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Russell Gunvalson and Pete House, 590/A with Supt. Fred Boyles in middle, see story page 21

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## ***As the fiscal year closes, "Thanks to you all ...."***

It's hard for me to realize that my term of office is so quickly drawing to an end. The year has passed rapidly.

I wish to thank you, the members of the 106th Infantry Division Association, my Officers and the Board of Directors, for the confidence and support that you have given me in my term as your president. It has truly been an honor to serve with you.

The total membership reported at last year's reunion was 1,491. I understand that as this is being written that the membership is 1,605. That in itself is remarkable.

Elsewhere in this CUB you will find an article on the upcoming dedication ceremony of the Camp Atterbury Veteran's Memorial. I intend to be there along with other 106th Division members. It will be a momentous occasion, a grand tribute to the divisions that passed through Camp Atterbury. Please try to be present.

Each Division representative will have a few moments of time for a short speech. I will respond as your president.

I received a letter that states Bernie Ostermeyer and Philip Cox, 423/B are donating a large Memorial Wreath to be placed on the display. We wish to thank them for that. Also, I would like to mention that funds are still needed to put the finishing touches to the Memorial. I know you have been generous, but a little more would help.

C. L. Cooper, our 2nd Vice-President has regretfully submitted his resignation. We are looking for a replacement for him within the board, and ask that if there are any volunteers to fill in his spot on the board, please step forward.

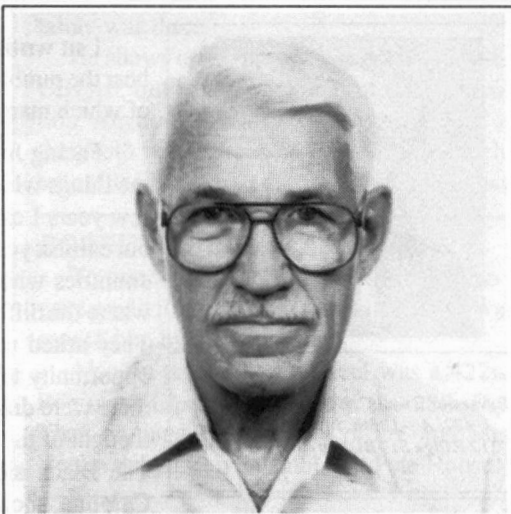
All of the committee chairman have reported that they are on track. We will hear their reports in Pittsburgh. I want to again thank them and their committee members for their cooperation. They play a vital part in the organization.

I recently had lunch with the CUB editor, John Kline and his wife Margot, while visiting my daughters in Minnesota. He told me that there are still many members that have not paid their July 1, 1992 membership fees. This CUB will be the last sent to those of you that have not paid unless your dues are paid. Please send your 1992-93 membership fees (July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993) to Sherod Collins, our Treasurer. We want you as a member and do not want to drop members by default or oversight.

Again, thanks for your support. I hope to see many of you in Pittsburgh in late August.

*Michael Thome, president*

106th Infantry Division Association



106th Infantry Division Association President  
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## Thoughts on the Fourth of July...



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I sit writing this on July 3rd 1992 and in the distance I hear the rumble of thunder. Its sound is reminiscent of artillery of which many of us heard all too often long ago.

Facing July 4th, tomorrow, and looking back at some of the things which have taken place in our nation over the past few years I can't help but wonder what the future holds. In our earliest years our nation was a haven for people from other countries who wanted to make a new beginning in a place where the differences of birth could be bridged by hard work. They asked nothing more than the chance to work and the opportunity to raise their families in a peaceful land. True, there were differences but on the whole they seemed to have thought of themselves first and foremost as "Americans." The Black side of my family came to Charleston, South Carolina, about 1790, and the other branches came over even

earlier from England and Northern Ireland. Yet I have never thought of myself as being a hyphenated American —unless you count the fact that I am from the South. Our nation which was for so long looked upon as a "melting pot" where people of all nations could come and join together to form a new nation, seems now to be caught up in a frenzy dividing itself along the lines of long left behind countries. With the shameful exception of the Africans, all of our ancestors came because they wanted to leave old things and old ways behind and start anew.

When we look at what is taking place in Africa and Europe today, we see that most of the problems stem from tribal problems. Unable or unwilling to put old ways aside, they kill one another and destroy their countries so that their particular culture and tribe may dominate.

When God called Abraham out of Ur to go to the land of Canaan he left behind the old ways and eventually became —through his descendants— a new nation and people. Though buffeted on all sides by other civilizations and ways, these people eventually became the nation of Israel. As such they did pretty well until the influx of people from other nations with other ways began to pull them apart.

Like Israel of old, our nation was founded (for the most part) by the descendants of Abraham, either spiritual or physical.(i.e. the Christians and the Jews). While all of us tended to follow our old denominations in worshipping God, this did not usually lead to divisiveness.

Although I do not usually reach into the New Testament in deference to our Jewish members, I ask them to bear with me this time!

Jesus of Nazareth warned that a house (nation) divided against itself could not stand. Paul in writing to the Christians in Rome reminded them that we Gentiles, were just being grafted onto the tree (Judaism) which was already growing and cultivated.

For this day I would ask our nation to realize that our strength comes from our melting together than from our pulling apart. It is said that no chain can be stronger than its weakest link. Likewise, no nation can be any stronger than its weakest part. We found out in combat that cut off by ourselves we could not stand against outside forces (the Germans).

Father, God, help us to weave the strands together that the nation may be strong. That we, Christian and Jew, alike may truly make these United States of America one nation under God.



## From the editor's outpost....

### **CUB PASSES in Review:**

The first 1,820 copies have been sold and delivered. A 1st reprint order has been placed and will be ready for delivery about the first week in August.

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### **WHOSE BAYONET??**

Did you notice the bayonet in the photo on page 48 of the Apr-May-Jun 1992 CUB?

The Army Serial Number appears to be H-2553. If I remember right we used to put the initial of our last name + the last four digits of our ASN as an I.D. mark.

I searched the 423rd and 424th Combat Infantry Badge lists and found a near match. It was ASN: 42 052 553, which belonged to **Pvt Adam V. Billick**, Co 'I', 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment. The weapons in that photo were found near Schönberg and 'I' Co, 423rd cer-

tainly was there.

He shows up as one of the survivors on that CBI list, but is not a member of the Association. Anybody know him? Maybe the "H" in the photo was really a "B," but time made the letter illegible! I like little mysteries like that!

### **CORRECTIONS TO LAST CUB**

To correct the records, Pete House, who I gave credit for the photo on page 48 says it was sent to him by the Museum.

Also on page 30 - Dr. Neel was a 422nd Regiment Chaplain, not from the 28th Div. Then on page 29 the photo of Dr. and Mrs. Neel was by Dean Sandahl, not Pete House

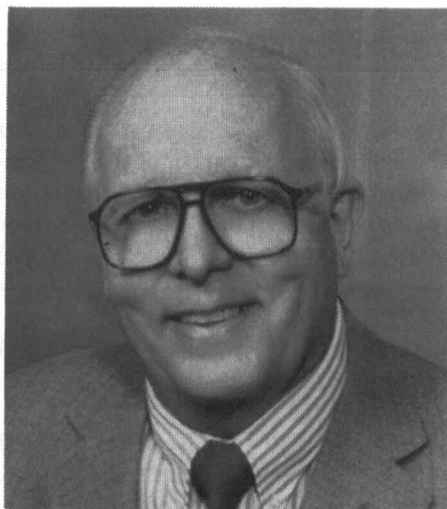
### **Extra CUBs...**

Due to the many requests and the added cost of handling, extra CUBs will be sold at a price of \$2.50 each, including postage and handling. Considering the small annual dues fees of \$10.00 (the Life rate is also promulgated from that rate) it is felt that a charge must be applied to requests for extra CUBs. Extra CUBs, when available are in the possession of the editor...□



Four members of 423/M, third platoon held a semi-centennial reunion in Las Vegas, June 8th to 12th. We had not seen each other since 1945 and had only began communicating in 1991.

As you might guess, it was a very emotional and memorable occasion.  
L/R (Women not shown) Gene and Helen Schmanski; Al and Lenore Jagodzinski;  
Joe and Pat Tyler and John and Doris Hurman.



## **Searching for "The Missing Gap"**

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There seems to be a gap in my military career. It covers several weeks in the summer of 1944 and I don't think I'll ever figure out what I did and where I did it.

My theory, after some long deliberation, is that I must have spent most of June that year at Ft., Meade, Md., where I reported after a week at home following my basic training at Camp Wolters, Tex. I remember going to Ft., Meade and that's about it. I reported to Camp Atterbury on July 7, 1944, and can't even remember any details about the train ride from Maryland to Indiana.

I was inducted in January, 1944 at Des Moines, and spent 17 weeks at Camp Wolters in a radio-infantry unit. I had expressed a preference for the Signal Corps, since I was an avid photographer in high school. I'd apparently scored well enough on an aptitude test at the induction center (Camp Dodge) to get into an outfit that was devoted to teaching guys to operate field radios and learn to send and receive the Morse code. We got a lot of infantry training, also, and after the 17

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Dan Bied has authored and self published seven books, totaling 9,488 copies. He is a regular writer for the Des Moines County News and other local papers.

In Sept '87 when I ran across a couple of Dan's newspaper columns, that he had sent to Dick DeHeer our late editor, I immediately took a liking to his style. Fortunately he agreed to furnish a quarterly column.

His first column for The CUB appeared in the Apr-May-Jun 1988 edition and he has furnished a story for every CUB since.

Dan, once again, thanks for your contribution of wit, humor and knowledge to The CUB. You have made my work easier and your words have given the troops enjoyment and remembrances of the things of the past.  
John Kline, editor

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weeks I was offered an opportunity to go to Ft. Benning for advanced schooling.

I'd had my fill of radio, particularly the Morse code part of it. Most of the guys with me had been "hams" in civilian life and they knew more about radio than our instructors. It was tough trying to keep up with the other GI's and I figured it would be tougher yet at Ft. Benning. I was just 18 and getting a kick out of firing rifles, bazookas, rifle grenades, etc.

