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*The  
Balloon*

*Freedom  
Flight*

*Some of us are  
raising more than  
our voices*

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## President's Message

Our Sacramento trip will always be the most memorable as we drove through many states and saw more of this beautiful country. We covered 7,700 miles during the round trip, and much of that with material for the 106th Sacramento reunion on the top of the car.

Since our return from Sacramento, we flew to Honolulu, staying seven days and visiting the major islands. What a way to relax and enjoy a 45th Wedding Anniversary!

Now to get ready for the 1991 reunion. We have finalized plans for the Huntsville event and it will be a good one.

Registration forms were mailed in mid-January. Unfortunately, some of the agenda and registration blanks were left out of the first class mail envelopes that were mailed to all members.

**If you did not receive, both an agenda and registration sheet, use the forms that are in or with this CUB**

Plans have been made for large numbers of attendance. So return your registrations early. First in, first served.

The main hotel, the Marriott, guarantees us 250 rooms and the overflow will be the Marriott Courtyard and the Hampton Inn, both within one mile of the Marriott.

Cut off date for registrations is August 1, 1991 and cancellations may be made up to September 1, 1991.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Huntsville. □

**Samuel P. Cariano**  
Division Headquarters

Recipient of the  
**GOLDEN LION AWARD  
COMMANDER CLASS**

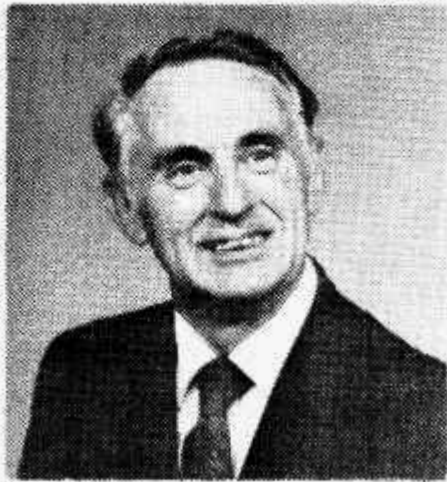
*Sam was not able to be present in Sacramento to personally accept the award. Due to his health this was the first reunion he has ever missed. The ovation following the award, at the 44th Annual Reunion, was evidence of the respect and thanks that the membership wished to convey to him. Congratulations Sam! Hope to see you at the 45th.*



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



## **“Watch over and protect them, Blessed Father!”**



Reverend Ewell C. Black Jr., Chaplain  
106th Infantry Division Association  
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† 803-484-6861 †

The girl was in her mid teens and her mother in the late thirties or early forties. They were talking with Wes Eckblad and me in the Town Square of Gleina, Germany, on our Day of Liberation. They gave me a yellow mechanical pencil to remember them by, which I still have. But what I remember most about them was the mother's request, "You aren't going to let the Russians get us, are you?" With the ignorance of youth and in the exuberance of the moment I assured them that we had been liberated by the Americans and this wouldn't happen. Little did I know nor would I have understood that the politicians had already sealed their fate on this point. I have no way of knowing what happened to these two

people left in what would become Communist East Germany. Neither could I know that it would take forty-five years for this wrong to be righted.

A long time ago God's people were certain that their's was a charmed nation and so God would not allow any bad things to happen to them. The events of history proved them to be wrong to ignore the warnings of God as given through the prophets. Like the events in Germany following World War II, it was some forty years before events began to change for Israel. I don't say this as a comparison but only to point out that when we do those things which are displeasing to God, we do them at our own risk.

I rejoice in the events of the past year which brought about so many changes in Europe. But even as I write this we find our men and women once more in a situation which could mean armed conflict with all of the attending things which happened to the 106th Division in 1944-45. In Isaiah 2:4 we are told thusly of the Lord's judgement. "He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

I have no way of knowing what events will transpire from the time that I write these words in December until you read them in February or March, only God knows what the future holds. However I pray with each of you that they will be more like those spoken of in Isaiah 2:4 than in Joel 3;9,10.

*Blessed Father in Heaven we would pray for a world at peace. A world in which people would settle their differences with brains rather than the sword. Watch over and protect our men and women and those of other nations who are in the military. Let we who have known war be Thy instruments of peace and of reason in this time and place. AMEN*

# Reflections on C. C. Cavender, Colonel, U. S. Army Infantry

by Richard W. Peterson, Ph.D.  
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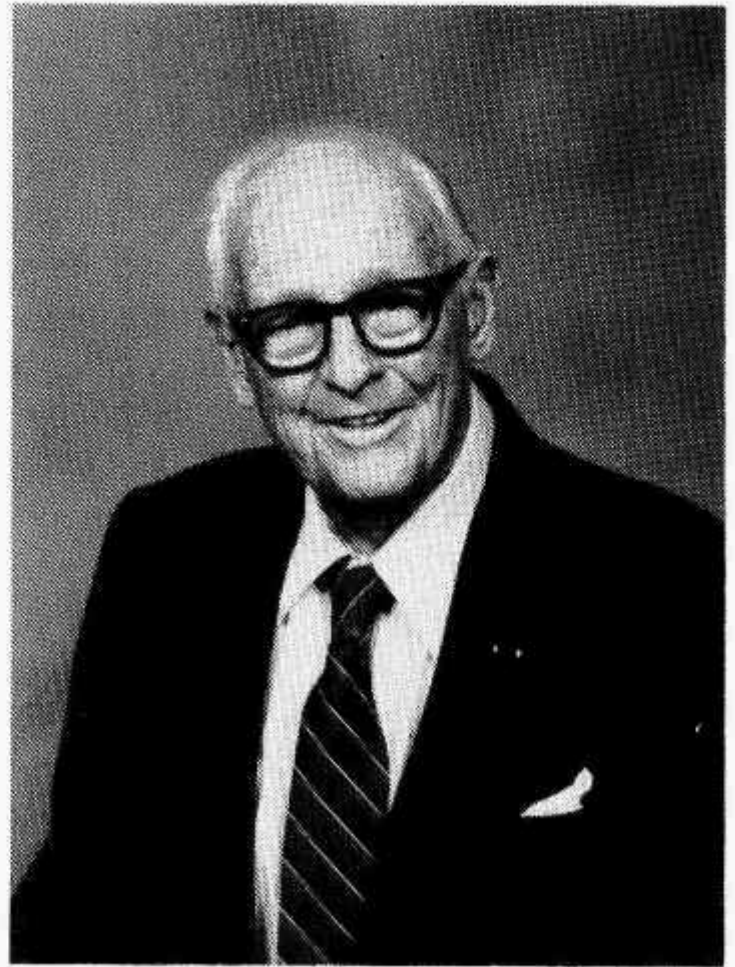
Former S/Sgt Mortar Section Leader,  
Ft. Jackson, South Carolina until  
surrender on 19 December 1944

I was with him from the birth of his regiment, the 423rd Infantry in Ft. Jackson, S. C. when the Regimental Colors were unfurled for the first time. I was with him in Tennessee, in Indiana, and in England. I was with him when he returned to Europe to face the German again as he had in 1917. And I was with him when the 423rd as we knew it, died.

In December 1944, Colonel Charles Cavender, Texan, West Point graduate, former World War I private, came back to Germany as the commander of the regiment he created and trained. With him into the Ardennes forests he brought men like me, physically tough, individually capable and ready for combat

Only a few knew Cavender's innermost concerns about the overstretched positions of his beloved 423rd in the Division line when we replaced the 2nd Division. 40 years later in his notes to Charles MacDonald he expressed dissatisfaction with the task assigned. Wide gaps in the defensive line resulted from the blindness of the High Command and its refusal to acknowledge the dangers in the Ardennes. Cavender's thinly stretched regiment was forced to defend without Armor and its reserve battalion. "Good Luck," said the one commander who could help. "If they come, just slug it out with what you have," as he left a frustrated Cavender standing along the Prüm - Bleialf - St. Vith road, known as the Prüm Corridor.

A massive and vicious German attack did come through that indefensible corridor. Ordered to attack the Ger-



*Colonel Charles C. Cavender (U.S.Retd)  
C.O., 423rd Regiment, 106th Inf. Div. (43-44)  
93 years young October 2, 1990*

man and fight his way out of the noose they had drawn around him Cavender's regiment fought alone. Promised help and supplies never came. With one battalion totally destroyed, he stopped the charge of his last remaining battalion against overwhelming odds. The 423rd and its sister regiment the 422nd held off the best the German Army could throw at them for three bloody days. Their struggle would only be properly acknowledged by the German whose sensitive timetable of battle was destroyed by the defeated regiments. As he surveyed wounded men needing aid, riflemen without ammunition, and a total loss of communication with Division, he accepted the abhorrent decision to surrender his command.

It meant putting his Army career on the line. The General's star he would probably earn in his second war was not an acceptable trade for more

lives of his men. Cavender was a casualty of the battle in the Ardennes as surely as if a German bullet had struck him. The sacrifice he made for his comrades was heroic and unselfish.

Few know of his valiant efforts to alleviate the suffering of his men in the Stalags. The records of his personal battles with the Germans commanders are buried in still classified records. He argued, he demanded, he bargained to little avail. But he never gave up.

How many would have died on that hill outside Schönburg if Cavender had

not the courage to surrender? I know I live today because of him. His example and training served me in battle, in captivity and in the later competition of civilian life. I am alive because he cared

Not until forty seven years after I first saw Colonel Cavender did I meet him personally. He was a major influence in my life, and he will always be.

**Charles Cavender,  
For the joys of my life, I thank you.  
As an old Sergeant, I salute you.**

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#### **424th Infantry Group has an East Coast Get-Together**

*Unable to make the Sacramento Reunion several 424th members held a mini-reunion 13 October 1990. The place: Sheraton Atlantic Coast resort, Myrtle Beach, S.C.. Organizing the event which included a boat cruise and trips to other interesting spots, was Jim Heirs and his wife Necie.*

*L/R rear - Bill Mueller (NY), Jim Heirs (SC), Bill Dodge (OH), Frank Borberly (PA), Howard Bagby (MI,FL), Jim Maxwell (SC)*

*L/R front - Charles Puskarich (WI), Sid Pell (DE), Lee Berwick (LA), Tiller Carter (TX)  
Not Shown - Charles Coghlan (AL), Ralph Odom (AL)*

*At one time all were members of 424 "M" Company except for Carter (HQ-424). In Europe Berwick served in HQ, 3Bn, 424th Reg, whereas Pell and Coghlan were with the 104th Inf. Div. and 28th respectively.*

## Money isn't everything

by Dan Bied, 422/A  
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My part-time job as a columnist for The Cub doesn't pay a whole lot. Nothing, actually, in the way of money. But I am getting some kicks out of the assignment that I didn't expect when John Kline asked me to be a contributor.

For instance, the phone rang one night last fall and, to my total surprise, it was Lou Apel in St. Louis just wanting to bat the breeze about our experiences in the 106th.

Lou was in my outfit, Co, A of the 422nd, for a while. He said he remembered me, "kind of hazily," after seeing my photo in The Cub. I've changed more than that, of course. But my face finally sunk in after Lou saw it a half-dozen times and, I think, he recalled my name because it's rather unusual.

Lou asked if my name is pronounced "Bide" or "Bead." I told him it is close enough either way, but it's actually right to pronounce it "Bead." It's a German name and, my dad I suspected, was probably Biedermann or something like that before our family came to America.

Lou remembered loafing around the day room at Camp Atterbury and it's natural enough that he might have remembered me from there. I was something of a boozier, though I was just 18, at Camp Atterbury, and that meant I was broke "between paydays" half the time. I was around the day room a lot. It didn't cost anything to be there, of course, so I spent a lot of time reading magazines, shooting pool or whatever we did there in that long, hot summer in 1944. Lou sounded like a great guy and I hope to see him before long, perhaps at the Co, A reunion or at the division reunion in 1991 or 1992.



I also got in touch with Rob Scheffel, Thanks to The Cub.

He lives in Nebraska and I remember exactly what he looked like in 1944, a big guy who wore thick glasses and was always anxious to talk.

Bob didn't remember me, except vaguely. That's the way it goes, tough. At the Co. A reunion last year in West Virginia I remembered Archie Prim better than he remembered me. And I was a bit red-faced when I couldn't recall Clinton Hohnstein right away, though he remembered me "like yesterday."

Bob and I exchanged several letters. We were both "writers," he noted, though he made his living by etching names on tombstones over the years. "People ask me how long I was a guest or the Germans during the war," Bob wrote. "I always say it was four months, going on two years."

Isaac Lucero wrote from New Mexico. He reminded me that he used to be called "Half Pint" in the 106th. I remember Isaac very well. He was a good soldier, though he was so short that the butt of a BAR would nearly drag the ground when he carried it. "First I was

a BAR man and then I was a scout," he said in his letter. "I was the only Spanish guy in the outfit."

I didn't know Eugene Kelch of Arnold, Mo., but he wrote an interesting letter, four pages long, that recalled our trip to Europe on the Aquitania. Eugene was an infantryman (Co, I, 422nd) but he did MP duty during the voyage and told me some things I didn't know.

"In your article you mentioned the long lines waiting to buy candy at the dry canteen," Eugene wrote, "You should have seen the lines outside the kitchen waiting to buy sandwiches from the British. This was always at night."

The food was terrible on the ship, as many of you will recall. But, according to Eugene, members of the British crew could be seen carrying crates of eggs and other items off the ship in Scotland, "food we were supposed to have been fed."

These letters and phone calls always trigger memories of when I joined the 106th at Camp Atterbury on July 7, 1944.

Perhaps I wrote before about the fact that, while I had been through at infantry basic at Camp Wolters, Tex., I spent the first week or two in the kitchen at Camp Atterbury. This was because there was a shortage of men to do KP. In fact, my future squad sergeant, Sgt, Todd, was doing KP the day I arrived on the scene.

We always ate well in Co. A. Bob Richardson, our mess sergeant, had operated a restaurant in Indiana, believe it or not. I will never forget the great meal he and his cooks served us for Thanksgiving in 1944.

It was equivalent to home cooking, except I couldn't go back for another drumstick, etc., the way I did when I was a kid in Iowa. □



### **Lt. Dale Carver, 424/HQ 3Bn — Returns to Bulge Area**

Ruth and I toured the Battle of the Bulge area in July of 1990. We spent three nights in Stavelot with Serge and Suzanne Fontaine. Serge, who is with C.R.I.B.A., knew far more about the route of the 424th Infantry than I did and he led us on a comprehensive tour.

Above is a picture of Serge and me in front of a Tiger tank which is at the War Museum in La Gleize. This tank was found on Serge's grandfather's farm after the battle. □



## *The Story of Freedom Flight*

by John Kline, editor  
from material furnished by  
Dr. James Tuorila Ph.D.  
Consulting Psychologist  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Medical Center, St. Cloud, MN  
Associate member  
106th Inf. Div. Association

On Veteran's Day of 1989 a all-black hot air balloon emblazoned with three, thirty foot high POW/MIA logos was christened at a ceremony held on the grounds of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

High winds delayed the balloon's inaugural flight over St. Cloud until Tuesday November 14, when the balloon, flown by the four pilots, who are the founding board members of Freedom Flight, Inc., the non-profit corporation who owns and operates the balloon, launched at St. Cloud airport and landed on the edge of town near the VAMC.

