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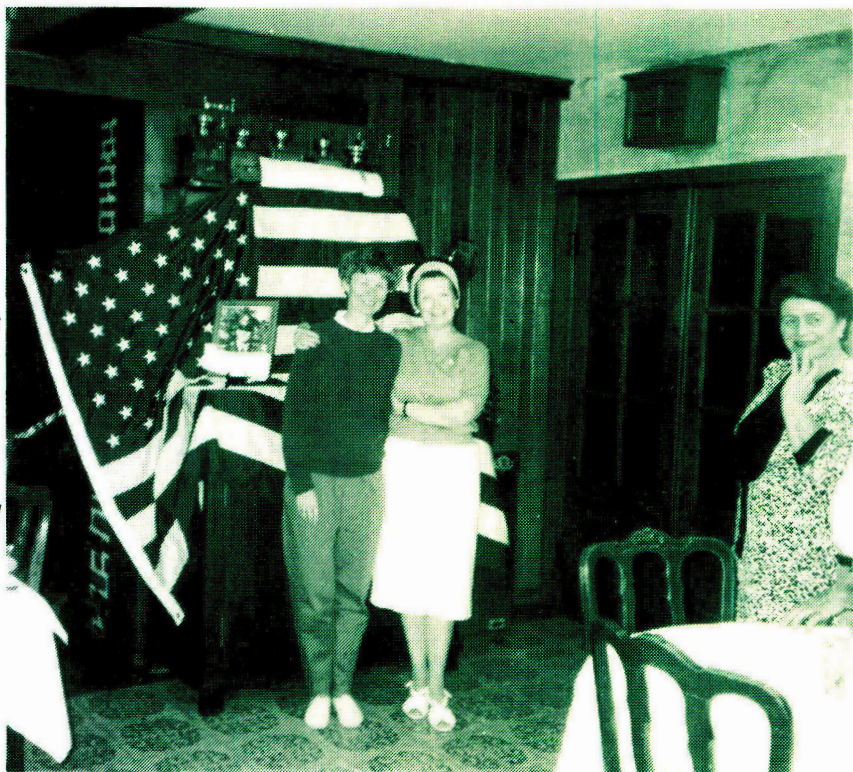
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*Carol Ristad  
Major Parker's  
niece  
presented the  
Major's photo  
to 106th  
Belgian friends  
at  
Parker's  
Crossroads.*

*Mary Jonckea  
center  
Marie LeHaire  
to the right.*

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Judging from the number of reunion reservations we have received, many of you are as excited about the 45th Annual Reunion as we are. We are looking forward to the largest reunion we have had to date. It is too bad that all of our members cannot attend, but we know that is impossible. We hope that those of you that miss Huntsville will try to attend the 1992 reunion at Pittsburgh or the 1993 reunion in Columbia.

All reunion activities and plans are falling into place nicely, even though we started the registration process off to a bad start due to some mishandling of the original registration mailing. Parts of the registration form were not inserted in some envelopes.

Because of the original mistake, an additional error was made in the inserts that the editor placed in the February CUB. The Registration Fee and the Downtown Tour price was mis-quoted.

## ***Notice of correction***

### ***Registration and Tour fees***

The registration fee is \$85.00 per person, not \$79. The Huntsville Downtown Tour is \$20 per person, not \$12. If you submitted \$79 and/or \$12 per person we will collect the difference when you register at the Huntsville Reunion.

If you are taking the DOWNTOWN TOUR, tell me what time you want to go. The times are: 9:00am Thursday; 1:00pm Thursday and 9:00am Friday.

The Marriott is not quite filled, there are 30 rooms left there. The overflow hotels are nearby and are equally as nice as the Marriott.

### ***Hotel Reservation and Cancellations***

At CUB press time, we have 210 reservations for the hotels, but only 185 reunion registrations. Of course, there is still time to send in your registration, WITH MONEY, before the August 1st deadline. You have the privilege of cancelling up to September 1.

The hotels should send you a reservation confirmation. If you have not received yours, please call the Huntsville Convention & Visitors Bureau phone # 1-800-843-0468. For in-state calls, please call 205-551-2230. If for some reason you have to cancel, please call the hotel that sent you the confirmation - **do not** call the Visitors Bureau, but call the hotel. There is RV parking at the SPACE CENTER.

### ***Tour and Optional Events Criteria***

Because of Transportation/Logistics requirements, we will not be able to ADD or DELETE optional activities after August 1, 1991. The BBQ on Friday is on the



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

## **Important Information from the President**

heavy side, so if you are already planning to be in Huntsville no later than 1 PM on Wednesday, consider attending the BBQ on Wednesday, but let us know.

### ***Photographs***

We have made arrangements for a firm to take pictures of individuals, groups and reunion activities. They will publish a Reunion Booklet with 16 to 24 pages, depending on the number of entries, for a cost of \$12.00. You may order additional pictures at an additional charge. NOTE: There is no obligation to purchase the booklet or to purchase additional pictures.

All photos taken at the reunion will be sent directly to you, and you must send a copy to me in order for the "Reunion Committee" to assemble those pictures and return them to the printer for inclusion in the booklet. It may take six months after the reunion before you receive the actual booklet. You may also include other photos not taken at the 1991 Reunion to be included in the booklet, as space permits.

### ***Memorial Service and Reception, Huntsville 1991***

The 1991 Reunion Memorial Service will be held on Thursday September 19th at 4:00 PM at The Marriott, and our Reception at 6:30 PM at The Space Center.

### ***Scholarships***

I encourage nominations of descendants of 106ers for our Scholarship Awards. Please read the requirements elsewhere in this issue of The CUB.

### ***Board Member Nominees***

We need nominations for Board Members. If you have a nominee, or would like to be a Board Member.

READ THE FOLLOWING:

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:

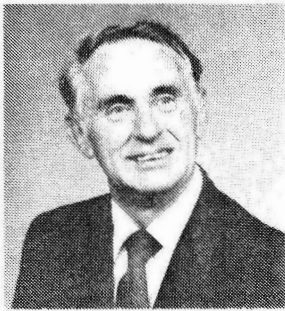
**Orfeo Agostini, 202 Elizabeth Street, Hinesville, Georgia 31313**

### ***Location for the 1994 Reunion***

Where do you want to hold the 1994 Reunion? Think about it and make a bid proposal at the General Meeting in Huntsville. Come prepared with prices, locations and other details so that you can make the presentation.

### ***Camp Atterbury Memorial***

I have been notified that a Veterans Memorial will be built at Camp Atterbury and dedicated in 1992. See O. Paul Merz's description of this project elsewhere in this CUB. Paul is our representative to the committee along with others like him from 10 other military outfits that cycled through Camp Atterbury.



Reverend Ewell C. Black Jr., Chaplain  
106th Infantry Division Association  
212 Ridge St., Bishopville, SC 29010

† 803-484-6861 †

As I write this it is the end of March and like many of you I have been looking at the joyous scenes on TV of our service people who are returning from the Persian Gulf War. I had hoped that Iraq's leader would heed the call of the United Nations to remove his army from Kuwait. But that was not to be.

We had all heard the predictions of what the casualties could be. Those of us who had experienced war closeup understand how bad it can be and how easy it is for people to be injured and killed. I doubt that any of us expected that it would end as quickly and with so few casualties. Each day that the war continued I joined with thousands of you in asking God to watch over those involved in the fighting and to bring it to a speedy conclusion. I doubt, though,

that any of us expected it to end so quickly and with so few injured and killed.

I am thankful to God for watching our service people and those of the other nations involved and for watching over the civilian populations of Israel and Saudi Arabia, as well. I am aware that to those who lost loved ones, the loss is just as great and maybe more so as they ask the inevitable question, "Why my daughter, husband, son, or wife?" As a minister, I am constantly aware that there are no easy answers. I firmly believe that we live in a world over which God exercises control but I also understand that we live in a world of imperfect individuals. So long as this later is the case we will have tragedies involving the sinfulness of people. I do not believe that it is God's will that some of us die or are injured while others survive without any visible effects. We who are the survivors can only seek to know what contributions we can make in appreciation for that surviving. Jesus of Nazareth told people that those who died in natural disasters or were murdered by evil persons were no more guilty or deserving of death at that time than were those who survived.

"Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no!'"

### **Luke 13:1-5a**

I rejoice with each of you that a war which could have been so costly, ended so quickly and with fewer casualties than most major cities in our country experience over the same length of time.

Father God, we give you thanks for bringing the Persian Gulf War to a speedy conclusion and for watching over those involved in it. We pray for the loved ones of those who were killed and for the recovery of those injured. I would pray, too, for the people of Kuwait and Iraq as they seek to rebuild their countries. We ask your continued blessing and oversight of all of our service people. May you bless and use them and us to your glory. AMEN.



### Major Parker's Picture given to Maria Le Haire of Baraque de Fraiture "Parker's Crossroads"

by John Gatens, 589th FAB, Btry A  
(See photo on front cover:)

In September of 1989, when I was at "Parker's Crossroads," I asked Maria (owner of the restaurant) if she had a picture of Major Parker. She told me that not only did she not have one, she could not remember ever seeing one.

I didn't think that was right. When I returned home, I wrote her to ask for a picture. I had corresponded with Mrs. Parker many times before, when I had information that I thought she would be interested in. This time she didn't answer, a niece did. The niece stated that Mrs. Parker was unable to answer, and she was handling her affairs.

Carol Ristad (Major Parker's niece) sent me a small picture of Major Parker. She also told me that she was going to Europe early in 1990 and planned on stopping at the crossroads. I wrote back and told her I would write to Maria LeHaire and tell her that she (Carol) would be visiting Baraque de Fraiture (Parker's Crossroads).

Later I wrote Maria, telling her of the arrival date of Rita and asked that they have an English speaking person available when she arrived.

I had the Major's picture enlarged and framed and Rita delivered it to Maria LeHaire.

I have a very warm feeling looking at the picture that I have enclosed (see the cover of this CUB). The picture was sent to me by Mary Jonckeu, a member of C.R.I.B.A., the person Maria contacted to translate for Carol. (another function of that great organization, C.R.I.B.A.).

(The main highway between Bastogne and Liège is an important road. On it one may travel south to Basle, in Switzerland; north all the way to Amsterdam, Holland. It is crossed by the Laroche—Vielsalm highway, a road of secondary importance, connecting with Sedan to the southwest, linking the border roads to the northeast.

Baraque de Fraiture was the name of the height where the crossroads hamlet stood, a huddle of typical Belgian homes with its one and only adornment, a four foot square concrete road marker... To Parker's Crossroads (as it would later be named) came, about 3:00 p.m., 19 December, the firing elements of the 589th Field Artillery Battalion, three 105mm howitzers, some machine guns, trucks and a hundred officers and men... (from St. Vith: Lion in the Way, our Division History, page 182.)

Major Arthur C. Parker, III, in command of the 589th, along with his men, would in the next two days, make history at this crossroads. The 589th made a gallant stand and prevented the German drive from penetrating the thin-spread 82nd Air-Borne Division's right flank as the 2d SS Panzers moved in for the kill.

Wounded by a mortar shell on the afternoon of 21 December, while adjusting fire, Major Parker refused to be evacuated until he lost consciousness.

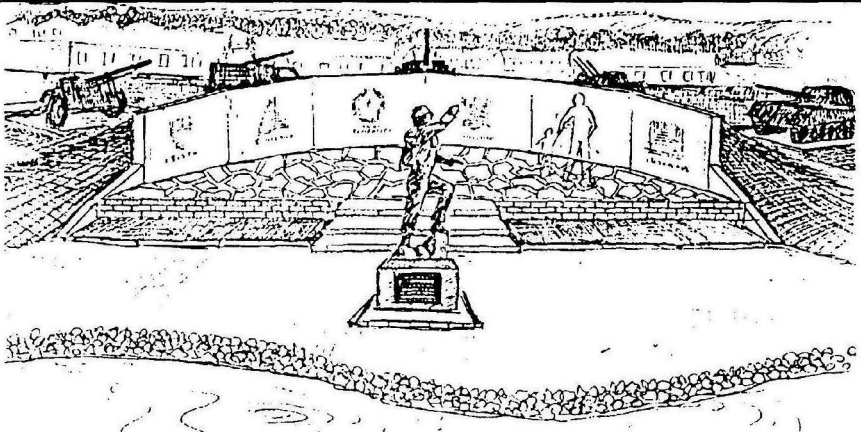
(Refer to The CUB, page 13, Jan-Feb-Mar 1990 for John Gatens story of his return to Baraque de Fraiture where he had been captured in 1944, in the building now known as Madame Maria LeHaire's restaurant. This story is a sequel to that story... J. Kline)

According to Mary, the picture of Major Arthur C. Parker III, and the flag, remain as shown on the cover of this CUB, at the restaurant for all to see.

### A small memorial to a great man!

In the picture is Carol Ristad (left), Mary Jonckeu (middle) and Maria LeHaire, owner of the restaurant (right).

# Memorial Planned for Camp Atterbury



On Saturday March 23, 1991 **Paul Merz**, 422 Service Company attended a meeting at Camp Atterbury. The meeting was the first board meeting of the Atterbury Veterans memorial Association.

Paul describes the board meeting in a letter dated March 26, 1991 to John Gilliland, president of our association. He states as follows:

"The meeting was very informative. The main emphasis of course, was the raising of monies to complete the Atterbury Memorial. So far approximately \$50,000 has been raised through corporations and interested individuals in Central Indiana. It is anticipated that another \$50,000 will be needed to complete the Memorial.