Famous last words: "There's a war on," I told my parents and friends, "and I might as well be in the middle of it. So I'm going overseas as a replacement in a rifle company!"

Cooler heads prevailed, however. Someone at the Pentagon realized that the death rate for teen-age infantry replacements was going through the roof. So, apparently while I was at Ft. Meade in June, 1944, a ruling was made that guys my age could go overseas with units but not as replacements.

I must have been at Ft. Meade several weeks because my training in Texas had

ended in late May and I was only home a week for a "delay en route" between assignments.

I do remember being in Washington, D.C. on July 4, 1944. I took a bus, or train, from Ft. Meade and expected the city to be busy with parades, band music, etc. Actually, it was like a ghost town. Absolutely nothing was going on.

The next thing I remember is arriving in the Co. A area of the 422nd at Camp Atterbury. I remember getting off a truck and going to the mess hall where, ominously, some of sergeants were doing KP chores.

I was assigned to KP right off the bat, of course, and stayed on KP too long as the 106th was filled up with guys from here, there and everywhere. It irked me to be confused with the cooks. "I'm not a cook," I'd explain. "I'm a rifleman!"

You all know as well as I do what happened to me, and to all of you, from July of 1944 through April of 1945.

The only thing I can figure about the missing month in my military career is that I did nothing at Ft. Meade for at least three weeks. Therefore, I don't remember it except for the day in Washington.

If you have any ideas let me know.

*Dan Bied, 422/A*

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## CUB Laughs

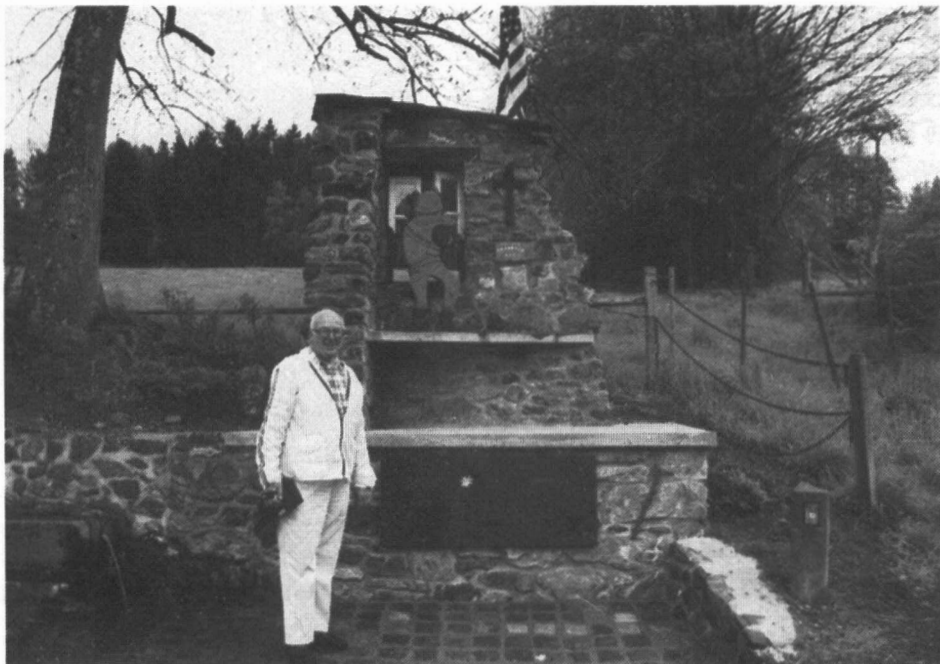
by George Levine 424/M

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**"No, Son, the 'Screaming Meemies' I heard  
in the 'BULGE' were not a Rock 'n' Roll Group"**





Milt Schober, 424/F at the Memorial in Spineux, Belgium erected by the villagers (1989)  
in honor of the 424th Combat Infantry Regiment and the 112th Combat Infantry Regiment (28th Div)

**Story and Photos by  
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**F**or the past several years I have seen in THE CUB a number of references to CRIBA, (*Center for the Research and Information on the Battle of the Ardennes*) and I have read the stories of 106th Division men who have been helped by members of this organization. The thought has crossed my mind that should I return to the Ardennes one more time, it would be nice to have the assistance of a "local" in finding places and in conversing with the Belgian people. Well I saw the opportunity in March ('92) a full page airline ad heralded bargain basement airline fares to Europe, so I suggested to my wife that we visit our son and daughter-in-law who live in the Netherlands. Great idea, says she, so we were off and running.

So now the question of how to contact CRIBA, thumbing through some of the old CUBS. I came across a story by Don Beseler in the Jan - Mar 1989 edition which concluded with a couple of addresses of CRIBA members. I picked the first name, Serge Fontaine, and composed a long letter reciting my Ardennes action. I suggested meeting during the period May 14-18 when I knew my son could be away from his work. I enclosed the photo of a young Belgian, Gilbert Ridiemont, who had helped me get water when I was left behind on December 12, 1944, to guard supplies when Company F moved to the "Front" to replace a company of the 2nd Division. Also enclosed was a photo of twenty or so young people of Wanne which I had picked up along the way.

The response from Serge was quick. He asked if I could make my visit on May 8 because he and his wife Suzanne would be vacationing in France the following week. He made it clear that I was welcome under

any circumstances and that other CRIBA members would be aware of my visit. As another contact he gave me the address and telephone number of his neighbor (also of CRIBA), Joseph Dejardin. Serge also indicated that Gilbert Ridiemont was alive and living in Lierneux, Belgium. Commenting on the other photo I had sent, Serge identified it as a Confirmation Day ceremony for children of Wanne and said Jules Hurdebise, a CRIBA member from the area, had identified all of the children in the picture (from 50 years ago)! One thing I learned about the CRIBA organization is that they tenaciously attack a question like an Interpol unit, and they get results.

My son was able to contact Serge from Amsterdam to arrange a one-day Ardennes visit on May 8 when Serge would be there and to schedule a return visit for May 14 with Mr. Dejardin. So it appeared we were all set — I packed my division history, *St. Vith: A Lion in the Way* by Col. Dupuy; Cole's history of the Ardennes Campaign, *The Ardennes*; Our Association's book *The CUB Passes in Review*, and various pictures, maps, et. cetera, to begin another nostalgic journey.

But for loyalty-to a frequent flyer program with United Airlines, the trip to Europe might have been uneventful. KLM flies non-stop from Chicago to Amsterdam, but United does it in segments, Chicago to Newark — Newark to London — London to Amsterdam. The inconvenience became much more pronounced when upon reaching Newark we were notified that "mechanical problems" caused cancellation of the London flight and instead our next flight would be to Washington, D. C. where we would connect with that city's London flight. Well, when all of the smoke cleared we were in Amsterdam same five hours late and no baggage in evidence. The baggage was delivered to

my son's house later that evening without an explanation for its temporary disappearance.

The next day was May 8, and my son and I made an early departure to arrive at Serge's house three hours later without problems thanks to the good map sketch Serge had furnished. With the excellent expressways and the high speeds traveled it doesn't take long to negotiate this compact area.

Serge was waiting for us and introduced us to his wife, Suzanne. The others were waiting for us at Mr. Dejardin's house a block or two away, said Serge, so off we went to meet Joseph Dejardin and Marcel Nijst, both members of CRIBA, and Madeleine (wife of Joseph and sister of Marcel). Madeleine had the coffee pot ready along with a batch of cookies cakes enough for five times as many visitors. Before we departed the Dejardin home, Madeleine made us promise to stop back for refreshments before returning to the Netherlands.

The day was rather damp and cool as we headed to the memorial to the 424th and 112th Regiments at Spineux. A report on the dedication of this memorial appeared in the Jan-Feb 1990 issue of *THE CUB*. Jules Hurdebise of CRIBA met us here. He is most responsible for bringing the memorial about. Jules couldn't stay with us because he is still a working man. Serge, Joseph and Marcel are all retired.

A visitor's book is maintained at the home across from the Memorial and I penned a short comment in the book. From Spineux we motored to Lavaux, a village that Co. F moved into on January 14, 1945. Co. F had been in reserve at Aisomont for several days prior when we were told to move forward; Company leadership had some problem with the guiding maps because they were looking for forested areas shown on the maps



**L/R – Joseph DeJardin, Milt Schober, Serge Fontaine and Marcel Nijst in Lavaux  
Jump off point for 424/F in its attack on Ennal**

which weren't there in reality. At any rate we were marching along in a column of twos when unexpected rifle fire startled every one, but no casualties. When we reached Lavaux, everyone's objective seemed to be finding a sheltered place for a good night's sleep. It was bitterly cold. I remember my squad spending the better part of the day patching holes with shelter halves, et cetera, only to be sent up at twilight to reinforce Company G on a nearby hill. Too exhausted to dig fox-holes, we crawled in our sleeping bags and laid on the ground. It wasn't long before the Krauts began shelling the area and cries of "Medic" rang through the air, bringing the yearning for a deep hole to crawl into. The next morning we rejoined F Company in Lavaux.

The Second Platoon had commenced an attack on Ennal and was beaten back with casualties, and now I was back in time to be part of a first platoon attack. Our squad moved down the road from Lavaux

toward Ennal and breached off on a cow path leading to the village. Once on this path, a German machine gun began chattering — we were crawling on the path and twigs were being clipped off a short hedge on the left edge of the path. There was a haystack in the open field about 150 yards away and it appeared the gun was firing from the base of the haystack. There was plenty of snow on the ground and several cows were milling around near the haystack. Whenever the cows interceded between the Germans and us, the firing stopped.

Some heavy firing from the village toward the head of our column caused our withdrawal to the main road. Then a couple of somewhat funny events occurred. A bazooka was brought up to fire at the haystack. The projectile was fired and fell short of the haystack, sliding harmlessly in the snow. Then a rifle grenade was fired and it plunged in the snow without effect. One of our tanks came out of nowhere to





Joseph DeJardin, Milt Schober and Serge Fontaine walking down one of the rural lanes toward Ennal

assess the situation and decided the lack of maneuverability on the path made tank use risky. Then came another unexpected appearance, General Perrin. He had a situation map on which he pointed out the presence of the 30th and 75th Divisions which would eventually meet and cut the 424th out of action; but first, he said, it was necessary to remove the Ennal pocket which was impeding progress of the two divisions. This was the only time in my combat experience that I was given some idea of what was going on and what *my* role was.

