comrades were beaten by the German guards. One boy, from Indiana, was shot in cold blood right in front of our eyes.

## Tury's return to England and a POW Christmas Story

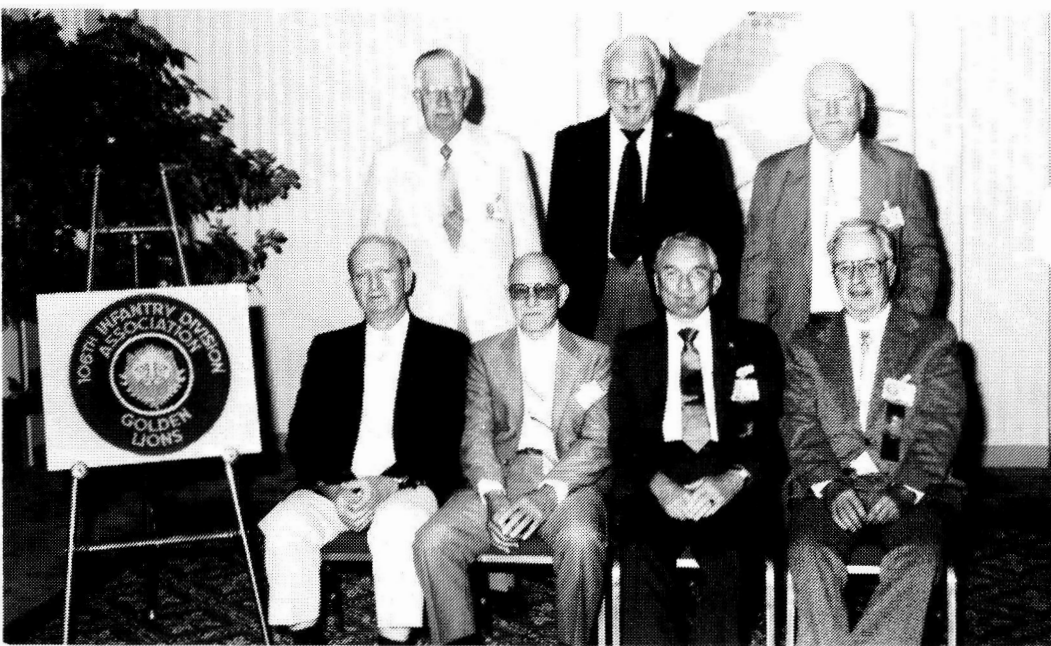
Being a POWs, at Christmas-time in 1944, was the lowest point of our lives. Just to witness all the suffering, it was a sad day. It being the 25th Day of December, we all decided to celebrate Christmas. We took an old cardboard box, and by using my pen-knife, carved it into the shape of a tree. Out of old German Army blankets, worn and thin, we made decorations for the tree. We punched holes in the cardboard and stuffed straw, from the floor, into them, to represent Christmas tinsel.

We all joined hands, together, in a big circle and started to sing Christmas Carols.

While we sang, our eyes filled with tears, and we thought of home and our loved ones - so far away from us. We thanked God that we were still alive. Outside, in the compound, our enemy heard our songs.

At noon the guards brought in some "Grass soup" instead of the usual rutabaga soup. Each man received two spuds, instead of one, each received two slices of bread instead of one. Even though many of us were suffering, our spirits rose as we sang the Christmas Carols together. We all wished each other a "Merry Christmas" and hugged each other.

**A Christmas that I shall never forget.**



*Taken at the Sacramento 44th Annual Reunion. (Left to Right)  
Six men from Lt. Ivan Long's I&R Platoon, 423d Regiment. They are part of the group that infiltrated back through the German lines on 21 December, 1944 and joined Combat Command B, 7th Armored Division in the final hours of defense of that city. In all, about 18 I&R men made that journey, leading men from other units to safety.  
Seated—Gordon Zicker 423/HQ driver; T/Sgt Bob "Casey" Casenhiser Plt. Sgt.; Lt. Ivan H. "Ike" Long, Platoon Leader; Sgt Robert "Huck" Jones, Squad Leader 2d Squad;  
Back Row— T/4 John "Johnny" Johnson Chief Radio Operator;  
T/5 Dick "Sparky" Sparks; Radio Op, 1st Squad; Pvt. John "Irish" Sheehan, Senior Scout;  
Zicker was not with the group that infiltrated, he was captured with others.*



## ***Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania***

by George T. and Norma J. Vance, 283 Dutch Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

On December 17, 1989, a group of the 106th Infantry Division Veterans with their wives and friends, gathered at the Yorkshire Inn, Pittsburgh, PA and enjoyed a noon luncheon to commemorate the anniversary of the "Battle of the Bulge." It took two photos to "catch" the group, (Please turn to next page, for more).



My apologies to the Vances for not including this in the May CUB. The material arrived late for February and was set aside amongst other material. I am sorry I overlooked it... J. Kline.

# December 16th get-togethers, 1989

**(Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Commemoration continued from last page)**

During the gathering, at the Yorkshire Inn, Christmas tunes were played, which added to the warmth and thoughts of the festive season.

The meeting began with a pledge to the United States Flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem... Aided by a "Kate Smith" recording.

A moment of silence was observed for departed members of the 106th Infantry Division while "TAPS" was played. A note of heartfelt thanks to the many persons who contributed generous gifts as follows:

Mr. Richard L. Rigatti, birthday cake honoring his beautiful wife "Patricia."

Door Prizes:

Hand crafted Afgan, Mr/Mr Francis Langham

Hand crafted Adult Booties, Norma J. Vance

Mrs. Franny Jackson, as usual, presented beautiful hand crafted Ice Skates pins to all persons present, plus Snowmen as favors.

We were honored to have as our guest speaker, Representative Ralph Kaiser, from the Pennsylvania, 41st Legislative District, who delivered an interesting and informative talk on Military and Veterans Benefits. Mr. Kaiser outlined pending legislature bills before the House of Representatives, and his continued efforts to aid our Veterans.

## IN ATTENDANCE (46), at the 1989 Pittsburgh Commemoration get-together

Collins, John S. & Katherine, 422/F

Devaty, Raymond S. & Eileen, 423/MED

Huminski, Edwin C. & Elizabeth C., 424/F

Jackson, Harry & Franny, 423/MED

Jones, James G. & Dolores, 422/C

Koluezez, Harry & Jennie Rose, 423/HQ

Kratsas, John A. & Artemis, 422/A

Kwaczek, Carl S. & Lillian, 422/C

Langham, Francis S. & Jean L., 423/B

Maloney, Joseph P. & Vivian M., 424/HQ

Repos, Stanley J. & Irene, 424/MED

Rigatti, Richard L. & Patricia, 423/B

Peters, David J. & Jean Headley, 422/K

Vance, George T. & Norma J., 422/AT

Yanchik, Pete & Diane, 423/A

Yelchan, Albert M. & Margaret, 422/HQ

Weising, Robert A. & Norma A., 423/L

Martin, Dr. John B. & Pearl, 422/MED

## GUESTS:

Bridgen, Raymond & M. Pauline, 101st A/B

Hartford, Dallas & Rosemary, 82d A/B

McClelland, Frank & Grace Moore, 28th Inf

## GUEST SPEAKER:

The Honorable Representative;

Ralph Kaiser and wife, Susan



George T. and Norma J. Vance, Hosts, 1989 Commemoration, Yorkshire Inn, Pittsburgh, PA.

## December 16th get-togethers, 1989



*Remnants of the 1989 Commemoration parties,  
The Reading PA area held their Memorial Dinner on Friday 1 Dec 1989 at the Dutch Colony Motor Inn  
32 in attendance L/R John Gallagher, Fred Mervin, Fredd Carr all from 81st/C;.  
Walter Shirk 424/M, Jacob Antonvich 423/H*



*L/R lower Bill Harris, 423/SV; Elwood Lorah 592/C  
L/R from top, Walter Shirk, 424/M and Bill Jones, DIV/HQ; Fredd Carr, 81st/C and Jacob Antonvich, 423/H;  
Ralph Hill, Associate member and to his left Fred Merwin, 81st/C*



# ***December 16th Commemoration get-togethers for year of 1990***

## **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Contact: Charlie & Nancy Datte  
231 Davis Ave  
Clifton Heights, PA  
Phone: -215-626-1866

Date: 15 December 1990, 3:00pm . . till ??

## **Mt. Vernon, Illinois**

Contact: John L. Mikalauski 424/H  
Box 31, 306 West Blake  
Benton, Illinois 62812  
618-439-3867

Date: 15 December, 1990 6:00pm/7:00pm

Place: Holiday Inn at Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Call or write so we can plan a good Party for you.

## **Atlanta, Georgia**

Contact: Sherod Collins  
448 Monroe Trace  
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144  
618-404-928-3207

Date: 16 Dec, 1990—4:00pm dinner 6:00pm  
Dobbins Air Force Base, Open Mess  
Marietta, Georgia

## **Florida Chapter**

Contact: Samuel P. Cariano  
305 Parkside Place  
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937  
407-777-2876

Date: 15 December 1990, 11:00am  
Banana Bay Waterfront restaurant  
2424 Pineapple Avenue  
Melbourne, FL 32935 407-242-2401.

## **Chicago, Illinois**

Contact: Russell Villwork.  
6908 West Higgin, Chicago 60656.  
Phone: - 312-631-2027

Date: 8 December, 1990 6:30pm

Place: Park Ridge V.F.W.  
Higgins and Canfield  
Park Ridge, Illinois

Cost: — 15.00 per person, RSVP by Dec 4

## **Northern California**

Contact: Jerry Eisenman  
227 Buena Vista Ave  
Daly City, CA 94015-2120  
415-756-8330

Date: 15 December 1990 11:00  
Fort Mason Officer's Club, San Francisco  
Call for Details or directions

## **Southern California**

Contact: Milton Weiner  
6440 Knott Ave #41  
Buena Park, California 90620  
714-521-1705

Date: 2 December, 1990 (Sunday, 2:00pm)  
Place: Scechwan Chinese Restaurant—\$17.00  
14320 Valley View Ave (opposite McDonalds)  
La Mirada, CA 90638

## **Cincinnati, Ohio**

Contact: Robert & June Walker  
3607 Shady Lane Rd.  
North Bend, Ohio 45052  
513-941-1888

Date: 8 December, 1990 Noon on

## **Madison, Wisconsin**

Contact: Charles Rieck  
7316 Voss Parkway  
Middleton, WI 53562  
608-831-6110

Place: Lewis Prime Rib (same as last year)

Date: 8 December, 1990

## **Detroit, Michigan**

Contact: Robert E. Kelly  
4388 Barchester Dr.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013  
313-644-4453

Date: 15 December 1990, 6:00pm  
Ladery's at 7 Mile & Telegraph

## **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

Contact: George Vance  
283 Dutch Lane  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236  
412-653-1724

Date: 16 December 1990, Sunday 1pm  
Yorkshire Inn, Pittsburgh

## **Minneapolis— St Paul, Minnesota**

Contact: John Kline  
P.O.Box 24385  
Apple Valley, MN 55124  
612-423-4837

Date: 8 December 1990 Doc's Place. Noon  
7th and Randolph, St. Paul, MN.  
RSVP to Kline 612-423-4837

## **New Jersey Area**

Contact: Carl Messina  
926 Seymour Avenue  
Linden, N.J. 07036-2942  
908-486-2927

Date: 15 December 1990 7:00pm  
Coachman-Days Inn off Exit 136  
Cranford, New Jersey  
Call or write for details and directions

## **Reading, Pennsylvania**

Contact: John J. Gallagher  
4003 Francis Street  
Temple, PA 19560  
215-929-2887

Date: 7 December 1990, Friday 6:30 pm  
Dutch Colony Motor Inn, Route 422 East  
Exeter Township;

Submit maximum of two pictures and resume to CUB  
Editor, by January 1, 1991,..  
The February CUB will be the official, and only, Dec  
16th Get-to-gether publication.

No Dec 16, '90 articles published after Feb 1991 CUB.

# In attendance for the 44th Annual Reunion Sacramento California—Aug 31–Sep 4, '90

## GUEST

James Schuld  
Peggy Ammons  
Ann Hutchinson  
Faye Lambert  
Kerry Terlep

## 106 RECON

Louis E. Cunningham *Charlotte*

## 106 SIG

Dean F. Childs *Eleanor*  
Russell H. Villwock *Jackie*

## 422/HQ

John H. Bryant *Emily*  
Joseph J. Gasses  
Dr. Geo. W. Herring *Dawn*  
John I. Hungerford *Lura*  
Lex Schoonover *Anne*  
Presley H. Williams *Clara*

## 422/AT

Howard V. Alexander *Nona II.*  
Walter S. Pawluk *Barbara*  
George T. Vance *Norma J.*

## 422/CN

Monroe C. Duke

## 422/HQ 1BN

Carl V. Dreisbach  
Michael Thome

## 422/A

Rev. Ewell C. Black Jr.