"Work has already started on the site. The pond has been dug and the grading has started. There is enough money (Government money cannot be used for this purpose) to build the basic park. By this I mean the parking areas, graveled walks, the wall and the plaques, the pads which the Army vehicles will be placed, as well as the basic landscaping. We were shown the surplus vehicles that have been pledged to this use.

"It is estimated that the bronze statue will cost \$35,000, concrete walks instead of gravel, a completely illuminated fountain and pond for an-

other \$15,000. This is the extra \$50,000 mentioned above.

"I can tell you this much, Colonel Stachel and his staff are dedicated to this project. This will be a non-profit organization and any monies donated by our members will be tax deductible.

"The board will meet again on September 7, 1991. There were present, at this first meeting, representatives from the 83rd Division, 30th Division and several smaller units that had something to do with the history of Atterbury. Many corporate people were also present.

"The enclosed information sheets describe the goals and reasons behind the Atterbury Memorial.

I hope that we can get this information in The CUB so that our members can respond to the Camp Atterbury Veterans Memorial Association plea for help."

Sincerely

Paul Merz

## CONCEPT FOR CAMP ATTERBURY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK AND DISPLAY AREA

A fitting memorial to the Veterans of WWII, the Korean conflict, Vietnam and Desert Storm, who passed through Camp Atterbury, as well as a commemorative to the 50th anniversary of Camp Atterbury becoming a post. It will serve as a memorial and outdoor

# Memorial Planned for Camp Atterbury

display of WWII type weapons systems to be visited by the public.

The area bounded by Hospital Road, Fairbanks Street, Eggleston Street, Mess Hall Road north of 8th Street was chosen as the site.

The entire block will be fenced with a single entrance/exit being constructed off Hospital Road.

The entrance to the site will be constructed by culvert, concrete headers and driveway crossing the ditch from Hospital Road and leading to the fenced, gravel parking lot. The walkway from the parking lot will circumvent the existing pond in both directions and lead to the memorial wall and statute, as well as to connecting walkways to the equipment displays.

The existing pond will be outfitted with an illuminated fountain to add a touch of tranquillity to the scene. A 6' bronze statute on a raised platform is planned as funds become available.

Backdrop to the statute will be an elevated, reinforced 40 foot concrete 8 foot wall with 24 foot wings at a 30 to 45 degree angle. Mounted on this wall will be limestone plates approximately 4' x 6' 4" emblazoned with the crests, name and contributions of the 10 major organizations that passed through Camp Atterbury during World War II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam conflict and Operation Desert Storm. In ground lighting will be installed to illuminate the statute as well as the wall mounted crests. The rear of the wall will be back filled with soil on a 5:1 grade and seeded to ensure that erosion will not take place and the grade will assure easy mowing. The top of the wall will be furnished with covered receptacles for flag poles (2" diam) to accommodate U.S., Division, Army colors and standards for commemorative events.

The equipment display area will be laid out to achieve a balanced effect and the connecting walkways will provide easy access. Each display item will be furnished with a plaque denoting the nomenclature and characteristics of the weapon.

A plaque recognizing all individual and corporate donors who contributed in excess of \$2,000 will be placed in the center walkway.

*(editor's note — Included with the above was the proposed program for the dedication to be held 15 August 1992. Notes on the history of Camp Atterbury were also included and both of these can be included in The CUB at a later date.*

*Of prime importance at the moment is for the members of the 106th Infantry Division to respond, as they see fit, to the plea of the Camp Atterbury Veterans Association for help in this interesting and well meaning salute to the units that passed through Camp Atterbury.*

*This will also be presented to the 106th Infantry Division Board during the Huntsville Alabama Reunion. However — the next board meeting of the Atterbury Association will be September 7, 1991, a few days before we meet in Huntsville. I am sure Paul O. Merz and Colonel Jorg Stachel of the Indiana Guard, the organizer of this memorial, would appreciate a show of faith from the men of the 106th. So troops — we leave it up to you.*

*Support part of your heritage.... editor)*

A donation blank has been placed in the center-fold of this CUB. It should be used to send your donations to:

**Camp Atterbury Veterans  
Memorial Association, Inc  
Attention; Comptroller  
Office, Bldg 1  
Hospital Road  
Edinburgh, IN 46124-1096**



The scholarship committee, headed by John Gregory, announces substantial scholarships this year to the lineal descendants of living and deceased paid-up full members of the 106th Infantry Division. Lineal descendants include legally adopted and non-adopted step children who lived in the member's household AND were dependents of the member and his spouse while these step children were minors.

Applicants must be nominated by a paid-up full member of the Association or his widow if he was a member at death. Nominating members letters should state his relationship to the nominee.

The Board of Directors, at the Sacramento Annual Meeting, authorized a maximum of \$1,000 per scholarship.

## **Applicants themselves must:**

1. Have the high school or college mail DIRECTLY to the committee, the following: The applicants GPA, with a notation of whether this is a weighted GPA; the student's class standing and a letter of recommendation and a transcript. TO REPEAT: these must come to the committee directly from the school.

2. Have their SAT scores mailed DIRECTLY from the testing agency to the committee. All applicants.

3. Submit a letter of application to the committee. This letter may be in any style and should contain the following items: Who he or she is; what he or she does, eg: sports, hobbies, travel, interests, accomplishments and describe any work experience; why he or she would like to pursue a particular course of study; why he or she is applying for this scholarship and what the applicant would like to do in life.

4. The letter must also state that the applicant originated, composed and wrote the entire letter. Letters prepared for the applicant by any outside person or organization violates the spirit of this requirement and would therefore be unacceptable.

**Please NOTE!: All application material must be received by 30 June 1991.**

**address to:**

Scholarship Committee  
106th Infantry Division Association  
c/o John Gregory, Chairman  
4624 Ashton Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864.

All applications become the property of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

The selected applicants will have the scholarship money deposited to their account at their chosen school. Thus it will not be given directly to the students.

signed by John Gregory

# ***Fairford, England in the lush Costwolds***

by Dan Bied, 422/A

One of my fondest memories of the war era has to do with a small town called Fairford.

Fairford, in the lush Costwolds west of London, was where my outfit, the First Battalion of the 422nd Regiment, was stationed in October, 1944.

It was a nice time of year to be in England, as you might recall, and Fairford was the quaint sort of town a movie director might select for a film about rural Britain, including the town pub and a 500-year-old church.

I've never forgotten Fairford. But I didn't manage to get there, since it's in an out-of-the-way place, during several trips back to England since WW-2.

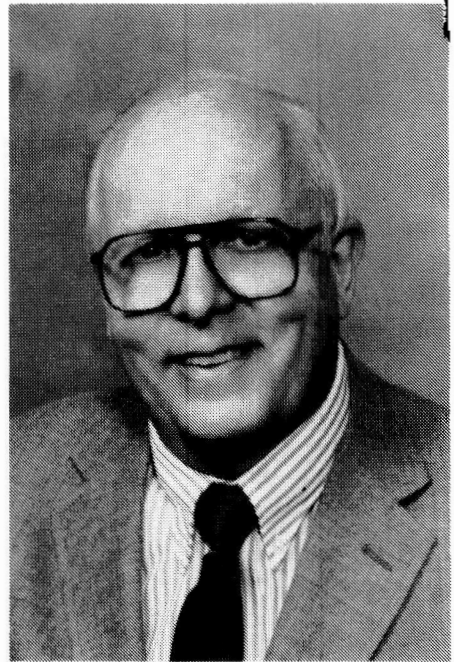
Over the years I kept looking for references to Fairford in newspapers, magazines and books about the British Isles, to no avail.

So it was a nice surprise when, in early February, there was an article in The Chicago Tribune about a Costwold town that had "a chance to relive its finest hour as B-52s return."

The town in the story was Fairford, "a picturesque village two hours west of London," the nearby air base was used by bombers that assaulted the Persian Gulf.

"The Royal Air Force flew British Stirling bombers against targets in Germany from here in World War II," the story reported, "and gliders that landed behind the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944."

Recently, The Tribune noted, the air base at Fairford was used by planes that carried 29 tons of bombs to Iraqi targets 2,750 miles away.



The B-52s were a welcome sight in Fairford. The air base is no longer used by the RAF and, when SAC moved out, it pulled the plug on a part of the local economy, only last year."

I remember a pub called The Bull in Fairford, though I was only there once or twice to drink a little ale and watch some airmen throw darts. There was an Air Force hospital near the huts used by our battalion, but I didn't realize they had an air base at Fairford. Maybe I knew it, then forgot it. But I do remember The Bull, and was interested to read that the decor in the pub includes plaques from two B-52 units. The big planes were at Fairford on annual exercises dubbed "Mighty Warrior" from 1979 until October, 1990.

The Trib's story didn't mention the church. It looked like something from "Mrs. Miniver" and I remember going there one Sunday morning a few days before the 106th sailed for France. It seemed like a prudent thing to do.

I don't recall much else about Fairford. But I was amused to read that the air base is adjacent to a poultry farm that, no doubt, was there in 1944 and 50 or 100 years before that.

"Several thousand chickens live there," the paper reported. "When B-52s had flown out of the base in the past the birds had been more unnerved by helicopters than by the screaming 8-engine bombers."

"They've got to do what they've got to do," a farmer said in reference to the base's mission. "Don't they?"

That is the way it was when our outfit was at Fairford, as we were doing what we had to do.

I can still see the big, gray mansion on the grounds at Fairford in my mind's eye. It was used by our officers as I recall it.

My memories of our huts are a lot clearer. And of course I remember mail call, our great Thanksgiving dinner in the mess hall, the nightly broadcasts by Glenn Miller's band the occasional drone of planes overhead.

My worst memory of October, 1944, had to do with the upcoming presidential election. I was old enough to be in the infantry but I was too young to vote.

I'm still a bit miffed about that.



Members of the 106th Infantry Division who attended the 3rd Annual Reunion of POW's from Stalags 9A, 9B and 9C. The Reunion was held in Waco Texas, April 23-25 1990.

Charles Hunter of 423d Cannon Co. was the host.

Front L/R - Gaylord Elliott 424/A; Lawrence Perkins 424/E; Eugene Kelch 423/I; James Green 422/HQ 3Bn; Boyd Baer 28th Div; James Dickerson 423/HQ 3Bn; Dean Sandahl 422/B; Jake Underwood 590/B; Charles Reick 422/H; Charles Burt 423/F; and Charles Smith 422/D

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Third L/R - Williard Diefenthaler 422; William Lane 423/A; Richard Peterson 423/I; and Donald Canfield 423/D: **Photo by Pete House 590/A**



## It's Time to Order

GET YOUR CHECKBOOKS OUT — I have just finished the preparatory work for **"The CUB Passes in Review."**

This book was announced at the Sacramento Reunion and has received some casual publicity in the CUBs since.

The time has now come that we must have a definite order from each member that desires the book. We cannot publish an unknown number of books in speculation of sale. We have guaranteed the price to the membership, with the stipulation that if it is not produced that the money will be refunded.

## What is this book?

It is a review of interesting and important stories that have been published in The CUB since it's inception. The first stateside CUB was published August 1946, since that time approximately 185 CUBs have been published. **"The CUB Passes in Review"** is a composite of those CUBs that were published in the past. Material is included from the start up of The CUB, to the most recent CUB which was the Jan-Feb-Mar 1991 CUB.

## What type of stories does it include?

There are seventeen chapters, each representing a category of CUB information. Division History; Unit History; Individual History; Division Awards; Unit Awards; Individual Awards; Books; Bag Lunch (a popular column by Gen Jones in the early CUB days); General Interest Stories; Association History; Chapter History; A complete resume of the birth and life of the Saint Vith Memorial; POW Stories; A Review of the Reunions (which started in 1947); Stories of Tour-Groups and Individuals returning to Europe.

Due to the lack of originals from the past, the book does not contain photographs.

Need I say this — Not every story from the past is reprinted, for there were over 4,000 pages published since 1946. However, I feel that the material I picked will possibly give you a broader knowledge about the 106th than you now have.

## How large is the Book?

I have assembled 481 pages. Added to that, will be five pages in the "Table of Contents." I have yet to write a "Preface" to the book, but that should be only a couple of pages. With Reverend Black's dedication fly leaf, it will be ready for print. The printer tells me it will be 496 pages to conform with printing 18 sheets on a plate.

The book will be 8 x 10 inches in size, a bound book with a hard cover which contains it's name and an embossed replica of the 106th Infantry Division patch. The cover is an clear "spot proof" material. The book will be of excellent quality and one that you can be proud of and pass along to your family and friends.

The printer is a world-reknown publisher of law books - the largest in the world. To give you an idea of their size. They can knock out 220,000 full color book covers a day. Their plant covers 1.2 million square feet.

The production manager told me it would take less time to run 1,500 books, than it took for me to get the price quotation. Fantastic!

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John Kline

CUB editor

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## The Inquiry

March 10, 1990

Mayor of Leipzig, Germany

This is a letter I have wanted to write for many years.

I was captured in the Battle of the Bulge December 19, 1944. I was marched to Stalag 12-A at Limburg, Germany and from there by train to Stalag IV-B at Mühlberg, Germany. About the middle of March, 1945 I became sick with pleurisy and was taken to Lazarette IV-G, Leipzig, Germany.

At the time of our capture two of my friends and I tried to stay together. We three were at Stalag IV-B and of course when I became sick we were separated.