One of our men came up with a couple of German prisoners and General Perrin used his best German, "Wie viel soldaten in dorf?" Response, "Ocht oder zehn, nicht mehr" the only time I ever questioned a General, I retorted, "You're not going to believe that are you?" And General Perrin calmly replied that information received from prisoners in the past has proved reliable. In the twilight now we

moved down the lane toward Ennal with General Perrin. For whatever reason the machine gun at the haystack never fired and we moved through the village with General Perrin assigning men to search through the houses for lingering Germans. I remember in one of the houses there was a bayonet resting in a mixture of eggs in a German helmet. Our attack had apparently coincided with their dinner hour.

Now here I was, 47 years later, going down the same path into Ennal with my CRIBA friends. We stopped at one house I had entered on January 15, 1945. I know it was the same house because I had a picture postcard of it that I found there in 1945. Serge knew the people resident in the house from previous visits. We were invited in for some homemade berry wine and Belgian cookies. The woman, now 68 years old, said she was in the village at the time of our attack, although I didn't remember seeing civilians at the time. It made a very enjoyable visit. Without in-



**Serge Fontaine, Milt Schober, Ennal Resident, Marcel Nijst, Ennal Resident and Joseph DeJardin in Ennal**  
The woman, now 68 years, was in Ennal at the time of the attack.

terpreters we would not have been able to have an exchange.

We drove from Ennal to Manhay, the site of an attack by the 2nd Battalion of the 424th on Christmas Day 1944. I remember racing down a hill in that attack when sweeping machine gun fire from German tanks stopped us in our tracks. I also remember the presence of fear when German flares lit up the area like a big Moon, highlighting us in our exposed positions. But here now in 1992 I was trying to find that same field.

Serge, Joseph and Marcel engaged in conversation with the locals, determining which house was the last one north out of Manhay in 1944. A short distance away from that house on the main highway is a marker that indicates the furthest penetration north by the Germans. So this might have been the field that I lay in December 1944 although the distances and slopes involved weren't as I remembered them.

We returned to Stavelot to keep our

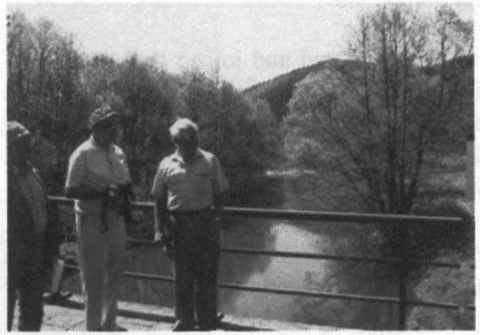
date with Joseph's wife, Madeleine, enjoying her refreshments, then drove back to Amsterdam. Thursday, May 14. My son and I with our wives headed out in the early-morning to Spa, where we checked into a hotel. Leaving the women to engage in the baths for which Spa is noted, we kept our appointment with the Dejardins. Madeleine again was the gracious breakfast host. Joseph gave us directions to reach Marcel's home in Malmedy. Since the Malmedy Massacre location was only a few kilometers away we made a visit. Another American, with his family, was there so we introduced ourselves. He served with the 5th Division in Luxembourg.

I was interested in tracing the steps of our retreat from Germany on December 17, 1944. I remember when we received word to move out then — it was 8 pm as I recall, and visibility in the inky blackness of the woods was so limited that we placed a hand on the next man's shoulder

to move out into lighter areas. Looking back then, toward the German lines, there was an eerie effect created by the use of their searchlights to reflect light off the low hanging clouds. Colonel Dupuy's Division history indicated that the crossing of the Our River by our battalion was via a Bailey Bridge at Weidig. Joseph and Marcel guided us to the spot where there now is a modern bridge. The terrain on the Belgian side of the Our River appeared appropriate to my memory. In 1944 during the period December 18 to 23 we moved several times, usually in the early hours of the morning, and the names of the villages we moved through were not known to me. I remember one instance while we were moving down a road, a column of tanks from the 9th Armored Division were going in the opposite direction. We thought they were going to the "front" and they thought we were going to the "front" and in that situation I guess we both were right!

When we stopped in one of the villages those many years ago I remember getting the unwelcome news that our squad had been volunteered to make an attack on tanks to attempt to recapture a village we had retreated through the previous day. It sounded like using a pea shooter to fight Goliath. It was a pretty grim group that gathered on the pews of the local church to discuss the attack. I remember reference being made to noises from above being made by artillery observers who were in the church steeple. The likelihood of survival seemed pretty minimal to me and I gave my personal effects to others to relay to my next of kin. We waited in the church until the early morning hours and then, Hallelujah! The attack had been canceled.

After going through several villages in the area with Joseph and Marcel, I settled on the probability that the church we met in was in Thommen and the place we were



DeJardin, Schober and Nijst on the Weidig Bridge  
424/F retreated over a Bailey Bridge here 12/17/44

going to attack was Oudler. We rounded out the day with a visit to Medell where F Company was involved in the capture of the village on January 25, 1945.

At the conclusion of our day's motor-ing we invited Joseph and Marcel and their wives to have dinner with us and our Wives. Marcel picked a great spot for dinner, Ferme Libert, located on the heights above Malmedy. Marcel mentioned that American artillery was located on these heights in 1944 sending shells over Malmedy to the heights on the other side of Malmedy occupied by the Germans.

The dinner was great, with a good wine selection. I understand Marcel accompanies the owner on wine buying trips to France. Before the evening was over we were in a singing mood. At my request, Madeleine, who has a beautiful singing voice, sang *Lily Marlene*. Marcel, who speaks German as well as he speaks French, chimed in with a German ballad. The best I could do was "*As the Caissons go Rolling Along*" in honor of the artillerymen who served here in the war.

The whole experience was tremendous. I enjoyed it immensely. I can't say enough about the helpfulness and graciousness of our hosts.

I hope I have the opportunity of meeting them again.



# A Salute to Douglas S. Coffey, COGL

By John Kline  
CUB editor

I discovered and joined the Association in 1987 and later attended the 41st Annual Reunion at Mobile. It was at this reunion that I volunteered to take the place of the late Richard DeHeer as editor of The CUB.

One of the first men I met was Douglas S. Coffey, Memorials Chairman. Doug had joined the Association in 1946 or 47. His name appears prominently in the list of officers on page 323 of *The CUB of the Golden Lion: Passes in Review*. First, as editor of The CUB from fiscal year 1952 through 1956. In the 1955-56 year he served both as President and Editor. He acted as Memorials Chairman during the 1952 year, then was reappointed starting the year of 1957 continuing in that capacity through the year 1990.

In July '62 he was awarded the Order of the Golden Lion, Commander Class (COGL). See *CUB Review* page 335.

If you read the history of the St. Vith Memorial, pages 345 to 371 of *The CUB Passes in Review*, you will understand the terrific amount of work that Doug expended in this capacity. It is vividly clear that he as Memorials Chairman was responsible for the building of the St. Vith Memorial. In his story from the Jan-Feb-Mar 1963 CUB about the Memorial Dedication (page 361 in *The CUB Passes in Review*) he states that they had worked for five years to see that a suitable Memorial was erected in St. Vith to the memory of the men of the 106th.

Yes, this was an Association effort, but as we all know, Doug was the driving force that gave us the St. Vith Memorial and conducted on going liaison with the Directors of the school upon whose ground the Memorial rests. There are many other stories in *The CUB Passes in Review* (Tours-Return to Europe) about Doug coordinating group trips to Europe, each time a visit being made to the 106th Division's Memorial at St. Vith.

We owe Doug our thanks for the years of service he has given for the good of the Association and the upkeep of the Memorial.

(Photos on next page)

In a recent letter to me he states;

*"I recently returned from a trip to the Battle of the Bulge area with Galaxy Tours. I hasten to add that I did not go as a representative of the 106th Infantry Division Association, but as a guest of Galaxy Tours because of the many tours I have coordinated in the years gone by. This trip was a familiarization tour preceding the 50 Year Anniversary Celebrations that will be starting on D-Day and going on till the Battle of the Bulge in which 106th Infantry Division Associations might be interested. It will probably be the last trip for most of us, as age is catching up with us.*

*"I wish to report that while in St. Vith I placed a Memorial Wreath at the 106th's Memorial. I noticed that there is a crack in the wall and that the Lion Plaque is deteriorating and will not stand many more winters. The tour guide for Galaxy Tours, Mark Burton, said he would tackle the task of making a new Lion Plaque for us, at no cost, and that he would place it on the Memorial on a subsequent tour. I have relayed this information to the present Memorials Chairman, Dr. John Robb. I understand that he is negotiating with CRIBA to coordinate repairs to the Memorial.*

*"By the way, Galaxy Tours, who have handled most all the 106th European trips have some excellent packages for the members who want to join in the 50th Anniversary Celebrations, or just to go over on a tour. They can be reached by calling 1-800-523-728 or 215-964-8010. Ask for a packet of information and tell them that you are with the 106th. Their address is Galaxy Tours -997 Old Eagle School Road, #207, Wayne, PA 19087-0234*

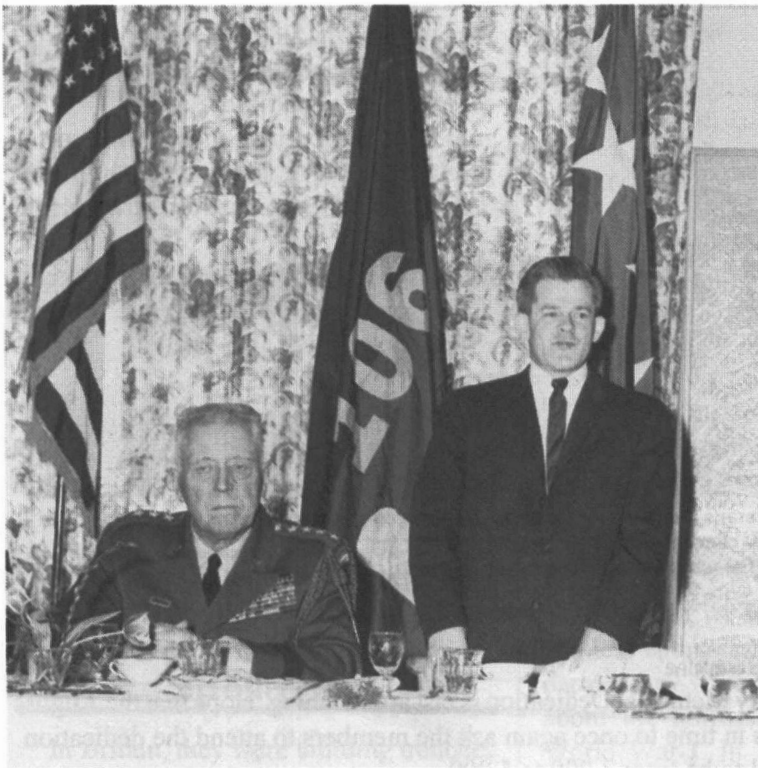
*"Keep up the good work John. I will not*

## In Memory of Isabel Coffey

Doug's wife, Isabel, passed away on June 18, 1992, after a very long illness.