The first passenger was a WW II European theater ex-pow, 72 year old Henry Shea, who saw the balloon flying

over town while on his way to the VAMC to do volunteer work.

The purpose of Freedom Flight is to administer and operate a hot air balloon and related equipment to educate the public about the POW/MIA issues of all Americans held captive in foreign countries.

The idea for Freedom Flight was conceived in 1987 by Dr. James Tuorila who felt that a hot air balloon would be a good means of publicizing the fact that Americans have been reported to be alive in foreign countries and that only a ground swell of public support will bring them home.

Dr. Tuorila and his flight instructor, Dean J. Evans, who is a Vietnam veteran, commenced working on the lengthy process of start up funds, designing the balloon and establishing Freedom Flight as a tax exempt non-profit educational organization. Bob Young and Jerry Grams, very active local balloon pilots and veterans, helped complete the board of directors of Freedom Flight.

The Minnesota 6th District Veterans of Foreign Wars decided that this was a

commendable project and gave its support with substantial initial financial contributions. Other organizations such as the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the American Legion, as well as business and private contributions made the balloon possible.

Dr. Tuorila who I became acquainted with at a State Ex-POW convention three years ago is a staunch supporter of the American Ex-POW organization, and after hearing my story of the 106th, from the podium, at that convention wanted to become an Associate member in order to receive The CUB. He services several former 106th Infantry Division veterans in his duty with the St Cloud VAMC.

In 1990 Freedom Flight traveled to 18 different states and over 35 different ballooning and veterans related events. Dr. Tuorila was awarded the honorary degree of a "Kentucky Colonel" last summer, by the Governor of Kentucky

and has received other awards from the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America (Minnesota). He says that they may be invited to the 1991 National Ex-POW convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dr. Tuorila is a four year Army veteran (73-77), a disabled vet and President of Freedom Flight, Inc.

The Freedom Flight balloon is available to appear at functions or fly over your community, depending on their schedule. Freedom Flight has four pilots. These pilots are not able to travel or operate the balloon without financial support. If you want to see this balloon in your community, or support this effort, write or call for more information. Your donations are tax deductible under IRS Section 501 C (3).

Address: Freedom Flight, Inc.

PO Box 7606

St. Cloud, MN 56302-7606.

Dr. Tuorila can be reached at his office:  
612-252-7208.



*81st Combat Engineers meet at New Jersey's December get-to-gether  
L/R back row - Fred Carr "C" Co., Roy Sheets "A" Co., Nick Risoli "B" Co., Charles Fehnel "A" Co.  
first row - John Kolster "A" Co., Col Thomas J. Riggs, C.O., Carl Messina "A" Co.*

## December 16th get-togethers



### Chicago Area

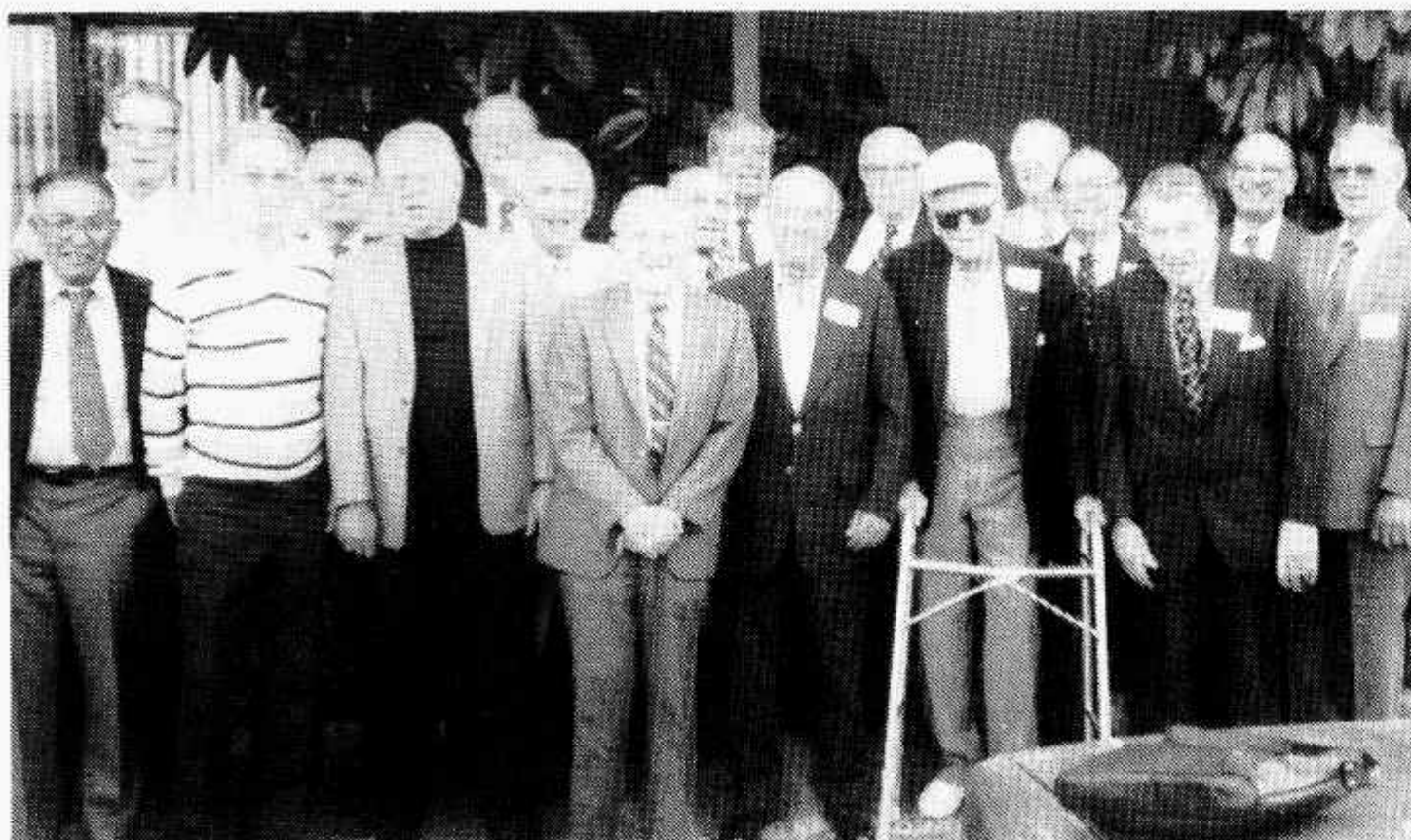
Russell Villwock, 106 Sig, 6908 West Higgins, Chicago, IL 60656 Tele: 312-631-2027

**Attending:** Herb & Lu Meagher, Hubert Hochstetter, John & Virginia Bieze, Major & Evelyn Hill, Frank & Elaine von Schwedler, Marshall & Maryann Streib, Bill & Florence Lucsay, Ben Carpenter, George & Joan Zak, Joe & Betty Dallman, Frank Gombotz, Allen & Florence Cohen, Mike Mueller, William & Lorraine Brankin, Maynard & Joan Adolphson, Robert Walton, Robert & Evelyn Hempel, Milton & Arline Schober, Thomas & Stella Kapsalis, Milder Holder, Walter & Frances Peterson, Oliver & Phyllis Libman, Kenneth Bismenschein, Dave Todd, and Russell & Jackie Villwock

After an hour of cocktails and wild stories, a delicious buffet dinner was served. This was followed with yummy, mouth watering desserts, made and served by Evelyn Hempel, Florence Lucsay, Lu Meagher and Jackie Villwock. Fun and Games came later instigated by Lu, with prizes of all kinds. There was dancing by a live band, if you so wished, in the lounge of the Park Ridge VFW Post #3579, where the party has been held for the last few years.



## December 16th get-togethers



### **Southern California Area**

Milton Weiner, 6440 Knott Ave, Buena Park, CA 90621 714-521-1705

**Attending:** Robert Bennett, 423/H, Verna Wade; Donald & Mary Jane Betlach, 423/HQ 3Bn; Tom Broadbent, 81st Eng/A; Col. Charles C. Cavender, 423/HQ CO; Richard & Lynn Erbes 423/HQ; Leo Kreuser, 81st/Med; Joseph & Ann Litvin, 423/D; Allen & Geraldine Lowith, 423/CN; Bob & Mary Lou Marsh, 423/D; Marian & Mamie Mileski, DIV ARTY/HQ; Edward & Evelyn Nelson, 590/C; Dick Peterson, 423/L; James & Pearl Rupert, 424/AT w/grand-daughter Natalie; Ernst & Adella Simon, DIV/HQ; Jim & Jeanne Reiss, 423/L; William & Agnes Ulim, 423/SV; Milton Weiner, 424/M & Bella Duzé; James & Aki Yamazaki, 590/Med.

After reading "*My First Reunion*" written by Dale Carver, 424/HQ 3Bn, everyone introduced themselves and told their memories, starting with Colonel C.C. Cavender (at age 93, the youngest in spirit.)

A good time was had by all. Next Year's get-to-gether is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Sunday December 1, 1991. If you are not on my mailing list, write, or call 714, 521-1705, and you will be added.



## December 16th get-togethers



### **Madison, Wisconsin Area**

Chuck Rieck, 422/H, 7316 Voss Pkwy, Middleton, WI 53562 Tele: 608-831-6110

Photo by Ed Wojahn, 81st Engineers/B

The Wisconsin Second Annual December 16 Commemorative meeting was held at Lewis's Prime Rib in Madison, Wisconsin on 8 December 1990. We had 69 people in attendance compared to 55 in 1989. A video of the Battle of the Bulge was shown and there books on display of the battle. **Attending were:**

Norman Arvold & Alene Mack, Mrs. Betty Barsol, M/M Arnold Brannstrom, M/M Joe Broderick  
Fred Broussard, M/M Fred Chermak, Herbert Clark, M/M Walter Donaldson, Tom Grillo  
M/M Donald Handel, John Hendrickson, Wendell Hoffmaster & Nancy Oesterle, M/M John Howard,  
M/M Roger Kane, James Klein, M/M Lee Krueger, M/M Ray Kurth, M/M Robert Lee, M/M Robert Likins,  
M/M Albert March, M/M Jerry Miller, M/M Ralph Moore, M/M Edward Nagel, M/M Edmund Podlaski,  
M/M Burton Pfaff, M/M Chuck Puskarich, M/M Robert Reppert, M/M Chuck Rieck, M/M Eugene Rood,  
M/M John Scalissi, Robert Schramm, Elmer Shudarek, M/M Charles Siebold, M/M Willis Smythe,  
M/M James Tetzlaff, M/M Henry Wittenberg, M/M Edward Wojahn and M/M Stanley Zawadzki



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### **Minneapolis, Minnesota Area**

John Kline, 423/M, PO Box 23485, Apple Valley, MN 55124 Tele; 612-423-4837

**back L/R** - Charles Reidell, 423/I; George Welton, 591/SV; Al Krantz, 106/MP  
Don Ruddick, 423/E; Lloyed Brunner, 424/A; Al Swanson, 424/L; Al Breucker, 592/A  
Boyd Rutledge, 422/D; John Kline, 423/M, Howard Flen, Associate.

**front L/R** - Bob Sandberg, 81st Eng/A; Richard Ritchie, 423/Med;  
Phil Gerlach, 424/D; Russell Gunvalson, 590/A; Bill Johnson, 110 Reg, 28th Div.



**back row L/R** - Gladys Reidell; Pat Krantz; Carol Ritchie; Dorothy Swanson;  
Flora Rutledge; Pat Sandberg; Jan Ruddick  
**front row L/R** - Marion Welton; Shirley Gerlach; Margot Kline; Connie Szarka (Associate)

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### Atlanta, Georgia Area

Sherod Collins, Treasurer/Historian, 448 Monroe Trace, Kennesaw, GA 30144 Tele: 404-928-3207

**L/R Front Row** - Duke Ward, Bob Howell, Sherod Collins, James Dickerson;

**Standing** - Bill Jenkins, Roger Rutland, Bill Alexander, Jim Wells, Col. Joe Puett, Lyman Maples, Col. Joe Matthews, Charles Stammer, Newt Mosely, Roy Browning and Bob Burkes.

**Not shown** - Morris Piha, Greg Ward and Joe Monerrat.

On December 16th the regulars were joined by two new-comer couples and all had a good time. Each man told where he was at the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge, and a fine speaker, Mr. Bill Kenney, Associate Editor of the Marietta Daily Journal, entertained the group with amusing typographical errors which have plagued his paper over the years.

Ladies, **Seated L/R** - Olivia Browning, Yvonne Mosely;

**Standing** - Dot Waldrop, Ann Maples, Mattie Rutland, Susie Dickerson, Sandra Jenkins, Trish Dickerson, Maydean Wells, Ann Matthews, Louise Howell and Martha Ward.

**Not shown** - Sarah Piha, Ida Puett, Pam Ward, Regina Thomas, Shirley Stammer and Frankie Burkes.



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### Northern California Area

Jerry Eisenman, 227 Buena Vista Ave, Daly City, CA 94015 Tele: 415-756-8330  
Photographers: Edward Prewett & Jerry Eisenman

**L/R back row** - Clarence R. Meletesen, Associate; Lewis M. Peters, Unit unknown; Robert W. Watson, 423/?; John H. Stauff, 591/B; Mike Thome, 422/HQ 1Bn; Edward Prewett, 424/B.

**L/R front row** - Ernest Z. Salazar, 423/M; Don E. Cooley, 423/HQ 1Bn; Geroge G. Johnson, 424/E; Frank Nausin Jr., 424/HQ 2Bn; Clarence Epling, Associate; Jerome Eiseman 423/HQ 3Bn.

A "Battle of the Bulge" documentary was shown. Thirteen 106th veterans were in attendance, plus wives and guests. Six were there that had never attended. Next years meeting will be held in Antioch, California on December 14. It will be hosted by Edward Prewett and Bob Jones. Jerry and Ed said that Mike Thome was recovering nicely, and that's good news Mike!

### Cincinnati, Ohio

Host Robert & June Walker, December 8, 1990

We had 24 people here at our home for the December get-to-gether. The weather was perfect. Some were here for the first 106th function ever. Not all are Association members, but we are working on them. One of the men was discovered by my wife, June, while she was helping him with his lunch, after same-day surgery at the VA Hospital. We are both VA Volunteers.

#### In attendance:

Al and Peggy Menke, Unit unknown; Frank and Doris Gaffney, 424/HQ; Bob and Thelma York, 422/D;  
Roy and Jean Bigger, 423/HQ; Charles Kirkendall, 592nd; Paul and Carlene Merz, 422/SV;  
Joe and Ethel Topicz, 423/E; Don and Sally Holtzmuller, 589/A; Ken Hester, 590/C; Frank Bates, 422/L,  
Joe Buhr, Unit unknown; Rev Robert and Rheba Clark,.