## 422/C

Robert P. Drumheiser  
Joseph Massey *Hazel*

## 422/D

William J. Brankin *Lorraine*  
Fred B. Chase *Agnes*  
Ward R. Richardson *Doris L.*  
Dr. John G. Robb *Marilyn*  
Boyd A. Rutledge  
Eugene L. Saucerman *Sally*  
Charles L. Smith  
Frank S. Trautman  
Lawrence R. Williams  
Robert E. York *Thelma*

## 422/HQ 2BN

Frank Nausin Jr. *Clara*  
William Rickard *Margaret*

## 422/F

Charley S. Henderson *Helen*  
Martin V. Lawlor *Rita*  
James E. Reynolds *Agnes*  
Charles J. Schroer *Louise*  
Donald R. Whitner *Vivian J.*

## 422/G

Keith Ginther

## 422/H

Francis J. Cook *Ruthanna M.*  
Robert J. Fox *Janice*  
Charles F. Rieck *Doris*

## 422/HQ 3BN

James W. Henning *Clare*

## 422/I

William S. Blaher *Miriam*  
Victor W. Breite *Avis*  
Eugene B. Kelch *Dorothy J.*  
John J. Lo Presti *Hazel*

## 422/M

Maynard Adolphson *Joan*  
Russell Hoff *Joan*  
Alfred E. Kopatz *Ida*  
Herbert F. Meagher *Luella*  
Paul A. Tranchita *Mary*

## 423/HQ

Roy Bigger *Jean*  
Robert D. Casenhiser  
Col. Charles Cavender  
Sam E. Davis Jr. *Myra*  
Richard C. Erbes  
Herbert Heidepriem *Bobbie*  
Robert K. Jones  
Ivan Long *Edna*  
Charlie (Clint) McClure *Peggy*  
M. W. Milot  
Alfred S. Nusbaum *Jeanne Hare*  
John P. Sheehan *Vivian*  
Richard D. Sparks  
George W. Strong  
Joseph C. Tarantino *Connie*  
Gordon B. Zicker

## 423/AT

Joseph J. Ansel *Mary*  
Walter Hiltbrand *Arlene*

## 423/CN

Edwin D. Lewis *Dorothy*  
Ray R. Vaughn *Annette*

## 423/SV

Sherod Collins *Dot Waldrop*  
John L. Hall  
Joseph P. Salber *Vera*  
William E. Ulin *Agnes*  
Jay F. Yearout

## 423/HQ 1BN

Kenneth V. Bryan *Marge*  
Don E. Cooley  
Carl H. Cosby (LTC Ret)  
Russell J. Malueg *Dorothy*

## 423/B

William Lucsay *Florence*  
William Malone *Margie*  
Gordon B. Pinney  
Frank Ponza  
Richard L. Rigatti *Pat*  
Joseph Scotti  
George Southam *Meurice*  
Arthur L. Van Moorlehem *Lucille*

## 423/C

John Rosalia *Rose*

## 423/D

Edward P. Billinghamurst  
Joseph Litvin  
Robert H. Marsh *Mary Lou*  
William J. Yingst  
Mike Zenn *Elaine*

## 423/E

William G. Alexander *Carolyn*  
Willard G. Bennett *Lee*  
Walter E. Johannes *Lucille*  
Col. John W. Miller *Jean*

## 423/F

Jack A. Sulser  
Eric J. Vonderhorst *Frieda*

## 423/G

Walter S. Adams III *Joy*  
Joseph Solomon *Annette*  
J. H. Waters *Dorothy*

## 423/H

Theodore Basel  
Robert F. Bennett *Vera*  
L. John Carrico *Helen*  
Kenneth M. Smith  
John A. Swett *Virginia*

## 423/HQ 3BN

Jerome Eisenman *Ruth*

## 423/I

Richard W. Peterson  
Howard J. Terrio *Lurella*

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## 423/K

Richard J. Brax *Rosalie*  
Fred De Poyster *Rosetta*

## 423/L

Walter "Tuck" Daugherty *Iva-Bell*

## 423/M

Louis M. Cooper *Peggy*  
George N. Crouthamel  
Louis Edelman *Essie*  
John P. Kline  
Ernest Z. Salazar

## 423/MED

Antone Costa  
Lawrence B. Costa  
Richard R. Ritchie *Carol G.*

## 424/HQ

Robert A. Burkes *Frankie*  
Robert H. Josephs  
Joseph P. Maloney *Vivian*

## 424/CN

George O. Grimes  
Edwin L. McAllister

## 424/HQ 1BN

Joseph C. Odom

## 424/B

Major H. Hill *Evelyn*  
Charles S. Peyser *Gertrude T.*  
Edward A. Prewett *Reddie*  
Roger M. Rutland *Mattie*  
Marshall P. Streib *MaryAnn*

## 424/E

Benjamin B. Britton *Avis B.*  
George C. Johnson

## 424/F

Edwin C. Huminski *Betty*  
Milton J. Schober *Arline*

## 424/H

Donald R. Armington *Maxine*  
Nolan Ashburn *Jean P.*  
Harold M. Bailey *Peggy*  
Sr., James E. Collier *MaryLou*  
William H. Houser  
George Murray Jr. *Betty*  
George W. Stephens *Sheba*  
Lawrence Walden *Jeanne*

## 424/HQ 3BN

Dale R. Carver *Ruth*

## 424/I

Roy A. Hines *Lucille*

## 424/K

John H. Johnson *Evelyn*  
Robert L. Scranton *Mildred*  
Armando Velasquez *Margaret*

## 424/L

Sr., Kenneth L. Coss *Bea*

## 424/M

Howard O. Bagby *Nancy*  
Milton Weiner

## 424/MED

Douglas Brooks  
John Manfredi *Jane*

## 81st ENG/A

Orfeo E. Agostini *Yvette*  
Thomas D. Broadbent  
Andrew Chura *Elizabeth*  
John P. Collins *Anita H.*  
Robert E. Sandberg *Pat*  
Roy Sheets  
H.S. Spiwak *Phyllis*  
Milton L. Wassgren *Betty*

## 81st ENG/B

Norwood A. Frye *Hazel A.*  
Robert J. Hanson *Donna*  
Edward S. Krezminski  
Irving Pastor  
Edward C. Wojahn *Irene*

## 81st ENG/C

Joseph E. Stevens  
James E. Wells *Maydean.*

## DIV/ARTY

Marion S. Mileski *Mamie L.*

## 589/HQ

John W. Thurlow *Joyce*

## 589/A

Alfons P. Lerno *Phyllis*  
Marshall B. Wenslow *Patricia*

## 589/B

Harold Kuizema *Jessica*

## 589/C

L. Dale Patrick

## 590/HQ

Clifford E. Kincannon *Sarah*  
Robert A. Powell

## 590/A

Pete House *Joanne*  
Edward E. Young

## 590/MED

George R. Pina

## 590/SV

Francis R. Schneider

## 591/HQ

Clark Brown *Clara*  
Carl W. Giesler *Marge*  
Ray C. Smith *Beth*

## 591/B

John H. Stauff  
Stanley A. Zawadzki *Patricia*

## 591/C

Walter H. Bowers *Beatrice*  
Col. Perry R. Ellsworth *Julie*  
Joseph Gross *Delores*  
Robert W. Hempel *Evelyn*  
Elbert C. White *Zada*

## 591/SV

Kenneth Bradfield *June*  
Walter C. Clarke *Lillian*  
Charles T. Datte *Nancy*  
John W. Howard *Virginia*  
Robert C. Ringer

## 592/HQ

Clarence (Pete) Lauman *Dorothy*

## 592/?

Milburn R. Raleigh

## 592/A

Willard G. Hartman

## 592/SV

John O. Gilliland *Le*  
Glenn O. Hartlieb *Nadine*

## ASSOCIATE

Mrs. Marjorie DeHeer  
Dannie L. Gregory *Shirley*  
Clarence R. Meltesen *Helen*  
Mrs Jean Schutte

# 106th Infantry Div. Assoc. 44rd Annual Reunion attendance count

106 RECON	1	424/CN	2
106 SIG	2	424/HQ 1BN	1
422/HQ	6	424/B	5
422/AT	3	424/E	2
422/CN	1	424/F	2
422/HQ 1BN	2	424/H	8
422/A	1	424/HQ 3BN	1
422/C	2	424/I	1
422/D	10	424/K	3
422/HQ 2BN	2	424/L	1
422/F	5	424/M	2
422/G	1	424/MED	2
422/H	3	81st ENG/A	8
422/HQ 3BN	1	81st ENG/B	5
422/I	4	81st ENG/C	2
422/M	5	DIV/ARTY	1
423/HQ	16	589/HQ	1
423/AT	2	589/A	2
423/CN	2	589/B	1
423/SV	6	589/C	1
423/HQ 1BN	4	590/HQ	2
423/B	8	590/A	2
423/C	1	590/MED	1
423/D	5	590/SV	1
423/E	4	591/HQ	3
423/F	2	591/B	2
423/G	3	591/C	5
423/H	5	591/SV	5
423/HQ 3BN	1	592/HQ	1
423/I	2	592/?	1
423/K	2	592/A	1
423/L	1	592/SV	2
423/M	5	ASSOCIATE	4
423/MED	3		
424/HQ	3		

**Grand Total 201**

<b>Div/HQs &amp; units 4</b>	
<b>422nd</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>423rd</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>424th</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>81st Eng</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>589th FAB</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>590th FAB</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>591st FAB</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>592nd FAB</b>	<b>5</b>

Attached Medics counted with organic units

**Members 201**  
**Guests and**  
**Wives 158**

**Total 359**

**There were 38**  
**New Members in**  
**Attendance**



**Colonel C. C. Cavender, 423rd Regimental Commander, ( age 93 as of 2 Oct 1990)  
at the podium, during the General Membership Meeting of the 44th Annual Reunion  
of the 106th Infantry Division Association**



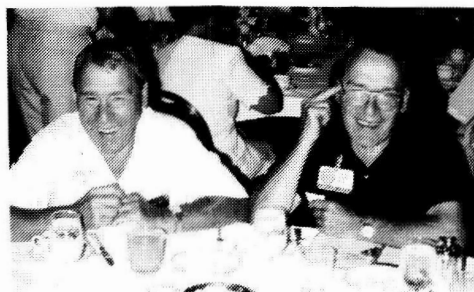
**Captain Sam Davis, 423rd Headquarters (left)  
Assoc. Tres. Sherod Collins, 423rd Service Co.**



**Orfeo "Gus" Agostini 81st ENG/A  
1989-90 Association President  
at the Member's Meeting**



**S/Sgt George Crouthamel (left) and  
Sgt John Kline (CUB editor) both of 423/M  
First meeting since April 13, 1945**



**The Costa twins, Antone and Lawrence  
423rd Medics**



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**Tour Nevada City**



**Lunch Break, Nevada City Tour**



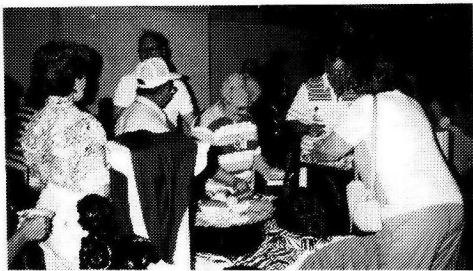
**Lunch Break, Nevada City Tour**



**Start of the 13,000 foot shaft  
Tour of Empire Gold Mine**



**Colonel Cavender, 423rd Regiment C.O.  
with President "Gus Agostini, 81st Eng/A  
at Cavender's Sunday Eve Cocktail Party**



**"Chow Line" at Colonel Cavender's  
Sunday Cocktail Party**

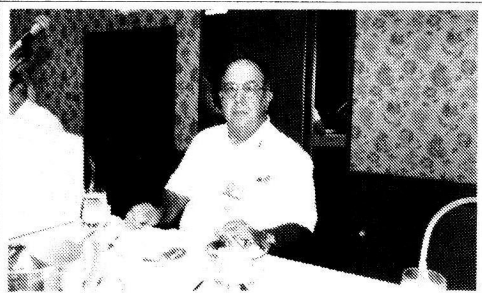
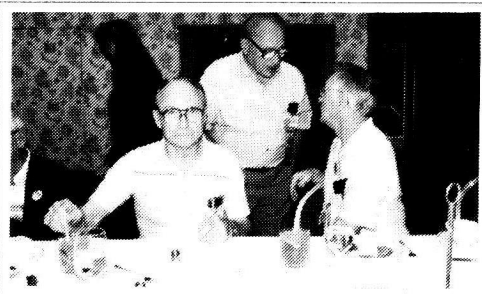
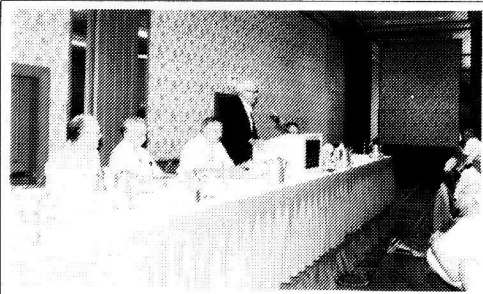


**(Right)– Col. John W. Miller (US ret)  
Hashing it over at Cavender's Party**



**A group of 423rd Medics  
at Cavender's Party**

## Glimpses of the 44th Reunion– Sacramento– Sept 1990





**“B” Co., 424th Rgt, 106th Infantry Division**

**(L/R)— Mr/Mrs Edward Prewett; Roger Rutland; Charles Peyser; Marshall Streib and Major Hill**



**(L/R)— Mr & Mrs Ray Vaughn, 423/CN; Frank Nausin, 424/HQ 2d Bn; Dean Childs, 106 SIG; Pete Lauman, 592/HQ Liaison Pilot; Kenneth Cross, 424/L; Charley Henderson, 422/F**

# New Members

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## **Abbott, Calvin V. 589/A**

110 Fowler Rd  
Simpsonville, SC 29681

I was in Battery "A", captured Dec 23, 1944 at Parker's Crossroads. Liberated March 29, 1945, weighing a mere 97 pounds.

I am married to Blanche Cooper Abbott. We have two sons, Robert Lewis and James Kenneth. We also have two grandchildren

I have lived in Simpsonville all my life. I am now retired from Union Carbide.

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## **Barbeau, John W. 422/AT**

5400 Arcanum Bears Mill Rd.  
Greenville, OH 45331

Dear Gill - Captured 19 December 1944. My wife is Trellis. I misplaced your first letter, thanks for the follow up. I am trying to locate a buddy **Herbert Hadaway**, of 422/AT, he was the Company Clerk. Thanks Gill.

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## **Basel, Theodore 423/H**

18 Ethan Allen Ct  
Orangeburg, NY 10962

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## **Boggs, Oliver B. 422/G**

Rte 9, Box 66  
Morgantown, WV 26505

I would love to hear from some of my old buddies. I am retired and travel some. Perhaps we can arrange a visit. Thanks so much.

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## **Clark, John W. 424/HQ**

713 No. Main, Apt A  
Benton, AZ 72015

I drove 1st Lt. Ben Sutter's jeep. He was from Louisiana, I always wonder what happened to him.

I have good memories of the 106th. I was a member until December 1943. We were on top of Tank Hill. I can still see, in my mind, Carter Hill and the Leesburg range. I have read many times about the bravery and good soldiering of the 106th, and as I continued my military service I always said the men of the 106th were the best that was ever around.

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## **Contreras, Felipe P. 423/E**

290 East Fulton  
Stockton, CA 95204

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## **Cross, John B. 423/HQ**

3725 Alta Loma Dr.  
Bonita, CA 92002

Captured the 19th of December '44 I was in Stalag 4B and Kommando #250.

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A mechanical engineer for Bendix Aviation, General Dynamics, Solar Aircraft, USAF and USN - 1949 to present. My wife, Linda and I have three children ages 21-24.

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## **Dashner, Robert F. 422/MED**

21755 Rein  
East Detroit, MI 48201

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## **Davis, William C. 424/HQ 3BN**

1745 12th St  
Gering, NE 69341

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## **Davis, William E. 423/C**

21 Dennis Drive  
Belleville, IL 62223

Captured 19, 1944 taken to Stalag 9B, Bad Orb. POW #26515.

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## **DeBlase, William 106 MP**

17340 Hart St.  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

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## **DeVito, Armando 422/K**

50 Trowbridge St  
Belmont, MA 02178

Married with six children, 17 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren. Retired and like to play golf and fish.