Doug, I know I speak for all. We wish to pass along our condolences. Isabel will be missed and remembered by the many friends she made within the Association. God Bless.

We hope to see you soon.....



**Douglas S. Coffey, 590/C**  
**Memorials Chairman**  
**Master of Ceremonies**  
**at the**  
**Dedication Ceremony for**  
**the 106th Infantry Division**  
**Memorial**  
**25 March 1962**  
**St. Vith, Belgium.**  
**General Bruce C. Clarke**  
**honored guest speaker**  
**on Coffey's right..**  
**Read page 353-365**  
**CUB Passes In Review**



**Douglas S. Coffey, COGL - at the 106th Infantry Division Memorial, St. Vith, Belgium - March 1992**

## **Camp Atterbury Veterans Memorial**

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Camp Atterbury Veterans Memorial Park wall, as it nears completion, with plaques in place.  
Each plaque is six feet tall and four feet wide.  
The wall is 40 feet long by ten feet high, plus wings.

by O. Paul Merz 422/Service Co  
106th Infantry Division Assoc. Representative

The Camp Atterbury Memorial Dedication is fast approaching. Hope that the August CUE gets to the troops in time to once again ask the members to attend the dedication. Attendance is expected to be from 3,000 to 5,000.

It will be held 15 August 1992. Seating will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the program will start at 9:30 a.m. The 38th Division Band will be playing.

106th Assoc. President Mike Thome, Past-President John Gilliland and Dr. John Robb, 106th Memorial Chairman will be in attendance. Ed Huminski will be bringing the Division colors which he has been keeping to be used at the Pittsburgh Reunion.

There will be many veterans, dignitaries, military personnel and civilians present to help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Camp Atterbury and honor the veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm. This museum is the first one located on a National Guard Site recognized by the Center for Military History.

Donations have been generous, but more money is needed to put the final touches to the Memorial. We have had many 106th members contribute, but we are not as well represented with donations as some of the other divisions. Your help is needed.

Make checks payable to "Camp Atterbury Veterans Memorial Association"

Send your donations, for forwarding, to:

**106th Memorials Chairman  
Dr. John Robb  
238 Devore Dr.  
Meadeville, PA 16355**



**I**n June of 1939, my uncle, Francis Cardinal Spellman, knew there would soon be a war in Europe and planned a trip for me and four of my cousins with a Boston school teacher who spoke four or five languages. We landed in Ireland, then to Britain, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Hitler was then at the peak of his power and the German people were totally committed to him and his plans for Europe. We took the Rhine cruise from Cologne to Nuremberg, Hiedelburg, and then to Vienna and on to Budapest. Then, to Italy and Switzerland and to France.

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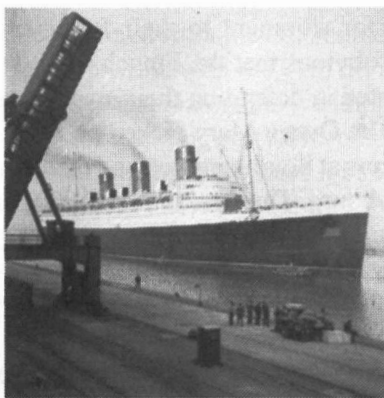
**See New Member  
column for more  
information on  
Spellman**

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In Britain, they were building trenches in Green Park and setting up Anti-Aircraft guns. In Belgium, the people were frightened of the Germans and feared an invasion. The Dutch were placid since they had escaped the ravages of World War I.

One out of every four people in Germany were in uniform. Every one had a swastika on his clothing. The S.S. were guarding the Nazi monuments. We drank beer in the Hofbraus with Luftwaffe pilots and everywhere we went in Germany the conversation was always the same. They were going to get even for World War I and get rid of the Versailles Treaty.

On a tour bus from Hiedelburg to a restored medieval town, the German guide was directing everyone's attention to the view from the left hand side of the bus. I was looking out the window to the right hand side. He got angry at me and told me to look out to the left. I asked him, since the Versailles Treaty limited the Luftwaffe to 100 aircraft, why were there over 2,000 planes on the left hand side of the bus!



**The Queen Mary docking at Cherbourg September 1939 about one day before Britian declared war.**

In Austria, we found the people fearful and less enthusiastic about Hitler. In Budapest, they were very fearful and talked about the horrors they had endured in World War I. In Italy we stayed at the home of Count Galliazo who was the architect for the Vatican. The Italians refused to talk about Mussolini and we saw very little military activity except for an exhibit in a war museum showing the latest weapons developed by the Italians.

In Switzerland, we stayed in Interlaken and after a trip up the Jungfrau mountain, the clerk the hotel said to call the American Embassy right away. The Embassy said that the Germans had invaded Poland and the Swiss border would be closed in eight hours. We boarded a train to Paris and arrived at the railroad station as the French were sending troops to the Maginot Line.

When we checked into the hotel, it was fully staffed. The next morning there was only one 70 year old desk clerk. He said everyone had been called up to their Regiments. Paris was blacked out. There was chaos and confusion everywhere. The American Embassy called and told us to leave Paris at once as it was going to be bombed. We took a train to Cherbourg to

wait for the Queen Mary for the trip home. On the way, we saw French troops being beaten with truncheons to get them into line for shipment to their Regiments. It was obvious that the French were not interested in defending their own country!

The Queen Mary picked up 1500 passengers at Southampton and then went to Cherbourg. There were over 5,000 people trying to get on the ship but the Queen Mary had only room for 500. Many of the people were hysterical. We left port with two French destroyers as escort. The Queen Mary was a faster ship and soon left them behind. Off the coast of Ireland, a German sub sunk the British passenger ship Athena with 600 passengers. The loudspeakers on the Queen Mary broadcasted a message from the King declaring war on Germany. The ship's officers went to their lockers and changed into British Naval uniforms. The captain announced we would not take the usual route to New York as he felt that the German subs were lying in wait for us. We went to Iceland, then Greenland, Newfoundland and hugged the coast to New York.

We reached New York at night and were silhouetted against the New York skyline. Cunard said we could not dock because there was a tugboat and a long-shoremen's strike! We went to Charlotte, N.C. at 40 knots, turned around and back to New York in the daylight. Without any assistance, the Captain docked the Queen Mary at 57th Street Sept 5, 1939!

**I** went back to school and when I was 17, I enlisted in the army in the ASTP. I was sent to Norwich University in Vermont to prepare for the Military Government after we defeated Germany. We were told that the casualty rate in the North African Campaign was higher than expected and we were sent to the infantry school at Ft. Benning, Georgia. After the training, most

of my group was sent to the 87th division and I was sent to the 106th at Camp Atterbury.

I was assigned to company "C" of the 424th Infantry as a scout. I was sent to work with General Perrin at Division Headquarters. I was asked to tell of my trip to Europe and give the officers some idea what the Nazis were all about.

When we received orders to ship out to Camp Myles Standish, I returned to Captain Miller in "C" company. After arrival in Scotland, we were sent to Banbury. I was asked to give briefings by Colonel Reid and his staff on British currency and related matters.

After a few days bouncing around in the English Channel with a Indian crew and a French military band, we landed our LCI at Le Havre in the rain and the cold. We got on trucks and spent a night in a mud and dung covered field and then on to St. Vith and into Winterspelt. While on patrol, we heard tanks moving around in the forest ahead of us and reported this enemy activity.

The morning of December 16 we moved from Winterspelt into the forest. Winterspelt was under heavy 88 fire and heavy mortar fire. The mortar shells hit the trees and rained shrapnel all over us killing Captain Miller and many men in "C" company. I was hit and managed to get back to Winterspelt where there were dead bodies neatly lined up on the street. The medics moved me to a cellar in St. Vith. After a few days, I was put in an ambulance with two of the Malmedy Massacre survivors. One was incoherent and the other had a bad stutter.

We managed to get through the 7th armored tanks which were stalled in the mud and snow and to a hospital. The hospital had been evacuated and so we drove to Liege to the 28th General Hospital. German prisoners carried me to a ward. Buzz bombs were coming every 30 sec-

onds and finally one hit the hospital killing most of the doctors. German prisoners moved me to a hospital train which stayed in the station because the Belgians were hiding in cellars and no one could be found to drive the train. Finally, a soldier from Tennessee took the train out and we went to a hospital in Paris staffed by doctors from Mass General in my home town of Boston, Mass.

The doctors said they had landed in North Africa but had never seen anything like this before. I had never seen a doctor cry before. A reporter from Stars & Stripes came into the ward. I told him that my two companions were in the Malmedy Massacre and he interviewed them. This is where the story of Malmedy became known for the first time.