One sad note — John H. Hoenemeyer, 424/K died on December 12, 1990. He and his wife Marcia always attended our December functions. They were sorely missed at this function. June and I paid our respects at the funeral home.

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### **Detroit, Michigan Area**

Russell Mayotte, 9628 Cavelle St., Livonia, Michigan, 48150

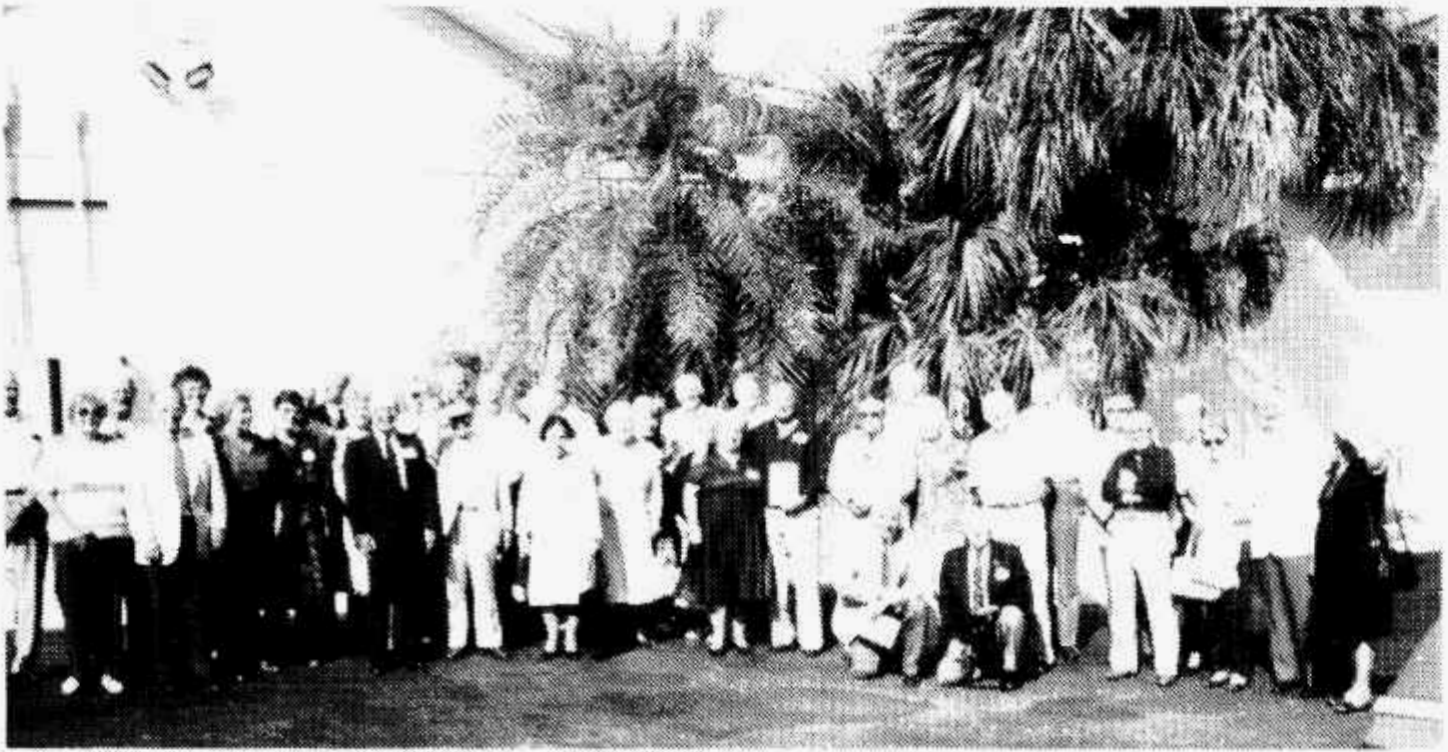
Photos by Russell Mayotte

Men, L/R seated - Dean Sipson, Dick Frankini, John Shalhoub, Fran Ross, Lou Passarillo.  
Standing, L/R - Bill Tower, Jim Karth, Bill Hartman, Jack Bryant, Bob Scranton, Jim Kenyon  
Leo Piosecki, Bob Rutt, Jack Roberts, Russ Mayotte, Bob Rowe.

**Below: Ladies, 1st row** - Emily Bryant, Lucille Rutt, Marge Karth.  
**2nd row** - Evelyn Shalhoub, Mildred Scranton, Ann Frankini.  
**3rd row** - Lee Rowe, Lois Kenyon, Mary Potstivo, Marian Sipson  
Rose Piosecki, Jean Schutte, Betty Passarillo.  
**4th row** - Shirley Tower, Mary Lou Roberts.



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### Florida Area

Samuel P. Cariano, 305 Parkside Pl., Indian Harbour Bch, Florida 32937 Tele: 407-777-2876

The Memorial luncheon was held 15 December 1990, at the Banana Bay Waterfront Resuarant, Melbourne, Florida. We had 42 people attending, some driving 180 miles to attend. Discussions were had about the possibility of forming "sectors" in the state to reduce travel, but it was the concensus of the group to continue to hold the event in Central Florida, for the time being. **In attendance were:**

Sylvester & Mary Albergo, 423/H; Gene Arnold, 589/HQ; Howard Bagby, 424/M;  
Lloyd & Dot Byrd, 422/HQ 1Bn; George & Joan Call, 424/B; Sam & Billie Cariano, DIV/HQ;  
Randy Crockett, DIV/HQ; Majorie DeHeer, Associate; John & Dorothy DiLodovici, 423/E;  
George & Muriel Geib, 424/G; John & Dorothy Hall, 423/SV; Pete & Joanne House, 590/A;  
George & Emily Kelly, 424/B; Paul & Dottie Lamb, 423/AT; Irvin & Betty Minor, 592/A;  
John & Norma Oefering, 424/M; Edward & Arline Oeckl, 422/D; Todd Olson, 424/M;  
Dale & Millie Patrick, 589/C; Ted Slaby, 423/HQ I&R; Richard Sparks, 423/HQ;  
Robert & Dorothy Stevenson, 589/HQ; Steve & Irene Varhola, 424/D; Levene J. Weigel, 422/H.



**Mesa, Arizona:** Dean Childs, Host, 245 S. 56th St. #57, Mesa, AZ 85206

**L/R front** - Em Pretty, Tom Bugner, Richard Behr, Larry Walden.

**Back Row** - John Hoag, George Stephens, Floyd Friend, John LoPresti, Jack Watters, Dean Childs.

## December 16th get-togethers



### Reading, Pennsylvania Area

John J. Gallagher, 4003 Francis St., Temple, PA 19560 Tele: 215-929-2887

The Reading Memorial Dinner was held on 7 December at the Dutch Colony Motel. 29 persons attended, including fourteen 106th Veterans. After Prayer, Toast and Dinner, we all shared memories, ladies were given Christmas plants and five of the men won "*Bag Lunches*" containing Army isignia.

Next year's dinner is scheduled for December 6, 1991, same location. For more information call.

**Men L/R, seated** - Robert Prince, John Gallagher, Joe Tarantino;

**2nd row** - Ralph Hill, Stanley Kowalski, Walter Shirk, Norman Spayd, Frank Borbely, Bill Harris;

**3rd row** - Curt Deisher, Fred Carr, Bill Jones, Fred Merbin, Donald Showalter (hidden)

**Ladies (below) seated L/R** - Marian Mervin, Sally Hill, Robbie Showalter;

**2nd row** - Mrs Joe Tarantino;

**3rd row** - Florence Deisher, Stella Gallagher, Betty Carr;

**4th row** - Phyllis Borbely, Mabel Rarick, Mary Ellen Shirk, Mildred Prince, Lillian Harris, Betty Jones (hidden), Erma Kowalski (not shown)



## December 16th get-togethers



### Philadelphia Pennsylvania Area

Charlie & Nancy Datte, 231 Davis Ave, Clifton Heights, PA 19018 Tele: 215-626-1866

L/R front row - Charlie Datte, Harry Albertson, Ray Smith, Bud Southam, Al (Fred) Vitali

Back row - Ray Ulmer, Jack Mcdevitt, Frank Borbely, Harvey Bradford, Jim Bard.

Sunday the 16th of December 1990, 46 years after the start of the "Battle of the Bulge," members of the 106th Infantry Division met at our home to commemorate that event.

For Nancy and I, it's the highlight of this joyous and friendly holiday season. We want to take time to thank each of them for the sacrifices and the help they gave us in making this time of sharing and reflection possible. Although the ladies are not with us in the enclosed picture, they were actually the responsible persons, who worked silently in the background, keeping the Buffet Table loaded with all sorts of "Goodies" so without them we would have been munching on one of our unforgettable "Bag Lunches."

We appreciate what you have done for us:

Nancy Datte, Gladys Albertson, Beth Smith, Maurice Southam, Mickey Vitali,  
Mary Ulmer, Anne McDevitt, Phyliss Borberly, Anne Bradford and Mary Bard.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Melinda Brown for the loss of our friend and comrade **Charlie Brown**, who passed away this summer.

The good Lord willing, we will see you again next December 15th, 1991, on Sunday, at 3:00 p.m. or possibly sooner in Huntsville, Alabama at the 106th Infantry 45th Annual Reunion. This get-together was an unforgettable experience and Nancy and I look forward to the next year.

We missed Tom McHugh, Joe Ansel, Tom Barker, Sam Feinberg, Charlie Harvey, Henry Kingston, Stan Wojtusik and Ernest Savage — Till next year!!

*Charlie and Nancy Datte*

*Friendship,  
like Wine,  
gets better with  
——— age*

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### **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Area**

George and Norma Vance, 283 Dutch Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 Tele: 412-653-1724

**16 Dec 1990 - In Attendance:** Richard E. Bartz, DIV/HQ -AG; John & Katherine Collins, 422/F;

Dr. Michael & Mrs. Connelly, 589/MED; Michael & Lillian Honkus, 422/L;

Edwin & Elizabeth Huminski, 424/F; Harry & Franny Jackson, 423/MED; James & Dolores Jones, 423/G;

Harry & Jennie Koluezez, 423/HQ; Howard & Dorothy Lowenberg, 423/E;

Joseph & Vivian Maloney, 424/HQ; Dr. John & Pearl Martin, 422/MED; Stanley & Irene Repos, 424/MED,

Richard & Patricia Rigatti, 423/B; Francis & Helen Stepnick, 422/E; Ted & Laura Straub, 422/M;

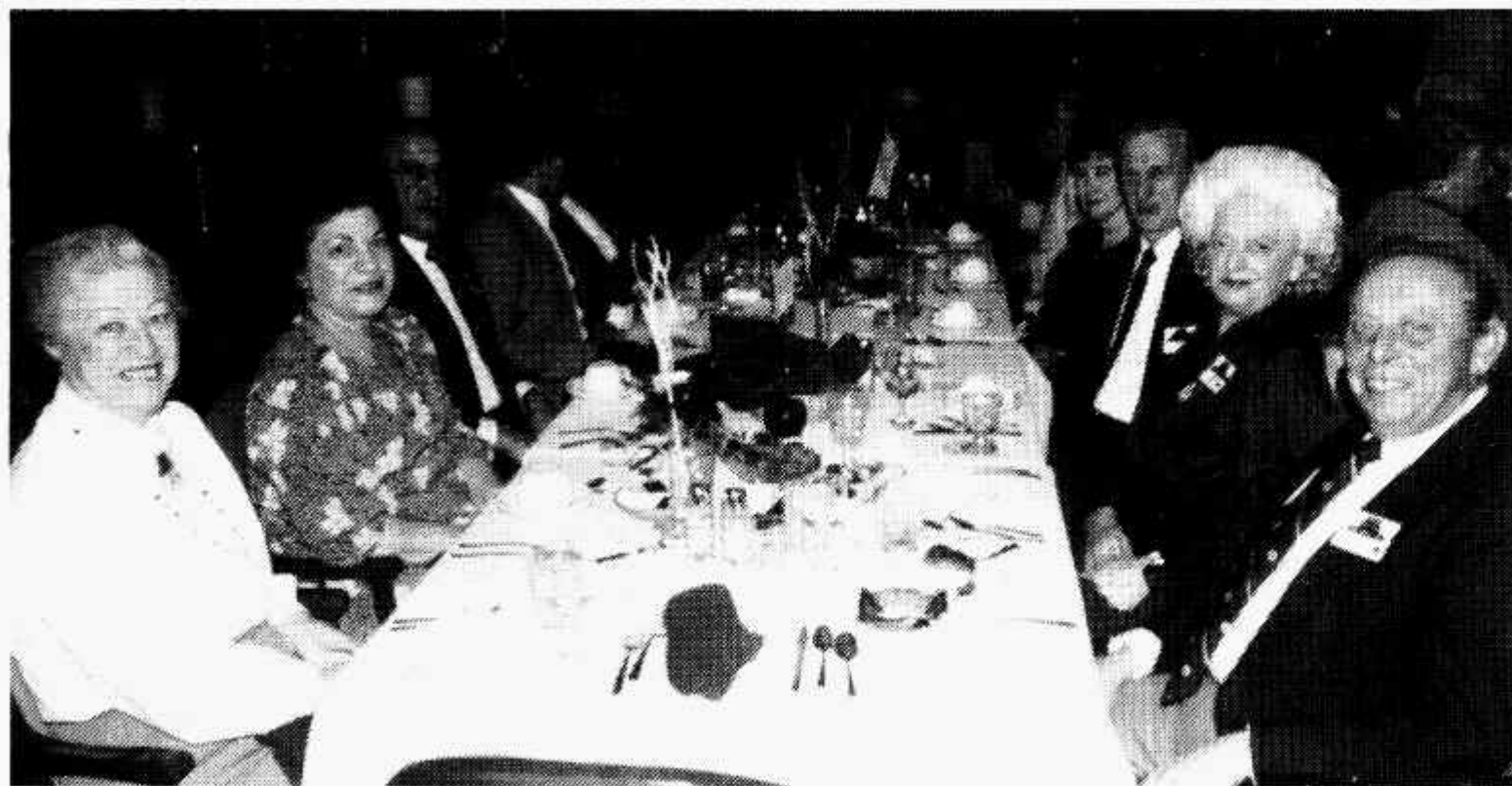
George & Norma Vance (Hosts), 422/AT; Pete & Diane Yanchik 423/A.

**Guests:** - Raymond & M. Pauline Bridgen, 82d A/B; Frank & Grace McClelland, 28th INF;

The meeting held at the Yorkshire Inn, Pittsburgh began with a pledge to the United States flag and the singing of the "National Anthem" .. aided by a "Kate Smith recording. Silence was observed for our departed buddies while "Taps" was played. Thanks to Mrs. Franny Jackson for the Santa Claus pins, Dr. John & Pearl Martin for the sample packs of California prunes and a roll of Tums, to Richard Rigatti, for the "Birthday Cake" honoring his beautiful wife "Patricia." Meeting concluded with "God Bless America."