(editor's note — Armando, after a solid five year lay off and just a few games a year for the three years before that, I got back to playing golf this year. It's nice to be out there hitting the ball. I managed to get back to an 18 handicap, hoping to get better next year - just started really hitting the ball as the cool weather hit Minnesota... J. Kline)

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## **Dowden, Andrew F. 423/F**

503 Ash Drive  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096

I joined "F" Company in March of '43, and was with it until captured 19 December 1944. I was in Stalag 4B, Mühlberg. Stalag 3B near Frankfurt on the Oder River and 3A at Luckenwalde. Liberated by the Russians on April the 22nd 1945.

I returned to work with the Travelers Insurance Company. Retired in December of 1988 with nearly 48 years of service. Married, we have seven children and 10 grandchildren.

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**Hackel, William K. 424/B**

4904 Sherborne  
St. Louis, MO 63128

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**Harradine, Roger UNKNOWN**

323 Danielle Way  
Folsom, CA 95650

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**Heckman, Roth 423/HQ 1BN**

8 Conway Dr  
Middletown, PA 17057

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**Hines, Roy A. 424/I**

1814 W. Terrace Ave  
Fresno, CA 93705

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**Holder, Mildred ASSOCIATE  
(LIFE)**

474 Addison Ave.  
Elmhurst, IL 60126

I am the wife of Harry Holder of 424/H who passed away July 8th, 1990 at the Hines VA Hospital. After many years, he is at peace. I wish to thank all of you for your blessings.

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**Holland, Jr., Daniel E. 424/CN**

5C Barrington Dr  
Wethersfield, CT 06109

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**Hynes- CO, William J. 81st ENG/B**

230 - 7202 Street  
Bayside, NY 11360

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**Johnson, George C. 424/E**

1832 Rockrose Rd  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

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**Jones, Robert F. 423/HQ**

3142 Van Buren Place  
Antioch, CA 94509

I joined the I&R Platoon on March 13, 1943, coming from Camp Toccoa, Georgia. Stayed with the division until August of 1945. Transferred to the 21st Corp Headquarters and later to the 100th Division to come home. I was Sgt. Squad Leader of the 2d Squad in the I&R Platoon.

Married to Vivian for 41 years, have four daughters and one son, nine grandchildren. Worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years. Retired from Walnut Creek, California as P.O. Supt of Window Services in 1978. Originally from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

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**Jones, Ted N. 423/C**

4646 Mill Creek Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75244

I trained at Camp Atterbury and sailed to England with 423/C. Re-assigned to 424/A

following the capture of the 423d. Participated in the capture of LaVaux and the advance towards Coulee. Pfc Fred R. Veith and I witnessed the death of Lt. Robert G. McKay, leading "A" Company and retaliated in instructions from First Sgt Rifleman by killing the German with first mortar round (tree burst). Assisted in carrying Lt. Huddleston all night, back to the aid station, but he died a short time afterwards.

Evacuated from Wanne on 15 January 1945 with severe frostbitten feet and hands. Hospitalized for four months.

I worked with Chance Vought Aircraft - Skills Inventory Supervisor; founded and managed Ted N. Jones Gift Shop; Dresser Industries, Compensation Assistant; Motorola, Inc., Compensation Manager; and Army & Air Force Exchange Service - Management Engineer/Position Classification Specialist. Retired January 20, 1989.

Family: Married with two sons. Hobbies: Collecting and operation European toy trains.

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**Josephs, Robert H. 424/HQ**

5441 Pine Cone Rd  
La Crescenta, CA 91214

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**Lo Presti, John J. 422/I**

2001 W. Edgemont Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85009

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**Lowe, Charles 423/C**

1514 Woodvale Dr  
Madison, WI 53716

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**Marsh, Robert H. 423/D**

355 Beechworth Ave  
Monrovia, CA 91016

2d Platoon, Second Squad from March '43 until 12 December 19944, when I was wounded. Was squad leader for over a year. Spent five months in England in hospital. Returned to duty in May of '45 where I was sent to the Information and Education school and assigned to the 5960th Reinforcement Depot as I&E Officer. Remained with the 5960th in France until the last of October '45. Left LaHavre for USA October 30, 1945 and was discharged in November of '45.

Spent first few years as a Projectionist and on a Fire Department. In '49 was hired by Willys Motors as a Fire Marshall at the



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foundry and machine works. Upon Willy's sale to Kaiser I entered the insurance safety field as a field engineer in Indiana. Various management positions in the Mid-West and transferred to Chicago in '62, Battle Creek in '66 and L.A. in '73, was Asst Vice-Pres for last 15 years in charge of Safety and Fire Engineering. After this 31 years with TransAmerica Insurance I retired in March of '87. I am a registered Professional Engineer in the State of California.

Hobbies are fishing, however spend most of my time on "Kiwania" activities and activities promoting safety and health for our youth of the community.

Oh yes, I met a wonderful woman while stationed at Camp Atterbury. Married her December 9, 1945. We have six children and 12 grandchildren - 13th on the way. Thank God she waited for me to return from overseas. She has been my best friend and advisor as well as my "LIFE." Just think of what all the 106th boys missed while there - I found the Gem!

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## **Martin, Thomas C. 423/A**

767 East Broadway  
South Boston, MA 02127

A member of "A" Company from the Division's formation until captured on 19 December 1944. I spent time in a number of camps.

When I returned home I went to work at the Post Office as a letter carrier and spent 35 years with the Postal Service. In 1950 I married and we have three children, four grandchildren and looking for more. My hobby is "Barbershopping" which means I am a member of the "Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America." It is a great hobby and I sing my cares away on many an evening. Best of Luck - I am glad to once again be part of the 106th.

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## **McCarthy, Leonard J. 424/HQ 1BN**

250 Vine St. Unit "F"  
Lebanon, PA 17042

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## **Meltesen, Clarence R. ASSOCIATE**

810 Gonzales Dr. 4-D  
San Francisco, CA 94132

(editor's note — Sponsored by Mike Thome,

Chairman of the Sacramento Reunion, Clarence has published a book entitled *ROADS TO LIBERATION FROM OFLAG 64*. I like the phrase in the title page of his book, it fits many of us well. . . . *I can't recall you, nor can you me, but we walked the same miles along the same paths. . .* by Tom Johnson." I suggest this book to you, not only because part of my war diary, over five pages, is a part of it, but because of the straight forward - no frills - manner in which he describes the experiences of prisoners of war. He was captured, as a Platoon Leader, 3rd Ranger Battalion, Darby's Rangers, as he was leading an attack on Cisterna in the Anzio Beachhead.

His story leads from that point, as a prisoner to Oflag 64, Szubin, Poland on April 21, 1944.

The book is 535 pages in length, with numerous maps. I would also like to mention - It is written by an officer, but contains much of interest to the Enlisted Man, like my self. It was interesting to me, that the prisoners of the early stage of the war all seemed to funnel through Stalag 12A, much like ourselves, that were captured towards the end of the war. The Bulge is prominent, as well as all the camps of the 106th personnel - Oflag 13B, Hammelburg; 12A, Limburg; 9B, Bad Orb; 2A, Neubrandenburg; 4B Muhlberg; Moosburg, Nurnberg etc. The marches to freedom - Try it, you'll like it - don't forget to read pages 487 through 493 about Sgt John Kline, 423d, "M" Company. It is well written, well illustrated and well indexed... J. Kline, editor)

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## **Meyer, Col. Harold J. ASSOCIATE**

605 Legion Dr.  
Destin, FL 32541

Referred by Mike Thome: A recent new member "ASSOCIATE" Colonel Meyer is collecting information for a book that involves the 106th.

Born in Rushville, Indiana, but asserts he is a "Southerner" by choice, because of the fortunate assignments he has had in Mississippi, Georgia and Louisiana.

Inducted in the Army in 1943, assigned to the 63d Infantry Division located at Camp

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Dorn, Mississippi. Officer's Candidate School, Fort Benning where he was commissioned in January 1945. Following service in the Third Army in Europe, he returned home to Ohio to attend Defiance College. He returned to active duty in 1948 and was again assigned to Europe with the 26th Infantry.

Colonel Meyer commanded several rifle companies as a young officer, and was the commanding officer of the Forth Battalion, Third Infantry during a tour in Hawaii. He has held staff positions at battalion, division and corps levels. he is a graduate of the infantry advance course at the Army's Command and General Staff College. His service includes foreign tours in Korea and Vietnam.

In '55, Colonel Meyer graduated from Kent State and later received a degree of Masters of Arts in Journalism from the University of Missouri.

Throughout his military career he found time to write for military periodicals including ARMY, ARMOR and INFANTRY magazines plus other publications and several newspapers. He has served with the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service and during one Pentagon assignment was speech writer for the senior Army officials.

Colonel Meyer has been inducted in the Infantry OCS Hall of Fame and was recently elected as Director of the US Army Officer Candidate Alumni Association. He has been selected by the Secretary of the Army as a Distinguished Member of the 26th Infantry regiment. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, two Bronze Stars and the Army Commendation Medal. He is authorized to wear the Infantry Badge and the Ranger tab.

(editor's note — Colonel with all those credentials, we are looking forward to your help with a column for "The CUB." Welcome to the 106th... J. Kline)

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## Milot, M. W. 423/HQ

P.O. Box 30826  
Honolulu, HI 96820

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## Nicholson, Roy E. 422/M

344 Kepner Rd.  
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548

I learned about the "106th Association" at a POW group meeting in Pensacola, Florida. I would like to join.

(editor's note — Like many of us, you learned one of the best kept secrets, late in life - but it's never too late - welcome back to the 106th... J. Kline)

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## O'Connor, Michael F. 965/C attached

17 Warren Street  
Florence, MA 01060

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## Raleigh, Milburn R. UNKNOWN

43949 Fenner  
Lancaster, CA 93536

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## Reidell, Charles A. 423/I

898 Bayard St.  
St. Paul, MN 55102

We are celebrating our 50th anniversary in 1991. We have four children, three girls and one boy. We have 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Before induction I worked on the railroad. After the war I changed jobs and recently retired after 26 and one-half years as a St Paul, MN police officer. In the summer months I Hobby Farm and play ball (League Ball). In the winter I do Stained Glass work.

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## Scheffel, Robert W. 422/A

2219 N. Park Ave  
Grand Island, NE 68803

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## Seals, Noah J. 590/SV

2420 So. Sixth St. Rd.  
Vincennes, IN 47591

I was drafted in February 1943 and sent to Fort Jackson to join the 106th Division as it was being organized. I was a Liaison Agent with the rank of Corporal. After being captured near St. Vith, four months later another prisoner and I escaped and made it back to the American lines. I like to fish and hunt, but I am now disabled.

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## Silhavy, Frank V. 424/F

508 W. Vine  
McAllen, TX 78501

(editor's note — Frank, you asked about a Golden Lion shoulder patch - the Adjutant

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is the person to write for them. His name is inside the front cover of this CUB magazine. The patches are \$1.75 each plus postage. If you order one to four it would be an additional 25 cents postage. If you order more than that, throw in a little extra for postage.

Boyd Rutledge, the Adjutant left for Europe on October 1, he will be back in mid November, so don't expect a quick reply... J. Kline)

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## ***Spiwak, H.S. 81st ENG/A***

26417 Weston Rd  
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

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## ***Stammer, Charles H. 106 SIG***

718 Riverhill Dr  
Athens, GA 30606

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## ***Stevens, Joseph E. 81st ENG/?***

115 W. 300 S.  
Washington, UT 84780

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## ***Stevenson, Robert L. 81st ENG/HQ***

2133 Lake Dr.  
Winter Park, FL 32789

I was with my unit from Fort Jackson until the 19 of December 1944. I was wounded at St. Vith and hauled out on the 19th.

Would be very interested if you have had, in the past, any information about a buddy of mine. His name is **Oakley Utter**. I met him in New Jersey in 1946, but lost contact with him. I also remember the names - **Colonel Riggs, Lt Castleman and Dr. Cessna**.

(editor's note — Joe, you have by now received the July roster which has all the names of the 81st Engineers that belong to the Association. Possibly they can help you. You will find Colonel Riggs address in that roster. Bob Sandberg, 81st/A, a friend of mine nearby in St Paul tells me that Dr. Cessna belonged to the association for many years, but dropped out shortly after he sponsored one of the annual reunions. He is presumed to still be living, but I do not have an address for you. Maybe one of the other 81st Combat Engineers can help you. Welcome back!... J. Kline)

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## ***Theilen, Harold L. 422/MED***

800 13th St. Apt #2  
West Des Moines, IA 50265

My wife, Rowena and I have been retired since October 1985. We have one daughter,

Lori, whose address we use for mail, since we do not own a home. We live in a motorhome and travel 100% of the time. We have visited all 50 states since retiring.

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## ***Todd, Dave 424/L***

5901 No. Sheridan, Apt 9C  
Chicago, IL 60660

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## ***Tsaffaras, William P. 422/G***

9 San Mateo St.  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

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## ***Weigel, Col. Levene (US Ret) 422/H***

1380 Democracy Ave  
Melbourne, FL 32940

I have enclosed a few photographs taken at the dedication of the St. Vith Memorial. Possibly you can use them.

The dedication took place before Christmas while General Baker was assigned as Chief of Staff of USEURAR at Heidelberg, Germany. I was assigned as Deputy Headquarters Commandant 1962.

I spent three days going over the ground around the Schnee Eifel and at Schöenberg while on leave.

Because I will have my 50th college class reunion and my wife will have her 50th high school reunion, we will miss the September reunion in Sacramento. We hope to be able to attend the one in Huntsville in 1991.

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## ***Whittaker, Charles E. DIV/HQ***

7425 W. Shoreline Dr.  
Waconia, MN 55387

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## ***Wold, Charles W. 423/C***

226 Rosebay Dr  
Encinitas, CA 92024

After basic training in Florida, I was assigned to the 66th Infantry Division just before it was to go to the Pacific Theater. As a result of the many medical shots for a whole range

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now available  
See inside cover  
Left column***

of diseases, I came down with the cholera. While I was in the hospital my unit shipped to the Pacific. When I left the hospital I was assigned to 423/C in Camp Atterbury, Indiana. I stayed with that unit until it was clobbered by the Waffen SS. Three of us in "C" Company made it back to a guard post and for a brief couple of days we were detained because we all looked like Germans and we were told our unit had surrendered. Since we couldn't go back to our outfit we were assigned to "A" Company, 424th Regiment, which at that time had a company of 24 men and the C.O. was a Sergeant.