After a few days in Paris we were put on a train to Cherbourg and then to a British hospital ship. In addition to a fractured skull, a back injury, I also had frozen hands and feet. My feet began to thaw and the pain was intense. The British nurse refused to give me an aspirin! We landed in Southampton and then to the 185th General in Taunton, England.

I was in a ward with 79 other trench foot patients. The beds were arranged so that your feet were facing the center aisle with the covers rolled up to your ankles. Each morning the doctors came down the aisle selecting candidates for amputation. One day a doctor asked me if I could walk from one end to the bed to the other. As I did this, he said that if I couldn't, I would be sent back to the States otherwise I would be returned to duty.

After release from the hospital, I was given a 7 day pass to London, just in time to come under attack by V-2 rockets. I was in the Red Cross Club in Marble Arch when a V-2 landed in Green Park across the street!

I left London to go to Birmingham where I was to report at the 10th Replace-

ment Depot. In the railroad station, I met a soldier who had been with me in Norwich and in Ft. Benning. He had been machine-gunned from his left shoulder to his right hip while with the 87th division. (Later I was best man at his wedding and he was in my wedding party. He joined the State Department and I have not heard from him since 1949.

Anyway, the 10th Replacement Depot found that I had a M.O.S. #152 (Photographer) and I was assigned to the HQ, 3rd Air Division of the 8th Air Force in photo intelligence. I was on 24 hour duty! I developed the negatives from the B-17 cameras and helped General Partridge and his G-2 to decide if a target needed more attention by our 2,000 B-17's which flew missions every other day.

When the war ended in Europe, I prepared a top secret book of photos and captions of the history of the 3rd Air Division for distribution to General Marshall, the President, and the British Prime Minister.

I was found unconscious one day and sent to the 65th General Hospital and then to a hospital 'closest to your home' in Wilmington N.C. (My home was Boston Mass.) After a few months I was transferred to Plattsburg Air Force Hospital in New York. A doctor there asked me for my x-rays. I told him none were ever taken. He sent me to get some made and found that I had a skull fracture incurred on December 16. I was discharged within 24 hours on October 5, 1945 with 100% disability.

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### ***The Enigma Machine***

I have always wondered how the 106th was placed in such an untenable situation and have done some research:

In 1936, there was a top secret factory in Germany producing a code machine. It was called the "Enigma" machine.

It worked on the principle of the table of random numbers and produced an unbreakable code.

One of the workers in the factory was of Polish ancestry. He felt that Hitler's plan to take Danzig would lead to World War II. Every night he left the factory with a piece of the machine. He took off to England when he had all the pieces and gave them to MI-5 (British Intelligence). He assembled the machine and showed the British how to use it.

The British then built their own factory to produce the machine. When the U.S. entered the war, the machine was given to the Americans. It was installed in Eisenhower's headquarters and one was given to General MacArthur in Australia.

All orders for the German Army, Navy and Air force were sent by code with the "Enigma" machine. This is how the British were able to shoot down the Luftwaffe and how they beat the submarines in the Atlantic. Montgomery used it at El Alamein.

When Hitler ordered the Battle of the Ardennes (Bulge) he instructed his gener-

als that the code machine was not to be used to transmit orders for this battle. Instead, the Nazis transmitted false messages as to the disposition of their troops.

For example, the divisions that hit us were in Romania and the Russian front. This is why Eisenhower thought we were being sent to a "quiet sector" and spread over 27 miles with no support. Eisenhower and his staff had relied on the code machine and found it to be accurate during the entire war up to December 1944. This is why our reports to GHQ about enemy activity were discounted. This is why a Lieutenant in GHQ was transferred to the Pacific when he insisted that the top brass pay attention to report from us and the 28th Division.

If you have ever wondered how MacArthur was able to shoot down Admiral Yamamoto's plane in the middle of the Pacific, the Nazis gave the "Enigma" machine to the Japanese who had complained to Hitler that the Americans had broken their code.

*John W. Spellman, Jr. ASN: 11132309*



Cologne, Germany July 1939 just before we boarded the Rhine River boat to Weisbaden



# ***1991-92 Scholarship Committee Report....***

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## **Scholarship Committee Report**

by Frank S. Trautman, chairman

The enclosed material concerns the young people awarded the 106th Infantry Division Association Scholarships for 1992. With this report the work of the committee for this year is 95% complete. The last portion will be submitted as a final report to the Board at the Pittsburgh Reunion.

We received requests for scholarships from twelve very highly qualified students this year. This was quite different from the past year. Needless to say the committee had their work cut out for them. We tried to do our very best and will await any comments later. We did have one additional scholarship to award this year and it would have been helpful to have more.

I had a recent letter from John Gregory. He has contacted Princeton Testing Service (SAT). They will have a number for us for the applicant to submit scores for the next year's scholarships. It will be printed in their catalogue listing this year, but will be in the following years. I will make note of this for to next year's chairman.

**Thank You**

*Frank S. Trautman, chairman*  
Scholarship Committee

**Dear Mr. Trautman;**

Thank you for your letter of June 12, 1992 and for the award of the \$1,000 scholarship from the 106th Infantry Division Association. I am very grateful for your consideration and am proud to have been chosen to receive one of the scholarships.

I have decided to pursue a career in veterinary medicine and am excited to begin my preparation to reach that goal. Your scholarship will certainly be of great help.

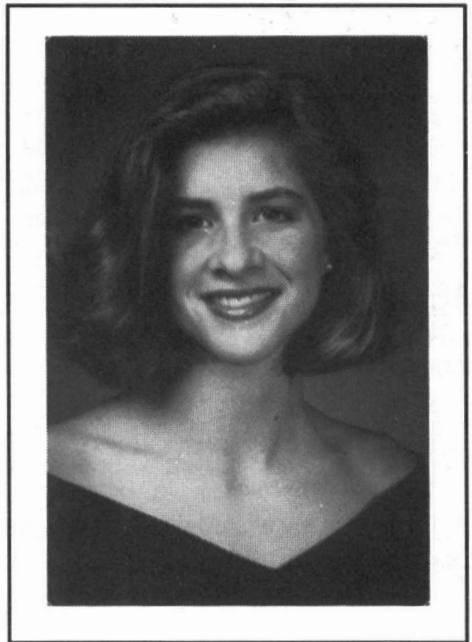
Also, the scholarship should be forwarded the the Presbyterian College, Office of Financial Aid, Clinton, South Carolina.

I will notify them to expect to hear from you.

Again, thank you so much for this honor.

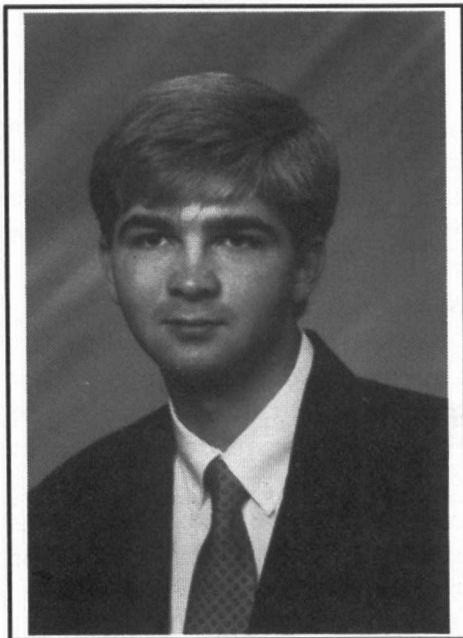
Sincerely

Jill C. McLemore



Jill C. McLemore  
granddaughter of Douglas Coffey, 590/C

## 1991-92 Scholarship Committee Report....



Jason Trent Murphee  
grandson of Leon A. Murphee, 423/HQ 2nd Bn

Dear Mr. Trautman;

I was pleased to receive your letter that named me as receiving one of the 106th Infantry Division Association scholarships. The \$1,000 will be very helpful.

My grandfather, Leon A. Murphee, was elated upon hearing the good news. I quote him, "Now I know wading through all that snow was worth it!"

I have chosen to attend Samford University this fall. The scholarship should be forwarded.

Samford University  
Financial Aid Office  
Birmingham, Alabama

Thank you, and I will strive to make the Association and my grandfather proud of my first year at Samford University.

Sincerely  
Jason Murphee

Dear Mr. Trautman;

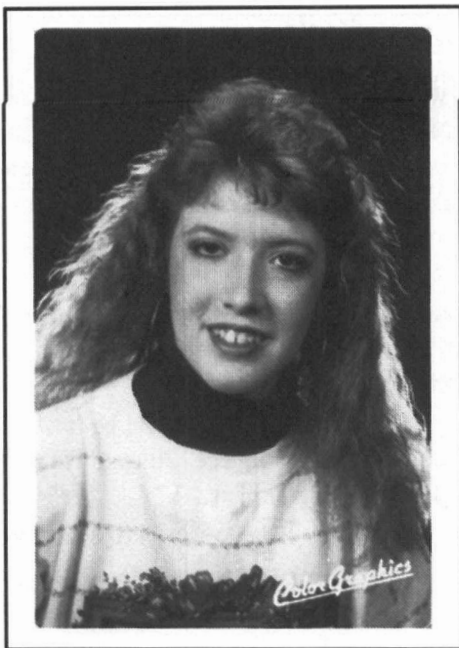
Having just received your letter informing me of the \$1,000 scholarship I have received. My day and future has become much brighter. Thank your members for their generosity, I am pleased and honored to have received this award.

I will be attending York College of Pennsylvania this fall. Their address is:

Rebecca C. Link, Registrar  
York College of Pennsylvania  
York, Pennsylvania

Enclosed is my photo to be placed in the CUB magazine. Again, Thank You

Sincerely  
Sherry L. Lorah



Sherry L. Lorah  
granddaughter of Elwood Lorah, 592/C

Dear Mr. Trautman;

I would like to thank you and the rest of the Scholarship Committee of the 106th Infantry Division Association for awarding one of the \$1,000 scholarships to me. I appreciate it greatly. With the cost of college I know it will come in handy.

I will be attending Rutgers University this Fall.