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**Left side:** - Florence Melichar, Mary Grasso, Sall Grasso, Bill Harris, Irving Silver  
**Right side** - Frank Defeo, Pam Defeo, John Starmack, Grace Starmack, Joe & Dot Scotti  
**End of table** - Cletus Noon

### ***New Jersey Area***

Carl Messina, 926 Seymour Ave, Linden, New Jersey 07036-2942 Tele: 908-486-2927

**In Attendance:** John Kolster, 81st Eng/A; Ralph Balestrier, 592/C; Joseph Scotti, 423/B; Myron Swack, 422/HQ 1Bn; Charles Fehnel, 81st Eng/A; William Melichar, 423/SV; Carl Messina, 81st Eng/A; Roy Sheets, 81st Eng/A; William Blaher, 422/I; Joe Puzio, 81st/HQ; James Liccone, 590/B; Irving Silver, 424/?; Harold Fleming, 423/F; Edward Roche, 424/K; John Starmack, 423/SV; Frank Cannone, 331/MED; Harry Hergenhan, 591/HQ; James Weidensaul, Unit unknown; Sal Scalza, 422/MED; William Harris, 423/SV; Raymond Creamer, 589/SV; Sal Grasso, 423/SV; Cletus Moon, 423/SV; Ken Schuetz, DIV/HQ; Norwood Frye, 81st/C; Fred Carr, 81st/C; Col Thomas Riggs, 81st/HQ; John Nichols, 81st/B; Paul Werkmeister, 423/MED; William Mueller, 424/M; Dr. H. Baird, 81st/MED; Fred DeFeo, 423/SV; Nick Risoli, 81st/B; L. Van Assen

The first New Jersey get-to-gether to Commemorate the "Battle of the Bulge" was a great success with a total of 56 people, including wives and guests. The weather was bad and a few did not show because of that. Plans are under way for one next year " so keep tuned to this channel.



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### **Mt. Vernon, Illinois Area**

John Mikalauskis, Box 31 306 W. Blake, Benton, IL 62812 Tele: 215-626-1866

**Above, standing L/R** - Cebert Turner, Cecil Clausen, Vince Venegoni, William Daugherty, Bob York, George Bloomingburg, Earl Todd, gene Saucerman, gene Kelch, Pete Lauman, Ken Bryan, Ray Vaughn, Vic Breite, Bill Davis, Van Wyatt, Glen Hartlieb

**Seated L/R** - Ed gross, Chas Bright, John Mikalauskis, Newton Johnson, Wm. Webb Hall

On December 15, 1990, a group of the 106th attended a reunion celebrating the Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. There were 42 members, guests and wives present. An enjoyable time was had by everyone and it was decided next years reunion would be held December 14, 1991.



**New Jersey, all from 423rd Service Co.** - U/L/R kneeling - Fred DeFeo, Bill Melichar  
Standing - Sal Grasso, John Starmack, Cletus Noon, Bill Harris

**Doc's Place  
Saturday  
December 8, 1990  
St. Paul, Minnesota**

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by Connie Szarka  
1956 Shorewood Lane  
Mound, Minnesota 55364

**T**his was the place where a number of the 106th Infantry Division "Golden Lions" met to commemorate the start of the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. Though that event was 46 years ago, it seemed vivid in the minds of those present at this luncheon. Some met for the first time. Many of these men had been prisoners of war, injured and had suffered greatly from the severe cold, wet conditions and hunger. They had held on as long as they could, delaying German advances through the Ardennes Forest and around St. Vith. Others of the group, most from the surviving regiment who had fought, withdrawn and then carried the fight to Germans, recalled their experiences of the battles.

The 106th had been sharply criticized, fortunately the truths about their efforts have printed by war historians. One such publication includes a book, St. Vith, A Lion in the Way, The 106th Infantry Division in World War II, by Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy, copyright 1949 by the Infantry Journal, Inc. whose dedication reads:

*"To the Golden Lions, American soldiers who Raw Courage and Stout Hearts Conquered Eclipse."*

As an Associate member of your organization, I was invited to attend the commemoration get-to-gether. I told John Kline, editor of The CUB that I was very interested in attending because of my interest in studying about World War II and in talking to my high school students (French classes) about this historical period.

I was greeted warmly as I arrived at Doc's Place and joined the gathering. I would like to add that even though I was born during the time that the 106th suffered its trial by war, I have a great interest in World War II and the people in Belgium and France.

As I visited with various individuals it was apparent to me how the war and its effects had shaped the men, to a degree.

Several told me of their personal experiences, some of which were amusing, some painful. It was my privilege to hear these stories and to be able to relate them to the next generations. Sons and daughters are now in Saudi Arabia. Old fears and memories are once again brought to the surface.

Another sent me a reproduction of the official U.S. Army Christmas Card of 1944, commissioned by the U.S. Committee for the Battle of Normandy museum.

Another veteran offered to loan me his first edition copy of St. Vith, Lion in the Way, which I am currently reading. Books are precious, like gold. I truly appreciate this loan.

Another vet brought copies of "The Saturday Evening Post," November 9, 1946 with the article "The Glorious Collapse of the 106th" and "The Stars and Stripes," of May 8, 1945. Other mementoes and souvenirs were brought for all to look through.

I am sorry, but there were several vets and wives with whom I did not have the opportunity to visit.

Here's to the men who gathered together for a few brief hours, to their lovely ladies, to December 1944 and to December 1990.

***A Happy New Year  
and Good Health to All.***

## New Members

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**Baca, Louis J. 422/L**

1320 Spence S.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87106

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**Barbsis, Alban DIV/HQ**

280 Arlington St.  
Mineola, NY 11501

I was a member of the Finance Department of the 106th from its inception to the end of the European War when I was transferred to the 28th Division. I was a Staff Sergeant at that time. I bumped into a neighbor of mine at the Post Office who told me about the 106th Infantry Division Association. Hope to meet some of my old buddies soon.

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**Brain, Wallace T. 422/HQ 1BN**

1220 SE 6th Terrace  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

I was a Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn, 422d Infantry, captured December 19, 1944. Detained in Stalag 9B - Bad Orb and Stalag 9A, Ziegenhain.

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**Britt, Donald R. 422/E**

315 Brentwood Dr  
Temple Terrace, FL 33617

A Tech Sergeant, Company "E," 422d Infantry, I joined the 106th at Fort Jackson in December of 1943. I was with the division until December 19, 1944. I served time at Stalag 9B, Bad Orb and 9A, Ziegenhain. After returning to the states I was assigned to the 4th Infantry with the Airborne Command at Fort Benning.

I sure would like to know what happened to the airborne captain (I think his name was McConnohie) who acted as our Commanding Officer at 9A during the last few weeks of our captivity.

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**Caldwell, C. Wesley 423/HQ 1BN**

107 Dana Rd, Box 711  
Natchez, MS 39120

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**Dresselhaus, J. B. 424/I**

3811 So. 40th St.  
Lincoln, NE 68506

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**Ernst, Clair 422/HQ 3BN**

5611 S.W. Orleans St.  
Seattle, WA 98116

I was the Commanding Officer of my unit. I spent time at 9B, Bad Orb, then 13C, Hammelburg, then 13D, Nurnberg and was liberated at Stalag 7A, Moosburg. Moosburg is just a few miles north of Munich and close to a small town of Landshut, Germany.

I reported to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas on 21 Aug 45. I was C.O. of Camp Headquarters Company until released on September 30, 1945. My wife and I moved from North Dakota to Washington in November and I worked at Boeing, designing airplanes until my retirement in July of '83. My wife died in 1987 after 45 years of marriage. My two sons and their children all live in the Seattle area.

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**Fehnel, Charles D. 81st ENG/A**

81 Castles Dr.  
Wayne, NJ 07470

On December 15, 1990 I had the pleasure of attending a regional reunion of members of the 106th Division in Cranford, New Jersey.

As a member of Company A of the 81st Combat Engineers it was great to meet and talk with Colonel Thomas Riggs, Commander of the 81st and one of the major heroes of the Battle of the Bulge in the St. Vith area.

The reunion was coordinated by Carl Messina, whom I have known as a long time friend and as a former fellow 81st Combat Engineer and POW. Carl has been very active in the association and has constantly urged me to become a member. Therefore I am happy to submit my application as a member of the 106th Infantry division Association.

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**Foster, George C. 424/I**

1104 Grant Ave  
W. Collingswood, NJ 08107

Sherod, I am submitting another application for membership - apparently my first one was lost. I was a member of

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424/I from March 1943 until April 1944 when I was sent overseas as a replacement. I ended up with the 83d Division and was wounded in Normandy and again in the Hurtgen Forest.

I have three daughters, all married, but wife Florence has been confined to a nursing home the past three years with Alzheimer's Disease. I recently retired after 40 years at RCA.

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### **Fryer, William O. 422/CN**

1414 Celia Dr.  
Columbus, GA 31907

I was a squad Leader in Cannon Company, 422d Infantry. I was married and have four children, two boys and two girls. My wife died in 1987. I am a retired Market manager.

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### **Grant, Eleanor G. ASSOCIATE**

479 E. Spencer Fld Rd  
Pace, FL 32571

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### **Greenwood, Aurrin E. 590/HQ**

1220 Elizabeth Street  
Baraboo, WI 53913

I'll try it for a year - I think \$75.00 is too much for a LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

(editor's note - Aurrin, we appreciate your comments. We give a person his choice. What you choose is your own business. We treat both memberships the same. We have so many members that forget their annual dues that they like to get it out of the way and pay a LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

We are a little higher than Ax-POW Life membership, but their annual membership is \$15.00 (another \$5.00 for the wife - our's is \$2.00 for the wife) but we are lower than most of the National Service Organizations. I paid \$100.00 for the DAV LIFE MEMBERSHIP and it is now \$200, I believe. We do furnish news of a more direct nature about the members of our organization. Oh yes, and one other thing. You will find, if you are a LIFE MEMBER, that we do not

constantly try to get money out of you by sending mailing labels, Christmas cards and requests for legislative efforts. You cannot say that for some of the other veterans organizations.

You have the same privileges, as an annual member, that you do as a LIFE MEMBER. It all depends on how you want to pay your dues.

(Welcome back to the 106th, I hope it enables you to meet some old friends... J. Kline)

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### **Gregory, John D. ASSOCIATE**

1106 Woodmont Circle  
Franklin, KY 42134

(editor's note - John is sponsored by Leo Gregory 424/HQ 3Bn, of Hermitage, Tennessee. John Gregory was in "C" Company 9th Infantry Division. He reads most of Leo's CUBs. What a nice way to help a friend. Why don't some of you other guys sponsor somebody - we are always looking for memberships...J. Kline)

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### **Handel, Donald R. 424/M**

4307 Maher Ave  
Madison, WI 53716

My wife, Imagine, and I were at the December party at Madison, Wisconsin. We have two boys and 10 grandchildren. Dennis works as Assistant manager for Sony in Westmont Illinois and Rod our youngest, works for Bernstein Brass Foundry in Madison.

(editor's note - Chuck Pushkarich of Milwaukee writes, "Donald is blind. He was My main K.P. and Runner to wake up the others. I met him in Madison Wisconsin at the December get-together. John, please send him a roster" .... it was sent ... J. Kline)

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### **Hartman, Walter A. 422/K**

8616 Cedar Run Rd  
Traverse City, MI 49684

I contributed to winning World War II by forcing the enemy to provide me with food and shelter (such as it was) for the last four months of the war.

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After leaving service I attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1951. In '56 I married. My wife, Elnora and I have a son and a daughter and five grandchildren. I worked as a social worker for the State of Michigan for thirty years, retiring in 1984. I am now living on a little farm with my wife and two white cats. My hobbies are antique cars and old picture post-cards of Railroad Depots. The post-cards are easy to store and don't generate embarrassing comments like, "You've had it for twenty years and haven't restored it yet?"

Like everybody else, I would like to hear from a buddy, **Jack Tillick**, if you are out there, drop me a line.

(editor's note - Walter, I am sure a lot of us feel that we contributed to the war the same way you feel. I hope you try some of the books that were in the list I sent you when I received your name as a new member. They don't change the facts, but if you are like me, they will ease the thoughts that you may have harbored all these years. We didn't exactly check into those hotels (Stalags) without causing the Germans some problems with their time schedule. It's nice to have you with us and hope that we meet you personally, one of these days. Good Health, remember we are "Survivors." ... J. Kline)

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### Henderson, Howard K. 423/C

1401 W 39th  
Casper, WY 82604

I was sent home early, my records were messed up somehow. I was sent to the 104th and was discharged from there on the point system. I am from Indiana. My Army Serial Number is 35359300. A group of four of us are trying to get it all straightened out.

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### Jensen, Ralph O. 422/HQ 2BN

1487 Gellor Rd  
Pt Angeles, WA 98362

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### Jewell, Walter H. 423/G

3624 Oak Wood Ct  
Panama City Beach, FL 32408

I began my military service 30 Nov 1942 with the 98th Infantry Division, attaining grade of S/Sgt Heavy Machine Gun Section Leader. After completion of Tennessee maneuvers was selected as a US Army Air Force cadet for training as a fighter pilot. With subsequent reductions was returned in grade to the 106th as a Light Machine Gun Section Leader. Captured on 19 December 1944 was confined to Stalag 4B at Mühlberg. Sgt Howard V. Bryne (ASN-32828898, I would appreciate his address) and I buddied up and escaped in Leipzig while en route to Gorlitz, Stalag 8A near the Polish-Czech border east of Dresden, then later north of Hannover after walking there from Gorlitz. During that time I think we ate a ton of dandelions. We returned to Army Control 13 April 1945. I weighed 105 pounds down from 160 pounds.

I re-enlisted in December of 1945 as a T/Sgt and while on recruiting duty met and married my wife, of 44 years, Kathleen on 6 April 1946. In '47 was assigned to Drexel Institute of Technology, Phila., PA as a ROTC Instructor. In March of '48 was appointed as a 2d Lt. Infantry and in July of '48 ordered to active duty with the 9th Inf Div. Was promoted to 1st Lt, Aug '50 and in April of '51 joined the 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea.

I was wounded 17 May 1951 in the knee by a hand grenade (and then later in throat, eye and mouth by a grenade) during the Chinese Offensive. Returned to the unit (G Co.) in Jul '51 from the Tokyo Army Hospital. Was wounded by a sniper through the upper arm 19 Oct 1951.

Returned to the unit in Nov '51 and assigned to 2d Battalion HQ & HQ Co as the Assistant S-3. I returned to the States in Mar '52.

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Branch changed to Ord Corps May '53 and trained as Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer. After promotion to Captain, returned to Germany Oct '56 to the HQ US Army Europe (USAREUR) as Staff EOD Officer and MAP Ammunition Coordinating Officer, Heidelberg, where our twins, Donna and Jeffrey were born 6 Nov '57. Returned Nov '59 to U.S.A. and HQ 5th US Army, Chicago, serving as HQStaff EOD Officer and C.O. of the 543d EOD Control Detachment, Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

After promotion to Major was selected for extended active duty past 20 years service. To me this was a great honor and temptation as I was a career soldier and greatly enjoyed my duties working with the fine young men serving our country. But, with two five year olds and a wife who spent much time alone I elected to retire on 1 December 1962.