On January 15th I picked up fire wood that was stacked in the corner of a half demolished house. We had been using wood off the pile for days, but this time the pile exploded and sent me flying. A couple of artillery men helped me to the Aid Station. After a couple of operations in Belgium, I was flown to England, and was hospitalized for four months. I

was then assigned to the Army Air Corps.

## Young, Damon F. 423/D

2760 Guyan Ave  
Huntington, WV 25702

I was at Stalag IIA, Neubrandenburg, liberated by the 82nd Airborne at Ludwigslust - woodcutter Kommando at Zislow - Korean War 809 EAB 5th AF - Vietnam 66 & 11 Engineers - Germany 46-48, I&R Platoon 26th Infantry, 1st Division, Nurenburg War Crime trials. United States Army 42-72. Will return to the U.S.S.A.H. in near future (home).

I would appreciate any information you have on a (Pat) Patterson, Company D, 423d, 1st gunner, machine gun squad. Hope you all had a good time at the Sacramento Reunion - the distance was too far for me to travel. Ours in Freedom, with highest regards. Live Free or Die.

## Young, Donald J. 422/I

1700 Cheryl Way  
Aptos, CA 95003

## CUB Laughs

by George Levine 424/M



**"My fainting spells are not "War Time" connected.  
I only get them when I see your bills!"**

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## **Agostini, Orfeo E. 81st ENG/A**

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Hinesville, GA 31313

(editor's note — Thanks Gus, for the information on "Citations." I will use your suggestion to use this type of information in the "CUB REVUE." Oh yes, I just thought of a new name for the book, "The CUB in Review," how's that - maybe we will get some ideas from the readers. As soon as I get this November CUB out of the way, I will get back to work on the book which will contain a review of all the interesting stories from "The CUB," over all the years since 1945. . . J. Kline)

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## **Armington, Donald 424/H**

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Des Moines, IA 50317

(editor's note — Don wrote me and said he had a copy of all the "CUBs." Thanks Don, keep them together. There is only one complete set that I know of and that is in the hands of the Association Historian, Sherod Collins. I have a complete set, but am missing several originals of the CUBs, but Collins has filled me in with photo-copies of those that I do not have the originals of. I am using my copies to compile a list of the interesting stories and will announce the publication time for a book containing those stories. (see "Agostini above")... J. Kline)

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## **Augerinos, Steve 423/K**

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Catonsville, MD 21228

John, in reference to the picture which you used on the front cover of the CUB, Vol 46, No. 3 Apr-May-Jun 1990. I got that photo from Dr. Robert W. Peterson, 423d, "I" Company. I understand there is a small museum at Stalag IX-A and some of the pictures came from there. The cover picture was taken during the time the French were taken there. I understand that the head of France was there as a prisoner. Dr. Peterson sent me the picture, along with a few more, because I participated in the study of POW's that he conducted to write his dissertation for his doctorate. By the way, we were in the buildings near the gate across from the mess-hall. Dr. Peterson has some good stories to tell about the camp.

(editor's note — see the above issue for the cover picture and for Dr. Peterson's

story of his return to the camp - page 25... J. Kline)

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## **Austin, Clifford N. 589/C**

125 S Maple St  
Vergennes, VT 05491

My good friend and fellow POW at a work camp near Zittau and former Editor of The CUB, Dick DeHeer, who passed away a few years ago, would join me in saying "Great job John" — keep up the good work.

Marg DeHeer who worked hard, along with Dick, on The CUB and other 106 efforts continues to attend our local small yearly services of the Zeittau survivors.

Dick DeHeer and other previous editors of The CUB who continued the publication through some of the struggling years, I am sure would look with pride and thanks to you for your hard work in giving our membership an expanded and very interesting CUB.

(editor's note — Thanks, Cliff, for your kind words. I am so happy that I am able to continue The CUB, which I feel is the life line of the Association. Without those in the past, with their hard efforts and guidance by example, I would never be able to continue the way I have - they, even though I did not know them, are an inspiration to me... J. Kline)

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## **Barnes, L. Preston DIV/HQ G-4**

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East Windsor, NJ 08520

John, Your Jul-Aug-Sep issue was another winner!

In your editor's note to a letter from **George Iwamoto** of Honolulu, you ask if he knows where Lt. Col. Herbert Livesey, (Division Chemical Officer) is. I'm quite sure he died 2-3 years ago. I corresponded with him over a period of years. He was instrumental in the very beginning of the association and did so much for it. There was a period of time where he dropped out, then eventually returned. He spoke well of the Association's good work. I have his last known address if any person wants it. His wife's name was Ruth, she arranged conventions of the large-size variety. His son contributed travel articles for various magazines, including TRAVEL and LEISURE. Col. Livesey and his wife had a tradition of meeting Col. Stout and his wife, Mason, every year around Thanksgiving



time. After Col. Stout died, the tradition still continued with Mason.

A few pages on in The CUB, George Phillips writes of a few pleasant memories of Col. Baker (106th Chief of Staff). One of the more humorous experiences of my entire military career involves Col. Baker. At one time Division Headquarters was temporarily set up in an isolated chateau in Belgium, and on a particularly dark night I was assigned to guard a post some distance from the chateau under strict orders to challenge anything that moved and, if that thing happened to be a human being, to let absolutely no one pass, unless he knew the pass-word of the day. There were rumors of unidentified activity (the enemy?) in the surrounding woods, and buzz-bombs were screeching overhead. It was rather spooky. Eventually, a command car pulled up and I challenged it, recognizing Col. Baker, right away. But, unfortunately, he had been out in the field all afternoon and evening, and didn't know the pass-word! I was one confused Sergeant... being under orders to let no one pass. After some mumbling, I summoned an armed Corporal and instructed him to accompany Col. Baker to Division Headquarters for interrogation. Can't you just visualize the spectacle of the Division Chief of Staff, riding in his command car, complete with chauffeur, to his headquarters, with a Corporal in the back seat, gun at ready? It was the topic of conversation throughout the command post for some time.

Lastly, and most importantly, a letter from John Bull (106th Signal) is published. He was a good buddy of mine. I had been told when attending a reunion in Frederick, Virginia, that Joe had been killed in a private plane crash in Illinois. I've written Joe a note. So you see, The CUB is indeed working miracles!! Sincerely, Preston

## **Bradbury, Richard D. 106 RECON**

PO Box 81  
Milbridge, ME 04658

Sherod, I stopped in Columbia, South Carolina last April and had a good visit with Roy Mehling. The last time I saw him was when I shipped out of the Recon Troop to go overseas as a replacement in May of 1944.

## **Bradford, Harvey D. 424/SV**

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Aston, PA 19014

(editor's note — Harvey wrote, sending me a copy of the Drew Pearson article that appeared in the spring of 1945, entitled, *Green U.S. Commanders Blamed for Set-back; Trained Colonels over 48 Had Been Removed*. Pearson, in that article, had accused the 106th Infantry Division "Giving away like straws before a tornado." Nick Bruno of the 424th Anti-Tank Company, along with hundreds of other, took Mr. Pearson to task. Nick Bruno (now of 163 Bayberry Rd, Fairfield, CT 06430) and his buddy Frank Casey (deceased) wrote to the Bridgeport Post, Bridgeport, Connecticut on March 17, 1945. Parts of that story criticizing Pearson appear below.

Harvey, also told me in his letter that he had found the address of the Cunard Lines Archives Curator, University of Liverpool, England, and had written for further detailed information on the *Aquitania* so he could follow up on his original CUB article on that ship. We are looking forward to that information. Thanks Harvey... Parts of Bruno's story, as written to the Bridgeport Post follows... J. Kline)

YANK'S OF 106TH, VICTORS OVER NAZI IN "BATTLE OF THE BULGE," REFUTE STORY AS TOLD BY DREW PEARSON, TERM HIM A MISINFORMED COLUMNIST.

Writing from somewhere in Germany, with the 106th Infantry Division" Cpl Frank Casey, and Cpl Nick Bruno, both from Bridgeport, question the accuracy of a recent report by columnist Drew Pearson and offer "the true story of the 106th Division at and beyond St. Vith...."

"There is one matter, very important to us, we would like to talk to you about a very tender spot in the minds of the boys of our division, since the happening. We who are left of the Golden Lion Division, in respect and loving devotion to those we left dead and captured at the scene, have agreed to write to straighten out in the minds of some skeptics, the true story of the 106th Division. This is the story —"

"After the Battle of the Bulge, which was an attempt of Von Rundstedt to push through the Allied lines to seize Leige and it's subsid-

itary centers, the well known and well read Mr. Drew Pearson came out in his syndicated column with an article in which he said "the men of the 106th fell like blades of grass before a tornado.... Pearson continued - The leaders (officers) were green, inexperienced officers, and there should be a Congressional investigation into the whole affair.

"The survivors of the division were righteously indignant - dire threats of bodily harm were made for the "armchair generals" who chose to condemn what is now known as one of the most gallant and decisive actions of the war. The true story has now been told, and we who are left feel better and relieved, because we know that those thousands, and we mean thousands, of swell buddies we left beyond St. Vith, have no shadow over them pertaining to their efforts — and successful they were in stopping the Boche.

"Had they, as the gullible, free talking, highly paid, Mr. Pearson said 'fallen like blades of grass' Herr von Rundstedt would today be in Liege, and perhaps much further. Although unseasoned and green, they fought like fury against overwhelming odds, and the tremendously important element of surprise. They fell all right, but not like blades of grass, but like real American Infantrymen, taking with them many more of the so called 'master race' than fell in comparable actions.

"We who are left of the original 106th are now satisfied that the bereaved families and friends of those boys who died, now know the true story, and hope in the future that the grossly overpaid and misinformed Washington commentator and columnist again takes it upon his narrow shoulders to write about fighting men and their actions, he will have ample true facts for his far too widely read column.

"To the bereaved families of those who died in that valiant stand, we who are left say, 'Be proud — they died for our great cause, and valiantly, and if there be a Valhalla, they are there with great pomp and glory"

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**Brax, Richard J. 423/K**

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John, Sacramento was my first reunion! Retirement makes this possible. I was sorry that there were only two from "K" Company

and myself. My wife and I had a wonderful time, and made some new friends and want to thank all those who made it possible.

(editor's note — Thanks, Richard. Maybe there will be more next year. Use the July roster I sent and drum up some business for "K" Company for the 1991 Reunion at Huntsville... J. Kline)

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**Brazill, Myles 106 MP**

Rd 2, Box 157  
Lamdisburg, PA 17040

Sherod, I'm still hanging in there at age "78." It is always a distinct pleasure to receive a copy of the magazine and know what other survivors, like myself, have to say.

Like many others, I have been upset by the recent incidents of flag desecration, and the failure of our Congress to propose an amendment to protect this symbol of our country.

(editor's note — Myles sent along a composite photograph of the famous picture of the Marines raising the American Flag on Iwo Jima, Mt. Surabachi, and along side it a cartoon from the Patriot News, Harrisburg, PA - showing five judges of the Supreme Court raising the American Flag in the same manner and pose. The difference being, the American Flag is "burning."

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**Broadwater, Clifford H. 423/AT**

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Roseburg, OR 97470

John, I appreciate all the work you do in setting up the CUB and publishing it. I enjoy reading it, very much. It was nice that the reunion was held in Sacramento in Sept of '90. It gave the veterans out West a chance to attend. My wife and I could not attend, because she was recovering from cancer surgery.

(editor's note — Cliff, We hope the best for your wife in her recovery. Thanks for the info on the material you offered that you had dug up out of the archives. The COLLIER'S article on Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's Own Story of THE BATTLE of the BULGE is interesting. It will appear in the forth-coming reprint of interesting stories that have appeared since it's inception. I'll get back to work on that project after I finish this issue. Sherod Collins is our HISTORIAN. His address appears on the inside cover of this CUB. For you and the others - send Sherod anything pertaining to the 106th, that you feel you want to pre-

serve. It will eventually end up in one of the museums, like Carlyle Barracks or the Andersonville project. Extra or duplicate material is sent to requestors. He has requests for reprints of the other article you mentioned and will pass it along. Good Luck and Good Health... J. Kline)

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**Brunner, Lloyd J. 424/A**

Rt 3 - Box 170  
Red Wing, MN 55066

Here is a check for my wife and I, for our LIFE membership. Sorry we could not make the Sacramento Reunion.

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**Bugner, Thomas F. 590/B**

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John, I want to thank you for the fine roster you compiled. (The roster sent with the August 1990 CUB) - it is great!

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**Cannone, Frank 331 MED/A**

128 10th St.  
Hicksville, NY 11801

John, I have sent my LIFE Membership fees to Sherod Collins.

I look forward to receiving The CUB, and don't want to miss any future editions. I think you do a wonderful job with it, and am grateful we have people like you to help carry the Association forward.

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**Cariano, Samuel P. DIV/HQ**

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Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Sam, who is our past-adjutant, was awarded the "Order of the Golden Lion" at Sacramento Reunion. Unfortunately, Sam has been ill for several weeks and was unable to attend the 44th Annual Reunion. That's the first year he has missed for years.

Several of us heard from him after the reunion and he expressed, with confidence, that he is "coming around." We hope so Sam, you were missed in Sacramento. Good Luck from all of us, we are proud of you and grateful for the service that you have given the 106th Infantry Division Association.

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**Carrico, L. John 423/H**

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San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Enclosed is an article I clipped out of our local paper (6/5/89).

After coming back from over-seas (May '45). After a 60 day POW leave I was sent to

St Barabara for 10 days R&R at the Biltmore Hotel, after which I was assigned to their Athletic and Recreation Department until I was discharged on December 26, 1945, at Ft. McArthur, California.

Took some graduate work and taught freshman and sophomore Phy Ed at UCLA for one year, before I began teaching career with the L.A. City UN School District High School which lasted 39 years (1947 to 1986). Taught Phy Ed and Math in Jr. and Sr. High Schools and did some coaching in High Schools.

Married in 1952 to Helen St. Clair. We had five children by 1961. My wife had been working at the Veterans Hospital in West L.A. as a dietician. Later, after the children were born, she became a teacher and Asst Principal at Jr. High. San Luis Abispo in 1987 and has been there since.

While in the 106th I was a member of 423/Service and 423/H units.

(editor's note — A few excerpts from the article that Jack sent (paper not named, article by Carol Roberts Telegram-Tribune, probably Sab Luis Abispo).

"Ex-POW gets medal for his mettle" Ammunition was short in supply the night 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 medic 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 4½ months before he was liberated. And now 45 years later, the San Luis Obispo resident's service to his country has been formally recognized...