The scholarship should be sent to:

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Student Accounting Office

Records Hall, College Ave Campus

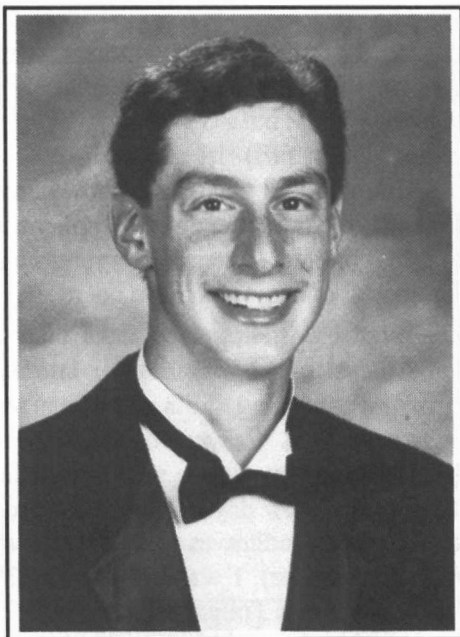
New Brunswick, New Jersey

The check should reach them prior to August 10, the deadline for first semester payments.

Once again, thank you very much for this honor.

Sincerely

Andrew Stein



Andrew Stein  
grandson of Ephraim Goldberg, 423/C

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## 106th presents CUB Review to Andersonville POW Museum

by Pete House

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The 106th Infantry Division Association presented a copy of its newest book *The CUB of the Golden Lion: Passes in Review* to the National Prisoner of War Museum at Andersonville, Georgia. The book, a compilation of articles that were published in the Association's quarterly publication *The CUB* over the past 47 years. There are also articles relating to the history of the Division. The *Review* was compiled by the present *CUB* editor, John Kline.

The 496 pages of the *Review* detail the history of the Golden Lion Division from the March 15, 1943 activation at Ft. Jackson until September 20, 1945 when units started loading on ships for the return to the States. There are histories of individual units and many personal stories, such as return trips to Europe and battle stories. The history of the Division Association is covered from Camp Lucky Strike to present. Stories of the Association Reunions, held each year since 1947, as well a coverage of one of the reunions held at St. Vith are included. Many POW stories are covered in the chapter devoted to POW experiences.

The first printing of 1,820 copies have been sold. The 1st reprint order of 250 books has been ordered and should be in time for the 46th Annual Reunion being held at Pittsburgh August 27 - 30, 1992. Several copies will be on the sales tables at that time.

The cover photograph shows Russell Gunvalson, and Pete House, both of the 590th FAB, Battery "A" presenting the book to Mr. Fred Boyles, Superintendent in charge of Andersonville National Historic Site and the POW Museum, near Andersonville, Georgia.

## New Members

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### **Allen, Harold D. 424/A**

332 Ellis Avenue  
Trumana, AR 72472

Gil, You will never know how happy I was to get your letter and the application to join. I mailed a letter a few months ago for a roster of names but have not received them.

At the time I was drafted into the Army I was married, Edith was fifteen and I was seventeen. We were married on June 16, 1943, so you see we will be married 49 years in a few days. (Happy Anniversary from the editor as he types this on July 9.. J. Kline). I was drafted Jan 26, 1944, took Basic Training at Camp Blanding, Florida. I was scheduled to be sent overseas as a replacement, but still being under 19 years of age I was sent to Atterbury to join the 106th Infantry Division.

On the evening of October 20th, my 19th birthday we boarded the *Aquitania* and left next morning for England.. We lived in a small town named Banbury. Some of the rest is history, but we went into battle at Winterspelt, Germany on December 16, 1944. Two days later there were 32 men left in "A" Company. I made it through without a scratch, though I had many close calls and frozen feet, but they healed O.K.

I was first scout in my company. We were in attack when we were ambushed and the #2 scout and I were cut off from the company for a while. SCARED - it's indescribable. Lt. Beseler was the only officer left in our company.

After the war we farmed in Missouri for three years the moved to Trumann. In oct 1950 I went to work in the local P.O., working 30 years and retiring in 1980. I now work part time as a guard at a glass factory.

We have three daughters and one granddaughter. Our youngest daughter has been bedfast for years, and we have cared for her here at home. I have to give my wife credit for this as I had to work to make a living.

Appreciate you contacting me.

(editor's note — Harold I think most have the address to receive the Bronze Star, but we will print it from your letter in case — Any person that was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge is eligible to receive the BRONZE STAR. Write to Department of the Army, 9700 Page Blvd, Awards Section, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200. If you have it, show evidence that you did receive the CBI Badge. Thanks Harold... J. Kline)

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### **Aponte, Humberto 422/M**

PO Box 1668  
Corozal, PR 00783-1668

I am retired, serving as Marshal, City of New York from 1971 through June 1989. I had purchased a retirement home in Puerto Rico and I am enjoying the warmth of this Caribbean Island. I am receiving V.A. disability for wounds to my vertebrae received in April of 1945.

I went from civilian life to the 106th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where besides learning Basic Training, I first learned how to put my leggings on correctly. I was assigned the "M" Company (The Mules), 3rd Battalion, 422nd Infantry.

I arrived at "Omaha Beach on D+1 (June 7) and became attached to "A" Company, 298th Combat Engineer Battalion, which was part of the 1120th Combat Engineer Group. With this outfit I participated in five (5) major campaigns in the ETO. Normandy; Northern France; Ardennes; Central Europe and the Rhineland. Say hello to all the "Golden Lions," especially to the Donkeys, Horses and Mules, members of the heavy weap-



## New Members

ons companies.

(editor's note — From one Mule to another, welcome aboard, Humberto... J. Kline, 423/M)

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### **Bahlinger, Marion J. 422/B**

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(editor's note — Please see "Mail Bag Column.")

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### **Bickford, Mrs. Florence ASSOCIATE**

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### **Crossland, William 423/HQ**

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Doylestown, PA 18901

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### **Daly, William J. 424/M**

266-B Faller Dr.  
New Milford, NJ 07646

I joined the 106th about April 1943, coming from the 69th Infantry Division and the Air Corps Aviation Cadet program. Went to England, then to the continent with 424/M as a mortar platoon squad Leader. Hospitalized 12/24/44 with frozen feet for about three months after which I was assigned to limited duty in a replacement depot in England. Returned to the states and was discharged February 1946.

Took advantage of the GI bill, graduated from college, worked with several firms. I joined the Air Force ROTC while in college and was commissioned as a 1st Lt. before being physically disqualified when I became seriously ill with tuberculosis in 1955. Served brief three month tour of active duty at the First Air Force HQs, Mitchell Field, N.Y. in 1950, after graduation. Spent 25 years with world-

wide Japanese Trading firm. Traveled extensively over the United States and a few time to the Far east. (But regret I never returned to Europe).

Currently semi-retired and self-employed. Divorced 22 years ago have three children long since grown. Have been active in local government and have held local and county elective positions.

Have been a member of the local VFW 4290.

(editor's note — Don't worry Bill, we won't sell your address to the mail order junkies. Your address will appear in our organizational rosters. Thanks for your nice resume'.. J. Kline)

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### **Delegram, Romie J. 422/MED**

13811 W. 10 Mile Rd  
Oak Park, MI 48237

I was a Technical Sergeant in the Medics, the same as a First Sergeant in the Infantry. I was captured in the Bulge.

I retired 12 years ago from the Executive service of the Ford Motor Company. Like to hunt, fish, golf and bowl. I am very active in these sports.. I have a son 28 and a daughter 45 years of age.

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

4139 Stratfield Dr.  
New Port Richey, FL 34652

For the full 2 years, 9 months and 14 days that I served, all the time was spent with Headquarters Company, 424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division - from the spring of '43 to the fall of '45. I was in the Message Center all that time. I understand that not many had that experience as there was a lot of moving around during those days - but, not for me. Shortly after I was assigned to the 106th at Fort Jackson I contracted Spinal Meningitis and spent several weeks in the Spring of '43 in the hospital. Anyone who was there, at that time, will remember the unfortu-

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nate outbreak, the quarantines, the sheets between each bunk and the other precautions. I was lucky to have recovered, many did not and their military careers were over before they started. I have memories of the Tennessee maneuvers and the rain, the time at Atterbury, the good times in Indianapolis, shipping to Scotland on the *Aquitania*, England, the trip to Le Havre and the cold trip to St. Vith. A few days before the battle began one of the farm houses in which we were billeted caught fire and lit up the night sky. When the battle started a few days later some thought that the fire had triggered it.

Discharged in November '45 I was rehired by my former employer. I was in inside sales and later became the advertising manager, working for several firms. Married in '48 to Norma, my wife. We raised two daughters and now have two grandchildren. In '69 moved from Pittsburgh to Long Island, NY and retired in 1987 to a quiet life in Florida.

I have been back to Europe and in 1989 visited Cologne, where in '45 as I passed through the city all I remembered standing was the Cathedral. All has been rebuilt, of course, and it is a lovely, busy city, with the Cathedral towering above it.

I'm very proud of my association with the 106th Division and am looking forward to reading of others, to meeting some of them and to attending when possible some of the reunions.

(editor's note — John, thanks for nice letter. You asked for a photo of the St. Vith Memorial. Stories of that beautiful monument to the 106th appears in our book, *The Cub of the Golden Lion: Passes in Review*. The first 1,820 copies of this book published in 1991 have been sold. The 1st Reprint order of 250 has been ordered and will be off the press in late July or early August. The "Memorials" chapter (with pictures), pages 345 to 373 is devoted to the St. Vith Memorial, dedicated 25

March 1962, and to the Memorial at Spineux, dedicated 16 December 1989, that was erected by the villagers of Spineux in honor of the 424th Combat Infantry Regiment and the 112th Regiment of the 28th Combat Infantry Division. In connection with the 28th, I just received a 52 page diary from a member of the 112th Regiment of the 28th. A beautifully written piece. He says he owes his life to a 424th Anti-Tank unit that wiped out five German Tanks that had them pinned down. I'll mention that later in The CUB. I haven't had time to read it all since I am engrossed in putting together this issue of The CUB...J. Kline)

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I was in "M" Company, 3rd Battalion, 424th Combat Infantry Battalion. (81mm Mortars). Went over from Camp Atterbury to Myles Standish via the *Aquitania*. Came back on the *William T. Barry* to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Was with the company when we relieved the 2nd Division about December 12th '44, man for man - gun for gun. Was on the line when we were hit on 16 Dec '44. Was also there when we were involved in what we know now as "the fortified goose egg."