About a week before liberation one of my three friends, PFC Kenneth Peterson showed up at the hospital (Lazarette). He was suffering from malnutrition and yellow jaundice. We were glad to see each other. Two or three days later he said that he didn't think that he was going to live and asked me to see that his parents would get his wrist watch. Three or four days later, during a night air raid Kenneth died.

Liberation came for us on April 19, 1945. I wrote to Kenneth Peterson's parents and sent them his watch. They invited me to visit them which I did and met Kenneth Peterson's cousin Shirley whom I later married.

My question is, would there be any way to find a record of where PFC Kenneth Peterson was buried and perhaps a picture of the grave?

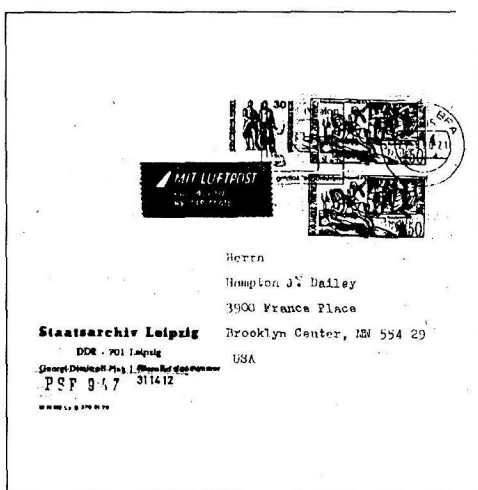
Is the building Lazarette IV-G building still there? I remember it being next to a big railroad yard in Leipzig.

Very Truly Yours,

signed Hampton J. Dailey

*(editor's note - Hampton, "K" Company, 422d Regiment, is a new member who joined in mid-1990. See NOV- 1990 CUB, page 36, wherein he relates "How his marriage came about, due to the Battle of the Bulge.")*

*In a recent telephone conversation Hampton expressed how pleased he was to have finally heard news of the disposition of his friend, his wife's cousin Kenneth. He and his wife are grateful that Kenneth lays at rest in a green meadow...*



## The Answer

From the Staatsarchiv - Leipzig  
19 September 1990

Regarding: Kenneth Peterson, died April 11, 1945, age 22

Mr. Dailey,

After taking much time to get to Central Records Office, we just received your letter.

Our investigation shows that you friend, Kenneth Peterson, was layed to rest in Leipzig.

There are lists of people that died in Leipzig's Lazaretten (Hospital) during air-raids. These lists are being kept at the Leipzig Süd-Friedhof (South-Cemetery). It is there where we found that Kenneth Peterson's grave is at the Ost-Friedhof (East-Cemetery),

He is listed under:

**X. Abteilung; 9. Gruppe; Reihe M; Stelle I**  
**Section X.; Group 9; Row M; Plot I.**

We are sorry, but the gravesite itself is not visible anymore. Numerous soldiers are buried there which is now a green meadow. Until 1970 there still used to be wooden crosses to mark the sites, but they were not renewed after they deteriorated. This is very sad. We are saddened to have to inform you of this and leave you with greetings.

mit freundlichen Grüßen

signed Evelyn ??????

P.S. It is not known where Lazarette IV-G was located.





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Dave Emmert, 424th Headquarters Co.  
Staff Sergeant, Wire Chief  
Here his picture, taken during The Bulge, as it  
appeared on the CUB for the February-March  
1949 issue.

December 17, 1990

Dear Mr. Kline,

I'm sure this time of the year brings back many, many memories to all of the 106th veterans. You are sure doing an outstanding job in keeping those memories alive and making sure those trying times will never be forgotten.

Enclosed please find copies of two (2) letters I recently came across in my files that I thought might be of interest to you. In early February 1946, I thought it would be a good idea to keep in touch with all the "ole gang" in our 424th Headquarters Communication Platoon, Wire Section. Thus was started what may have been an advanced edition of the "CUB."

One of the enclosed letters is a copy of the letter dated February 9, 1946, that I sent to Mr. Herbert B. Livesey, Jr. who was at that time Secretary- Treasurer of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

Please note the letter head, "BUDDIES TO THE BLOODY END" and the copy of the Division's shoulder patch. You may not recognize the fellow, in the picture, sitting on the front of the hood of the 6X6 but he is our Association Past President, John Fritz.

We kept in touch with most of the wire section platoon via this letter for about four ( 4 ) years and then most of us became members of the "CUB of the GOLDEN LION."

John may I add "Seasons Greetings" to you and the association and wish you much success in the years to come. You will never fully realize the value of the work you are doing in keeping all of us together and informed about the 106th Division. I have a copy of the crest or Regimental Insignia of the 424th. Infantry Regiment, if you don't have one.

May God bless you and may your moccasins make many tracks in the snows to come.

David S. Emmert

*(editor's note - Dave was one of the original members of the "106th Infantry Division Association" signing aboard while at Camp Lucky Strike. I copied the top of the letter you wrote to the other members and to Herbert Livesey, the first Sec-Tres of the Association Nice talking to you on the phone. I only wish you had an original of the group photo that appears on the letter head. Good Luck - Good Health..... J. Kline)*



BUDDIES TO THE BLOODY END CLUB



February 9, 1946

Dear Buddy:

I guess by this time you are probably wondering what this is all about. A number of the old gang have sent in-

Dave's original letter, as he says, maybe a forerunner to The CUB

February 9, 1946

Dear Buddy,

I guess by this time you are probably wondering what this is all about. A number of the old gang have sent letters to me asking about different addresses and news from the fellows that I have decided to start a little chain letter that will be passed along to each of the lads and finally it will get back to me and I will compile the news and start a new letter as soon as the old one comes back.

I would like to know if you like the idea, and if you do, answer by return mail, and I will prepare a new one. This letter is being sent to all the old gang that went over seas with us and also some of the replacements we received while over there.

The picture that appears in the upper left hand corner of this is my own idea, with the thought in mind that if you have a good snapshot of the little woman and would like to have it printed on the news letter, I'll see what can be done about it. Any picture will do creme it is clear and, of course, will pass postal inspection.

"Mick" Maloney gave the Club it's name. Send any comments along and We'll tell him what we think on our next letter to all of you. (That's a joke Chrome, that is a joke son).

In sending this letter I plan to make up a list of the fellows living around your neck of the woods and, for example, I will send the first one to Buck in Milwaukee and he will send it down to Walt Keating in Chicago, then Walt sends it over to Happy in Cleveland, Happy sending it on its way by touring OHIO with Willie Proberts, Edwards, Clas and then on back to me or on to some one else until we get all the rumors. The same thing goes for the northeastern part of the States. First up to Gash and Shark in

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Mr. David S. Emmert  
P. O. Box 51  
Hagerstown, Md.

Dear Mr. Emmert:

I guess I was just as surprised as you were when I got your letter of the "Buddies to the Bloody End Club". I have been wondering if there were ever any 106th groups around but in six months search I haven't located one. More power to you! If there is any way we can help you from here at Association, let us know.

You should get through the mail in a day or so complete stops including a membership application and a letter form which is why I'm not sending one at this time. If you don't receive it within a few weeks let me know.

With best wishes I am

Yours very truly

*H. B. Livesey, Jr.*  
Herbert B. Livesey, Jr.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Herbert B. Livesey, Jr was the first Secretary-Treasurer of the 106th Association. Here he gives support to Emmert's letter as explained in this article

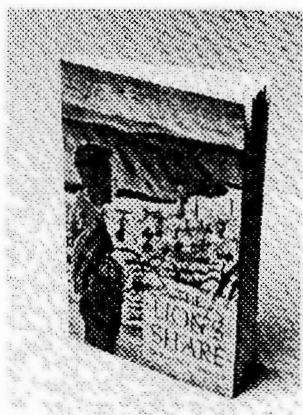
New York, then over to Mick the 1st O'Malley down to Maloneyw and soon thru the list of buddies until we have heard from them all. The fellows that live in the far west I'll try to send them a separate letter so they can return it in time for the next issue.

When you answer this letter give me the names of the fellows you would like to hear from with their addresses and I'll make up a schedule and we'll see how each of the guys are getting along. I think we can have lots of fun and we can get the news from each other with but one letter. Here's hoping to hear from all of you in the near future, and you ad better send the little woman a big Valentine or you will be living on the wrong side of the road.

Best regards to all,  
signed by Dave Emmert, Hagerstown, MD

P.S. Send your birthday dates along too.

# THE LION'S SHARE



Donald Young, 422/I has published a book entitled "The Lion's Share."

This book deals with the miraculous loss of Americans in the Bulge — green troops caught in the mist of the snow of the Schnee Eifel in Germany, December 1944. The author says, "I wanted to show what it was like when a soldier first discovers that unseen ghosts are trying to take his life — enemy soldiers dressed as GIs; when he realizes his own planes are bombing him; that the Germans are carrying out the slaughter of an entire division, a unit made up of untrained men: cooks, truck drivers who never fired guns, and are unprepared to take on Tiger Tanks from the deadly Panzer units.

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Back L/R: Lawrence Walden, 424/H; William Houser, 424/MED  
Eric Vanderhorst, 423/F; John Rosalia, 423/C

Apoligies from the editor for this late printing of a picture from the Sacramento Reunion.

# **965th Field Artilleryman Applauds the 106th**

(editor's note - In August of 1989 Russell Villwock of 106 Signal, sent me a letter written by a Mike O'Connor, member of the 965th Field Artillery Battalion, one of the supporting units in the "ORDER of BATTLE" listed on page 237 of ST. VITH: LION in the WAY, our division history. Mike has since then joined our Association as an ASSOCIATE member. I think you will appreciate his letter. Mike apparently saw the advertising that Russell Villwock placed in the BULGE BUGLE, a publication of the VETERANS of the BATTLE of the BULGE.. J. Kline)

**August 28, 1989**

**Russell Villwock  
1989 Reunion Chairman  
106th Infantry Division  
6908 W. Higgins  
Chicago, IL 60656**

## **Members of the 106th Division:**

We, the members of the 965 FAB (155 Howitzers), Eight Corp Artillery, think very highly of the actions of your division during the Ardennes campaign.

Our Battalion was in close support of the 591 F.A.Bn. (105mm) and the 424th Infantry Regiment. We were located over the hill from these boys. Our Able Battery was about 1500 yards from the 424th. We had three Ops in your area.

We fired over 1,017 rounds of 155mm ammo on December 16 in support of the 424th which inflicted heavy damage and held the line against the German 62d Volksgrenadier Division. They so damaged and routed the 62 VG Division that the Germans could not launch another effective attack until December 21 when they got more support.

We are very grateful for the heroic deeds that these boys performed. They saved our positions and our lives. Many thanks.

We hope your reunion will be successful. It is always nice to see old friends.

There was also another article in the Bulge Bugle about the members of Company K, 110th Infantry who held a reunion on April 21 1989, they were part of the 28th Division.

We are also having a reunion here Northampton, Mass. Sept 11, 12, 13, and 14, 1989. This will be our fifth get-together. I am looking forward to it. Good Luck with you reunion.

Very Truly Yours,

*Mike O'Connor, Chairman*

17 Warren Street

Florence, MA 01060

(editors note — I wrote to Mike and he responded. see letter below, with information consisting of his letter, an After Action Battle Report on the 965th, and a copy of GENERAL ORDERS #44, which apparently came from an old publication from the ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE. See information about the AGO copy at the end of this article.

Before I forget it, Mike - Thanks for all the information, and especially for the "Thanks" that you gave in your letter. You will see why we appreciate your letter, compared to one I finally got nerve to reproduce at the end of this article  
.....J. Kline)

## **Mike's answer to my letter:**

Dear Mr. Kline:

August 20, 1990

Found your letter September 23, 1989 letter as I was cleaning up my files. However, better late than ever.

In the noted paragraph about the 106 historical records do not comply with our "After action Report" of December 1944. We had helped to reinforce the fire missions of the 591 F.A.Bn., who was supporting the 424 R.C.T. Starting on the 11, December 1944 when your Division replaced the 2nd Division on the line.

We helped support the 591 F.A.Bn. up until about the 19, December 1944, when we were attached to the 7th Armored Division's 434 Armored F.A.Bn. On the 11, December, 1944 our Able Battery was located about 1500 yards behind the 424 R.C.T. We maintained three ground OP and also air OP in the vicinity.

On 16, December 1944 our Battalion fired 1017 rounds of 155 mm in counter battery and infantry support. On the



December 1944 we fired 892 rounds of 155 mm.

At this time due to the fog and German advance we lost our OP. During this time we had to fire at known enemy locations and crossroads.

On 19, December 1944, our Charlie Battery was attached to the 112 R.C.T of the 28th Division which was separated from their Division by the German advance and was having a problem at Radschied. Charlie Battery occupied a position near the town of Beho. While in position here a request for support was received to support friendly troops in vicinity of Gouvy station. When this mission was accomplished Charlie Battery joined the Battalion at Commaster.

On 1, January 1945 we were attached to the XVIII Corps (ABN) in a town called Heyd, Belgium. On the 10, January 1945 in the vicinity of Bergeval, Belgium we supported the 424 R.C.T. until they were relieved by the 75th Division.

The information that I sent you on the "BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE" was sent to me by one of our members who had been browsing through the National Archives.

Suitland Reference Branch  
Nation Archives  
Washington, D.C. 20409

He states that there is so much information available that the best way is to go there and find what you want, and have a copy made of it.

signed by *Mike O'Connor*,  
965th F.A.B

From AGO 585B Sept. 851710°—49

## **GENERAL ORDERS No. 44**

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Washington 25, D.C.