(editor's note — There was much more, another column and a half about Carrico, closing with;

"Carrico meet his wife, Helen, who had also been a teacher, at a Catholic social. They have been married for 37 years and have four children and five grandchildren. They retired three years ago, moving to a house they'd bought in 1975 near the country club. We went all the way to Oregon and

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back, then decided this is the nicest place in the world, said Carrico"

Now he walks a couple of miles a day, plays a little golf and tries to be a 'Gentleman Farmer.' The POW medal will join others that he has received for his war experiences. He doesn't display them. "but having them means something important to me."

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## **Collins, John P. 81st ENG/A**

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Just a note John to ask you about the proposed book. I forgot the cost that was announced at the Sacramento Reunion (The price announced was \$30.00, the book will be published, we hope, in the next 6-9 months, it should be around 400-500 pages - all stories from prior CUBs, since it's inception... editor)

I am loading up my trailer to spend the winter in Arizona. I feel sorry for you guys up there in the cold. I had my share of it, when I lived in Alaska.

Thanks for all the info you gave me and thanks for your part in making the first reunion in Sacramento a "Whopping Success." See you in Huntsville. God Willing. My address after 1 October until 31 March - John Collins, Sp 481 - Caravan Oasis - 10500 E. I-8 Frontage - Yuma, Arizona 85365 - Mail will be forwarded if sent to my regular address.

(editor's note — From an earlier letter, John writes:)

Imagine my surprise when I received the roster of individuals from the 81st Combat Engineers, "A" Company.

As Platoon Sergeant (3rd Platoon) it was my honor to have had 19 or more, of the 29 listed. Leafing through the 106th pictorial Division book, I found 18 signatures written for mementos, included were Orfeo Agostini, J.F. McDevitt and other.

I would have joined previously, but did not know, nor ever heard of the Association. My wife saw the reunion notice in the VFW Magazine. Of course from '54 to '67 I was working in Alaska, much of the time in remote areas, and then '67 thru '85 I was overseas in several countries, Egypt, Libya, Nigeria, Thailand, Indonesia and a few more. I was in Iran for 5½ years, until they ran me out.

I wrote a blurb about myself to Sherod Collins, but would like to add a couple of items.

Note that I stated I escaped with Sgt Hunt... this is true but there were two more who started with us. Myself, Sergeant Vernon Hunt and T/4 Elmer George of "B" Company. Also Cpl Thomas Kenesha of the 422d or 423d. Sgt Hunt and myself were separated from those men when we ran into a patrol. We made it through, but I do not know what happened to Kenesha or George.

I was captured on 16 December, when we were run out of Auw and retreated to St. Vith. Under the superb leadership of Lt Col Thomas Riggs, we held the hill, road and bridge just south of St. Vith from 16 to 22 December, when we were captured.

Do you know the status of Col (or Lt.) Coughlin, my Platoon Leader on the hill.

(editor's note — John, thanks for all the letters - maybe some person out there will be able to answer you on "Coughlin," I don't have that information.

I could not find Kenesha's name in the 423d Regiment Combat Infantry Badge listing. If he was in the 422d - I do not have a Combat Infantry Badge listing for the 422d - I am searching for one - there must have been one issued. I have the 423d and the 424th, but not the 422d nor the Combat Medic Badge listings... J. Kline)

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## **Dailey, Hampton J. 422/K**

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*HOW MY MARRIAGE CAME ABOUT  
BECAUSE OF THE BATTLE OF THE  
BULGE* by Hampton Jennings Dailey K Co.  
422 INF Army #12206421, Stalag IV B  
#315069.

The story of the 106th Infantry Division involvement in the Battle of the Bulge is history. I would like to tell the story of my marriage which came about because of the occurring events from the Battle of the Bulge.

One of my buddies in K Co. 422 INF was PFC Kenneth Peterson. After our capture we were interned at Stalag XII A and then on to Stalag IV B. Our capture came about on Dec. 19, 1944. All prisoners suffered from improperly heated barracks and the lack of sufficient food.



The date or time, (I do not remember exactly which) might have been in March 1945. At this time I contracted pleurisy and was taken to Lazaret IV G (hospital) in Leipzig. I was treated as well as could be expected under the conditions and at least had a bed to sleep on and more food.

Of course Kenneth Peterson and I were separated when I left Stalag IV B. About two weeks before our liberation (April 19, 1945) I was surprised to see on the same floor of the hospital Kenneth Peterson. He was suffering from malnutrition and yellow jaundice. He had been put on a work detail working for the Germans which completely devastated his body.

An undesirable thing about the hospital was it's location. It was next to a large railroad yard which the R.A.F. would bomb at night and the American Air Force would bomb during the day. One of the day raids was so close that I would estimate that perhaps half the windows were blown in. One day Kenneth said to me "Dailey, I don't think I am going to make it. I want you to see that my parents get my watch." On April 11, 1945 Kenneth died during a bad night air raid.

After liberation I was flown to England where I spent 30 days in a convalescent hospital. After a ten day trip on a hospital ship I arrived at Staten Island, New York. I was home that day since my home was nearby in Bloomfield, N.J. After writing to Kenneth's parents and returning his watch, I was invited to visit them in Minneapolis, MN.

Kenneth's cousin, Shirley Mae Femling, was the one to meet me at the Greyhound Bus depot. I became well acquainted with Kenneth's parents as well as Shirley's family. I was invited to go with both of these families to Northern Minnesota where I had a very pleasant time meeting other members of the Femling and Peterson families. After a pleasant two weeks in Minnesota I returned to my home in New Jersey.

I kept writing to Shirley after returning home. In October or November 1945 I was sent to Ashville, N.C. to be reassigned after a 30 day convalescent furlough & a 60 day P.O.W. furlough. After about three weeks I contracted pulmonary tuberculosis. After a short stay in the Army Hospital at Swananoa, N.C. I was escorted to the New Jersey State

Sanitarium at Mt. Kip, New Jersey where I was medically discharged from the Army January 6, 1946. I had to spend nine months there before being released.

During this time Shirley & I continued to correspond. I asked Shirley for her hand in marriage about valentine day, 1946. She accepted.

I flew out to Minneapolis in July 1946 and she came back to New Jersey in the fall of 1946 to meet my family. My next visit to Minneapolis was at Christmas time that year.

(I was released from the T.B. Sanitarium Oct 5, 1946.)

I started studies at Upsala College in East Orange, N.J. We were married in Minneapolis, Minnesota. July 25, 1947. This summer on July 25, 1990 we will have been happily married forty three years. Kenneth's brother Russell lives here in Minneapolis whom I have known all these years.

It took the irony and the tragedy of the Battle of the Bulge to give me a dear wife who has given me almost forty three years of happiness. We praise God He was able to take a situation of utter sorrow to bring about a joyous union.

Our joy has been made complete with the adoption of our son John, and our daughter Mary. Added joy includes John's wife Jane and their adorable son Justin, who God brought from Korea to be our precious grandson. They live nearby in Maple Grove, Minnesota. We have been further blessed with having Mary and her dear husband, Kenneth Fischer in Minneapolis, only five minutes away.

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## *Davis Jr., Sam E. 423/HQ*

816 North Eola Dr  
Orlando, FL 32803

(editor's note — Captain Sam headed up a detail that assisted Colonel Cavender, 423d Regiment Commanding Officer, around the various functions of the 44th Annual Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association in Sacramento.

I was privileged to have the Colonel as my room-mate. The 423d work detail took care of the Colonel during the day, when I was busy with my CUB and Board work, and at night I saw to it he was tucked in and in the morning dressed for the beginning of the day's activities.



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It was an added privilege to be able to discuss the past with Colonel Cavender. His mind is sharp as a tack. I am getting so that I can't remember what I had for supper yesterday, but the Colonel, who is now 93 years of age, can recall things going back to World War I, and with clarity and order. A great man - We all enjoyed him at the reunion — Colonel, your next target is Huntsville, Alabama in 1991... J. Kline)

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## **DeHeer, Mrs. Marjorie ASSOCIATE**

86 Berkshire Dr  
Palm Coast, FL 32037

Dear Friends of the 106th,

Just to let you know Jean Shutte and I made it to San Diego. Jean says, driving on that route once was enough to her.

We had lots of fun reading the signs to find our exits, but somehow or other, we would miss it and have to come back.

We stopped and saw all the attractions along the way and found them very interesting.

Coming from New York, I think the Bronx Zoo is one good Zoo and can stand up amongst the top five. Their Bird Sanctuary is the best.

All along I was saying how good the elevators were working until my last trip down in the Hyatt in San Diego. The day I needed it the most, it ran slow and I missed my bus, and they had to call another one for me. I made my plane connection, fortunately.

It was nice seeing every one. Have a GOOD YEAR. Love to all.

Marjorie DeHeer

(editor's note — Marge, along with the others, I wish to say - It was nice seeing you in Sacramento...)

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## **Edelman, Louis 423/M**

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Bellrose, NY 11426

John, enclosed is the CUB that you wanted for the villagers in Spineux, Belgium.

It was sure great seeing all the 423/M men in Sacramento, especially Ernest Salazar who I had not seen in 45 years. Be well and give our best to Margot, and keep in touch.

(editor's note — Lou, thanks for reminding me — I need several more copies of The CUB from Jan-Feb-Mar 1990, Vol 46 — No.2, for the people in the little village of

Spineux, Belgium. That issue was about the dedication of the monument, which was dedicated to the 424th Infantry Regiment. The villagers were the ones who brought this all about. C.R.I.B.A. assisted, but it was the villagers. They would like some extra copies of the Jan-Feb-Mar 1990 CUB, because that contains their story. — How about it guys, if you are not collecting CUBs, send me your copy, so that I can forward it to a C.R.I.B.A member to give to the villagers... J. Kline)

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## **Edwards, Howard S. 423/E**

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Sherod, here are my late dues. Received The CUB today. I think John Kline does a remarkable job of keeping it going. Can you imagine the work of making the roster (included in the August issue), by State, Unit and Alphabetically?

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## **Farris, Philip B. 423/H**

2251 W. Washington #504  
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Sherod and John,

I believe in firing for effect, even though we are out of ammo for the 81 and the front seems to be a circle instead of a line. I really enjoyed last year at Schaumburg and in particular, meeting both of you, and of course the 423/H men, **Swett, Cooper, Kureja, Peterson, Smith, Ashburn and Fields; Edwards of 423/D**. All of us University of Tennessee and ASTP at University of Alabama got together in past two years — This organization made all this possible.

John, your article in the Apr-May-Jun CUB was great. You are doing a great job — I am sure if Col Puett had been at least a 3 Star and you guys at least 1 Star and the rest of us "Birds" it would have been a far different situation.

Can't make it to Sacramento, but am looking forward to Huntsville in 1991. We also made contact with other POWs in Stalag 4-B at the work detail in the town of Zeitz. According to my correspondence, there were two work details there. I was billeted above a tavern, bunks for about 150 on the dance floor.

Enclosed is my \$90.00 for a LIFE Membership for Gwen and me.

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**Filkins, Clyde L. 422/C**

RR 1 - Box 176  
Westerlo, NY 12193

Enclosed are my dues and please thank John Kline for the wonderful work he is doing with The CUB. I was on the march with John (out of Stalag 8-A, Gorlitz) and look forward to my copy of the CUB.

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**Finlayson, Kenneth 331 MED/D**

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Portland, ME 04102

Sherod, my late dues enclosed, sorry.

As a point of interest, I was in Europe this past Spring and early Summer. We toured St. Vith, Malmedy, Bastogne, Clervaux etc.

I was visiting with my son who is a Major with Headquarters 21st TAACOM, located in Kaiserslautern, Germany. He booked an H&R Tour for ourselves and my Brother-in-law (28th Infantry, 110th Regiment) for Normandy, which happened to put us at UTAH Beach on memorial Day. We were polled on the bus as to the number of WWII Vets and it turned out that there were four of us, three Army, One Navy. We witnessed the Memorial Day Ceromonies, at the conclusion of which we four vets were called out and awarded: ...

DIPLOME de Citogen d'honneur d'Utah Beach: —  
decerne a M. Kenneth Finlayson en temoignage  
de chaleureuse amitie et reconnaissance par les  
habitants de Saint Marie-du-Mont-Utah Beach  
le 28 Mai 1990

Le Mairie de Saint Marie-du-Mont  
(His signature and seal)

As you can appreciate, this was a very moving and heart warming experience. They still remember and appreciate.

Many thanks, John, for the Jul-Aug-Sep 1990 CUB which included the Association roster — well done!

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**Gaggin, Verner S. 591/HQ**

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Bridgeville, PA 15017

I lost contact with members of the 106th. I wrote West Point and discovered an old buddy, Colonel Carl Wohlfeil was still alive and very active.

I plan on writing John Kline about my life since October of '45. I left active duty in October of '45. In 1946 I was bumped up from Captain to Major in the Reserves — I'll never know why.

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**Gatens, John 589/A**

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John, I would like to congratulate you on the Apr-May-Jun 1990 CUB. You did a superb job all around.

Your C.R.I.B.A. story is as I hoped it would be, I'm sure now, most of the members will have full knowledge of that organization and it's willingness to help.

All the articles were great, I especially liked the one about the KNIFE.

My Friend, Joseph GAVROYE has sent me an English version of the booklet that he had given me in French. I thought that you would enjoy reading it. Maybe, someday you will need something to fill up the CUB, and can use a condensed version of it.

All my best and keep up the good work.

(editor's note — Thanks John. Your contributions to recent CUBs are appreciated. I will keep GAVROYE'S story nearby. It is interesting — I will try to use it later. In the meantime I will recite his cover letter to you, which is dated April 17, 1990, as follows:)

My Friend,

I refer to my booklet in French about my "War" that I once gave you and which might have given you some problems of understanding. An official translation would have cost a lot of money and most likely would be done by an amateur (dilettante).

A friend of mine agreed, finally, to make a succinct summary of my story.

You see, I am not a writer, but I got an idea, just like an impulse to relate with simple words what I had experienced as a small boy.

Anyhow, from the moment you find some excitement to communicate your feelings, you are also expecting the reader to find some enjoyment in reading you.

I wonder if that will still happen with my story, told with other words, and probably in another state of mind.

Anyway, up to now my booklet was of no use to you, I hope it will be a little more now.

One more thing — as I said before, I am not a writer and I am not a historian either, just a simple story teller, that means that some dates and some technical terms may not be absolutely accurate.

Happy Reading...

Yours

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J. GAVROYE  
04.17.1990

## Gilliland, John O. 592/SV

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From an earlier letter from John, who as of the Sacramento Reunion, Sept 1, 1990, became the current President of the 106th Infantry Division Association...

He is also the chairman for the 1991 Reunion to be held in Huntsville, Alabama in September 1991. More about the actual arrangements will appear later in The CUB.

John say; We have several tours already planned for the 1991 Reunion, so that members will have a choice. We hope to keep every one busy and on the run.