Married Loretta, had two girls and one boy. My hobbies are enjoying our grandchildren, a little fishing and bowling.

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I am now retired, spending more than 47 years with Union Camps Chemical Plant at Dover, Ohio.

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***Giles, Jr., James B. 422/K***

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I was the platoon leader of the 3rd Platoon, 422/K. I was wounded and captured on December 19, 1944. I have been in contact with Henry Harmeling, Company Commander, 422/K, over the years, but was not aware that there has been an active 106th Infantry Division Association. Have joined! Recent contacts I have had from 422/K: Jacques Bloch, Reuben H. Braden and Hampton Dailey. Appreciated each contact.

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***Hall, Robert F. 424/HQ 3BN***

302 Marianville Rd.  
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With the original 106th Infantry Division March 1943, left in early '44 from

Camp Atterbury to join the 20th Infantry in Normandy in July '44, stayed with them until the war ended.

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### **Kipnis D.D.S., Mervyn B. 422/F**

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1. Went overseas as a member of 422/F.
2. In combat was "volunteered" and became a "lead scout" in a Ranger Patrol Group attached to Regimentals Headquarters at the time of capture.
3. Stalag IX-B
4. Became "Camp Leader" at Stalag IX-B responsible for about 450 men.
5. Received Dental degree 1954.
6. Assistant Professor - Univ of Pacific, School of Dentistry, San Francisco - semi-retired.
7. President of two different organizations.
8. Active Pilot - maintain own airplane.
9. Wife Ruth - married 39 years, three children - Kathy, Brian and Kyle. Two grandchildren - Kelli and Kasey.

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### **Kurzwski, James J. 423/HQ**

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### **LaSanska, Donald P. 591/HQ**

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Dear Gil, I was glad to get your long letter and with the help of Ray Panice I am finally getting the contacts that I missed for so many years.

When pulled off the front line during the Bulge, we stayed with some Belgium folks and got to stay with the Bürgermeister of the little village of Hestruux-Tavier. We exchanged letters and sent them a Christmas box for several years. Wonderful folks that I shall never forget. I con-

tacted the present Bürgermeister and received a map and a nice letter - great memories.

Thank you for your long letter and interest. Thank goodness we have fellows like you to keep us in touch!!

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### **Laursen, Alfred J. 81st ENG/C**

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After my discharge in January 1946 I resumed my pre-war occupation of erecting power plant boilers for Babcock & Wilcox Co. I was married in Feb 1954 and assigned to a job in Hawaii which lasted nine months. It was a prolonged honeymoon. Our oldest son went into the army after high school and was taught the Russian language at the Defensive Language Institute in Monterey, California. He was then station in Germany monitoring the Russian Radio Network.

My wife and I visited him in 1976 after flying to Luxembourg and driving a rental car through Belgium and Germany. While there I revisited some of the places I had been during the *Battle of the Bulge*, including St. Vith, Heckhalenfeld, Gufingen and Vielsalm.

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### **Looney, James M. 423/CN**

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### **Lucas, Robert F. 423/F**

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### **Macri, Joseph R. 424/HQ 3BN**

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I got into the 106th in a round-about way. Entered service in 1942 and was



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assigned to the 102nd Division. After 16 months transferred to Air Force for pilot training. Spent about 11 months there and washed out.

The 102nd was already overseas so they thought it would be nice if I went to the 106th who were getting ready to go overseas. I reported to Camp Atterbury a few weeks before the division went to Europe.

On December 16th I went to the Motor Pool outside St. Vith for repairs. A few mortar shells were hitting around us and we didn't realize that it was the beginning of the Bulge.

I married two weeks after getting back home. We had six children, all are married with families - seven grandchildren. Have been retired the past seven years. Prior to that I worked as a Tax Accountant for a large trucking firm.

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### **Marino, Anthony J. 422/HQ 1BN**

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### **McKenney, Thomas L. 81st ENG/A**

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I was captured along with part of the Infantry near St. Vith. Spent my time in Stalag IX-B, Bad Orb. I weighed 180 pounds when captured. When released, along with others, I was lucky to be alive. Body lice as big as flies in every bunk. Some of us were forced to sleep on the floor. My legs still bother me from a beating I took from a German guard who used his rifle to beat on my knees in the middle of the night to wake me up. I am 81 years of age. I thank God I survived.

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### **Meters, John M. 590/B**

1608 Pleasantville Dr.  
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Taken prisoner on December 19, 1944, made to walk many miles, then put into box-cars to Stalag 4-B, Mühlberg, then sent by train to Halle. We worked in a factory 12 hours a day and were feed one small bowl of potato soup, got a piece of bread every third day. When the city of Halle was declared an open city we were moved to a farm where we were held until the American Army found us. Getting home from there was another story.

I was discharged, went to school and became an electrician which I worked at for 31 years. I married the most beautiful girl in this world. She was as sweet and beautiful on the inside as she was outside. We have four sons who have grown to be great men. We had one daughter who was called home at birth. My darling Audrey and I were married 42 years. She got cancer and God took her home on December 19, 1989. I retired in April 1989.

I am the commander of the Chesapeake Chapter of the Ex-POW of Maryland. Now I live day by day.

There is one buddy who served with me in the 590 FAB, gun #4. He is Edward Baum of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, I sure would like to learn his address, last I heard from him was 1946.

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### **Niner, Robert 590/HQ**

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Mr. Collins I learned about the Association from Captain Sam Davis of Orlando, who called me in response to a Memorial Day essay I had written, which was published in the Orlando Sentinel. I mentioned the 106th in the essay.

(editor's note — I hope that I will be able

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to reprint your Memorial Day essay, if not in this issue, another time - it was a wonderful tribute to your friend Willie who was killed in the December 23rd bombing raid when the RAF bombed the railway outside of Stalag 12-A, Limburg. 63 Officers were killed there when a bomb hit their barracks. Many of our men were, like you, in the box-cars outside the camp. Unfortunately many died, like Willie... J. Kline)

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### **Paananen, Eugene E. 422/H**

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### **Passey, Lloyd J. 422/HQ 2BN**

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Paris, ID 83261

Paris, Idaho is located on US 89 between Salt Lake City and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Everyone here knows me.

My war experience was the same as most all of you. I was captured when our officers surrendered us at a Motor Pool, don't remember where, marched to a town called Prüm, taken to a rail yard and loaded on cattle cars at a town named Gerolstein. We were strafed by P-47's while locked in the trains. Arrived at Stalag 4-B, Mühlberg on 12 January '45 and arrived at Stalag 8-A near Görlitz near the Polish-Czech border. Stayed there for a month and due to the Russian Offensive we were marched nearly every day to the west and north. Liberated somewhere near Braunschweig on Friday April 13th, 1945. I still have a craving for sugar beets, sawdust bread and watered down turnip soup. Be glad to hear from anybody from our company, or from anybody in the 106th.

(editor's note — Lloyd, I was with you on the 415 mile march from Stalag 8-A to Liberation. I was liberated in Helmstedt about 15-20 miles east of Braunschweig, also on Friday April 13th. The only difference in our stories is that I walked 110 miles to Stalag 12-A before entering the box-cars. I have a diary. When I get time to reprint it I will save you a copy. I

kept track of most all the towns we marched through and wrote the diary after I got back to the states. I was a machine gun squad leader with 423/M and to this day I still believe we were right next to the 422nd as we faced Schönberg, for my buddy and I, My section sergeant George Crouthamel, ended up with a bunch of 422nd men in Görlitz. Most all the rest of the M Company men went to 9-B, Bad Orb and 9-A, Ziegenhain. I do not yearn for beets, sawdust and weak soup - they only appear in my dreams once in a while.. J. Kline)

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### **Poulin, Roger A. 423/G**

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I joined the 106th in September of 1944 as a rifleman-grenade launcher. Captured December 19, 1944 I was liberated April 15, 1945.

I remember a fellow soldier name **Theodore Pikle** who I would like to hear from. We lost track after being captured. I am planning on attending the Pittsburgh Reunion.

(editor's note — Roger - your friend Pikle appears on General Order #51, published by the 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment on July 31, 1945. The purpose of this order was to award Combat Infantry Badges to all the 423rd men, including those killed, missing and known alive. It appears he made it through prison camps etc. because he is listed among the living at that time. We do not have addresses other than those of the current association members. Maybe somebody out there will see your remarks and tip you off as to his whereabouts. Good Luck.. J. Kline)

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### **Rehman, Christopher W. 423/H**

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### **Riels, John O. 423/HQ 2BN**

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Captured December 19 I was at Stalag 9-B, Bad Orb and later at Stalag 9-A, Ziegenhain. Liberated on March 31, 1945 by the 6th Armored Division. I returned to the U.S.A. on May 1st and was discharged November 29th 1945.

I decided to complete my education and received a B.S. degree in Engineering from the University of Miami in 1954. I went to work for National Airlines as a power plant engineer, after two years I was hired by Convair in San Diego as an aircraft design engineer. While with Convair I was assigned to the missile division where my duty was to develop rocket engine static test facilities at Edwards Air Force Base.

Later I was assigned to Cape Canaveral, Florida as a flight test engineer. While at the Cape I participated in the first flights of the Atlas Ballistic Missile and later on the Mercury program that led to the flight of America's first orbital flight of man, John Glenn.

Later in the 60's I was employed by general Electric at the Cape as a design engineer and participated in the Apollo program. It was this program that put a man on the moon.