In June '63 I was hired as a Federal Civil Service Employee; first serving as an instructor of explosives and munitions at the U.S. Army Ammunition Surveillance and Maintenance School, Savannah Army depot, Illinois. From there, Oct '65, transferred to the Office of Project manager (PM) for Selected Ammunition for Bombs and Explosives, eventually to (PM) for Cannon Artillery Weapons Systems. During this period I advanced in the Comptroller budget and program career field, in responsibility and grade until my retirement 3 July 1982.

Our family now includes one grandson and one granddaughter in our son's family and two granddaughters in our daughter's family. Our hobbies are traveling, walking, listening to music, reading, fishing and visiting the grandchildren.

(editor's note - (Walter, since I was at Gorlitz and recognize the routes you show in your letter where you mention "walking from Gorlitz."

We, at least 1,600 non-coms, were taken to 4B then sent to Gorlitz by train. . I was definitely on the same march as you, when we were sent back west to avoid the Russians. I was liberated the same day as you (Friday April 13th, 1945), except I was at Helmstedt, Germany. I am sending you a copy of my diary explaining my 415 mile march back to Liberation, with my Heavy Machine Gun Section Leader, S/Sgt George Crouthamel of "M" Company, 423d Infantry. I was a Squad Leader. Please excuse my intrusion.. editor)

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### Johnston, Ray A. 423/H

1111 Archwood Dr. SW #260  
Olympia, WA 98502

Never have been much of a joiner, but recently saw some CUBs that a friend had and decided to sign up. I started my service in February 1944 in Anti-Aircraft, went to Univ of Maine in A.S.T.P., then passed for pilot training and went to Franklin Field, Indiana. Sent from there to the 106th in the Spring of '44. Captured December 16th and sent to 4B, Bad orb. A German guard on the way to camp had lived in Chicago. I was liberated 8:27 a.m. April 2, 1945, discharged at Fort Ord, California December 1945.

I have a three minute video of a burial at Stalag 4B, taken the day after liberation.

Married for 42 years, Five children and 11 grandchildren. retired December 1988.

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### Killian (W), B. F. 81st ENG/C

4121 Carnation Dr B6 The Links  
McAllen, TX 78501

My old buddy **John Gallagher** sent me literature on the last reunion. The last one I attended was in 1958 — don't ask me what happened in the interim.

I went through Basic in Fort Jackson, South Carolina and served several company commanders. I made it through all the fighting.

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In a letter to Gallagher, Killian says:

"Recently ran across a 1958 roster of the 106th and am inquiring if you are still the editor and also if you are still active in the Association. I guess we all get sentimental as we get older.

Anyway — if the 106th is still active, what can I do to re-activate myself — like pay dues for 32 years?

The last time I saw you was in the Hotel Belevue Stratford, Philadelphia. I also have a picture of you and Lt. Souers taken at our convention in Atlantic City."

(editor's note - B.F. recently wrote me and invited me for Golf and Fishing. His summer address is Rte 2, Box 2277, Spooner, WI 54801. I would like a mess of Blue-Gills and a good golf game. B.F. I will be giving you a call... J. Kline)

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### Little, C. Fabion 423/HQ

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### Loudon, Lawrence L. 592/C

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Delavan, WI 53115

Better Late than NEVER!!! Thanks to Harry McSorley.

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### Macher, Charles F. 422/F

3041 17th St  
Sacramento, CA 95818

With the 106th Reunion in Sacramento, I met Mr. G. Murray and he passed me the information on joining the 106th Association.

I was a Sergeant in "F" Company, 422d Infantry. Captured on 16 December 1944 and released on March 30, 1945.

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### Malaniak, Harry W. 422/K

3800 62nd Ave N. Apt C-108  
Pinellas Park, FL 34665-6002

Also Known As (AKA) Harry "O." I was with the 106th from March 1943. When the division was activated, with marching band playing music at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, TANK HILL. Captured 19 december 1944. Like the

rest that survived, I was in Stalags 4B - 3B- 3A etc.

Married 1948, divorced Sept 1972. Three beautiful sons and two daughter-in-laws, six grandchildren. Have been in car Auto & truck sales for eighteen years. Am retired on S.S. and a 50% VA service connected disability. Just released from the Tampa VA, James A. Haley Hospital, am confined to a wheelchair for a considerable length of time. Back in 1945-46 when the Wolverine Chapter started, I belonged. We used to have our meetings at Veterans Memorial Building, downtown Detroit. We slowly dissolved. Five names come to mind, **Larry Gubow (spelling?)**, **Jack Gillespie**, **Bob Rowe**, **Pat Kelly**, **Frenchie**, **Bob O'Brien (red headed Irish)**, **Bob Wolpol etc**, Hey!, that's history 45 years ago. God Bless the 106th. So long! signed Harry "O" AKA Malaniak.

(editor's note - Harry, the only one I see on our roster is Jack Gillespie, 3536 Darcy Dr., Birmingham, MI 48010. Maybe, the members will fill you in on the others... J. Kline

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### Mangiaracina, Mary S. ASSOCIATE

5018 No. Lockwood  
Chicago, IL 60630

(Widow of George ., 422/MED)

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### Mentier, Wayne J. 422/MED

Rte 2, Box 755  
Suttons Bay, MI 49682

I was assigned to the machine gun platoon of 422/H, captured outside the village of Auw while attending to some wounded men. After some long marching and box-car riding I arrived at Stalag 4B, Mühlberg, Germany, where I stayed until liberated by the Russians.

On my return to civilian life I began as an apprentice in "Photo Engraving." married in 1952, had three wonderful children, two boys and one girl. I retired in 1984 and moved from the Detroit area to **Beautiful Northwest Michigan**. I

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have four grandchildren and do volunteer work at our local hospital, one day a week.

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### **Pulsifer, Winfred F. 423/HQ 2BN**

6364 Bryan Dr.  
Indianapolis, IN 46227

I was in the I&R Section of our Company. **Sgt McLaughlin** was our First Sergeant. Our Battalion was in reserve at the time of the initial assault. The next several days are one big blur of events. So many things took place in such a short period of time. We were eventually captured on 19 December 1944. There were three of us left. The others were also captured. We wound up in a work Kommando in Chemintz and of course there were night bombings which resulted in the city burning for three days. We got horse meat after the bombing, for a few days.

We went to Chemintz or Karl Marx Stadt, as it is now called, this past summer. In fact the border had just been opened. I wanted to see where we were, as POWs. With the help of a young family, who were out for their Sunday afternoon stroll, we found the Cement Company. It had been taken over by the state and enlarged considerably. We did not stay long. City maps were non-existent and we had the language barrier. There was still war damage that could be seen. We drove down one street which was deserted and the apartment houses were roofless and beyond repair. The trip brought back many memories of friends whose names have been forgotten, but who remain, Comrades forever.

The gal I met at Camp Atterbury became my wife after I returned to the States. I still live in Indianapolis, which has been good to me. We had two sons, who are both married, with one grandson. I don't feel like a Grandpa. I am retired from a great company and am active in its employee and retirees club. I have driven in parts of Camp Atterbury, but I feel like Rip Van Winkle

when I visit it.

(editor's note - Win sent along a 1986 news article from the Indianapolis Star. It shows him hanging a 106th Infantry Division plaque in the Indiana World War Memorial museum, as his brothers Arnold and Ron Breeden steady the ladder.

There had been 88 plaques in the museum, along the wall, representing different U.S. Divisions. Guess which one was missing? The 106th. The nail was there in the wall, but the plaque was gone. He recently went back and it had not been replaced. So he struck a deal. He volunteered to make a plaque if they would hang it. So the plaque is back in its spot, right next to the 93d Division. Eight inches across, the 106th emblem has the Division Patch as its emblem. It is etched in brass.

Retired Colonel William A. Scott, executive secretary of the War Memorials Commission said, "I thought it was great. It was a nice gesture. The original plaque had been stolen." The article goes on to tell some of Win's personal 106th history, much as he explained above.... Thanks, Win for being a personal emissary for the 106th. If you could find a photo, such as was in the news article, I would reproduce it in the CUB. Photo newsprint photos do not reproduce well. Maybe the Star will allow us to use it in the CUB. Ask them... J, Kline

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### **Quiram, Howard 81st ENG/B**

Rte 1  
Benson, IL 61516

Captured 18 december 1944. Went to Limburg, Stuttgart and Barth, was liberated by the Russians. When I got home I went back to farming. I have two sons and a daughter. I am celebrating 50 years of marriage November 20, 1990.

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### **Reder, Delbert A. ASSOCIATE**

20870 Italy Ave W.  
Lakeville, MN 55044

I first heard of the 106th Division

## New Members

Association in an article published in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune dated 1/7/90. After reading the article, I called John Kline, your editor, and requested membership as an Associate.

For the past three years, I have been an associate member of the 99th Infantry Division Association. During this time I have been active in the location of veterans in the Minnesota area.

The 99th was responsible for the Northern shoulder of the "Bulge." The division is finally getting recognition for their involvement in the "Bulge," and a monument has been erected in Krinkelt, Belgium. Dedication of the monument was held October 6, 1990.

I have also been involved in re-uniting of a rifle squad from the 28th Division, which also participated in the "Bulge."

I toured the Bulge area on two occasions, in '87 and '89 and would like to return to the area in '91. During these tours, I have taken pictures and have made prints for interested parties. I have also visited the 106th memorial at St. Vith.

The process of locating and re-uniting veterans is a rewarding experience. I am happy to have become an Associate member of your organization.

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### Reuter, John N. 422/M

1935 S. 124th St  
New Berlin, WI 53151

Was in Fort Jackson with the 106th in February 1943. I ended up with the 83d Division, but want to be a member of the 106th Association. Gene Schmalzried gave me address to join.

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### Rollings, Mrs. Viola R. ASSOCIATE

309 Cedar St  
Suffolk, VA 23434

My husband James, was a POW taken during the Battle of the Bulge. He was in 423/B. After his death I found a list of some of the men in Stalag 4B with him. James belonged to the Association when it first started. He was active in

the Ax-POW groups and we had attended some of the meetings, which he enjoyed. the names in the 4B list are; **Lawrence M. Longworth, James Sanderson, Casey Novakowski, Wm B. Lucsay, Willis Wood, Elmer Axres.** Thanks for any help you can give me.

(editor's note - Viola, maybe we will hear from the membership on some of these names. **Wm Lucsay's** address is 12612 South Moody Ave, Palos Heights, IL 60643. I am sure he will see this article. He has been very active in the Chicago Area with the 106ers. He has participated in several reunion Committees for the 106th Association. I have no other information on the other names. Maybe you will get some help from the membership.... J. Kline)

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### Roos, Arthur K. 422/CN

300 Augustus Dr.  
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

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### Schramm, Robert J. 424/AT

Box 112  
Rock Springs, WI 53961-0112

Joined 424/AT at St. Vith, was with the company until it was dissolved. I was discharged in Wisconsin in May of '46.

Married Janice Oakland in 1948. We have three children, Robert, Kandice and Mary, with six grandchildren. My wife died in September of 1990. I worked at Ladish Co, Cudahy, Wisconsin for 35 years. Retired at the age of 55 in 1980.

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### Snoel, Robert I. 422/H

711 N 5th St.  
Perkasie, PA 18944

Chuck Rieck, Madison, Wisconsin gave me the address. I want to become a member of the association.

(editor's note - Welcome back to the 106th, Bob..)

## New Members

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### Thomasson, Arthur C. 424/A

Box 104  
Dale, TX 78616

I have had no unusual experiences, outside of being taken as a POW. On returning back home I was in the hospital for 15 months.

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### Veith, Fred R. 423/C

309 Keeneland Dr.  
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

I recently became aware that the 106th had an Association. I was in the 60mm mortar section of "C" Company from April 1945 until most of "C" Company were captured in December 1944. Three of us from "C" Company and a group from "A" Company were on a truck that broke down on the trip to the Ardennes. We were one day behind our companies when the Germans attacked. I spent the rest of the war as Sgt of the mortar section of "A" Company. When the Division was Re-constituted in France, I was transferred back to "C" Company, 423rd Infantry.

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### Welton, PH.D., George C. 591/SV

106 So. Wood Street  
Mora, MN 55051

The 106th days are frequently in my thoughts. I joined the 106th before activation. The 589/C and 591/SV were my first units. From Dec. 12, 1944 on I was attached to DIV HQ (Forward) and was in St. Vith at the start of the Battle of the Bulge (which I still fight, but under my belt now!). A memorable experience was my being detailed to set up and run a last ditch defense (fox holes) around DIV HQ should the Germans break through our gallant infantry units, the 81st Engineers and the HQ Defense Platoon. I stayed with DIV HQ leaving it in Sept., 1945 to be assigned to STARS AND STRIPES (s. Ger, Edition) in Altdorf bei Nurenberg. The paper was printed on the most modern presses in Europe. Goebbels had moved and modernized his "hate literature" plant so that it wouldn't be destroyed by the Al-

lied bombing of Nurenberg. I shall never forget sitting in the gallery one day observing the Nurenberg Trials with fat Goering sitting in the front row of the Nazi Defendants.

On transfer to the Reserves in 1946, I went back to college and earned a BA degree and a Master of Social Work degree just in time to be recalled to active duty on Dec. 16, 1950 for something called the Korean Conflict (when men and women die in armed conflict, it is a WAR in my book!). The Army's Medical Service wanted me because of my training and later sponsored further education which resulted in the award of the Ph D degree. Most of the time I was on Army hospital staffs as the Chief, Social Work Service (both Medical and Psychiatric Social Work).

While with the DCSPER at HQ USAREUR in Heidelberg, Germany my wife and I attended our first 106th reunion at St. Vith. To the best of my knowledge, I was the only active duty person there, in uniform, proudly wearing the 106th patch on my sleeve. Our second reunion was in 1986 in Columbia, SC where we were married in 1943.

Retirement from active duty as a Colonel came in 1976. I was with the State of Hawaii Child Protective Service for a while and then fully retired becoming "gainfully unemployed."

After 20 years altogether of life in Hawaii we now live in Minnesota where we both have family ties. When it came time to get a house number fall, after building a house, I requested "106" and was given it! We live on 106 Wood St, (remember the story of Eric Wood of the 106th in the Battle of the Bulge?). Interesting??

I'm very impressed with the super job being done by John Kline, CUB Editor. Now that is real dedication to a job! We hope to meet him and his wife for the first time in person at the Dec, '90 Minn. 106th luncheon in St. Paul.

## New Members

*CUB Laughs*

by George Levine 424/M



**“ I see my ex-husband about once a year, it’s sort of a BATTLEFIELD Reunion ! ”**

I would enjoy hearing from anyone who shared experiences with me in the 106th.

(editor’s note - Thanks George for the nice summary of your experiences. It was a delight to meet you and your wife, at Doc’s Place in St. Paul, with all the rest of the gang from Minnesota. See the pictures in the “Dec 16th get-to-gether section. Looking forward to meeting you again. Thanks for the re-print of the Stars and Stripes article on the ending of the War that was to finish all wars (??). Wasn’t it great to get together with other 106ers? ... J. Kline)

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**Williams, Blan E. 423/SV**

1024 Brynewood Terrace  
Chattanooga, TN 37415

I now am enjoying retirement after 33 years of work with TVA. A son and a daughter and four grandchildren give my wife and I a great pleasure and happiness.