Lee and I intend to drive out to California. We will travel the Northern Route out to Seattle, then down the coast to the reunion, back through Reno, Salt lake etc. We plan for about a month of touring.

For Lee's birthday, in January, I took her out to Las Vegas for a week. We had a great time and saw a lot of good shows. Have plans for Hawaii, for our anniversary — March or early April.

I thought the Associate membership for C.R.I.B.A. was good.

Thanks again, John, keep up the good work. You are an inspiration to the members for the fantastic job you are doing on The CUB.

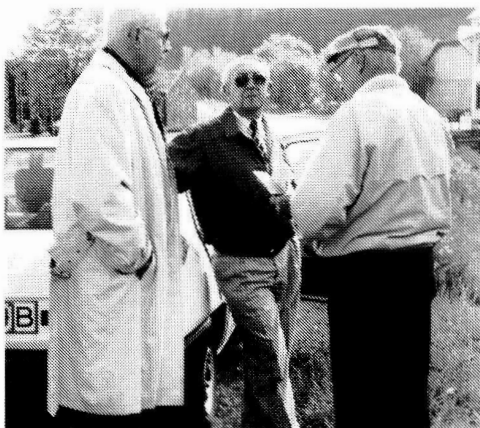
## Gresham, Joseph W. 423/G

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(editor's note — We had a column in the August Mail Bag on Joe, where he was asking for ideas on how to find his way around in Belgium. Since that time (a June letter) he contacted C.R.I.B.A., using my instructions and the following story is told... J. Kline)

John, After I received the letter from you, I wrote to Andre' HUBERT of C.R.I.B.A. who wrote back telling me to contact him when I arrived in Belgium.

I called Andre from Caen, France on May 16th and he told me he would have some one to meet me at the 106th Memorial at St. Vith. We were met by Joseph PATHEN and Emil WATRIN, who speaks very good English.



Emil Watrin, Joseph Pathen C.R.I.B.A - with Joseph Gresham, 423/G, trying to locate where Gresham was captured 19 Dec '44

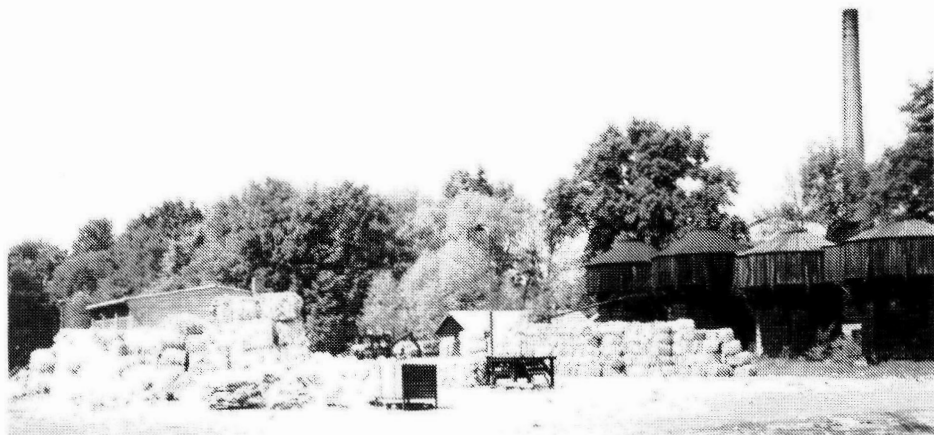
We drove around the area for several hours, but I could not find a location that I could have been. We did find a schoolhouse in Born, where we had stored ammunition, in Belgium in 1944.

Mr. Pathen and Mr. Watrin tried their best to help me find what I was looking for. They said they were willing to spend as much time as I wanted, but 45 years makes a lot of difference and I did not think we could ever find the exact spot.

Pathen and Watrin are both retired school teachers. Watrin taught here in the States in a University (I forgot which one) for one year



Joseph Gresham, 423/G  
at the St. Vith Memorial, May 1990



*Scrap paper mill at Neudorf, Germany. The paper is baled now, it wasn't in 1945  
Joe and his buddies hoped the Russians would blow it up, but they didn't.  
It is still operated by steam, same as when the 106ers, as prisoners, worked the mill.*

some 25 or 30 years ago. He is 68 and Pathen looked to be in his fifties.

I tried to buy their meals, and make a donation to C.R.I.B.A., but they would not accept any. I did manage to buy them a drink. They were wonderful people and we enjoyed them a lot. Joe Pathen would like copies of the CUB and if it is permissible I would like to put him on the mailing list, send the bill to me.

I am sending you a couple of pictures of the 106th Memorial in St. Vith. I would say it could be kept a little cleaner around the area, but with kids around all the time, I suppose it could be expected.

Belgium is a beautiful country. Everything was so green and clean looking, compared to where we were there, with the ice and snow.

We, my wife and brother and I, arrived in Paris on May 15th, rented a car and drove to Omaha Beach, on through Roenun and over to St. Vith. After leaving Belgium we went to Bad Hersfeld where we entered East Germany. We went through on a Sunday, May 20. They would only give us a one day visa.

The female (I guess it was a female) in charge, told me in no uncertain terms that one day was all I was going to get. I wanted two or three days, but NO!

We drove at speeds of 90 MPH to Neudorf where 40 of us POWs worked in a paper mill. Neudorf is 23 Kilos north of Bautzen. I notice you were at Gorlitz, so you know where I am talking about. The old mill is still there and still running. It still is operated by steam, same

as 45 years ago. Not many improvements. I am enclosing a picture. If you get a chance, put it in the CUB, maybe some of the other POWs will recognize the location. The Russians did not blow the Mill as I would be suspected.

Having only one day, we didn't have much time to spend in Neudorf. We went on to Heidelberg, where my brother was stationed in '49-'52.

I guess you could say that we enjoyed the trip. We had trouble with reading road signs. We traveled 3500 Kilometers and I guess about 25% on the wrong road. I will say they have some fast cars over there. I don't care how fast we were driving, they still passed us. Put Joe Pathen on your mailing list, 8 Sur Les Roches, 4890 Malmedy, BELGIUM

(editor's note — Joe, RE: Joe Pathen — C.R.I.B.A. is an ASSOCIATE member, as an organization. They receive 5 CUBs each quarter. We have a couple of their members as individual memberships, but the postage is so high that we may have to have a special rate for them, to include the postage. When I get a reading on that I will drop some applications to Joe and some others that I have on a list. In the meantime, he and others have the availability of the 5 CUBs that is sent to their president's address.

## Grimes, Robert 423/HQ

6755 Woodell, NE  
North Canton, OH 44721

Bob sent me, the editor, a copy of an order dated 29 July 1946 wherein he was awarded the Croix de Guerre 1940 Avec Palme, as Staff Sergeant Robert L. Grimes, 35503095, US Army, per Decree No. 2481, 13 June 1946.

In a separate copy of the actual award (certificate) it reads:

Le Ministre de la Defense Nationale a l'honneur de faire savoir au

S.Sgt Robert L. GRIMES,  
que, par Arrêté de S.A.R., le Prince Régent, du 13.6.1946, No 2481,

LA CROIX DE GUERRE 1940 AVEC  
PALME

lui a été décernée.

"Pour services exceptionnels de guerre redus à la Belgique au cours de la libération de son territoire et de sa défense (1944-1945).

(editor's note — I am collecting information on awards to individuals and units for inclusion in a future CUB. Any person having such information about awards given to the 106th Infantry Division, it's units or individuals, please drop me a line. Bob, thanks for your info — I will reproduce the award in a future issue as stated above... J. Kline)

## Haas, Milton G. 422/HQ 3BN

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Dear Comrades of the Golden Lion:

It is almost that time to pack for the trek to Sacramento but it is not to be for my wife Wilma and I as she will be entering St. Louis University Hospital on Tuesday, Aug. 28th for more cancer treatment. It is said to be something relatively new and we all hope and pray that this will be the thing that will end this dreaded affliction. Other than that we are trying to enjoy our retirement which will begin the ninth year November 1st.

It seems that each year some stumbling block prevents our being able to attend the reunion so we will say again maybe we can make it next time.

I certainly enjoy the Cub quarterly and am most pleased to see it arrive. The most recent issue now carries the name of Robert Derick

who contacted me some time ago. We able to fill one another in on what we knew of some of the men of the 422nd 3rd Bn HQ Co. I hope that he will be able to establish contact with others and perhaps let us know through the Cub about those he gains some information as to their well being and where abouts. I hope the Cub continues to carry the letters and news as it has in the past. The editor John Kline is doing an outstanding job in putting this copy together. I hope that he will be able to continue for many years to come. Thanks John we really appreciate your efforts.

I hope those who are able to attend this year have a very enjoyable time and I am quite sure the business conduct will be productive and in the best interest of all concerned

In closing we, my wife Wilma and I wish all the readers the very best of health and happiness. Our hopes and prayers are with you as we are sure that we too are in yours.

Respectfully Yours in never ending Comradeship

## Hanna, Robert R. 422/HQ

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John, At last years reunion I found that Jack Watters and I had parallel paths in our lives (including being members of the same Honorary at Purdue) and I didn't know it at the time. Now I find that you and I have a lot in common.

I was in the 4th Platoon, "C" Company, 7th Battalion at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, during June, July and August 1943. I also went to "Bama" and was a "Cadet Sergeant" in the building called "ALCAHALL (or ALCOHALL maybe). We went to Camp Atterbury, I was assigned to the I&R Platoon, 422/HQ. Captured on 19 December, taken to Stalag 9-B, Bad Orb, then transferred to Stalag 9-A, Ziegenhain. We were bombed on Christmas Eve in the boxcars, and strafed at 9-A. I was liberated on Good Friday, March 30, 1945, kept at 9-A for 10-12 days and finally flown back to Camp Lucky Strike. I was hospitalized at Roen until the 1st of May. Returned State-side on the USS General Meggs, went to Camp Patrick Henry in Virginia, took my "fattening furlough" and went to Miami Beach and Daytona Beach where I was given a disability discharge.



To digress, at Camp Wheeler I was in a barracks just up from the stockade. We shot off a "Cherry Bomb" one night, which sounded like a rifle shot. All the lights in the stockade came on, the Officers and the MP's were out in force. After checking and counting heads several times, they turned their attention to our barracks and did a full search of the foot lockers. As far as I know there was no incriminating evidence and none of fared the worse.

I continued to Purdue, went to work for Owen-Corning Fiberglas, spent 35 years with them and retired when I was sixty.

We are enjoying our retirement, active in church, sing in the chancel choir and play in the handbell choir. I am an Elder and serve on the Worship Committee.

We have four children and five grandchildren.

Looking forward to seeing you in Sacramento.

(editor's note — Bob it was a pleasure to see you in Sacramento. Thanks for the letter. I am sure that it brought back some memories for some of the boys. No, I don't remember much about where I was in Wheeler. I am sure it wasn't near the stockade... An Elder shooting off a fire-cracker? Oh well we were all young.. Good show, Bob... J. Kline)

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## Harvey, Charles 424/A

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Philadelphia, PA 19137

John, I want one of the 423d Regiment Combat Infantry Badge awards list, Order #51.

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## Hatch, H.M. DIV/HQ

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John, I don't have the words to describe my feeling of amazement upon opening this month's issue of The CUB (Jul-Aug-Sep) and discovering such a maze—that's not the right word—of information it contained.

To begin with, the equipment you must have to produce such a publication, plus the accuracy of the copy and the comprehensiveness of the information is simply amazing. I look at the mechanical part of the two books—the uniform pattern of the pages and the organization of the work.. I'm amazed.

I put out a weekly, single page, news letter to my forty neighbors and I would estimate what you sent us would take me a lifetime to produce, not including errors.

Anyway, thank you. I've spent an enjoyable evening reading the letters in The CUB and have looked up a number of names in the roster and found them correct. The CUB and the Roster are both a work of art. I think the 106th is mighty lucky to have inherited you.

I can't make it to the reunion. Health keeps me near home, with over 2,500 hours of volunteer work at the hospital to break the monotony, and a wonderful wife who puts up with me. We just celebrated our sixty-first anniversary. Not bad for a couple of teenagers, is it?

Again, thank you for The CUB and Roster.

(editor's note — Jim, is a Past-President of our Association and has put many hours into the 106th Infantry Association. I am sure many miss him at the reunions. Thanks to you Jim, it's people like you who keep me going. Oh yes, thanks for the loan of the "Lion's Tale." It was invaluable and many of the stories will appear in the forthcoming re-cap "The CUB in Review" (for lack of a formal name) which I am working on... J. Kline)

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## Hochstetter, Hubert H. 424/I

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John, Thanks for the 1990 Division Roster. I wouldn't even try to imagine how much work went into preparing the finished product. Again, Thanks.

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## House, Pete 590/A

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I would like to announce the following:

FOURTH REUNION,  
FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR  
KRIEGSGEFANGENLAGER  
(STALAGS) 9A, 9B AND 9C

April 18-21, 1991

Marina Hotel at St John's Place  
Jacksonville, Florida

We will have Workshops by VA and Cardiac Specialists, Lunches, visit a museum, water taxi to Jacksonville Landing, Eat at the finest restaurants, visit Fort Caroling, lunch at Mayport Naval Station and have a Memorial Service.

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The last three reunions have been very exciting, with old buddies meeting and rehashing the events of those dark days. I know you will enjoy it.

Write or give me a call for an up-date on the schedule. My telephone number is 904-724-8316.

## Hulkonen, Arthur A. 589/C

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On the week-end of August 12, four of us buddies that were at the arbeit kommando at the Elbe near Bad Schandau held a mini reunion at the Bear Club. We were joined by our wives for a fine get-to-gether and reminisced about our work and search for food from January 10, 1945, until we met American soldiers on May 13, 1945. We were captured with most the rest on 19 December 1944.

On May 7th, seven of us who worked the same swing shift took off from the dis-organized group being evacuated ahead of the Russian advance on the Elbe River.

After several days of walking we spent a night in a hay loft at a Czech farm. We were invited to dinner and heard an English short-wave radio that Germany had surrendered. No more walking, we went to the main highway to commandeer bicycles from the retreating German soldiers, whom we assumed hadn't gotten them legally, anyway.

We met some friendly Russian soldiers who fed us from their field kitchen. At Komotau a Russian located us a nice girls dormitory for our nights lodging (no girls!). he assured us that our bicycles would be safe, parked outside. In the morning when we got up, we saw the Russians riding off on our bicycles. It was back to walking until we found a train heading west, which we boarded and reached the Americans at Karlsbad on May 13th.