14 September 1949

**Section II, UNITS ENTITLED TO FOREIGN DECORATIONS—Sec II, DA General Orders 24, 1947, further amended.....**

## **BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE**

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423d Inf Reg, 3d Plat, Co. F  
424th Inf Reg  
591st FA Bn  
806th Ord LM Co.  
820th TD Bn  
(units attached to the 106th)  
2d Armd Med Bn, Co. B  
9th Armd Engr Bn, Co. B  
14th Cav Gp, Hq & Hq Troop  
14th Tank Bn  
16th Armd FA Bn  
27th Armd Inf Bn  
89th Cav Rcn Sq, Co. D, w/atchd Plat, Trp E & Co. F  
112th Inf Reg  
131st Armd Ord Maint Bn, Co. C  
168th Engr Combat Bn  
229th FA Bn  
275th Armd FA Bn (105mm How)  
460 Precht FA Bn  
482d AAA AW Bn, Btry B (SP)  
517th Precht Inf Regt  
596th A/B FA Bn  
634th AAA AW Bn  
643d TD Bn, Co. B (3" T)  
811th TD Bn, Co. A (SP)  
814th TD Bn (90mm) (SP)  
965th FA Bn — Mike's unit

(editor's note - Mike, again thanks for all the info. Your expression of appreciation to the 106th, backed by the written history of the Bulge, brought to my memory a letter that I have in my files. I received from Russell Villwock. The letter was written to Russ, as 1989 Reunion Chairman. He forwarded it to me with letters that he had received as chairman of reunion. It (the letter) has eaten a hole in my heart ever since. You know and I know that the 106th performed, under the circumstances, the best that it could. History and the freedom of information has proven that.

Many of us were torn by the bad press that we received right during and right after the war. Any great battle has shirkers and cowards, but they are a minority. The letter I am reproducing below comes from a traitor. His own words, if you study the letter, will show that it was he, not the 106th that was a coward. He obviously ran away from his duties and his obligation to his own men and his country. I have some explanation for my theory which will follow... J. Kline)

### ***A Letter from a former Cowardly Lion..***

Russell,

I was looking thru the VFW Illinois paper and I noticed that you are organizing the 43rd Annual Reunion of the 106th Inf Div. I must say that I am surprised that there are some members left that are proud of the 106th — I would be ashamed — The U.S. has had surrenders in their past, but the 106th pulled off the biggest mass surrender in history.

I was at Fort Jackson in March of 1943 when the 106th was activated — went on maneuvers in Tennessee with it in January 1944 — Then to Atterbury in the summer of 1944 — Then to Guiding Grange, England and then on to the Continent in Oct 1944.

When the German attack came I was 3rd Platoon Leader, Tech Sergeant, 422nd Infantry, in a rifle company. I saw my Company Commander want to surrender immediately when we were overrun. I and four of my men got out and

joined the 28th Division, 110th regiment and stayed with them all the way. I was proud of that, that we fought against the krauts.

We saw, from a distance, the lines of U.S. 106th prisoners. We saw what happened,

Now you fellows want to drink and make merry and talk about being a hero — No Thanks!

You guys are fooling yourselves — Why don't you read this in front of your MEAGER audience in September?

signed: A former Cowardly Lion

### ***Counterpoint — the Editor's Viewpoint***

Editor, John Kline

There! — I finally published it, this letter I have held for nearly two years. I have lived within my own thoughts concerning the Battle of the Bulge for many years. In the early years after the war I was also confused about the issues. But I have since then been convinced that we did what we could.

Let me inject my thoughts about the man who wrote this letter. First it is a study in psychology, and a psychologist I am not. But, here goes.

I feel sorry for a person who could carry this load on his shoulders all these years. He is either intolerant to, ignorant, or has not taken the time to study history. I picture him sitting at the bar bashing every other soldier except himself, and then lauding himself for what he says he did.

I don't doubt that he was a member of the 106th, else he has made a thorough study of the 106th. He probably isn't a member of the Association or he would have read about the reunion in the CUB or from the registration letters sent by Villwock.

It is hard to believe that he was with the 422d. My reason — The 422d on the Schnee Eifel, was the left flank unit of the 106th. The 110th Regiment of the 28th Division was nearly 20 miles south southwest, to the right of the 106th. To have joined the 110th Infantry Regiment of the 28th Division, this man and his alleged companions would have had to travel through the 423d, 424th and the 112th Regiment of the 28th to get down to Leiler, Germany, to join the 110th Regiment. Quite a feat under

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battle conditions with the krauts pressing all units on that front.

Why did not he and his companions join the 424th, instead of the 110th Regiment. They also made a tough choice in picking the 28th Division's 110th Infantry Regiment. It was literally wiped out and suffered as greatly as did the 423d and 422d of the 106th.

The 112th Regiment of the 28th was separated from the 28th, and fought with our 424th in their great withdrawal and recouping action, then further down the road helped the 424th re-liberate many of the villages in our original area.

Another error in his letter was that he went to the "Continent" in Oct 1944. My diary shows the 423d arriving at LeHavre, France on November 30, 1944.

To get back to our man — he says he was a Tech Sergeant Platoon Leader of a rifle company. When did he get time to scope out the territory and make such a smooth get-away. Anybody out there know a Tech Sergeant and three men who drove away from the battle? The history I have shows that approximately 300 men from the 423d and the 422d Regiments infiltrated the German lines and made it back to the Division. These men, those that were physically able, were assigned to the remaining units of the 106th. I have no record of any being assigned to the 28th Division. He said he joined the 110th Reg and "stayed with them all the way." I don't think you walk into another Division and stay there, they would eventually have to return to their original unit - at least for book-keeping purposes.

Most all of the men of the 106th that were captured were marched through the St Vith - Prüm corridor roads to Prüm thence on to Gerolstein and on into Germany. How could he see all the way from his 110th Infantry Regiment position south of Leiler, all the way to the roads leading from Schönberg to Prüm? Something is fishy here.

Gentlemen, I think here is one man who is really mixed up. Probably one of those that I have heard of, in private conversation, who jumped and ran at the first sign that things were going bad on the front. He is probably trying to salve his own conscience. I am sure what I write won't change his thinking, but it has helped me to air his letter. The letter was postmarked Jul 5, 1989. The postmark indicates it was sent from

post office No. 6103, SUBURBAN, IL, which Russ Villwock said was in the Chicago area. I invite any comments on this subject from any of you, including the writer of the letter.

OHYES! — to the writer and to those 106ers who were unable to get to the Schaumburg Reunion in 1989. The MEAGER crowd turned out to be 603 loyal 106ers, their guests and wives. They enjoyed their reunion and sat down together for the Saturday banquet, to share comradeship and joy. I don't remember any one proclaiming to be a HERO, but there were some there. There was at least one Silver Star and Bronze Star recipient, and many other proud men who still carry the scars of the battle.

There are many 106th soldiers who were decorated for their actions in combat. Their names stand on the records. To name a few would be a mistake for I am sure I would miss some.

This man's remarks are an insult to all of us, and in particular to those that died in the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. who-ever you are, it would be interesting to really know whether you were in combat or did in fact run to protect your own hide..... J. Kline, CUB editor



Scotty Pegues, CO of Troop E, 106 Recon Squadron with Pete House 590/A. Scotty's assault guns broken down the gates of Stalag 9B, Bad Orb on April 1, 1945. He said his entire squadron was very depressed when they saw the terrible camp conditions.

Scotty was guest speaker at the Waco, TX meeting, see page 9. The 106 Recon was not part of the 106th Infantry Division.

Scotty said they also found Red Cross parcels in a box-car near Bad Orb.

## New Members

(editor's note - For those of you who as new members that did not submit a personal history — please feel free to drop the editor a note, if you desire, and I will include your history in the next CUB. It is not mandatory, by any means, but gives the other 1,500 members a chance to get acquainted with you and your past".... Thank You - J. Kline)

### Barner, Gordon R. ASSOCIATE

10700 Cheltenham Ct.  
Raleigh, NC 27614

Sherod, Thanks for sending The CUB. A friend and I found it very interesting reading, particularly in what the men write in the "New Members" and the "Mail Bag" section. As I may have mentioned when I met you in Williamsburg, I have always enjoyed U.S. History, probably from my mothers interest in Abraham Lincoln or the many stories from my grandfather who spent his life working on the railroads.

I also have an interest and a great deal of respect for the men who served in WWII and have read many books about that period of history. I recently began reading a book entitled *Eisenhower's Six Great Decisions - Europe 1944-45* written by his Chief of Staff Walter Bedell Smith. One of those decisions involved *The Battle of the Bulge*.

I notice there is an annual Associate membership fee, so if I may, I would like to join in order to receive future copies of the CUB. By the way, I enlisted in 1969 and was with the 97th Signal Battalion in Germany. So at least I can say I was in your Army, although not in your unit or for that matter alive, when the 106th fought.

I enjoyed meeting you in Williamsburg and wish that we could have visited longer.

(editor's note - Gordon, I am sure you will be interested in the forthcoming book advertised in this CUB, *The CUB Passes in Review*. It will bring you up to date on most of the interesting and important stories about the 106th, as written by the men of the 106th. Unfortunately there is not enough room to re-transcribe all the "Mail Bag" letters, which are called "Letters to the

Editor" in other publications. I know you will enjoy it — look elsewhere for the advertisement for *The CUB Passes in Review*... J. Kline)

### Bottcher, Reme D. 423/H

231 Hickory Ridge Dr  
Sebring, FL 33870

I started out in the Army in the 7th Armored Division and transferred to the Army Air Corps. While waiting to go to flying school the Army decided that they had enough aviators and returned us to the ground forces. That's when I ended up in "H" Company, 423d Regiment. I was a mounted runner. I was Acting-Supply Sergeant most of the time, in the States. We went to England for about a month, then Born, Belgium. The Bulge started 5 days later, then I ended up at Stalag IX-B, Bad Orb.

### Buhr, Joseph E. 423/L

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Loveland, OH 45140

### Calhoon, Robert 106 SIG

1011 St. Charles St.  
Rapid City, SD 57702

### Chesterman, Clarence R. 422/SV

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Royal City, WA 99357

Sherod, I was in the Service Co, 422nd Regiment when it was captured. I was taken to Stalag IV-B Mühlberg then to VIII-A Görlitz. I was liberated April 12, 1945. My bunk buddy was T-5 Herbert Dye from Maryland.

I was in various hospitals in France, England and U.S.A. until November 8, 1945, when I was discharged. Do you have any information about the 422nd Service Company?. I would like to update myself.

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(editor's note — Clarence, you have since you wrote, heard from Sherod and also received your membership card from Boyd Rutledge, our Adjutant. I also sent the regular packet from the

Editor — the latest CUB, a couple of sheets of information, one about the Bulge and another listing several books that are available on "The Battle of the Bulge." I also included a list of the 422d, Service Company that are currently members of the Association. I hope that it helped you find some of your friends. I was in VIII-A with you and walked that long 415 miles west to liberation. I was liberated near Helmstedt, Germany on April 13th 1945. Nice to have you as a new member... J. Kline)

## **Cox, Melvin V. DIV/HQ**

2537 S. 34th  
Decatur, IL 62521

An old buddy of mine, Al Barbis and I were in the 106th Finance Department when we were in Saint Vith. I am interested in joining the Association, so here is my dues.

## **Dechant, Frank R. 422/L**

6324 Pierson St.  
Arvada, CO 80004

Inducted at Fort Logan, Colorado in Feb 1943, sent to Fort Jackson Feb 28, 1943 - First member of "L" Company, 422 Regiment, 106th Infantry Division. Married to "Mary" for 42 years, with four sons and six grandchildren. I was with Golden Ford Inc, Golden Colorado as New Car Manager for 45 years, retiring in 1986.

## **Diehl, Lloyd J. 423/H**

Rte 3, Box 212 Chapel Hgts Rd  
Sewell, NJ 08080

## **Friend, Floyd E. 423/M**

415 E. Kenwood  
Mesa, AZ 85203

I am married and have two grown children, one son and one daughter. We have lived here in Mesa for 18 yrs, in Oregon for 31 years. I retired from the Army in August 1964 with 21 years, 7 months and 7 days. As a S.F.C. was in police work on an Indian reservation for six years. Went to work for the Phoenix Transit in 1974 as a bus operator and retired from that January 1991 with 15 years, 11 months. Bought my wife and I a Motor-Home so we can travel. We are both in good health.

## **Hammond, George J. 81st ENG/C**

Brant Lake, NY 12815

## **Johnson Ph.D., Henry S. ASSOCIATE**

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## **Kingery, Hugh H. 590/A**

149 Queensbury Crescent  
Birmingham, AL 35223

Was with the 106th from the start in March 1943. I was in the Instrument and Survey Section of "A" battery, 590th FAB. Got caught, along with other 106ers in the Bulge and spent about 100 days in Stalags IX-B and IX-A. Am current commander of the Birmingham Chapter of the American EX-POWs. Plan to attend the Huntsville Reunion with three others from the Birmingham, Alabama area.

## **Lane, Weldon V. 423/HQ 2BN**

Box 456  
Biglerville, PA 17307

After the war I married. I attended Rutgers University and received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. In between times I managed to have two sons. Worked for the U.S. Army Electronics Command as a R&D Engineer from '49 to '74 when I retired to breed thoroughbred horses. My wife of 43 years, in addition to her job as a mother, has been an Executive Secretary for the government at Fort Mammoth and for the National Park Service. My oldest son is a salesman and my youngest son is an ALARA engineer. We have one grandson and two granddaughters.