***LIFE membership  
available***

***See inside front  
cover  
left column***

## Mail Bag

**Albers, Bill G. 424/I**

2310 Union Ave  
Alamogordo, NM 88310

After graduating from Washington High School in Brainerd, Minn. in 1937, I took a job with Northwest Paper Co., a subsidiary of Weyerhaeuser. Stayed there until August '39 then went with the U.S. Postal Service. My school buddies joined the National Guard to pick up spending money. Had I not been employed I would have been part of the now famous 194th Tank Battalion on the Death March in Bataan. I joined the Army one day after Pearl Harbor, took Infantry basic at Camp Forrest, Tenn with Co. F, 131st Infantry, 33rd Division, then was transferred with them to Fort Brady, Sault Ste Marie, Mich.



*A picture of Bill taken in 1944*

After 18 months up there I turned down a draft to Officers Candidate School. I took the Air Cadet test, this time passed it and was on my way to Miami Beach for Air Force Basic. It was real rough living in a fancy hotel on the beach, with a golf course. After having taken Infantry Basic I thought it was a farce. After three months I was an Aviation student in the Cadet System. I was sent to Birmingham Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama for a 6 months (2 yr college course). After solo-

ing in a Piper J-3 aircraft, which we called the "Maytag Bomber" I received my "Certificate of Graduation, Air Crew Training" and was transferred from the Eastern Flying Command to the Western Flying Command at Santa Anna, California. When I arrived the school was back-logged for one month, so they gave me a pre-flight course. Completing that I taught air-craft identification for the 2d month.

Then one day they marched 4,500 Cadets to the biggest building, played a recording by General of the Air Force, "Hap" Arnold stating that they had too many pilots and would not need our services. (This after spending \$36,000 on each of us.)

After another week I received orders to report to the Presidio of Monterey, California for reassignment. When I arrived I was on orders to report to the APO Office in San Francisco ready for duty. Boy, I thought this would be the ultimate, sorting letters and Readers Digest for the duration— not so! Two days later my orders came ordering me to report to the 106th Infantry Division at Camp Atterbury. I arrived there the last of May 1944 and was assigned as a S/Sgt in "T" Company, 424th Regiment.

On 16th December, 1944 I was on Combat Patrol with my Platoon Leader Lt. Brown. All Hell broke loose with Lt. Brown being the first to die. I managed to get what was left of the patrol back through "K" Company area and a minefield that was not marked on my map.

Finally on January 13, 1945 I received the Million Dollar wound in an attack of Stavelot, Belgium. I had corrective surgery in a MASH Unit before being sent to Paris and then back to England. I spent six months in a hospital there, before my wounds were closed, three burp gun bullets in the groin area. Once again the good Lord smiled on me as the femoral artery and

siatic nerve were left unscathed, although they are still, til today, joined by scar tissue.

I retired from Postal Service on April 2, 1974, my 55th birthday with 33 years service. Moved to Alamogordo, New Mexico in Oct of 1980 and purchased a 16 unit apartment complex, which we completely remodeled and then sold in 1984. Now, I am completely retired and very happy in the mountains of New Mexico.

The picture I have enclosed was taken in Rheims, France after leaving the convalescent hospital. I was 26 years of age!

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**Bauswell, Victor D. 422/B**

429 Washington Ave  
East Alton, IL 62024

Thanks for reminding me that my dues were not paid. We travel a lot and just got back. We will be in Las Vegas over Christmas and New Years, then in Southern California for four weeks.

I had a buddy die last winter, **Benny Winters**, 422/B, he is the only one that I remember for the war. I hope to attend one of the 106th Reunions. I am in pretty good health, do a lot of hunting and fishing and keep busy. I would appreciate hearing from anybody in 422/B.

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**Benigno, Russell A. 422/HQ 2BN**

168 N. Passaic Ave  
Chatham, NJ 07928

John, I have a question. I am a big fan of author Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. I read all his books and enjoy his style of writing. In his novels he has mentioned being a prisoner of war numerous times, and being a member of the 106th Infantry Division.

My question is: What Company and Regiment did he belong to and what job and rank did he have at the time of capture? Also, was he in the ASTP?

Congratulations on the fantastic job you are doing with "The CUB."

(editor's note - Sounds like you might not have read his book "Slaughter House Five." I have to admit that I haven't either. I know there are members out there that are well acquainted with Kurt, maybe they will fill you in. Let me know what you find out and we can tell the readers the answer to your question.

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**Bigger, Roy 423/HQ**

319 E. South A St  
Gas City, IN 46933

John, Another great issue of The CUB. Can't remember whether you were on the march from Stalag III-B to III-A, but if you were, I have just obtained and excellent map of the area that we covered on that cold journey. It has the names of the places we passed through. The only problem is that some of the towns are shown with names different than those that we are familiar. For example: Furstenburg-on-the-Oder is shown as Eisenhuttenstadt.

I have written President John for a copy of the By-Laws and have suggested that the incoming members sit in on the Board Meeting just prior to election so that they can become familiar with the issues at hand.

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**Braaten, Carl H. 422/L**

Box 492  
Osceola, WI 54020

ex-POW Carl writes:

**Battle of the Bulge**

*The Germans came before the dawn  
with floodlights in the sky,  
and the men of the Hundred and Sixth,  
stood and wondered why.*

*Soon artillery shells began to fall  
Tanks rolled down the roads,  
and two divisions of German Infantry  
marched through the hills so bold.*

*But when the fog had lifted  
and it started getting light,  
the Germans saw our two regiments  
were digging in to fight.*

## Mail Bag

*For four long days we fought  
the enemy from every side,  
They thought the new untested troops  
would throw down their guns and hide.  
e had over four hundred men  
lying dead in the snow,  
twelve hundred sixty wounded  
with no place to go.*

*We prayed the fog would lift  
so supplies could be dropped,  
ut the planes they never came  
and the fog never stopped.*

*The Colonel said we have no food  
our ammunition is running low,  
We have all the wounded men  
to a hospital they must go.*

*So we layed our weapons in the snow  
and raised our hands up high,  
We dreaded the thought of surrender  
but the Colonel had told us why.*

*The battle for us was over  
but we'd have to survive,  
The long months in prison camps  
and the fight to stay alive.*

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

14 Porter Street  
Quaker Hill, CT 06375

John, Sacramento was my first reunion and God willing it will not be my last!!! My wife, Rosalie and I enjoyed all of it. We want to express our thanks and gratitude to all the people who made it successful.

I am now looking forward to the next reunion. I was in the restaurant business for 42 years in Norwich, Connecticut and didn't have the leisure we now have. There were only two men from 423/K, DePoyster and myself. I'm trying to round up some more for the next reunion.

We met some lovely people and that was great compensation for us. I didn't know what I was missing until we went to Sacramento. I was firing a mission on 19 December 1944 at 4:00 p.m., when my CO said, "Destroy the equipment!" I think the town was Schoenberg. I remember the box-car ride, but can't seem

to remember how far we walked to get to the train or what town we boarded it in - that was on the way to Bad Orb, Stalag 9B. Maybe you can help me.

(editor's note - Richard, I just called our Adjutant, Boyd Rutledge who was with 422/D. I knew he was interned in Stalag 9B also. He said that he boarded the train to Bad Orb at Gerolstein, Germany on the 21st or 22nd and arrived at Bad Orb on December 26. Gerolstein appears to be about 30 miles east of the German border.

I have evidence in other letters that there were others that boarded trains in Gerolstein that were bombed, I think on Christmas Eve, then had to leave the train and continued walking eastward to Koblenz. My group was in Dockweiler Dreis, a small village just east of Gerolstein. We arrived in Gerolstein and slept in an open field on December 20, one day after we were captured. We then left Gerolstein in the evening of December 21 and arrived at Dockweiler Dreis at 2300 hours (11:00 p.m.). We stayed in some old German Army barracks while there. We hit the road at 06:30 a.m. on Christmas day and walked to Koblenz, arriving in the afternoon on December 27. I have always figured that those men that were in the Gerolstein bombings (box-cars) were in the same column with us. We went on from Koblenz, after being bombed out of a barracks, to Stalag 12-A, Limburg, Germany. 12-A was about 110 miles east of where we were captured. My group went on to Stalag 4B, Mühlberg, 35 miles northwest of Dresden, thence to Stalag 8-A on the Polish-Czech border about 80 miles east of Dresden. My diary shows some air activity in the area on December 22, so that may have been the day that the box-cars were

bombed at Gerolstein. Hope that helps you... J. Kline)

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**Brumfield, Vernon E. 589/C**

Rte 3 Box 105  
Jayess, MS 39641

I enjoy reading "The CUB" and finding out about our buddies. I am still trying to locate **Ed Malone**. I wish somebody in 589/C would confirm that they knew him, and what happened to him.

My wife and I retired from teaching and are presently raising Reg. Beefmaster Cattle.

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**Crawford, John D. 592/HQ**

3147 Melrose Ave NW  
Roanoke, VA 24017

John, Received my CUB today and sure do enjoy reading it. I don't see much in it about the 592 Headquarters Battery. I joined it from the 80th Division on cadre to Fort Jackson and was with it until discharged in Dec '45. That was the year they started drafting 18 year olds. It was full of them. I was 25 at the time.

I lost my wallet recently and nobody returned it. In it was my LIFE MEMBERSHIP card. Could you replace it? I joined as a LIFE MEMBER as soon as they started the LIFE program.

(editor's note - John I told the Adjutant that you had lost your card. I am sure he will replace it and not charge you over a hundred bucks. Have a good year... J. Kline)

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**Crouthamel, George N. 423/M**

3 Langrock Way  
Burlington, NJ 08016

(editor's note - Section Leader, S/Sgt George Crouthamel and I were together, after capture, until we were liberated. It was particularly comforting to me that George and I buddied together on the long 415 mile trek starting on February 14, 1945 from Stalag VIII-A, Gorlitz, Germany to liberation at Helmstedt, Germany on Friday, April 13th 1945.

The picture here shows George and his wife Vera. He stayed in the service for 20 years, and we met for the first time, face to face, at the Sacramento Reunion in September of 1990. A great guy, who I found in 1989 after a two year search of my past.

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**Deisher, Curtis G. 424/L**

2 Manor Drive  
Mohrsville, PA 19541

I left Camp Atterbury in 1944 and joined the 83d Division as a replacement in Cherbourg, France, on July 9, 1944. While at the last reunion I ran into a former member of the 106th and we enjoyed quite a bit of time recounting our days at Fort Jackson, Tennessee maneuvers and the short time we spent at Atterbury. The fellow I met was George Foster, he lives at 1104 Grant Avenue, West Collingswood, N.J. 08107. He like I had no knowledge that there was a 106th Infantry Division

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**ANNOUNCEMENT TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP****NOMINEES FOR ASSOC. BOARD 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**

## Mail Bag

Association. I sent him several CUBs. I had related to him from memory, several of the fine articles that had appeared in them. I personally read The CUB from cover to cover, looking for news about buddies that were in "L" Company, 424th Infantry.

I am contemplating attending a future 106th reunion, particularly when it meets here in the East.

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### **Frye, Norwood A. 81st ENG/B**

1069 Manchester Rd.  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

John, When I returned home from the 44th Annual Reunion in Sacramento, I went to my attic to look for my German POW tags and I found a copy of The CUB. It was volume 7, "Somewhere in Tennessee," march 17 1994. When I turned to the center page, there were many pictures. General Jones in one and Colonel Cavender in another.

I see Sherod Collins has a complete set of The CUBs, so maybe this one is one you are missing.

Now, that I have mentioned Colonel Cavender's name, I must say how thrilled I was to have had the opportunity to spend some time with him during the final banquet. Attending the reunions has been very rewarding, as I have met fellows from my Company "B" that I hadn't seen since 1944, and with fellows that I saw for the first time since 1945, that were from "Slaughter House 5." I have made so many new friends and look forward to seeing them each year.

I am looking forward to the 45th at Huntsville, Alabama in September 1991.

(editor's note - Norwood, thanks for the old CUB. I did not have that one. Yes, the reunions are very gratifying. Renewing memories with old buddies and sharing your post-war experiences as well as learning what happened to them when you were separated in Ar-

dennes. See you in Huntsville... J. Kline)

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### **Gillespie, John M. 422/C**

3536 Darcy Dr  
Birmingham, MI 48010

Here is my check for my LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Shirley and I are entertaining a few hundred people at our daughter's wedding. Marilyn's wedding will be tomorrow evening. (letter written 10/04/90) In fact, this is the second wedding for us in the last two months. Our youngest son, Matt, worked himself, and us, into a rather large wedding affair in July - So after four off-springs - we are free to move. Will keep in touch...

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### **Grivetti, Louis G. 423/K**

345 Shawnee Dr  
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Louis, thanks for the old Association brochure that you sent. I have no idea when it was printed, but it must have been early after the war, for it is explaining "What the Association Plans To Do." I had a copy, but it is nice of you to remember me. I plan to use this in the "CUB Revue," or "The CUB Passing in Review," whatever we finally call it. It will explain what the Association is all about... J. Kline)

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### **Harris Jr., Rev. Isham A. 423/H**

PO Box 205  
Whites Creek, TN 37189

Sherod, I hope all is well with you. We're all doing OK, except my wife has had some problems, but she is getting better. This old age isn't what it is cracked up to be, but the alternative is not pleasant.

I am now the Director of Music for our local United Methodist Church in White's Creek. I gave up traveling to try and pastor small country churches, too hard to be on the road on Sundays and a few times in the week.

Take care, the Lord willing we will make it to Huntsville next year.

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**Hartman, C. William 424/AT**

Rte 2, Box 198  
Warrenton, VA 22186

John, I was with Kurt Vonnegut at the University of Tennessee (ASTP). I sent him photos of us and he lost them. I was one of five brothers in the Infantry, my oldest brother (4th Div) was wounded twice at Normandy and in the Siegfried Line in September. I visited him before we went to France (He had just gotten out of the hospital). My youngest brother (ASTP at North Carolina) was K.I.A. on November 23, 1944 in the Hurtgen Forcet. He was in 1st Division.

Another person, in the last CUB, said he was the principal character in Kurt Vonnegut's book, "Slaughter House Five," but I have a letter from Kurt in which he says I was the only "Billy" in the 106th that he knew, so he used my name. I submit a letter as proof. In the letter Kurt mentions the name of "Boyle." He (Kurt) says he made contact with him after the war, but he wasn't especially pleased to renew his acquaintance.

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**Jeter, Robert C. 424/C**

1209 Innon  
Waco, TX 76705

John, send me a copy of the 424th Combat Infantry Badge Order #2 as stated in the last CUB. I recently, after 45 years, I heard from a friend, Melvin Creech. He was my Ammo Bearer and we had been side by side from capture until we were separated at Stalag III-A, Luckenwalde.

John, I have found a source for the video "Battle for the Bulge." If you or any of the members would be interested I will send you the details. I appreciate your efforts and the time that you spend as editor and "Man at Large" of The CUB and the organization, you do such a fine job.