Am forwarding my dues, and dues for two other new members, **Chick Lowe** and **Bod Scheffel**, who along with **John Lockaby** enjoyed the week-end with us. I got separated from my own unit, and was lucky to be with the fine men.

(editor's note — What a wonderful story Art and the joy it must be to get-to-gether with friends who shared that story with you. I am still glowing from my meeting with my former section-leader S/Sgt George

Crouthamel, in Sacramento - first time since April 13 1945, when we separated after buddying together on the long march back from the Polish border from Stalag 8-A. He was able to walk and I was too sick to continue. He went to Paris and I was put in the 108th Evac hospital, near Helmstedt).

## Hunter, David 423/D

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John, I received the 423d CBI Order #51, thanks. If you have any info on the others who were in our "House" at the University of Alabama (ASTP), please let me know.

I am enclosing two dance programs, one for the SPRING DANCE at the Foster Auditorium on March 11, 1944 featuring the University of Alabama Military Swing band, sponsored by "D" Company. The other was sponsored by "E" Company and was held on March 25, 1944 and was known as "The Grand Finale." (it had to be for arrived in Atterbury on March 28th, 1944).

I also am enclosing two Special Furlough orders, #36 dated 25 Sept 1943, for 8 days furlough, and the other #99 dated 31 December 1943 for 6 days. John, you are listed, along with me on both those orders. You will probably recognize several names.

Included is a 19 February 1944 letter to all ASTP Commandants explaining that most of us would be assigned to other active duty.

*You were assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program because it was felt that the courses of instruction scheduled would materially increase your value to the military service...*

*The time has come for the majority of you to be assigned to other active duty. To break the enemy's defense and force their unconditional surrender, it is necessary to hit them with the full weight of America's manpower. Because of this imperative military necessity, most of you will soon be ordered to field service before the completion of your normal course.... Most of you will be assigned to the Army Ground Forces for duty with Divisions and other units...*

*Your intelligence, training and high qualities of leadership are expected to raise the combat efficiency of those units. The thousands of ASTP trainees who have already been assigned to field service have set high standards for you to follow.*

By order of the Secretary of War:  
ULIO, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

(editor's note — Dave, thanks for the information. Yes, I recognized Ned Keefer (Andrews, Ind.), who was my roommate and Thomas Kelly (Houston, Texas) who was in the same barracks. Gosh, that brings back a lot of memories. I'm going to have to study this name list a little closer and dig out the picture album, maybe we can find some of them. I wonder what happened to them (they are not in the 423d or the 424th Combat Infantry Badge orders) - we all went to Atterbury, I think... I didn't remember that letter from General ULIO.. I know one thing for sure, his name was on several telegrams my wife received, telling her I was MIA, then later as I was released.... J. Kline)

## **Johnson, Worth M. 423/E**

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I enjoy The CUB very much. My regrets are that I learned of the Association so late. I have missed all the past issues. You are doing a great job. The recent revised roster is appreciated. Much time and effort were obviously put into that project.

(editor's note — Thanks Worth, I hope you got your 423d CBI Order #51 O.K. I forgot to mark whether I sent it or not. I believe I did. Must be getting old... J. Kline)

## **Kuespert, Wilfred A. (Art) 423/F**

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(editor's note — Thanks Wilfred for the sketches of the Arbeit Kommando (work-camp) at Grossenheim and the letter from the Germans asking for volunteers to fight against the Russians. We will publish them in the future along with other POW type material... J. Kline)

## **Kultzow, John 81st ENG/MED**

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Here another year has gone by and I didn't get to a "Golden Lion" reunion.

I have been putting together my own history of the 106th Infantry Division, especially the "Bulge" era. It is a combination photo album and scrap book, about three inches thick. It covers from the time we left Atterbury to the time I came back on the Queen Elizabeth, to land only 15 miles away from my home in New York.

I also have copies of the "Indianapolis Star" article of the 106th passing in review, downtown Indianapolis.

I still correspond with a former "Medic" buddy, from Wisconsin. I was an "Aid-Man" with "A" Company, 81st Combat Engineers. Would like to hear from any of them. I see that our past-president "Orfeo Agostini" was in that unit. I think I will drop him a line.

So long for now Old-Comrade.

## **Lapato, Frank 422/HQ**

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## **Lawson, William J. 423/H**

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I really look forward to receiving The CUB and I read every word. It is evident that you put a tremendous amount of effort into it.

Through The CUB I've been able to correspond with two longtime friends who were with me in 423/H. I would have liked to have been in Sacramento, but circumstances did not permit it.

I happened to catch a program on TV which had to do with POWs. (No, not Hogan's Heroes, although I still enjoy watching reruns of that show.) and there was a scene of POWs arriving at their Stalag. It brought to mind our introduction to Stalag IX-B. (I wonder if others remember.) We were brought in to face our interrogator and as we were told, we gave only name, rank and serial number. The officer I faced, after numerous tries, proceeded to tell me that he knew "When" and "Where" the 106th was activated, when we were on maneuvers, when we departed for Atterbury, how long we stayed, when we departed to Camp Myles Standish, where we were stationed in England, and all other details right up to our capture. He ended by saying that we were foolish not to answer the questions. I recall a Sergeant next to me saying to him "Why the hell should we tell you more, you already know everything."

We were then led outside the building (and it was damn cold) and stood there under guard for an awful long time. Does anyone remember that treatment?

I was interested in a letter in a recent CUB from **Johnnie R. Beaver**, because I was driving a jeep on the same road and also had to

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stop because a "knocked out jeep" ahead of us blocked the way. It was a mess and we were lucky not to have been killed, because a grenade thrown at us hit just in front of the windshield, doing a job on the motor, steering column, fortunately not setting off anti-tank grenades on the floor. I too, vaguely remember Lt. Phillipson who he wrote about.

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## **Leisse, Sr., Leo R. 422/HQ 3BN**

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(editor's note — Leo, I received your material and several pages of letter. I scanned it, put it with other material to accumulate for this CUB. Your numerous questions will be answered in a personal letter when I finish this issue. Thanks for keeping in touch. I have not forgotten the photos you sent. I am just trying to put together an issue that will deal with that type of material. You have been very helpful in my educational process as to the "goings on" of the past. I do appreciate "all" the information you furnish me... J. Kline)

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## **McCammon, James A. 423/G**

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On page 32 of the JUL-AUG-SEP 1990 CUB, you printed a picture of me and a short article. I want to draw your attention to a couple of mistakes. I was in 423/G, my street address was incorrect and the High Sierras are near the SEQUOIA National Park.

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## **Mosley, Rev. Ronald A 424/HQ**

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(editor's note — I hear, often, from Reverend Mosley and appreciate the numerous articles he sends me. He writes several articles for newspapers, namely, "The Bulletin," Bridgewater and the "Progress Enterprise," Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. While I do not space to reproduce the numerous columns, I do find them interesting and obviously for a good cause...)

John, I enclose several columns from my weekly "CONSIDER THIS." One that may be of interest is on my version of the "TS Card." The other columns are typical of the emphasis, or slant, that I take when I am not writing on local, provincial or national Canadian issues. I am utterly dedicated to the goals of the "Combined Statement of Veterans,"

signed in Moscow in January of 1988. This is in reference to the abolishment of war and violence.

I am on the national advisory council for VANA - Canada, and am a member-at-large of the USA-based "Veterans For Peace." Simply put — they want to revive the original Atlantic Charter, which brought in the United Nations and make it effective in this nuclear age.

I wish my health was better. Had a horrible winter in 1989-90, have a little heart problem which keeps me carrying around a nitro spray, and puts me on a diet which keeps me away from all the "Good Things." However, I have taken our 13 month old Chinook dog, Dawson, through two obedience courses, still serve as Chaplain of our 1,000 member branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, my turn on weekly radio devotions, a director of Home for Special Care and my weekly column (newspaper) which is almost 15 years old. That's not bad for a "hungry and sixer" who'll turned 71 in September.

God Willing, Eloise and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on March 22, 1991, hopefully with two weeks in Bermuda! We have three children, Kitty - with us at Fort Jackson and Atterbury; Ron, Jr - born 23 Dec 1944, a graduate of the USAF Academy, Class of '66, now a professor at Univ. of Maine, Machias; and Gordon - born 13 Feb 1947, also a UMM professor. We also have 10 grandchildren.

You wrote of "Bill Mosolf" in a recent CUB. I'm the one who contacted CRIBA on his behalf. He has quite a story, and I am pleased it's being told. Thank you for doing that. Your CUBs are great.

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## **Peterson, Richard W. 423/I**

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John, under separate cover I am sending you the issue of the CUB that you announced you wanted, at the Sacramento Reunion. (Vol 46 — No. 2, JAN-FEB-MAR 1990). I am also sending a copy of "Victory in Europe" for your library. You had some color photos of Camp Lucky Strike, reproduced from color slides loaned to you by **Clarence Aspinwall** of the 589th FAB. If you have some extras of those pictures, please send me a set.



It was good to get together with you for dinner and several chats during the Reunion. I thought it was great that you volunteered to take on Colonel Cavender as a room-mate. I am just sorry that I did not have more time to visit with him. He had lots of fans around him, whenever he appeared. Let's keep in touch.

(editor's note — Dick, thanks so much, it was my pleasure to finally meet you in person. Keep me informed on any new writings you come up with, or any information that would be of interest to the troops.

For the membership — Dick wrote an interesting article for us that appeared in The CUB, Vol 46 - No.3, APR-MAY-JUN 1990, part of the dissertation he wrote to receive his Doctorate, about the successful rehabilitation of several former Stalag IX-A prisoners. He is a most interesting person, having traveled back to Stalag IX-A, Zegenhain, Germany, several times researching and gathering information.

Also, the CUB he sent me (Vol 46 — No. 2, JAN-FEB-MAR 1990) is one that I need copies of. I am out of back issues of it. I need several copies to send to CRIBA, so that they can give them to the villagers in SPINEUX, BELGIUM, who were the instigators of the monument that was dedicated to the 424th Regiment last September. Please, if you do not save all your CUBs, send me your copy of that issue. I will forward in one bundle to CRIBA... J. Kline)

## **Prewett, Edward A. 424/B**

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I enclose a copy of an article placed in the BRENTWOOD NEWS, on Friday, May 18, 1990. While the author "Bob Gromm" did not get all the facts straight, he did do a good job.

We had a delightful gathering of men from many different units. The 106th Infantry Division was represented by Bob Jones, John Gregory, Mike Thome and myself. You have already covered this in previous issues. (this was about Serge Fontaine, CRIBA, and veterans of the "Battle of the Bulge" meeting at Ed's home, in Brentwood, if space permits I will reproduce the article elsewhere in this CUB... editor)

Your issue covering CRIBA was excellent. I am sure they are happy with the way you presented them to our association.

Your write ups also have made me more aware of the distinct division, between our veterans. Those who experienced the prison camps knew nothing about our various engagements, and we who are so wrapped up in what happened here and there, knew nothing about the suffering and privation endured by the POWs.

I realize now, that Doug Coffey must have been very tired of hearing all those stories, but has been, time after time, willing to organize our European Tours.

Keep up the good work.

(editor's note — I would like to take this chance to thank Ed Prewett for all the support he has given me. I would also like to add that he did "one heck of a job" with the Sacramento Reunion, after Mike Thome was sent to the hospital on the first day of the reunion, suffering from weakness of the legs. Ed, took over the reins, acted as M.C. and did a bang-up job of keeping the ball rolling - a magnificent job Ed, congratulations.

I received a note from Mike (10/20/90) stating that he was back home, but will have to go through some period of physical therapy to recover from his bout with "Gullians Barré," which has to do with "Peripheral Neuropathy" (a degenerative state of the nervous system, in this case with the legs). Mike says that he was very fortunate to not to be paralyzed, but had some atrophy and muscle weakness, therefore extensive physical therapy is called for... J. Kline)

## **Raby, Jr., Glynn G. 423/HQ 1BN**

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John, I am enclosing an article from The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn - January 21, 1945 for your information. It may be an interesting addition to the archives. It was found in the personal effects of my grandmother, who was very much aware of my whereabouts during World War II.

My personal thanks to you for the many hours you devote to The CUB, and the fine work that you do.

(editor's note — Thanks Glynn, for most part the article repeats much of the, then current, information on the 106th. But, the interesting part of that article, is in three of the paragraphs. It seems to dispel the fact that we were untrained, "green" maybe (as



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green in combat), but not untrained. I will cite them below for the benefit of the troops. Thanks for the material... J. Kline)

From the three column, by six inch article that Glynn sent, that appeared in the newspaper in Memphis - The Commercial Appeal, dated 21 Jan, 1945:

"Last April 3, the division moved to Camp Atterbury, Ind. for another nine weeks of unit training and individual operations, physical fitness, platoon combat firing. On Infantry Day, June 15, a crowd of 5,000 turned out to see many of the members awarded their Expert Infantry badges. On that occasion they were reviewed and highly praised by ground force generals.

"The official record adds that "every lesson" learned in North Africa, on the eastern European front and in the Pacific jungles was taught to the 106th by officers that had returned from overseas.

"Military secrecy prevents disclosure of the date when the 106th went into combat, but officials said the records proved the division's training and fitness for what happened to be one of the war's bloodiest assignments."

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**Richardson, Ward R. 422/D**

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**Rickard, William 422/HQ 2BN**

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Several things John, Thanks for using my letter and photo in the last CUB. I've had letters and calls from men I was with in 1943. I know by your work as editor that you have brought many lost brothers together again. I appreciate your work and learn something new through each CUB. - thanks.

Your column of "Ex-POW lifts shame of surrender" in the APR-MAY-JUN 1990 issue brought to focus what has been a issue of a lot of veterans and civilians. My wife and I have talked to many friends we have met in the various reunions over the years, including a few that I knew and helped train at Fort Jackson. After being with them and going through maneuvers, it really hurt to be sent overseas without them.

Much emphasis seems to be put on the fact that the 106th Division was made up of replacements and inexperienced officers. This

of course was not of their making, as well as the use of those experienced 106th vets being sent as replacements, was not their making.

As history unfolds a proud feeling is brought about for what the 106th did in the Battle of the Bulge. This should have a two-fold meaning.

The Division contributed to winning the war.

Then, as far as I know, nothing has ever been mentioned of the several thousand officers and enlisted men that were sent from the Division, well seasoned and trained for combat, to the ETO in April of 1944.

I know that these replacements to ETO did their job and did it well. I was among the many trained personnel that hit the beaches of OMAHA and UTAH in June 1944. Many of the men came from the original 106th Infantry Division. Most of us made it through France, Luxembourg and Belgium, such as the 1st, 29th, 4th and 9th Divisions.