## **McNeilis, Herman E. 423/G**

1339 Berkley Rd  
Port Vue, PA 15133

## **Miner, William A. 424/I**

1012 Oakwood Rd  
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Gus Segalo and I have been friends for about 40 years. A few years ago we found that we had been each been mem-

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bers of the 106th Infantry Division. Just recently, about 6 months ago, Gus had been telling me about the 106th Association and has been giving me the CUB to read.

I would like to become a member. I was the 1st Sergeant of 424/I until they reactivated the 422d and 423d at Rennes. I was then transferred to 422/I. When we were being sent to the States for discharge and deactivation they put all the "high point" men with the 424th, so I ended up in 424/I again.

**Morra, Bernard N. 422/K**

233 Apple Tree Lane  
Mountainside, NJ 07092

As a former member of 422/K I would like to become a member of the Association.

**Patrick, James E. 422/A**

249 Spout Spring Ave  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060

**Phelan, William R. 422/H**

32 Essex St.  
Waltham, MA 02154-2364

I was sent from Camp Atterbury as a replacement. I trained in England, then was sent to France and was attached to the 30th Division. I was captured at Mortain, after having been in battle for the first time at St. Lo. Instead of being turned over to the German Mps, we were taken through a woods and walked to Germany. It took a month. I finally ended up at Stalag VII-A, Moosburg, Germany. I was in an "Arbeit Kommando" working on the German Railway Postal Service sorting mail. Our work party was working in Landshut, which was a short distance from Moosburg. At the end of the war we were liberated near Regensburg, north of Landshut/Moosburg, by the Third Army Tanks.

I have worked in the hardware business all my life. Have been married for 43 years and have three daughters. I am a semi-pro trumpet player, playing in a sixty-five piece Symphonic Band. My

hobbies are fishing and sailing.

(editor's note - Bill, you and the other members will have to excuse this "long" editor's note. But, your the remarks you made about "Landshut" in you membership application, caused quite a commotion around our household. I have been married to Margot for nearly thirteen years. Her home town was Frankfurt, Germany. Her mother and father were killed in bombing raids during the war. In December of 1944, the worst months of the war for the Frankfurters, Margot and her brother, Horst, went to Landshut to live with her aunt. She was 16 and Horst was 13. (Margot and I went back to Frankfurt in 1980, my first trip back, her second since 1952. We found Horst, who she had not seen since 1948 ... but, that's another story)

Margot could speak very good English and took a job at the Landshut Bahnhof (train station) as an interpreter, to help with the sorting and dispersing of postal packages. The job brought her more than money, it brought her an extra "Food Ration" stamp. American GIs (prisoners of war) were being used as workers. The POWs would be brought in from Moosburg in the morning and taken back to camp at night. She worked in a section where the GIs unloaded parcels that had been marked with a number which had been placed in a circle. The parcels were then placed in corresponding bins with matching numbers. They were then dispersed from there to the appropriate region, which corresponded to the circled number.

She tells me that the station was not large and that the number of POWs brought in was small - probably two dozen at the most. Landshut is a small town, and the station suffered much damage during several bombing raids. In fact they had to eventually move out of the station to another building.

The bosses, who she remembers as German males, were very strict. Speaking to the "Amis" was strictly "verboten!" However, as is usual in such a situation, there were some conversations. Margot remembers three "Amis," one who came from the "Bronx" by the name of Danny Dapp. Danny was always singing "You are my Sunshine." Margot had him write the verses down in a little green note-book which she kept for many years. It has since disappeared in the last few years, probably due to several moves we made. Another was a "tanker" captured at Metz, and another was from St. Louis. (If we could only find that old green note-book we could be more definite.) Margot thinks his name was "Collins," but



she is not sure. Collins, that's what we will call him, wanted some shoe-polish. Margot says shoe-polish was one thing the Germans had. So an exchange was made - shoe-polish for some of the luxury items that came in the Red-Cross parcels. She said she used to come to work carrying a large bag, which she hung near the door. In the bag were her close personal possessions and the food she brought for lunch. It was usually a horse-meat sandwich. As POWs we all know how valuable a horse-meat sandwich, didn't we? One day she opened the bag to eat lunch and found a bar of "Lux" soap. (naturally - from a Red-Cross parcel) Soap was a luxury to the Germans at that point in the war. Another day brought a small tube of tooth-paste, another luxury after having used "salt" or "sand" to brush her teeth.

Bill, what a coincidence for me to have received your note, which was a part of your membership application, that told of you being in (what we presume) to be the same building as my wife Margot, in that point of time, some 47 years ago. Margot is still talking about it today, a day after I called you on entering your name in this column. I wonder what the odds are on this type of a thing happening? If the names of the GIs above bring back any memories, please let us know. You said you were going to Huntsville - be sure to introduce yourself to me... J. Kline)

## Purtell, William E. 81st ENG/A

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I came to the 106th directly out of OCS at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, when the division was at Atterbury. I was given command of the 2d Platoon, "A" Company of the 81st Engineer Battalion. We were stationed in AWW when the Bulge started, and ended up in a defensive position outside Saint Vith.

I was captured one or two days after Christmas and taken to a hospital in Obermassfeld (Stalag IV-C). I was liberated in early April and returned to Walter Reed Hospital. Upon my discharge I returned to Pittsburgh, graduated from Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon) and have lived in Pittsburgh ever since, with my wife Mary.

## Rehorn, Albert W. 424/MED

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After "Medic Training" at Fort Jackson I was assigned to 422/B as an Infantry Medic.

We arrived at Saint Vith, Belgium several days before 16 December 1944. After four days of rear guard fighting, during which time I escaped twice, I was captured in the early morning of 20 December along with Melvin Branham, a Medic. We remained together until we returned home.

I along column (rumored to be 15,000) was formed and marched east into Germany through Prüm, Gerolstein, Mayen, Koblenz, Bad Ems to Nassau (about 110 miles) in 10 days. Here about 600 survivors boarded box-cars - 50 men to car - and traveled five days without the box-car being opened. On January 3, we arrived at Stalag II-A, Neu-Brandenburg, our photos were taken, POW tags issued.

The remainder of our time was spent on the road as follows;

Jan 3 - 11 at Stalag II-A; Jan 11 - 17 in box-car; Jan 17 - 24 at Stalag IV-B (?); Jan 24 - 29 in box-car; Jan 29 - Feb 6 Stalag II-D; Feb 6 - 15 on march; Feb 15 - Mar 22 Stalag II-A; Mar 22 - Apr 15 - X-B; Apr 15 on march; Apr 16 - 28 X-C.

We were freed by the English Army, subsequently to Camp Lucky Strike (Le-Havre) arrived in U.S. June 3, 1945.

The reason I've recounted these details is that I would like to hear from any person who was part of these travels. The one name I remember was Chaplain Francis Sampson who was on the march December 20th to December 30th. Al Rehorn

## Sandahl, Dean E. 422/B

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Lincoln, NE 68507

I volunteered to enter the U.S. Army in March of 1944. After basic training in communications I was assigned as

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Comm. Sgt, "B" Company 422d Regiment at Atterbury. I was captured on 19 December when our unit was overrun by five Royal Tiger tanks. Wounded by an 88mm burst, knocked unconscious and submerged in a swollen stream. I came to realizing that the unit had been captured, had a feeling of futility, personal failure, extreme fear of the unknown and numbed by the pain of my wounds. I was marched to gerolstein loaded into 40 et 8 boxcars, 67 men to a car. The train was bombed at Limburg on the night of 23 December with many casualties.

I arrived at Stalag IX-B at noon on Christmas Day. We were the first American troops in Hitler's former R&R "Super Race" breeding camp. I lost over 100 pounds due to the atrocious living conditions, insufficient food and care.

A strong religious faith, nurtured by Chaplains Neil and (FR) Hurley, strong family ties and firm Midwestern work ethics, supported by a strong will to live, sustained me.

Liberated on Monday April 2, 1945 by the American 44th Division. I was thrilled to meet their the liberating Company Commander at the 3rd Annual Stalag IX-A, B, C reunion in Waco Texas in April of 1990.

I left active service 6 December 1945. Received direct commission in U.S. Army Reserves. graduate of Nebraska State Teachers College, Wayne and University of Nebraska — Lincoln. Served as a high school teacher, coach and school administrator, farmer and professional civil engineer, employed by the State of Nebraska for over 39 years, retiring in April 1989.

Married to Della Fischer 10 June 1949, one daughter - Linda Peterson, farm wife, son Larry is an engineer and general construction superintendent and son Bruce, attorney and seven grandchildren. Charter member and present commander of the Lincoln

Chapter of American Ex-Pows.

I only recently learned of the 106th Infantry division Association through a friend and enjoyed seeing old "CUBs." I would like to order any old "CUBs" that are available. I am also interested in 106th Division history, patches, bolo tie, belt buckle, Stars & Stripes booklet (circa 1949) etc. Sorry I missed out on so much.

(editor's note - Dean, in reference to all of your "wants" above — I am just on the verge of taking to print a 490 page book, that republishes many of the interesting and important stories that appeared in "The CUB" since its birth. It will sell for \$30.00, including shipping. It is a 8.5 x 11 "Coffee Table" edition, hard bound, indexed with an attractive cover which includes a replica of the 106th patch. Monies are to be sent to the Treasurer, Sherod Collins - not me. The only item that the Association has for sale, except some material that will be for sale by the Huntsville Reunion Committee, is the 106th Division patch. Write to Boyd Rutledge, our Adjutant. The price is \$2.00 each including postage. Addresses for Association officers are on the inside front cover.

### Schwartz, Victor A. 424/HQ 1BN

206 Clay St  
Neillsville, WI 54456

I was a member of the division when it was first activated in early 1943. Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 424th Regiment. Trained with the division until Aug 1943, when I was sent overseas as a replacement.

Victor, it is nice to see that a person like yourself, who was shipped out, has the desire to once again join with those that he trained with. Welcome back to the 106th... J. Kline)

### Sharpe, Thomas W. 423/C

Box 27  
Blythewood, SC 29016

### Sherman USA Ret, Col. Lee M. 422/HQ 2BN

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Wilmington, NC 28409

Sherod, I had the good fortune to meet Col Edward Purdy at Pease AFB recently and he sent me your name so that I could join the Association.

In early March 1943 I was assigned to the division as a Private. I went through basic, advanced basic, Battalion and Regimental Combat Team problems and then the 2d Army Maneuvers around Murfreesboro, Tennessee. At the staging area at Camp Atterbury, Indiana I was pulled out and transferred from the "106th," but I have always considered it as my "own unit."

I have held every grade from PVT to COLONEL, missing only Warrant Officer, and am anxious to reopen that part of my life that I thought was closed forever. Ed Purdy sent me Colonel Joseph Matthews address and I called him. he did remember me, as I did some work for him.

Please add me to your roster. Thanking you in advance and hoping to meet you at the next reunion.

**Slaby, Ted 423/HQ**

1103 Arbor Glen Cr.  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Sherod, I was in Headquarters Company, 423d I&R platoon and was also attached to the I&R Platoon for the 424th Regiment for a time. I was with the 106th from activation until deactivation. See you in Huntsville.

**Spence, Julius A. 423/C**

1527 East Brow Rd  
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

I was assigned to the 106th Infan-

try, 423d Regiment, 1st Battalion, in February 1943, as Plans and Training Officer. Shortly thereafter I became commander of "C" Company and held that assignment until our debacle at the *Battle of the Bulge*. John Rosalia, a member of the Association was First Sergeant of "C" Company during my assignment there and may ascribe to my reasonably good character.

**Spurlock, Carrie H. ASSOCIATE**

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Ridgeway, SC 29130

**Stoll, Robert F. 589/C**

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Here is my Association dues to join the 106th Infantry Division Association. I was in the 589th, Battery "C."

**Trost, Paul M.L. 423/H**

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Churdan, IA 50050

**Ungerman, Clarence J. 589/HQ**

2641 Norwood St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

I was a Liaison Sergeant, connecting 589/C with the 3d Battalion of 422d Infantry. Was captured 19 December near Bleialf. Interned at Stalags IX-B, Bad Orb and IX-A, Zeigenhain.

Retired from J&L Steel Co Pgh Works. Have nine children. Hobbies are fishing and being active in a "Food Bank" for 10 years.

## CUB Laughs



by George Levine, 424/M

"My fainting spells are not war connected.  
I only get them when I see your bills"

## **Elsie sees the world**

**Employees on duty in Middle East receive benefits**

**E**lsie has been quite the traveler lately. While she keeps busy with appearances and other "spokes-cow" duties, an Elsie representative—in the form of a patch—has been continent-hopping on the arm of Ron Albers, Borden's manager of personnel operations.



Manager of personnel operations Ron Albers always travels with Elsie when he flies for the Ohio Air National Guard.

Lt. Colonel Ron Albers, son of Bill Albers, see below. Most recently Albers and the Elsie patch have been on duty in the skies over Spain, England, Germany, Hawaii and as part of Desert Storm. He is an aircraft commander of a crew that refuels planes for the Guard.

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

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Alamogordo, NM 88310

Just a note of appreciation John, for the fine job you did on my Army career in the February 1991 CUB.

You know after Archie Bunker and I won World War II we thought that was the "War to end All Wars!" Wrong! Our son is in his second war, and he wasn't thought of when I was discharged.

I am enclosing an article about our son Lt. Col. Ron Albers, who is an instructor pilot for the Ohio National Guard, as well as personnel manager for Bordens, Inc.