(editor's note - Bob, thanks for the comments. I should have written you

when I received your letter in December. Could you send me the name and address of the organization that has that video? I wonder if it is the same one that is being sold from Battery Press? I have a film taken from the "Discovery Channel" that was put together by some English interests - it is good. Maybe this is the same. I ordered the one from the Battery Press, but found that it did not mention much about 106th, so it lost my interest. Wish I could review yours so I could compare with what I have.... J. Kline)

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**Kelly, Edmond D. 423/D**

PO Box 308  
Middletown, NY 10940

Just received The CUB, which prompts two questions.

First- I feel that I, and any other POW, earned my New York POW plate. You don't see many. Maybe many do not know about the availability of POW plates. Could you publish a list of the States which furnish these plates?

Second- Dave Hunter's note about the short stay at 'Bama (University of Alabama) before joining the 106th made me look up some photos in my album. I enclose two of them (Xerox copies). I see the note I made next to one which says, "Eleven months later, the same three were in Prison Camp together!"

(editor's note - Ed, 1st- I have no list of the States which do have POW licenses available. With this note I am asking all 106th Infantry Division Association members to send me the details from their state — Tell me the rules, how much do they cost etc. Minnesota have them, but you pay \$10.00 a year more for them, than you do for regular plates. I think Wisconsin gives them away - FREE! - So TROOPS, let me know and I will compile a list.

2nd- The Xerox copies of the U of Alabama ASTP groups show on

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one - Ed Kelly and Jim Jones and an "unknown" standing on the steps of the barracks, known as "AL-KAHALL." The other shows Ed Kelly, Jack Watters and Jim Jones standing on what appears to be the library steps. I forget the name of the building, but I too was an ASTP retro-fit from the U of Alabama. If you want to send me a "photo" copy (not a Xerox copy) I could print it in the next Mail-bag... J. Kline)

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### Killian (W), B. F. 81st ENG/C

4121 Carnation Dr B6 The Links  
McAllen, TX 78501

John, Thanks for the prompt reply to my requests and for the work you do on the CUB.

If you find the time, this summer, come over and spend some time with us at Potatoe Lake, Wisconsin, just 11 miles east of Spooner on #70. (Rte 2 Box 2277, Spooner, WI 54801, is B.F.'s summer address).

While I live at Potatoe Lake, I keep a boat in another lake, 260 acres, that is owned privately by a friend. If you are also a golfer, bring along your clubs. I like to keep busy, either fishing or playing golf, with a can of beer with brandy once in a while.

We return there on May 4th and plan to attend the Huntsville reunion.

I have a lot of material, plus a scrap book. Maybe I can put together something for The CUB.

(editor's note - B.F., thanks for the invitation. That sounds great. I am still working, and probably will be next summer, but maybe I can get away a for a few days to partake of your invitation. I love to play golf. I used to fish a lot on the Mississippi, just south of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and in my younger days loved to fish for "Blue-Gills."

You asked the question, "What does C.R.I.B.A. mean?" CRIBA is an orga-

nization of our (the 106th's) friends in Belgium. It was formed around 1980 and has taken upon itself to study the "Battle of the Bulge." The men have great knowledge of the area and seem to know where most all of our positions were. They know the battle lines as they progressed during the Bulge and into the aftermath, as the Americans were chasing the Germans back into Germany. They are very friendly to us. They have guided many of our members around the territory, opening their hearts to us, as well as their homes. They are working men, and need sufficient time to arrange tours, but are willing to do so if we give them lead time. If you have any inkling about returning to Europe, let me know and I can give you some names to contact. Oh yes C.R.I.B.A. means "Center for the Research and Information on the Battle of the Ardennes." A literal translation. Let's keep in touch... J. Kline)

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### Lapato, Frank 422/HQ

RD 8 - Box 403  
Kittanning, PA 16201

John, a few people have asked that I come up with a sign depicting the 106th Infantry Division Association. I have several ideas but need some help. I could use a logo about 12 inches in size that could be enlarged. I am also concerned about any copy rights.

(editor's note - Frank, nice to hear from you again. I suggest that you look in the CUB, Vol 47 —No.1, OCT-NOV-DEC 1990. On page 25 you will see a sign that was used to identify the groups having pictures taken at the Sacramento reunion in Sept of 1990. I don't know who holds the placard (sign), but I would suggest writing Michael Thome, the 1990 president, or John Gilliland, the 1991 president. Their address appear on the inside cover of any current CUB. No use of

reinventing the wheel. Maybe you get a copy of that sign. As to copyright matters. I will take the liberty to say that there would not be a problem, as long as the item is not used for monetary gain of any one individual. The U.S. Government does not copyright written material and I see the "Golden Lion" emblem used in various books and museums on display. For the purpose you are going to use it, which I understand is for local meetings, I wouldn't worry about it... J. Kline)

## **Lauman, Clarence (Pete) 592/HQ**

6399 Smiley Ave.  
St Louis, MO 63139

John, received another very informative "CUB" magazine. I noted on page 25 November 1990 issue) that you put a picture of which I am a part. John, we met in Mobile, Alabama (Sept 1987), the first reunion for most of us, and at every reunion since. We are all looking forward to the Huntsville Reunion in Sept of 1991.

With so many members now, I am wondering if you will run my notice again. **I am still looking for the enlisted man that flew with me from Bad Ems to Fulda, Germany on the afternoon of July 16, 1945. I broke my leg in a freak airplane accident and need to verify my story. It happened about 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon.**

Keep up the wonderful work and I hope I see you in Huntsville in September.

(editor's note - Always glad to help Pete. Hope somebody sees your request above and replies to you. That's what The CUB is all about - communications amongst the members. That's a handsome group in the picture. I still want to get the story in The CUB, that appeared in the CUB Newspaper in Atterbury. I feel guilty every time I

think of your name... Maybe soon... J. Kline)

## **Lord, Malcolm E. 424/F**

108 S. 2nd St  
Denton, MD 21629

Congratulations! Your work on The CUB is outstanding. Best wishes and hope to see you in Huntsville at the 45th Annual Reunion.

(editor's note - Hope you received the 424th CIB award order #2 that you requested. Thanks. The operation "Desert Storm" is cutting into my "CUB" editing duties. Today is January 18, 1991 and the campaign is about 36 hours old. I, like many others are occupied by the TV as this event unfolds. I am awed at the sophistication of the weaponry. I have great feeling for the people that will be affected by the awesome power that is being unleashed. That feeling is giving me some anxiety and does upset my routine, both at work and as I try to concentrate on The CUB... J. Kline)

## **Love, Jr., Robert E. 423/MED**

6378 Heather Dr.  
Memphis, TN 38119

Dear John, I read with great interest the article by Dr. Peterson in The CUB on page 25 (Vol 46 —No. 3, APR—MAY—JUN 1990). It was also interesting to see the picture of Stalag IX-A on the cover.

I am sorry that you did not include Dr. Peterson's address in the article, would you please forward the enclosed letter to him. @EDITORS NOTE = (editor's note - Bob, as you know I forwarded the letter and you have heard from Dr. Richard W. Peterson, 423/I since then. I apologize for not including his address. I do try to do that in most of the articles. If any person desires to contact him, here is the address: 1285 Rubenstein, Cardiff by the Sea, CA 92007. I am sure he will enjoy receiving your letters... J. Kline)

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## Maloney, Joseph P. 424/HQ

1120 Warren Ave  
Arnold, PA 15068

### 1992 PITTSBURGH REUNION

John, I don't want to steal any thunder from the Huntsville Reunion, but do want to pass along some information in that regards.

We are well on our way. We have signed with the hotel at \$62.00 and that is a bargain. The complex that the Hotel is known as the "Liberty Center" There are four restaurants at this time and will probably be more by 1992.

We have the Majestic booked for a three hour tour on the river and at a recent meeting of the Steering Committee authorized a "Band." We also have a "Night at the Races," planned. They are Sulkys and Trotters.

We think we have a "one of a kind" ladies group at a very reasonable price. The local chapter of the "Sweet Adelines" will be on board as soon as the ladies agree.

I visited the Valley Forge Reunion of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) in September. Unlike ours, where there are all 106ers, this one is a mixture of all type of units. I had hope to find some friends there from Pennsylvania. They (the VBOB guys) do what we do — that is, set around and refight the war. Seemed like a great group.

I told my old C.O. that I would pick him up at the Pittsburgh Airport if he came to the 1992 reunion. We are having a great time getting the information and reservations lined up for the 1992 Pittsburgh reunion, and are looking forward to Huntsville in order to do another "Promotion Pitch" for attendance.

(editor's note - Joe, I see I overlooked answering you on how to contact an old buddy, **James J. Clark, Jr.**, who was wounded at Winterspelt. I have no real way to find people, but since he was wounded I would think

that he is registered in the VA System. Why don't you contact a VA officer and ask that he try to look up his name, because you need help in establishing a claim for you or one of your other existing buddies. It worked for me once. I found my former Section Leader, S/Sgt George Crouthamel, and met with him in Sacramento... J. Kline)

## Mark, Joseph C. 422/HQ 3BN

45 Burnet Hill Rd  
Livingston, NJ 07039

John, I've always hidden a feeling of inadequacy that we in the 106th didn't do more in the fighting than we did. Of course I knew rationally that we did the best that we could, but it wasn't until I read John Keegan's new book, "The Second World War," that I not only felt better, but somewhat exhilarated by what he wrote.

First he describes the beginning of the attack:

"On the morning of December 16 the front of attack was held by only four American Divisions, the 4th, 28th and 106th Divisions supported by the inexperienced 9th Armored Division, disposed across a space of nearly ninety (90) miles. Two of the three infantry divisions had between them suffered 9,000 casualties in the Hurtgen Forest battle and had been sent to the Ardennes to rest; the third, the 106th, was entirely new to battle."

Keegan sets the stage that way and describes the battle in some detail, finally concluding:

"Unorganized though as it was at the time, the American Divisions, particularly the 28th and 106th, which had stood in the path of the initial attack, had through dedicated and self-sacrificing resistance of many of their rifle platoons and anti-tank teams, done a great deal to wear down the impetus of the German Ranger divisions on the first

day of the attack. They had inflicted heavy casualties, damaged if not always destroyed equipment, and delayed the timetable on which the success of the offensive too narrowly depended... ”

The writer, John Keegan, is an Englishman (and not an American blowing his horn) and the most widely read military historian of our time, so his opinion means a lot.

It did me good to read Keegan's description, and I hope you can print it for the veteran's of the 106th Infantry Division so that they can feel a certain pride in not only doing their best, but in having a significant positive outcome on this big battle.

**We counted!**

**Mascone, Attilio A. 422/M**

1618 Moffet Rd  
Silver Spring, MD 20903

You may be interested in Father Hurley's letter that I have enclosed.

Born November 12, 1921, I attended schools in Hartford and Hillyer Jr. College (now University of Hartford). I finished my sophomore year at Syracuse University when I was called.

I have been employed by the government since 1949. I am with the General Services Administration, NCR, WPCP, Rm 2319, 7th & "D" Sts, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20407 202-708-8656

(editor's note - Attilio, Thanks for your information. I will try to reprint Father Hurley's 1950 Christmas letter and the photographs that you sent in this issue, if not I will do it in a later issue... J. Kline)

**Martin Jr., Harry F. 424/L**

PO Box 221  
Mt Arlington, NJ 07856

As a member of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) I just completed my story of the first day of the battle. They have a column called "Memorable Bulge Incidents." I thought maybe you would like to use it in The CUB. I had almost total recall of my combat experience with 424/L from December 16th until January 25th, 1945, the day I was wounded.

(editor's note - Harry, I will try to run your two and one-half page story as soon as possible. It is interesting and I am sure the members will enjoy it. If it is not in this CUB I will try to



(left) Attilio Mascone and his wife, Beatrice, Christmas 1990  
and to the right, Attilio with a friend of his dad's in Sept 1945.

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get it into the next. I hate to edit it down, for it seems that all of it was pertinent to your experience.

Did you receive the 424th and the 423d Combat Infantry Badge orders. I tried to call a couple of times and had no answer... J. Kline)

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### Martin, Roland. 424/I

2909 Keswick Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21211

I would like to report that an old friend and, I think, a former Association member recently passed away. Maybe some of the fellows knew him. He is: **William E. Deschler** of 424/L.

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### Massey, Joseph 422/C

RTE.1 - Box 780  
Remlap, AL 35133

At the age of 18, I volunteered for service in November of 1943. Went to Fort McPherson, Georgia, on to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, then into the 65th Division for Basic Training.

I volunteered for replacement into the 106th and was sent to Camp Atterbury. Through Camp Myles Standish we went on to the *Aquatania* to Scotland and then on to Fairford, England, then to Leharve. All that plus the trip to the front lines seems to be history. I was captured with most all the rest on December 21st, 1944. Taken as a prisoner to Gerolstein and put aboard box-cars which were strafed. We left the box-cars and walked to Koblenz then on to Stalag XII-A near Limburg. While in Koblenz we watched American and German planes in a dog-fight.

After arriving at Stalag IV-B, Mühlberg, northwest of Dresden, we were sent to a work Kommando at Chemnitz to work in an auto shop. We were at that time attached to Stalag 4-F at Hartsmandorff. Chemnitz was bombed heavily around March 1, 1945. The bombing destroyed the body shop, so they put us to digging gas lines and burying the dead.

The American pulled up around Chemnitz so the Germans sent us to Prague, Czech. The Russians were advancing in that direction so the Germans marched us back to Wolkenstein. We walked back to the American lines on May 9, 1945.

I took a trip back in May of 1984. Landed in Frankfurt and went into East Germany for three days. Spent the night in Chemnitz, now called Karl-Marx-Stadt. We stayed in the Kongress Hotel, which is a real nice one for tourists. Stayed the second night in Leipzig and the third night in Eisenach. Chemnitz has been partially built back, especially the main street. I saw the old power-plant where I was held prisoner and also found the hospital. The Kongress Hotel was built about two blocks from the park. The cemetery where we buried so many dead, is now a park, with a monument at the end. I met an a German POW, who had been held here at Opelika, Alabama during the war.

(editor's note - Joe, Did you convert German automobiles from passenger cars to trucks while you were there. That rings a bell in my memory from some prior letter. Did you compare living conditions at Chemnitz with that of the POW that was interned in Alabama? Thanks for your information... J. Kline)

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### Membrila, Emilio M. 424/A

3403 Dry Gulch Dr.  
Thatcher, AZ 85552

John, I would like a copy of the 424th Combat Badge Order to see if I can find the outcome of a friend, **Daniel Zimmerman**.

(editor's note - Emilio, you have since received the CIB listing. Hope this helped your quest... J. Kline)



(See article below) Major General Robert Preston Taylor (right), Ltc Miller, his wife Jean and Mr. Little, Pres. Great Southwest Rotary Club

## Miller, Col. (U.S. Ret) John W. 423/E

1511 Cochise Dr  
Arlington, TX 76012

(A note and picture from Colonel Miller, from many months ago.)