I am sure some of the Fort Jackson trainees and Atterbury overseas replacements would appreciate a little praise for being a former 106er. After all, the 7,000 people that were sent to combat outfits overseas, did donate a little of this glory of the 106th.

As far as I can determine, there were "THREE" 106th Divisions. One the activation at Fort Jackson, Two the replacements at Atterbury after the ones were sent over in April, and third, the one that was re-constituted at Rennes after the "Bulge."

It is hard to say which was the most hazardous, being a POW, or not knowing "What's Next" in combat. I know that both were difficult.

This coming year at Huntsville, I hope to have four original 106ers at their reunion. This year in California there were two, **Frank Nausin** and myself.

Appreciate your time, John, and hope that someday you may find the time to try and put this message in The CUB, there are some guys out there that just might see my point.

(editor's note — Bill, nice seeing you in Sacramento, even though I could not spend enough time with you because of my reunion duties. Your point is a valid one — It would be interesting to follow the trail of some of the men, those that were called the "experienced" men that were sent out of the division as replacements. We hear from

time to time from some, and know that they, like you, contributed much to the success of our fighting forces in Europe and elsewhere. Yes, it looks like there were three 106 Divisions, if you track it on a time/experience basis, as you describe above. I have heard figures from 50,000 to 60,000 as the number of men who circulated through our ranks, and were of the 106th roster, either as permanent personnel or as temporary assignments, like the POW detail on the end of the war... J. Kline)

### **Schlessner, John P. 591/SV**

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John, I received a three and one-half page article from one of the men of my old outfit. It is the "Cedric Foster Broadcast" of January 18, 1945 from the Mutual Network station - WNAC. Thought you would be interested for historical purposes. I have never seen it reproduced in The CUB. maybe sometime, when you need material, you could use it.

You are doing a good job with The CUB and I hope you can keep it up.

(editor's note — Jack, thanks for the article. I will pass it along to **Sherod Collins, our Historian**, although I suspect he already has a copy. We might reproduce one of these days... J. Kline)

### **Scott, Earl A. 589/HQ**

6414 Monument Ave  
Richmond, VA 23226

Sherod, I've been a member of the Association since it's inception and want to stay that way, until as an old soldier, I'll just fade away. Enclosed is my check for a LIFE MEMBERSHIP for me and my wife, **Catherine S. Scott**. Thank you and all the other officers who maintain and keep our Association a great and valuable organization.

### **Slayton, David B. 422/A**

648 Terrylynn Pl  
Long Beach, CA 90807

I was very disappointed in not being able to attend my first reunion. Unfortunately, I had to enter a hospital for a hip replacement on September 3rd.

(editor's note — Dave, maybe you can make it to Huntsville in September of 1991, for the 45th Annual reunion. Good Luck... J. Kline)

### **Sorenson, Clarence 423/B**

249 No. Munsterman  
Appleton, MN 56208

John, I was at a recent meeting of POW&MIAs gathering held at Madison, Minnesota. Thought you would like the program.

(editor's note — Clarence, thanks for the program. I note that one of our ASSOCIATE members **Dr. James Tuorila**, of the St. Cloud VAMC was on the program. He has been doing a wonderful public relations job for the POW/MIAs with his hot-air balloon, the "Freedom Flight." He promised a story and a picture to me. That balloon would make a nice cover picture for The CUB, with it's black and white markings. I am sure the Doctor has been busy, and I hope he will furnish me with the photo and story for the next CUB... J. Kline)

### **Strong, George W. 423/HQ**

525 Lebo Blvd #B-4  
Bremerton, WA 98310

Hopefully, I am enclosing the edition of the CUB that you need for the villagers in Spineux, Belgium.

My first reunion was a very rewarding time for me. It will take some time for me to put all the conversations into perspective.

**Bob Grimes**, was the Staff Sergeant of the wire section, and my leader. The other person I have kept contact with for 45 years, is **Bill Milot**. All the others that I visited with at the Sacramento Reunion, I was seeing for the first time since the "Slaughter House" in Dresden.

(editor's note — George, isn't it a thrill to meet a person you have not seen in all those years. My heart goes out each time I hear of such a meeting, for I have experienced it many times with the 37 men I have found from "M" Company, 423d since 1987. Some of them I have not met personally, yet, but many I have and it is a traumatic feeling, mixed with joy and tears. We all went through a lot together, that is the beautiful part of the 106th Infantry Division Association, and one of the reasons that it is so strong.

Reference to what you saw in Halle. I have come across pictures of something like that. I think in a set of War Encyclopedia that I have. When I get time I will research it, and maybe we can fill in the

# Mail Bag

membership. Thanks for the material... J. Kline)

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## **Talkington, Claris D. 424/HQ 3BN**

Rte 2 Box 198  
West Union, WV 26456

Sherod, enclosed are my dues. Have been under Doctor's care for some time, and in the hospital a lot in the last three years.

My wife, Mary K. and I are getting ready to celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 5, 1991.

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## **Trueman, Dr. Duncan T. 424/AT**

29 Overhill Lane  
Warwick, NY 10990

Sherod, enclosed is my \$75.00 check for the LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

I enjoyed the last issue of The CUB. Until a year and a half ago, I have maintained communication with **Melvin Weaver**, whose home was in New Jersey. I have since lost track of him. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, I would appreciate hearing from them.

Am continuing to enjoy retirement., traveling, boating, fishing, etc. I thank God for all the good years with which I have been blessed... Always remembering so many of our comrades who never had the chance to live life to it's fullest, as those of us who survived have been able to live it.

Best regards to all...

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## **Tury, Jr., Louis Wm. 424/A**

12 Weaver Rd  
Fairview, MI 48621

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## **Twining, Rollin L. 424/HQ 3BN**

5 Riverside Dr. Apt #610  
Binghamton, NY 13905-4616

John, I enclose \$5. Please send me a copy of the 424th Combat Infantry Badge order #2, dated 4 January 1945. My sincere congratulations and personal thanks for all you have done for the CUB, and the organization of the 106th Association.

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## **Walton, Robert S. 159th Reg/L**

1702 Carmen Ave W.  
Chicago, IL 60640

Thanks, John, for directing me to the people for information on the 159th.

The Department of Army suggested contacting the U.S. Army Military History Institute, who in turn provided me with a listing of books and pamphlets, along with a brief his-

tory of the 159th Regiment, from Shelby Stanton's book, "*Order of Battle, U.S. Army World War II.*" At least, it gives me dates and places of my whereabouts. I am enclosing a copy of Stanton's 159th regiment description.

I finally received my medals from WWI and Korea. Wow!, does it take a long time to go through government channels.

At this time I must congratulate the Association on so many new members. Apparently the word is getting around that the 106th, is alive and well.

In closing, I wish you and all the members Happy Holidays, One flag, one country for all. best regards.

(editor's note — Quoted from Shelby Stanton's book "Order of Battle, U.S. Army World War II." — "The 159th Regiment (separate), which came from the California National Guard was inducted into service 3 Mar 1941 and assigned to the 40th Division. After several moves and assignments. It departed San Francisco P/E 25 June 1943 (attached to Amphibious Training Force #9 5 May-28 June 43); landed on Attu Island 9 Jul 43 and relieved the 17th Infantry Regt as a garrison force. departed Attu on 9 Aug 44, transferred to Camp Swift, Texas, staged at Camp Kilmer, N.J., departed New York P/E 7 Mar 45, arrived in France 18 Mar 45 and were attached to the 106th Infantry Division throughout European service and entered Germany on 25 April 45, returned to New York P/E 4 Nov 45 and were inactivated at Camp Shanks, N.Y. on the same date. Campaigns: **Aleutian Islands, Northern France...** J. Kline)

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## **Williams, Alva Ray 424/L**

828 F. Ave NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

John, You sure do a bang up job with The CUB. I have really enjoyed reading it.

I was a light machine gunner. On the 17th day of Dec 1944, just after daylight, we were all set up with "no noise" just waiting for something to start and it did. One shot was fired and my right guard was hit. I called for a medic. By the time he got there the man was dead, hit between the eyes. Then another shot was fired, hitting my left guard. Same thing, hit in the head. I said, "Let's go, and we left. Had the sniper known, he should have gotten me first and then the second gunner.

Sometime later, a day or so, we were pinned down by a tank. I had a 50 caliber machine gun at that time. I was able to hold the tank off until the rest of the men got away. The ground was so hard that the tank made two or three turns on the fox hole. I was hurt a little. During all this time I was separated from my company for a while. I met some GIs. We would fight and run. We had no food or water. We found some weapons and ammunition as we moved around.

As we started across a field, the artillery opened up. We had to get into a river, but had to break the ice first. Some of the men did not survive the cold water. I was frozen from the waist down and could not walk, but we were still lucky. In trying to get back to our lines, we were found by some GIs. We think it was

their artillery that made us head into the river. I came into the 106th by the way of the 65th Infantry, "F" Company 261st. I found out the Felix B. Clark is still alive and doing fine.

**Wilson, Robert D. 424/CN**

4724 Mtn. View Rd  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Hi Sherod, Now my War Worries are over.

Life Member 200 FA, V Corps. Honorary Life Member, Steelton Post VFW 710. Honorary Life Member, Harrisburg Post, 1001 American Legion. LIFE MEMBER, 106th Infantry Division Association, 424/CN.

Now I needn't forget any more dues.

Take good care of yourself. Your doing a good job.

Bob.

*"Little Joe"*



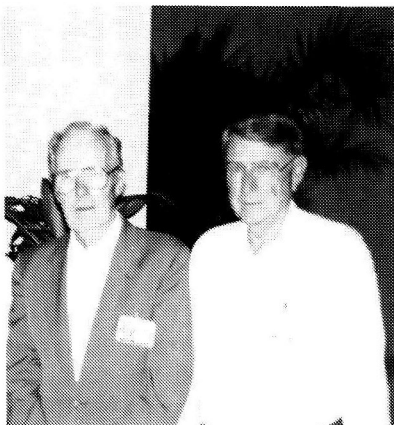
## **ANNOUNCEMENT TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NOMINEES FOR ASSOCIATION BOARD BEING ACCEPTED UNTIL 1 JULY 1991**

The Nominating Committee of the 106th Infantry Division Association, is now accepting nominees for the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, which will be presented at the Annual meeting of members of the Association, at the 1991 Reunion.

Members of the Association wishing to nominate an individual, may do so by sending his name and qualifications, for consideration, to the Nominating Committee Chairman

**Orfeo Agostini, 202 Elizabeth Street, Hinesville, GA 31313**

Closing dates for acceptances of NOMINEES is 1 JULY 1991.



(L/R— Joe Gasses; Bob Hanna; George Herring; Hank Freedman; Jack Bryant; Pressley Williams 422d Headquarters Company ; Gasses and Freedman were in Communications, the rest in Recon. This picture taken at the Schaumburg Reunion in 1989. First time together in 45 years for most of them. Hanna wrote "I am suddenly caught with EGG on my face. I attended the Reunion in 1989, caught up with men from my Platoon and Company whom I had not seen since liberation from Stalag IX-A We took these pictures and I volunteered to send them to the CUB. Somewhere between the promise and the post office, something happened. I eagerly awaited each CUB - but no pictures! I finally found out why. Well guess what I just found – the errant pictures in a seldom used drawer. I throw myself to the mercy of the court and hope that maybe you can find a spot for them."



Henri ROGISTER, Belgium – a member of C.R.I.B.A. sent this picture some time ago. He states that he has been reading "The CUB" and finds interesting information in it. The photo above, with Henri in the center, was taken in August of 1989, in Losheim, with veterans of the 87th Infantry Division.



# *In Memoriam*

**Bosle, Robert H 422/I** 4932 Mc Anulty Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Robert died October 31, 1989, 4 days after his 65th birthday. He was buried in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, in Pittsburgh. He is survived by his wife Gloria.

**Brown Jr., Charles A. 423/CN** 40 Brookside Rd Philadelphia, PA 19118

Details unknown, mail returned marked "unknown."

**Dorosky, Thomas C. 592/SV** 146 Mt Airy Road, Rd-1 Shavertown, PA 18708

A constant attendee at the 106th Reunions. He quietly attended them and the annual picnic held by the 592d Service Battery at Hershey Park. He will be fondly remembered by all. Alice, his wife wrote that he passed away August 14, 1990 at the Hospice Unit in the Veteran's Hospital.

**Holder, Harry L. 424/H** 474 Addison Ave. Elmhurst, IL 60126

Harry passed away on July 8th, 1990. He was buried in the Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery. His wife Mildred, wrote, saying that she could only give praise for the medical care given to Harry, for many years, by the Hines Veteran's Hospital. She wishes to thank all of you who responded so warmly. He is survived by Mildred, three children and 10 grandchildren.

**Jacobs, Montague H. 422/H** Box 272 Kingstree, SC 29556

No details known, mail returned marked "deceased."

**Lange, Elmer F. 422/H** PO Box 203 Sac City, IA 50583

No details known, mail returned marked "deceased."

**Parsons, Bernard L. 423/HQ 1BN** 716 Gracelyn Ct. Blacksburg, VA 24060

Bernard died May 17, 1990. Incarcerated at Stalag 7A. He was called to active duty during the Korean War, receiving the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He is survived by his wife Frances, four daughters and one son. He so enjoyed the reunion in Roanoke.

**Rogers, Francis J. 422/L** 708 Brigadoon Cir Leesburg, FL 32788

Francis passed away on April 6, 1990. Our condolences go to his wife Marie. She said he was so proud of the 106th.

**Rusthoven, Jacob 424/SV** 7700 Golf Drive 2A Palos Heights, IL 60463

Jacob died February 4, 1990, buried in Chapel Hills Gardens, South Cemetery. Surviving are Nell Prium Rusthoven, his wife, two sons and four grandchildren. He enjoyed "looking up" his buddies and keeping in touch.

**Sheahan, Robert I. 423/B** 715 N. Derby Derby, KS 67037

Leon Setter writes of his friend, who he did not know in the service. "Upon returning home we found that our mothers went to the same church, shared the days we were missing-in-action, the relief of learning that they were alive, but prisoners, and the final notice that we were liberated. That started a long friendship. Bob and I attended the reunions in Hot Springs in '80, in Columbia in '86 and Schaumburg in '89." A friendship to be cherished and remembered.

**Warren, Clarence E. 81st ENG/A** Rte 3 Kewanee, IL 61443

Dorothy Warren, a Niece writes, "Clarence passed away at age 81 on April 1, 1990. He lost his wife two years ago."

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*Merry Xmas*  
and  
*Good Health*  
to all



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See you in ***Huntsville, Alabama***  
September 18 – 21, 1991 for the 45th Annual Reunion  
Registrations being sent by 1st Class Mail January 1991