He had 107 missions over Vietnam and is close to 100 missions over the Persian Gulf.

He is the only pilot in the Air Force that wears "Elsie the Cow" as a shoulder patch on his uniform.

Knowing you are keeping your thumb on things pertaining to the military, I thought you might like some insight into

an offspring of a 106er.

Keep up the good work on The CUB.

I noticed the pictures of two other Brainerdites that are good friends of mine. Pat and Al Krantz. Did you know.. Pat is the daughter of former Minnesota Governor, Floyd B. Olson? Small World.

(editor's note - Bill, thanks. I know you are extremely proud of your son Lt. Col. Ron Albers and we all salute him and the other boys that did such a bang up job in the Gulf. The Air Force did an amazing job. The quality is not the best in a scanned photo, but the picture above will give the troops an idea of the cut from the Borden's Co. publication. Again, congratulations Dad, and a 21 gun salute to Ron.

### **Johnson, William D. Associate 28th Div. 110th Reg**

666 Second St.

Mendota Heights, MN 55118

(editor's note —I had another father in my office recently. A friend of mine from the 28th Division, who shared a prisoner camp with me, Stalag VIII-A, at Görlitz. He handed me a letter from his son, it was postmarked "Saudi Arabia." We both had tears in our eyes when I read the

letter. Bill Johnson is an Associate member of our Association. His son, Scott is a Weapons Officer and Navigator on an F111-F. He went in over Baghdad on the second night screaming in at 750 mph and 200 feet AGL (above ground level). Fantastic! The 106th also salutes you, Captain Scott Johnson.

### **A Letter To the Folks**

23 Feb, 1991

Dear Folks,

I really appreciate all the stuff you sent. It is great.

I've flown 21 combat sorties for over 80 combat hours. I've been very successful. I've destroyed at least one aircraft, numerous aircraft shelters, tanks and artillery pieces, along with a host of other targets.

So far I have earned two Distinguished Flying Crosses for some of the missions I have flown. I just hope it will soon be over and that we will be victorious and I can get home to my family. I miss them very much.

I feel proud of what I am doing, every bomb I drop hits my target and I feel that I will save one more U.N. ground troop, which makes me feel good.

I've been receiving a lot of letters from different people and all have been positive and supportive of what we are doing here. It really makes me feel proud to be an American!

Dad, I've joined the military because of what you did in World War II. I'm proud to be doing what I am doing now.

Please don't worry about me. I'm very careful and very tactical. The key is to be unpredictable.

Please take care and take care of yourself. Thanks for all your support.

With Love, Scott

(Captain Scott W. Johnson has a service wife, and two children. He has, since this letter was written, rejoined them in Germany.... editor).

### **Barnes, L. Preston DIV/HQ**

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East Windsor, NJ 08520

(editor's note — Thanks Preston for your offer of the extra CUB you had. The members

were extremely responsive to that request and I sent 15 copies to Jules HURDEBISE so that he could deliver them to the people in the village of SPINEUX. The villagers were the ones who planned the monument to the 424th Regiment that was dedicated there last year.

HOWEVER, I do need copies of APR-MAY-JUN 1990 and the July-Aug-Sept 1988 CUBs. Any help from you or the other members would be appreciated...  
J. Kline)

### **Bickford, Thomas DIV/HQ**

311 Bloomingdale, Ave.  
Cranford, NJ 07016

Sorry we couldn't make California, Tom was not feeling well, but is doing better now. signed by Flo, Tom's wife.

(editor's note — Noted your telephone number change. You mentioned **Dave Brumaghin** having some pictures that he may send to me. I have not received them. Maybe you can prompt him again. Thanks... J.Kline)

### **Brazill, Myles 106 MP**

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Landisburg, PA 17040

(editor's note — Myles, thanks for the new article on Leonard Czarnecki, I also received another copy. I appreciate your help and will use this info soon... J. Kline)

### **Dahlen, William S. 591/SV**

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(editor's note — Bill, Thanks for the article from the "Franklin, Indiana Daily Journal," in reference to the Camp Atterbury Memorial. O. Paul Merz, Indianapolis, represented the Association at that meeting. The details of that Memorial appear elsewhere in this CUB.... J. Kline)

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

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(editor's note — Norwood, appreciate the March 17, 1944 "CUB" newspaper. I have a four of the original CUB Newspapers, but this was one that I did not have. They were printed, I think, starting at Fort Jackson, until we went overseas. They were started again after the war ended and a few were published in Europe. Then the CUB as we know it now, in magazine or booklet form, was first published as Vol 3, No. 1 in August of 1946. That first year they had an aggressive program. There were 10 CUBs published. No. 10 was actually No. 10&11, then they



## Mail Bag

went on to Vol 4. They were 8.5 x 11 inches, "letter size" and well done. Those first few CUBs had many interesting stories. The memories were fresh and the stories were mostly about "What Happened!" There were many inquiries and statements about what happened to individuals. There was a column called "The Agony Grapevine" where data about the "MIAs" and the "KIAs" was printed. Many of the stories appear in the new book, advertised in this CUB "The CUB Passes in Review." Be sure to order it, it's nearly 500 pages and crammed with interesting information. Unfortunately I could not reproduce much of the "Mail Bag." I had to research over 4,000 pages to come up with what I have placed in that book. Thanks for the newspaper. Anybody else that has some of the "old" CUB newspapers and want to pass them along - they will eventually end up in the "historical" files... J. Kline)

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### Gatens, John 589/A

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John, thanks for the pictures of "Parker's Crossroads and Camp Lucky Strike." When I look at those pictures, my mind goes back to those days. Even to this day, I see the destruction on the building and the splintered trees and wonder how I didn't get myself killed.

I was in Camp Lucky Strike on "VE Day." We had just arrived there, so not knowing much about the place, we didn't get to celebrate that much.

Having been to Parker's Crossroads and St. Vith recently, it's hard to imagine that they once were totally destroyed. Sorry I missed California, but am looking forward to Huntsville. I will keep in touch John.

(editor's note — The pictures that John referred to came from several color slides that I had reproduced from a set sent to me by Frances Aspinwall, 589th Headquarters Company. They were taken in 1945 and show the destruction. For a set of "Kodachrome" color slides, they were very well preserved. I will print them in the CUB as times goes along... J. Kline)

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### Geib, George 424/G

2892 Wild Horse Rd  
Orlando, FL 32822

John, here is my \$75 for a LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

I would like to join a group going to the Bulge area. Could you let me know of any trips? or who to contact?

I have been a courier for three airlines here in Orlando. I work four hours a day, five days a week. I also Cane chairs, which is kind of a lost art, and have been very busy with it.

This summer I attended my 50th High School Class Reunion in East Aurora, Illinois. It seems that my classmates were much older and fatter than me. How come? Keep up the good work on the CUB.

(editor's note — George, I've had the same feeling when I attend reunion, Ex-POW meetings and high school reunions. I think it is a matter of perspective. My mind sees me as a slim, svelte (is that the right word) romantic, dark haired 106er. That notion is soon dispelled, as I wake up at 5:30 in the morning and look into the bath-room mirror.

Check the VFW, the AX-POW magazine, the Veteran's of the Bulge magazine and other military publications. Charles B. MacDonald has for years taken groups over. He passed away recently as I announced in the last CUB. His wife has taken over and will continue. That's about all I can help you with. You probably have already gone, for I see this is a pretty old letter I am answering. Good Luck! .. J. Kline)

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### Gillespie, John M. 422/C

3536 Darcy Dr  
Birmingham, MI 48010

John, II cannot make Huntsville. I had really planned on going. But, my oldest son and his wife gave me, as a 70th birthday gift, a gift of transportation to Australia and New Zealand. So away we'll go. Hopefully in 1992, Shirley and I can pick up the Pittsburgh Reunion.

Bob Kelly, 423rd Motor Pool Officer stopped by. His wife, Libby, has been under doctor's care. At this time she is doing well, but being careful. Keep in touch.

(editor's note — Jack, it must be recognizable to you and the other members that I use my editor's notes to keep up with my correspondence with the membership. Otherwise I would not have time to answer personal letters coming

from the members.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday. I have come across your name so many times in my research of the 106th Infantry Division Association and the CUBs, in relation to the book "The CUB Passes in Review," which I have advertised in this CUB. You have been a staunch and loyal supporter of the Association. I don't know which name I came across most often, you or Doug Coffey. Bon Voyage! ... J. Kline)

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**Hancock, Daniel R. 423/G**

2329 Sparrow's Point Rd  
Baltimore, MD 21219

Where can I get some information on the 2d Platoon, "G" Company, 423d Infantry. I am interested in a roster dating from March to August 1943.

(editor's note — Dan, I issue a roster which was included with the August CUB. I would try writing those men. I have seen some "Company" rosters, menus for Christmas and Thanksgiving Day dinners etc. I have nothing on "G" Company. Sorry.. J. Kline)

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**Hartzell, Bert E. 81st ENG/C**

410 South St  
New Bethlehem, PA 16242

I would like to inform my comrades that a good friend, from the 81st Engr. C Company, 1st Platoon is seriously ill in a rest home with Parkinsons.

He is:

Louis LeTellier  
4039 Mizner Ct  
Villages of San Jose  
Jacksonville, FL 32217

Louis has attended most of the reunions and is one great fellow.

It would be nice if some of our members would be so kind to drop him a card. I am sure he would appreciate it.

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**Henderson, Charley S. 422/F**

1 Meadow Ln  
Merrillville, IN 46410

2/22/91 John, I am amazed by your continued effort, and outstanding performance on the publication of The CUB. How you do it is beyond my comprehension. However done, keep up the good work, and thanks for the effort. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Received the February CUB yester-

day and decided to take the offer for a copy of the article "Myth, Mystery, Malmedy." Also I would like a copy of the 424th Combat Infantry Badge (General orders #2). I have enclosed a stamped envelope for the Malmedy article.

I mentioned a few years back, I served with 422/SV, 422/F and in January of 45 was with 424/G until the reactivation of the 422d in France at which time i rejoined 422/F.

I had joined the division, like many others, in the late spring of 1944 at Atterbury, and was never with one unit long enough to unpack by duffel bag. The most vivid time I spent was with 424/G. I did receive my Combat Infantry Badge, and I suppose that my name is with that unit, 424/G.

John, another item - I am still searching for a Johnny "Leggo" or "Lego," not sure of the spelling. He came to Atterbury from "D" Btry, 53d Coast Artillery, any leads or suggestions would be appreciated.

See you in Huntsville.

(editor's note — Charley, I know you got the material that I sent. I stated in the last issue that the article about Malmédy, a one pager, was free if a self-stamped addresses envelope was included. What I did not explain was that the 424th and the 423d Combat Infantry Badge orders are from 17 to 20 pages each, legal size paper on the 423d and letter size on the 424th. Both of those orders, General order No. 51, dated July 31, 1945 for the 423d and General order #2 dated in January of 1945 for the 424th required \$5.00 for costs of reproducing and mailing. You were kind enough to send that amount, for the price had appeared in earlier CUBs. We aren't making money at that price, only recouping costs. Gil Helwig 423/M, my company buddy did me the favor of transcribing both of those orders onto a computer disk. So now I can search for a person's name, or print out each of the lists from my computer. I still have several copies of each that had been reproduced at the printers at my expense.

Unfortunately the 422d Regiment's Combat Infantry Badge order does not seem to be in existence. That may be where you were named, for I did not see you on the 424th CIB order. That

order must be out there somewhere, for I have talked to many 422d men who have received the CIB. Most say they received after getting home, by a "Letter Order." Is that how you got yours, here at home or before you left Europe?

I would like to ask, once again -if anybody out there knows of an existing "General Order Number" for the issuance of the 422d Infantry Regiment's Combat Infantry Badge, let me know. If we know the "order number" we can get a copy out of the archives. Without the number, we are sunk.

## Hammond George J. 81st ENG/C

Brant Lake, NY 12815

My first meeting with any of the fellows I served with, was June 4, 1988. Fred Carr finally found me at my present address. He has been instrumental in finding many of the veterans we served with.

We have visited each other several times, and last May he and his wife Betty took us to see Bob Flick, George Deck, Bert Hartzell and Fred Merwin. We were welcomed into each home with open arms. The 45 years since we fought side by side during the *Battle of the Bulge* melted away as we began reminiscing.

Lt. Merwin was our Platoon Leader, Bert Hartzell was our Platoon Sergeant. This summer he sent me a copy of the War Department's announcement dated November 7, 1945 of the award of the Distinguished Unit Citation to the 81st Engineers Combat Battalion, an award I hadn't known was made.

A few years ago Bob Flick visited areas in Belgium and Germany, where the 81st Engineers were active. He has many beautiful pictures and interesting explanations of what had taken place since.

George Deck and I were pup-tent buddies during the Tennessee maneuvers. I attended the 106th Infantry Division Reunion in Huntsville, Alabama in September. Where I hope to see more of my former buddies.

## Hill, James E. 423/E

617 Greenbriar  
Orange, TX 77630

I have wanted to write this letter and get it off my mind, for some time.

I landed on Omaha Beach on July 12 (D + 36) and I was in the AAA (Anti-Aircraft Artillery). We saw little action, a few bombings, but little since the Germans had only a few planes left. In January 1945 there was a call for some 15 men from our battery to go to the Infantry. How many volunteered? 17 men, and I was one of them. They sent us to a camp near Rennes for training, and we went to the 106th Division on April 1st. I did not see real combat.