### Arlingtonite (Texas) Receives POW Medal

John W. Miller, retired U.S. Army colonel, was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal by the former chief of chaplains of the U.S. Air Force, Robert Preston Taylor, during a recent meeting of the Arlington Great Southwest Rotary Club.

Miller received the award in recognition of his five and one-half months incarceration as a prisoner of war in Germany in World War II. He was captured by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge.

Miller was a member of the 2d Battalion of the 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division and 2d Bn, 423d Infantry of the 106th Infantry Division during World War II. He was decorated 16 times, including seven awards for bravery. After the atomic bomb was dropped at

Operation Plumb Bob in 1957, Miller volunteered to enter the blast area to help scientists determine the effect of the bomb on humans.

Miller retired in 1967 and worked as Plant Manager of Nationwide Papers in Arlington, Texas. He is a member of the Great Southwest Rotary Club, the national Association of POWs, The National Association of Radiation Survivors, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9th and 106th Infantry Division Associations.

## Montgomery, James 423/I

#130 15111 Pipeline Ave  
Chino, CA 91709

John, Enclosed is a copy of Vol 46, No. 2, which you stated you needed in Dick Peterson's article in a recent issue of The CUB.

Pete and I were in 423/I. I was a rifle squad leader, Pete was a Mortar section leader. We ended up at Stalag IX-B, then together at IX-A. In 1946 I was playing football for Arizona State, Tempe, when a sports writer for the College paper called and said I have someone in the office that knows you. I

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went over to the office and there sat Dick Peterson. He had to relocate to Arizona for health reasons. Then in the mid-50's while football coach for Phoenix College, I was "Lion Tamer" for the Downtown Lions Club introducing guests of members, and there was Pete again as a guest. He was in the banking business.

I introduced him as an individual that at one time was feared as much by his own people as he was feared by the Germans. We were pinned down by snipers on the hill overlooking Schönberg when Pete comes through the trees with his mortar tube, looking up for openings in the trees. He stopped some 10 yards from me, takes his helmet off, scoops out a hole, fills his helmet with dirt and sets up shop (ala John Wayne). The opening in the trees had reduced over the years to the size of a 60mm mortar shell. He sat down behind his helmet, lined up the tube with the opening and called for a drop. Pete was in complete control — everybody feared him — but he got us moving again.

He now lives some 80 miles south, near LaJolla, California — We talk, but I haven't seen him in years. Knowing him, he will show up again at a most unexpected time.

### Nicholson, Douglas M. 424/HQ 2BN

34 Hillshire Dr.  
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

John, I would appreciate a copy of the 424th Combat Infantry Badge order. After almost 50 years elapsed time since I was severely wounded by a land mine explosion (March 7, 1944) with no contact since that time, my memory needs a little jogging. This list may help.

I do enjoy reading the CUB.

### Ochiltree, Jim 423/G

5149 Sugar Maple Dr  
Kettering, OH 45440

John, Thanks for taking the time to help me get some information that has eluded me all these years. **Pvt Lindsay Carpenter** and I were shipped to the 106th at Camp Atterbury in the summer of 1944 from the 65th Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi... After going through basic and unit training twice. He met my family while we were at Atterbury and they were very found of him. All I have is his address at that time.

**Pvt Lindsay Carpenter**  
424/G

### Remetta, Joseph 106 SIG

427 Main St, Rt 2  
Wilburton, PA 17888

I was debating whether or not I should write to you, but then I decided I should. If all the people of the 106th would write and tell you their stories you'd be able to fill a couple of libraries.

I saw in one of the CUBs, where Sgt Grimes received an award from the government of Belgium, and in that article you said if anyone knew of others to let



A scanned copy of the Citation

you know. Enclosed is one that I received after I was discharged.

But, getting back to Sgt Grimes.... being a lineman in the Signal Company; over a period of time we got to know the wiremen from the Regiments pretty well. Sgt Grimes always struck me as one who knew his business, and a nice person to talk to.

In the Ardennes, the Sig. Co. had the Division forward switchboard in Schönberg, and there was four of us trouble shooters staying in the same house as the switchboard.

On the first day of the Bulge all the lines went out early to the regiments.

Sgt Davis and myself went to the 422d and the 423d, while the other two trouble shooters went to the 424th. While we were trying to clear the lines to the 423d, we met one of Sgt Grimes' trouble shooters working on his end of the line.

After a while we spotted a break in a cable in some open ground. We would be exposed to enemy fire if we went to fix it, but the wiremen from the regiment and myself decided that we would run to the break, hit the dirt, and do what we had to do, then get out of there.

While we were making the splice, our artillery from the rear was laying down some pretty heavy barrages. You could hear the shells passing overhead and landing in a wooded area about 300 yards ahead. Also about 10 yards ahead of us, one of our machine gunners was doing an awful lot of firing. Some of the infantry riflemen were behind us firing from behind a roll in the terrain. So I guess the Germans didn't have time to pay any attention to us... I presume they were busy worrying about themselves.

After the splice was completed we still had trouble. The wireman from the regiment said he would take care of it

so Sgt Davis and myself decided to go on to the 422d.

On our way we stopped in a wooded pine tree area to observe the situation. There we met the artillery observer that was directing those barrages. Then some mortar shells started coming in on us. When it cleared we got out of there.

Sgt Davis and I proceeded to fix the trouble in the 422d wires.

At one point there I was up a pole when some "screaming meemies" passed over. It sure was an eerie sound, it made chills go up and down my spine.

Around dark we went back to Schönberg a few shells were still hitting the place, but earlier in the day Schönberg must have been hit pretty hard. The house with the switchboard in it was damaged quite a bit and there was big hunks of shrapnel inside. I imagine it was pretty scary for the operators there.

Next morning early.. Germans tanks started rolling in from Andler. The switchboard was destroyed and we moved to St. Vith. That afternoon four light wire teams set out to put in lines to our Combat Engineers fighting as front line troops.

Lt. Ford, our Platoon Officer, was in charge as we proceeded on a back road out of St. Vith. One of the wire teams was dropped off to lay a section of line back to the switchboard in St. Vith.

The other three teams proceeded down the road.. two weapons carriers and a jeep.

We hadn't gone too far until Lt Ford stopped everybody. Up ahead on the road was an American tank. I saw Lt. Ford put his binoculars to his eyes and look over the situation.

Evidently it looked OK, so we approached the tank, then all hell broke loose. It was an American tank, but it was full of Germans. There were also enemy soldiers in and around a build-

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ing near there. Three of us from the 2nd weapons carrier managed to get away.

Lt. Ford was killed, Sgt Davis was killed and several were killed; some were captured. Some weeks later I saw there graves.

I would like to add: The 106th inherited the wire system of the 2d Division, and I could never understand why they used "CABLE" instead of field wire, especially since it was so close to the front.

We were always taught, from the beginning of training, that two lines would be run to the regiments, but separated from each other so that they would stand a better chance that both would not be damaged. Yet, CABLE was used in the Ardennes and when the cable was damaged or cut - two important circuits were lost.

(editor's note - Joe, thanks for your excellent description, from a wireman's viewpoint. I am sure you and I will hear some response from others that were involved in this type of work... J, Kline)

### Sheets, Roy 81st ENG/A

H.C.R. 67, Box 109  
Mifflin, PA 17058

John, Here are a couple pictures of you and Colonel Cavender at the Sacramento reunion banquet. Carl Messina had a nice December 16th get-together. We all enjoyed it. Colonel Riggs was there and he really looks great. Hope to see you in Huntsville.

(editor's note - Thanks for the pictures. I will forward one to Colonel Cavender, who I sure will enjoy it. I talked to him today (1/20/91) and found that he had been in the hospital again. His mind is still sharp and like most of us he was watching the CNN news on the Gulf War. I find putting the CUB together is being distracted by those events. hard to get your heart in another war of the past, when you are watching missiles fall into Eastern Saudi Arabia as the TV unfolds the events... J. Kline)



All from 423d "B" Company, Joseph Scotti (left) met them for the first time since 1945 in Sacramento. To Joe's left are George Southam, Bill Lucsay, Richard Rigatti, Frank Ponza and Art Van Moorlehem

### Smith, Mervin S. 424/A

1208 Tanager St  
Kerrville, TX 78028-2938

John, please send me a copy of the 424th CIB orders. I would like to review and recall my memory on some of the members of my unit.

I was injured on December 15th and in a field hospital in Malmédy when all hell broke loose on December 16th. I was in the hospital at the time of the Malmédy Massacre on 17 December.

In June of '84 while visiting Belgium, my wife and I were fortunate to be in Malmédy at the 40th Anniversary Memorial Service at the site of the massacre. The service included members of various combined forces in the area at the time of the slaughter.

It was most inspiring and gratifying to see that the inhabitants of the area have not forgotten our fallen comrades.

In closing, John, I do appreciate the tireless effort in producing The CUB for the membership. I am sure that very few of us can comprehend the tremendous number of hours that you spend,

so that the rest of us might join in the remembrance of that time in our lives over 45 years ago.

(editor's note - Co-incidental with your remarks, Peter Stranko sent me a copy of the article in a magazine (program schedule) put out by "The Discovery Channel." The article is entitled "Myth, Mystery, Malmédy." The German witness he interviews says that most of the Germans involved are left, that most of them died of torture. Seems like a biased view of the affair. If anybody wants a copy, send a self addressed envelope with a twenty-five cent stamp affixed. I will return a copy of the article to be used for informational uses only... J. Kline)

### Sparks, Richard D. 423/HQ

1832 Applewood Ct  
Orlando, FL 32818

Received the latest CUB and as usual you are doing a terrific job.

I am one of the men from 423rd Headquarters Company that Sam Davis referred to in his letter to you which was published in The CUB. Sam



L/R - Howard Terrio (sends picture) with Dr. Richard Peterson, 423/I, Col. C.C. Cavender C.O. 423d Regiment and Cpt Sam Davis 423d Headquarters Co.

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has done a terrific job in locating so many of the men and making a sincere effort to keep in touch with them. After Sam located me last summer and convince me to go to the Schaumburg Reunion, I became interested in his quest and put my faithful Tandy 1000SL to work to assist him. Captain Sam gives me a bunch of notes every once in awhile and I compose our newsletter known as "CAP'T SAMS CHRONICLES," and supply him with the address labels. We have 50 names on the mailing list, of which some are not members of the Association. We will keep after them as we go along.

I was radio operator of the first squad of the platoon and in early 1945, from notes that I kept along the way, I wrote a twenty page ditty about the platoon, from its training at Camp Atterbury until the end. It is entitled "As We Lived." I dug it out last summer and showed it to Sam. Did you receive a copy?

### Search for Commanders

from Sherod Collins, Historian

Thanks to all who responded to my request for Company and Battery Commanders in order that we may have a historical list for the archives. I have need for more names if you can help.

I need names of the Company or Battery Commanders of:

422/E

422/HQ 1BN

424/HQ 3BN

424/G the first name of Cpt Cohen

592/C the first name of Cpt Smith

424/D

If any of you know of these names, please write to me at **448 Monroe Trace, Kennesaw, GA 30144**, or call me **404-928-3207**  
Sherod Collins, Historian

Due to Sam sending out some copies of this, we decided in Schaumburg that we should try to add to the account and to include a detailed account of our return to the American lines at St. Vith. It will make a story that hasn't, to my knowledge, ever been fully told.

### Van Moorlehem, Arthur L. 423/B

Rte 2 Box 160C  
Arlington, SD 57212

Just a note to thank you for running my article about our visit to Belgium. Thanks for deciphering the sign on the D.P. Cemetery for us.

Without the help of **Joe Massey** and **C.R.I.B.A.** it would have been very difficult for us. I can't help but think that a visit to one of our up-coming reunions would be a smash hit that we are over-looking. I'm sure that CRIBA Member Andre Hubert could give us some stories of the Belgian resistance and other '44-'45 observations that would be interesting to hear. He does speak flawless English.

We enjoyed Colonel Cavender at the Sacramento reunion. I rode to Bad Orb in the same box-car with him (from Gerolstein), experienced the bombing and also his anguish at having to surrender the 423rd regiment.

### Wroblewski, Chester 423/C

581 College St  
Youngsville, PA 16371

My wife Laura and I wish to thank you for running the picture of the Peterson boys and myself, also for the story "Hell on Earth." I have received letters as of this date. Here is something I picked up in Stalag 9A:

*Though tasks seem arduous  
Problems galore  
Objectives elusive  
Obstacles more and more  
Though energies seem wasted  
Diligence of no avail  
Perseverance will be rewarded  
Right will prevail.*

# *In Memoriam*

**Clarence J. Barendse 424/HQ 1BN** Rte 6 Box 265 Z, Astoria, OR 97103

Died 1990

**Harry J. Bendick 422/HQ** 489 Moull Street, Newark, OH 43055

Died on May 27, 1990, from a letter from his son Lee.

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

Melinda, his wife writes - Charles died of a heart attack on May 21, 1990 at the Chestnut Hill Hospital. Very quick, just the way he wanted to go. He loved to read the CUB.

**Raymond R. Embury 806 ORD** 14575 Central, Baldwin Park, CA 91706

Died December 21, 1989

**Jerome L. Frankel 423/HQ 3BN** 584 Junard Blvd, West Hempstead, NY 11552

Died September 4, 1990

**Abner T. Harris 424/H** 399 NW Boca Raton Blvd #2, Boca Raton, FL 33432

Died October 1, 1990. A letter from John J. Scalissi, 424/H reporting that Abner was the 1st Sergeant of 424/H. Survived by two children and two grandchildren.

**Allan J. Loleit 81st Engineers "B" Co.** Box 2633, Farmington, NM 87499

Ed Wojahn, 81st Engineers, "B" Co. reported that Allan's daughter Joanne Roberts of Farmington, New Mexico, informed him that he passed away April 1990.

**Arnold Rubin 81st Engineers** 7619 Seashore Dr. Newport Richey, FL 34668

Died May 30, 1990

**Peter S. Sutter 423/HQ** 41 Grave Street, Cranston, RI 02910

Died September 1990

**James A. Teel 424/A** 5 Pearl Street, Port Norris, NJ 08349

Sharon Porter, his daughter wrote that her father passed away in May 1989 and that he was proud to be a member of the 106th Infantry Division.

Military historian **Charles B. MacDonald**, an authority on the *Battle of the Bulge* died December 4, 1990 of cancer and lung disease in his home in Arlington, VA. He was 68.

MacDonald was awarded a Silver Star and a Purple Heart for wounds sustained during that battle, in which he commanded an Army Rifle Company. *Company Commander*, which MacDonald wrote in 1947, recounts his many war-time experiences. The book remains in print and is still read at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY and other military schools. He also wrote *A Time for Trumpets: The Untold Story of the Battle of the Bulge*, published in 1984. MacDonald wrote two official histories of World War II and was co-author of another.

After the war, he joined the staff of the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington, DC, retiring in 1980 after serving as chief of the European section, deputy chief historian and finally deputy chief historian for Southeast Asia.

That year he also retired as a colonel in the Army Reserve. (from Stars and Stripes-The National Tribune)

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