I am a history buff and read a lot. I have just finished reading "*Decision at St. Vith*" by Charles Whiting for the second time. Also I have been going back over the CUB and find that some of the men have a problem with themselves because they were captured. They seem to feel that the LIONS let themselves and their country down. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. Whiting states in his first chapter that of three divisions, each was holding a sector of TWENTY-SIX MILES! The West Point says a division should hold a front of FOUR or FIVE MILES! Also, Whiting proves that the reports from the front were ignored or written up to match the opinions of the higher brass. The fault does not lie with the men of the divisions on the line.

I urge all of the 106th Infantry Division veterans to read this accounting of the 106th by Charles Whiting. You will see that you were given a task that was impossible. In the military or any other occupation, just because a man hold HIGH office, does not mean that he is qualified to be there. So, read this book and write about it. Hold your head high, because you did your duty.

signed James E. Hill, 423/E

**Jewell, Walter H. 423/G**

3624 Oak Wood Ct  
Panama City Beach, FL 32408

John, received your diary and thank you for it. I have read and re-read it at least three times. It sure brings back some memories.

The February CUB came this week. You do a great job. After I get caught up on a few things I will submit a few things that you might be able to use.

(editor's note — If you look at page 25 of the February CUB, you will see that Walter was in Stalag VIII-A, same camp that I ended up in. The diary he refers to describes the 415 mile "evacuation march" getting away from the Russians. Walter, we would have been better off if they left us in Görlitz, don't you think? .. J. Kline)

**Johnson, Paul 423/K**

BOX 9  
Chittenden, VT 05737

(Sept 24, 1990) Sherod, Here are my dues. I am sorry to be late. My mother passed away and I just got settled down after traveling back and forth to New Jersey several times.

A note of interest: I was the first hospitalized POW taken from Stalag IX-A. I was taken to a field hospital, then on by plane to the 1st general Hospital in Paris.

(editor's note — Paul, I couldn't help but notice your note to Sherod about being the first hospitalized POW out of Stalag IX-A. I have in my possession several U.S. Signal Corps pictures taken at Stalag IX-A, after liberation. One is of several men carrying a patient, on a stretcher, out of the IX-A "Infirmary." That could be you. There are also pictures of several patients inside the infirmary, lying on their beds (the board slats on the beds seem to be made of tree limbs). I also have one of Pastor Hurley (or was it Fr Hurley) passing out some "goodies" to 106ers, inside one of the barracks. I intend to print some of these pictures in future CUBs. But for now, I will get an extra copy of the one with the stretcher patient to you. A couple of 106ers sent me the U.S. Signal Corp photos some time ago. I finally set up my 35mm Nikon and copy stand and made photo copies. I have the negatives, so we can use them whenever the opportunity arises.

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

PO Box 308  
Middletown, NY 10940

Just received The CUB, February issue, which prompts two comments.

First I feel that I (and any other POW) earned my New York POW license plate. You don't seem to see too many. It makes me think that many may not know that their state has such a registration available. Accordingly, you might be doing a service to the 106ers, who were POWs, to publish such a list.

Second, Dave Hunter's note about the short stay at 'Bama before joining the 106th made me look up some old photos in my album. I enclose two of them from that time. I see a note I made on one, saying that eleven months after the picture was taken, the same three that appeared in the picture were in prison camp together.

(editor's note — Ed, thanks for the info. Harold Renfro sent me a complete listing of POW plates from the May 1989 issue of the AX-POW magazine. It shows each state and the law regarding the "POW" license. Waldo Pierce also sent me the details from his home state of Connecticut. I will print those rules in the next CUB.

The photos of "yourself, Jack Watters and Jim Jones" the three who ended up in prison camp, and the other photo showing "Oklahoma, yourself and Jim Jones," are O.K., but they will not reproduce from a "xerox photocopy" with any detail. Why don't you send me the original photo. I have some other material from 106ers from "Bama and other colleges. I could put it together in another issue... J. Kline)

**Kersteiner, Don W. 424/HQ 2BN**

447 Emerson Ave  
Hamilton, OH 45013

For several years, prior to the Sacramento Reunion, four of us from 424th Headquarters Co, 2Bn had attended reunions. All of us had conflicts preventing attendance to the Sacramento Reunion. Glenn Ross, Howard Zillmer and Dick Frankini are the other three men.

I would like to mention that Dick Frankini has been ill. I am sure he would

appreciate hearing from any/or all the Division Association members who know him.

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**Kinney, Lawrence M. 423/I**

PO Box 1132  
Arkansas City, KS 67005

John, Please find enclosed a copy of the story "*The Story of the 106th Infantry Division*" by Cedric Foster. This was published January 21, 1945. My wife Lois saved the article. Thought you might like to have a copy.

I enjoy the CUB.

(editor's note — Lawrence - Thanks for the copy of Cedric Foster's story. This story will appear in the forthcoming book, *The CUB Passes in Review*. You will see elsewhere in this CUB an advertisement for the book. Cedric Foster's story appeared in one of the CUBs, many years ago, and that is where I found it for the "Review." Thanks for your thoughtfulness in keeping me informed... J. Kline)

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**Kramer, Joseph 423/HQ 3BN**

14720 Lincoln Dr  
Oak Park, MI 48237

It is always an event to get "The CUB." You are doing a terrific job with it. Thank You.

(editor's note — Joe, thank you. You have by now received the papers I sent. Hope you enjoyed them. Please keep in touch... J. Kline)

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**Maloney, Joseph P. 424/HQ**

1120 Warren Ave  
Arnold, PA 15068

(editor's note — Joe, thanks for the info from "Stars and Stripes." I'll use some of it for fill in, if I ever get to that point. How you coming on the Pittsburgh Reunion? We'll see you in Huntsville and discuss it. Gather some material for The CUB when the time is appropriate.. J. Kline)

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

PO Box 221  
Mt Arlington, NJ 07856

(editor's note — Harry, I have your three page story about "L" Company, 424th. It is very interesting. I hope to be able to print it in a future CUB. This issue has to go to press early, and I do not have the room. I just wanted to let you know, that it was received and appreciated... J. Kline)

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**Martin, William T. UNIT****UNKNOWN**

320 North Dobson St  
Canton, MS 39046

Sherod, here is a "Memorial Fund" contribution.

I am proud to be a member of the Association. Both my wife and I enjoy The CUB. Hope to see you in Huntsville.

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

1618 Moffet Rd  
Silver Spring, MD 20903

Attilio, its been nice visiting with you on the two phone calls we had. I have the copy of the Christmas letter written in 1950 by "Eurer Kriegsgefangener Pastor" Fr. E. J. Hurley. I will print it at an appropriate time, more towards Xmas. I also have a photo of him taken in Stalag IX-A, passing out some goodies to 106ers, after liberation. that would make a nice story at the proper time. Thanks. Keep in touch. When I find out where to go I might ask you to go to one of the government offices, since you work down there. Let you know later.. J. Kline)

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**Mayes, Ross H. 331 MED/B**

309 Clinch St.  
Rogersville, TN 37857

Sherod, I am enclosing monies for a LIFE MEMBERSHIP for me and my wife. Please be sure I am listed as "B" Company, 331st Medical.

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**McElvenny, Albert R. 424/E**

310 Lisa Dr  
Brockton, MA 02402

John, the 424th CIB order #2 may help me contact some former members. If you have the order broken down into companies and regiments it would help.

My health will probably not allow me to get to Huntsville, will have to wait to see what the doctor says.

(editor's note — Al, hope the information I sent helped you. As you can see there are no addresses, but it is broken down according to the Table of Organization - Regiment, Battalions and companies. Try to make it to Huntsville, you will enjoy it.. J. Kline)



**Meeleus, Harry G. 422/HQ 2BN**

518 Pyle Ave  
Oshkosh, WI 54901

A letter from Helen for Harry; Sherod Collins, My husband has a card of recent date asking for information on company commanders of all the 106th units.

Your task is an excellent one, but at present he is undecided about two names and rather than supply the wrongone — I guess K Company was in another Battalion and he cannot think of "Kielmeyer's" first name. He probably has the information somewhere, but doesn't seem to know where. His mind is usually acute, but on this, he just can't remember. Harry thinks Colonel Joe Matthews could supply this information, maybe he can help.

As we have said before - The CUB magazine is one of the finest we receive. It is so interesting and informative, we know a great deal of work goes into it.

We had rather an interesting letter the other day, addressed to Captain Harry Meeleus, from a fellow in Quincy, Illinois who had been Harry's jeep driver. He drove for Harry after they landed in France until they were taken prisoner. He said he remembered digging fox-holes for him on several occasions, as well as other incidents. We were delighted to hear from him. Harry has always had a wonderful personality and was always well liked. He wishes he could do so much more now, but with his central vision gone, it is not the easiest thing to contend with. But, he says it could be worse. His attitude also helps me, believe me.

Just wanted to let you know that we tried, but he cannot help you now.. If he comes across anything or happens to remember a name, he will let you know.

signed Helen Meeleus

**Moore, Ralph L. 591/B**

6509 Chestnut Dr.  
Windsor, WI 53598

We enjoyed the Madison, Wisconsin

december 16th Commemoration get-together. My wife's name is Viola. I enjoy fishing and golfing. I am retired and do volunteer work for "Meals on Wheels."

I enjoy the quarterly magazine, "The CUB."

**Morell, Eugene 591/C**

12946 Ridge Road E.  
Wolcott, NY 14590

Sherod, I am a fruit farmer in upstate New York and the reunions have always come during harvest. I was born in Athens, Alabama 18 miles from Huntsville. Plenty of relatives in that area. I sure will try to make it to Huntsville. Joe Gross was my 1st Sergeant and I am in constant touch with him.

(editor's note — Gene, only you, Sherod and me know how old this letter is. Sorry I didn't get it in the "Mail Bag" before. Hope to see you in Huntsville — John Gilliland has a good one cooked up for us... J. Kline)

**Pierce, Waldo B. 422/F**

530 East St  
New Britain, CT 06051

In Connecticut, to obtain a POW license plate for your vehicle, you have to provide proof that you were a POW. The cost is \$1.00 one-time transfer fee for each car involved. Thereafter the plates are free for life.

(editor's note - Thanks Waldo, you will see that I have made remarks to the AX-POW article that has a complete list, elsewhere in this column.. J. Kline)

**Raila, Dr, Frank A. 423/E**

160 Hanover Dr  
Brandon, MS 39042

I sent you the short article by Peter Tautfest that was entitled "Myth, Mystery, Malmedy." As you could see he was confused and considers Malmedy a myth or a mystery at the best. His background information on the story was obtained from SS. veterans and the Hanover Military Library.

(editor's note - Thanks Frank, for sending the article. I mentioned it in the last CUB (February 1991) and sent several to the members that sent "stamped envelopes." Haven't heard any reaction from them as to the content.

In the forthcoming book *"The CUB Passes in Review"* I have reprinted *German Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's Own Story of the Battle of the Bulge*. In it he explains away the "Malmédy Massacre" by saying, "Prisoners were being marched in the direction of Malmédy with only a handful of guards. SS men hurrying to the front came upon them and immediately opened fire on them, thinking they were an American unit heading for battle." He says, "The German guards were also killed by the SS machine-gunners." So you see history can be "written away" at the convenience of the writer.

I found "Rundstedt's" story, and others in a book that the 106th Infantry Division Association published in 1953. I understand that there were only 200 copies. It was named *THE LION'S TALE; Short Stories of the 106th Infantry Division*. As with *The CUB Passes in Review*, most of the stories were reprints from past CUBs. However, there were several stories from outside sources in that book, "The Lion's Tale," including "von Rundstedt's" that I reproduced in this current book, "The CUB Passes in Review." I have Jim Hatch, a past president of the Association to thank for the use of his personal copy of "The Lion's Tale." I sure you, as well as Jim, will enjoy the nearly 500 pages of reviews of stories from The CUB, that appear in the new book - advertised elsewhere in this issue of The CUB... J. Kline)

**Renfro, Harold E. 423/E**

8112 Brush Dr  
Huntington Beach, CA 97647

I received the February CUB and as usual read it cover to cover. You do a great job.

I had written you that as a prisoner I worked in a factory in Halle, Germany, called "KHUN & Co., making pickups out of civilian cars, They also made beds for German Army trucks.

I received a letter from **Edward W.**

**Allen of the 422d.** He worked in the same factory and marched to the same small village where we were liberated. We don't remember meeting each other. He had a list of forty guys that were at the factory. I'll send you the list, but please return it. Some of those men were from the 28th Division.

I am sending you a list of that shows the States offering POW license plates. It came for the May 1989 issue of the POW Bulletin.

I am going to try to set up a dinner date on Col. Cavender's birthday. I understand it is October 2nd.. I live about 75 miles from Sun City. It would be nice if the guys would send him a birthday card.

(editor's note - Harold thanks for the letter.

I will publish the POW license plate list later. Colonel Cavender's phone number is: 714-672-4644. Oh yes, Harold, you mentioned in another letter that a "Henry Johnson" had contacted you. You sent along a story he had written in the February 1991 Ex-POW Bulletin. Thanks for signing him on as an ASSOCIATE member, maybe he can contribute to The CUB... J. Kline)

**Rollings, Mrs. Viola R. ASSOCIATE**

309 Cedar St  
Suffolk, VA 23434

Mr. Kline, I have enjoyed The CUB so much, also the roster of the 106th. I recognized a name in "B" Company, 423d, George Southam. I found other correspondence and saw the name of a Lt. Lopez and Colonel Cavender. There were others also.

J. L. had a long illness. He spent many months in a private hospital and the V.A. Hospital in Salem and Richmond. I tried to get a widow's pension, but to no avail. I was able to educate our daughter, Thank Goodness! She lives in Richmond and is married to an orthopedic surgeon, has two daughters. I am a member of the POW group in our area.

Thanks for your letter. Keep in touch.

P.S. George Southam might remember a James Donaldson who dies in POW camp.

(editor's note - Viola, thanks for letter. Evidently you had been browsing through some old correspondence. I am sorry but I could not make out some of the names you came across. You have been a brave and good woman to have taken care of J.L. all those years. God Bless you and we will keep in touch. Write whenever you feel like it.... J. Kline)

## Schoonover, Lex 422/HQ

4809 Aspasia Ln  
Edina, MN 55435

(editor's note - Lex sent along an article form Stars & Stripes where the writer "Lawrence Levinson" criticized "Hogan's Heroes." He, the writer, was amazed that such falsified images of the incarceration of war prisoners would be

shown on TV. He quotes, "There was nothing funny about the prisoner of war experience of thousands of American fighting personnel nor the anxiety suffered by their families." Lex agrees with the writer as I am sure many of you do. Thanks Lex, nice seeing you at Sacramento. Seems like we all have to go out of town to see each other - and that is not to be taken critically.. Hope to see you around.. J. Kline

## Sgrignoli, Michael G. 592/SV

125 North 24th St  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

(editor's note - Michael and Martha sent a Memorial contribution in memory of Robert W. Pierce, Sr whose death was announced in The CUB recently.)

## The Men Who Care

The men who hold dominion for their short hour  
and go their good or evil ways with power,  
brutal or benign, over life on earth,  
do not reign by happenstance or birth.  
Master and slave are cast from life's same stuff;

BEFORE THE  
VETERANS DIE  
by  
Dale R. Carver



Dale Carver  
424/HQ 3Bn



424/H POW Get-together at Pretty's - Phoenix, AZ

L/R Emor Pretty, Phoenix; Lllloyd Diehl, Sewell, NJ; Paul Trost, Churdan, IA; Robert Bennett, Blythe, CA; Ray Johnston, Olympia, WA, L. John Carrico, San Luis Obispo, CA —Submitted by Paul Trost — He said, "I don't really know why I'm so late joining. The only excuse I have is that I wasn't informed. At the Get-together at Pretty's home in Phoenix, there was some recruiting goining on. We, with our wives, socialized for two days on Feb 19 and 19th.

***Brackett, James E. 591/SV***

274 Husson St, 2nd Floor, Staten Island, NY 10306

James died on January 19, 1991, at the age of 79, in Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze. Surviving are his wife, Kay Errichiello, a son Thomas; six sisters, Frances Brackett, Avalonia Polk; Sadie Spake; Vera Metcalf; Eunice Bradbury and Bruna Barrett, and three grandchildren. Burial was in Moravian Cemetery, New Dorp. We were notified by family friends, Kay and Jack Schlessler. Jack and James went through Basic Training and the whole war together.

***Chinquist, Fred A. 423/D***

3305 - 36th Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Fred passed away on December 15, 1990. Friends in the local Ax-POW chapter reported this, but had no further details.

***Frankini, Richard A. 424/HQ 2BN***

35300 Hillside Dr, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Don Kersteiner writes that his closest friend Richard died March 27, 1991. He left a truly saddened wife and three children. Don gave Richard a true salute, he said, "He was a nice nice guy!"

***Spurlock, John 423/AT***

Rte 1, Box 340, Ridgeway, SC 29130

John died October 24, 1990. Carrie, his wife expressed a desire to continue as an Associate member. She said they met and learned of new people at the reunions, although they did not attend many.

***Valovcin, Michael J. 422/AT***

20 Spinning Wheel Rd, Trumbull, CT 06611

Michael passed away on November 5, 1990 at St. Vincents Medical Center. Pauline, his wife, notified the editor that Michael and she had attended a small POW Reunion at Rene Pigeons home in Warwick, RI. Present at that gathering were the M/M Howard Alexander from Arizona; M/M James Mevitt from Maine; M/M Louis Torantino from Massachusetts; M/M William Hosy from Cape Code; M/M Anthony Siglia from Torrington; Walter Pawluk from Meriden. The last 106th Reunion Michael and Pauline attended was in Roanoke, which they both enjoyed. He is survived by two sons, Major Paul Valovcin USAF Colorado Springs; Lt. James Valovcin USN, Alexandria, VA; a daughter Susan Reynolds of Lauguna Miguel, CA; a sister Mildred Jacko, one granddaughter Sarah Vaovcin, several nieces and nephews.

***Sgt Wallace Rifleman 423/G and 424/A***

142 Amstar Drive, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Don Beseler, 424/ A, a friend of Rifleman's, writes that Sgt Rifleman died February 5, 1991. Sgt Riflman was one of the decorated soldiers of the 106th. His name appears in St. Vith, Lion in the Way several times. He was planning on joining, but due to his illness, it was one of the things that had to be put aside, he never found the time to complete the application.

He is survived by his wife, Mary.

Beseler also stated that he had a note from Serge Fontaine, Belgium, which said his wife was very ill and he will not be getting to the U.S.A as planned. He wanted, so much, to meet Sgt Rifleman and other members of the 106th.

# 45TH ANNUAL REUNION — 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Huntsville Marriott Hotel - Huntsville, Alabama September 18 - 22, 1991

## AGENDA

HOSPITALITY ROOMS (by Shuttle) - **PATHFINDER - ENTERPRISE - CHALLENGER - (COLUMBIA and ATLANTIS, if needed)**

These are VIP rooms - You - Relax And Enjoy Yourselves.

### Wednesday - September 18, 1991

8 am - 8 pm

Early Bird Registration - **PREFUNCTION AREA**

1 pm - Till?

Optional Jack Daniels Tour & Barbecue

### Lunch on Your Own

TOUR the SPACE CENTER at Your LEISURE - Your tickets are good for the duration of the Reunion. You do not have to visit all the facilities and activities the same day. You may tour the MUSEUM one time, see the MOVIE another, and finally take the NASA BUS TOUR. You may also re-visit on the same ticket, during the Reunion.

### Thursday - September 19, 1991

07:30 am - 09:00 am

Continental Breakfast - **GRAND BALLROOM & SHUTTLE ROOM**

08:00 am - 08:00 pm

Registration - **PREFUNCTION AREA**

08:00 am - 10:00 pm

Hospitality Rooms - **SHUTTLE ROOMS**

09:00 am - 03:00 pm

Optional Boaz Outlet Center Tour

09:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Optional Downtown Huntsville Tour with refreshments

01:00 pm - 04:00 pm

Optional Downtown Huntsville Tour with refreshments

04:00 pm - 05:00 pm

Memorial Services - **GRAND BALLROOM**

06:30 pm - 09:30 pm

Reception - **SPACE & ROCKET CENTER CAFETERIA, PATIO AND UNDER SHUTTLE**

### Tour Space Center ! Lunch on Your Own

### Friday - September 20, 1991

07:30 am - 09:00 am

Seated Breakfast - **GRAND BALLROOM & SHUTTLE ROOMS**

08:00 am - 05:00 pm

Registration - **PREFUNCTION AREA**

08:00 am - 10:00 pm

Hospitality Rooms - **SHUTTLE ROOMS**

09:00 am - 11:30 am

Board Meeting - **SHUTTLE ROOM DISCOVERY**

09:00 am - 11:30 pm

Optional Downtown Huntsville Tour with refreshments

01:00 pm - Till?

Optional Jack Daniels Tour & BBQ

### Tour Space Center ! Lunch on Your Own

### Saturday - September 21, 1991

07:30 am - 09:00 am

Seated Breakfast - **GRAND BALLROOM & SHUTTLE ROOMS**

08:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Registration - **PREFUNCTION AREA**

12:30 pm - 03:00 pm

Men's Luncheon & Business Meeting - **GRAND BALLROOM**

12:30 pm - 03:00 pm

Ladie's Luncheon - **REDSTONE ARSENAL OFFICER'S CLUB**  
(Shuttle buses will start at 11:30 pm)

03:30 pm - 05:00 pm

Board Meeting - Shuttle Room **DISCOVERY**

07:00 pm - 12:00 Mid-Night

Banquet and Dance - **VON BRAUN CIVIC CENTER** (Shuttle buses will start at 06:00 pm. Shuttle buses will be returning to the Hotels from 09:00 pm until Mid-Night. There will be a CASH Bar)

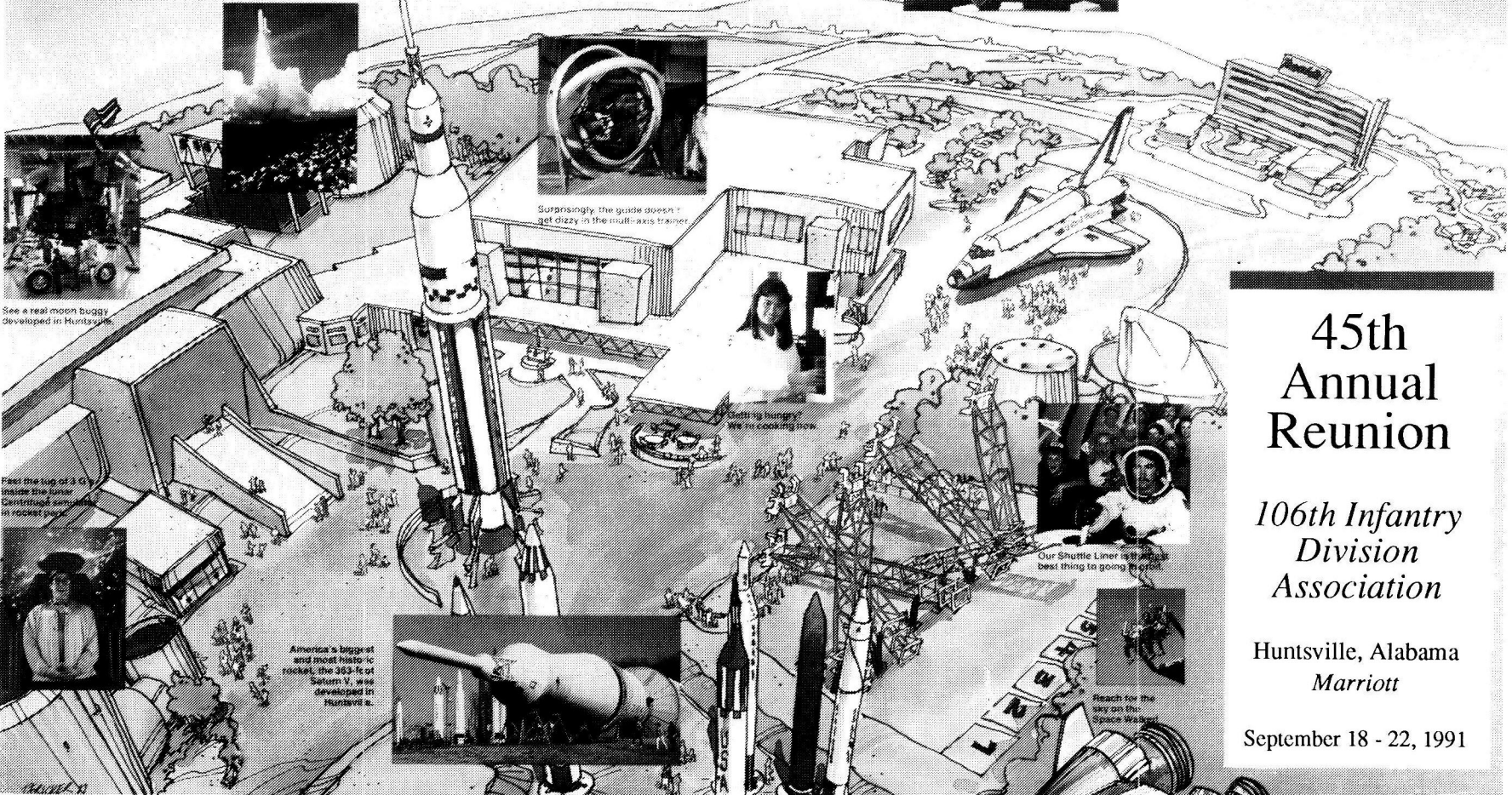
### Sunday - September 22, 1991 FAREWELL

07:30 am - 09:00 am

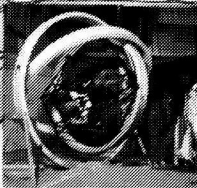
Continental Breakfast - **GRAND BALL ROOM & SHUTTLE ROOMS** Dont forget to leave your NAME TAGS (BADGES) in BOX at FAREWELL BREAKFAST

Thank You! See you in PITTSBURGH in '92 Have A Safe Trip!  
Your Alabama Reunion Committee





See a real moon buggy developed in Huntsville.



Sorprisingly, the guide doesn't get dizzy in the multi-axis trainer.

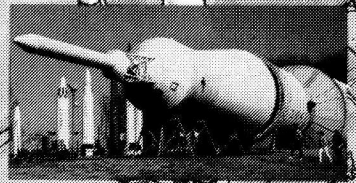


Getting hungry? We're cooking now.

Feel the tug of 3 G's inside the Lunar Centrifuge simulator in rocket park.



America's biggest and most historic rocket, the 363-foot Saturn V, was developed in Huntsville.



Our Shuttle Liner is the most best thing in going to orbit.



Reach for the sky on the Space Walker.

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*106th Infantry Division Association*

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