Upon completion of the Apollo program I sought employment with the Walt Disney World Florida Project in 1971. I was employed and remained with Walt Disney World in Orlando until I retired in 1989. I still reside in Orlando and have been active in the local Shrine Temple. I served as a Potentate of the "Bahia" Shrine Temple for the year 1990. When I have spare time I enjoy reworking and repairing old clock movements. I have dedicated a room in my home my clock

room and keep a collection of over 30 antique clocks there. I also enjoy the activities of our church and have served a number of years as an elder.

My lady Beth and I have two children. Our daughter who is our oldest child is married and lives here in Orlando. Our son who is 10 years younger than his sister is in the U.S. Air Force. He has been there for over 13 years and is planning on making it his career. He is currently stationed at Fort Walton Beach, FL. We are very happy to have him so near to us and look forward to spending time with him.

Sam Davis who also lives in Orlando has told us so much about the 106th Infantry Division Association that my excitement is at a peak. I look forward to seeing many of my friends during the 46th Annual Reunion in Pittsburgh.

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### **Shidemantle, John D. 422/HQ 2BN**

15 Bower Hill  
Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Drafted August 15, 1941 from Parker's Landing, PA, completed Basic Training in Medical Corps, Camp Lee, Virginia and assigned to Station Compliment Troops, Camp Livingston, Louisiana October 1941.

Attended OCS Camp Barkley, Texas and commissioned 2nd Lt in the Medical Administrative Corps in Sept '43.

Returned to Camp Barkley, Texas in January '44 for Advanced Course for battalion Surgeon's Asst.. Assigned to 422nd Regiment, Battalion Headquarters in 1944 and went overseas with the Division as 1st Lt. Captured in the Ardennes battle on December 21, 1944, southeast of Schönberg. Imprisoned in Stalag 4-B and Oflag 64Z. Liberated by the Russians on their drive to Berlin at Wügarten, Ger-

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many. Transported to Odessa on the Black sea and shipped on a British boat to Naples, Italy in April 1945.

Discharged from Camp Crowder, MO November 11, 1945.

Employed by U.S. Steel Corporation in Pittsburgh, Chicago and New York and retired January 1978 after 32 years of service.

Married and have lived in Pittsburgh since 1987.

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### **Spellman, Jr., John W. 424/C**

315 Plantation Dr.  
New Bern, NC 28562

Mr. Collins - I joined the 106th at Camp Atterbury in 1944 and was assigned to Capt. Miller as a scout. A few months later I was assigned to Division Headquarters to work with General Perrin. When we shipped out, I returned to the 424th. I was wounded on December 16, 1944 near Winterspelt and evacuated to St. Vith. I was in the last ambulance to leave St. Vith and the other two soldiers with me were the only survivors of the Malmedy Massacre.

I was hospitalized at the 28th General Hospital in Liege and then sent to Paris, then to the 185th General in Taunton, England. After that I was transferred to HQ 3rd Air Division of the 8th Air Force in Photo Intelligence. I was discharged with 100% disability from Plattsburg Air Force Hospital in October 1945.

I would like to know how many of us in the 106th survived and any other information you might have about the 424th or Company 'C.'

In a follow up letter to Sherod Collins after Sherod had sent information to Spellman:

I come from Chestnut Hill, Mass. My

father was a prominent Boston Surgeon and my uncle was Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. Before enlisting in the Army I was a student at Holy Cross College. The Army sent me to Norwich University in Northfield, VT and then to the Infantry School at Fort Benning. I joined the 106th in January 1944

After discharge from the Army I graduated from Boston College. I married Elizabeth Halbritter from Pawrucket, R.I. after her graduation from Brown University in June 1949. I worked in Boston until 1962 in the Advertising Agency Business. In 1962 we moved to New York and worked the World's Fair as Director of marketing. After that I went to MIT for management Science.

My last position was vice-president and chief of the president's staff of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. While with Equitable I developed the first computerized long range planning program. A sales forecasting system and management information system. These systems became the standard for all the worlds leading life insurance companies.

In 1977 I retired from Equitable and moved to New Bern, N.C. My wife entered the Real estate business and we specialize in helping retirees from all over the nation to retire here. When the retirees arrive in New Bern we meet them at their hotel and take them for a yacht cruise of the area. My job is Yacht captain and Chauffeur. Betty's job is to find them a home.

(editor's note — John has written an interesting story of his visit to Europe in the late thirties. He had a look at the Nazi Regime just prior to the start of WW II.  
See Page 15 for his story... J. Kline)



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### **Swart, Harvey L. 423/AT**

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Richfield, PA 17086

I joined 106th at Fort Jackson in March of 1946. I became Lt. Bullard's jeep driver, later I was chosen by Capt. Reed to drive for him at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Was transferred out in April 1944 to Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia. Two weeks later I was sent to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, then to London, England.

In England I was assigned to the 8th Infantry Division, 121st Regiment, Co 'E'. Sailed to Normandy and fought in the invasion. The 8th went down the Brest Peninsula in France and captured it, then came back up the Peninsula, over to the Cyazon Peninsula.

We proceeded to Luxembourg on the German border and I was wounded at Buttendorf. I was transferred to a hospital in England, then sent to Long Island, NY December 24, 1944. From there I went to a hospital in Georgia and then to a convalescent hospital in Virginia in April 1945. Transferred to Fort Bragg, N.C. in Sept 1945 and given a medical discharge on Dec 22, 1945. I was awarded the Purple Heart.

Married to Florence Schrawder in 1946. There were no children in this marriage. I started in the garage business in 1948, added a farm machinery business in 1949. Have continued selling Massey Ferguson machinery.

My first wife died in 1976. Was married to Ruth Swart Auken in October of 1983. I now have five step children and four step grandchildren.

I'm active in Brown's U.M. Church McAlisterville, PA and serve as an usher. Life member military Order of the Purple Heart, American Legion, Disabled

American Vets. Charter member of the Richfield Lion's Club, belong to the Richfield Fire Company, the Middleburg Vets' of Foreign Wars, the Millerstown Moose. Am active member of the Masonic Lodge of Mifflintown, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the Scottish Rite Consistory of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Hobbies are traveling and woodworking.

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### **Taddeo, Peter J. 424/C**

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Entered Service in 1942, sent to Camp Forrest, Tennessee, 319th Inf., Co 'C' 80th division. Promoted to Staff Sgt. following training I was part of the cadre formed and sent to Fort Jackson to participate, join in the formation of the 106th Infantry division. Was wounded on December 16, 1944. Returned to the States where four years of hospital stay failed to save my left leg. Discharged Oct 1948 as a Master Sergeant.

Married with 5 children and 11 grandchildren. We are a very happy family. So I can say that in spite of some bad years, life has been good to us.

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### **Thiesen, Kenneth J. 806 ORB**

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### **Twardzik, Raymond J. 106 SIG**

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Didn't know the Ass'n existed until Mangold, Bears, Eldridge and Sergi of our Ex-POW Chapter told me about it, I am honored to be part of the 106th.

I joined the 106th on 28th March 1944. My "Ham Radio Experience" got me into the 106th. I operated a four-man 3/4 ton radio truck attached to support

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communications between 422nd Headquarters in Schlausenbach and the 106th Division Headquarters in St. Vith. Captured (with Chuck Stammer) one of the 106th Ass'n members) on the 19th. Box cars to Limburg where we were bombed by the British. Then to Stalag IV-B for a couple of weeks, then to Stalag III-B for approx. one month, then walked from III-B to III-A, Luckenwalde. Freed by Russians. "Escaped" from them along with seven others looking for Americans at the Elbe. Shot at and almost killed by a forward unit of the Russians at Juterbog. My Polish saved us. Finally found the Americans 15 miles on the other side of the Elbe. Discharged December 1945, continued my education, graduated as Electrical Engineer from Union College, Schenectady, NY. Joined General Electric in '49. Worked on F86D engine controls, Atlas Missile radio guidance, Apollo, sonar, electric vehicles. Retired in '84 enjoying ham radio, computers, bridge, Director and Senior Vice Commander in Manasola Ex-Pow Chapter. met Chuck Stammer in Athens, Georgia after 45 years. We keep in contact. Hope to attend the reunion when you come back down South again in '93.

(editor's note — Raymond, you asked for copies of the old CUBs. There are very few around. My supply is nil. I usually have only an archive copy that is kept for editorial purposes. If you purchase a copy of *The CUB of the Golden Lion: Passes in Review*, it does review most of the important stories that appeared in all the CUBs since 1946. It is 496 pages, 8.5 x 10 inch format, hard 4-color cover. The first 1,820 copies are all gone. I just ordered a 1st reprint order of 250 and they should be finished by first or second week of August. \$18.50 each post-paid, 4th class mail. Send your money to Sherod Collins, Treasurer. His name and address appear on the inside cover of this CUB.. J. Kline)

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### **Wayslon, Paul J. 422/HQ 1BN**

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I was captured Dec 19, 1944 near Schönberg, Germany. After walking a couple of days we were put into box-cars, 60 per car. On our way we were hungry and thirsty, German civilians brought us water while we were sitting along side the main tracks. We were bombed by the RAF on Dec 23 1944. After surviving the air-raid we finally got going and arrived at Bad Orb on Christmas Day. After about one month at Bad Orb, 4-B we were transferred to Zeigenhain, Stalag 9-A, up near Kassel. We were liberated from there on Good Friday 1945. While I was in the Army my name was Wasliszyn, I changed it later to Wasylon.

I'm married to my wonderful wife "Rita" celebrating our 40th Wedding Anniversary on Oct 4, 1992. We have two daughters, Janell and Marilyn and three grandchildren Michell, Brian and Jessica. I spent most of my working life with general Motors Corporation as a pattern maker, wood model maker, Leader, Supervisor and General Supervisor at the Chevrolet Engineering Center (now called C.P.C.) from which I retired in 1980. I joined G.M. Truck and Bus in 1983 working as Model Coordinator on a contract basis until May 1, 1991 at which time I fully retired.

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### **Wilson, Glenn R. 423/I**

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Upon being discharged I married my wife Lorraine in 1947. We have two children, a boy and a girl and three grandchildren.

I was employed as a locomotive engineer with the Chicago Northwestern at

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I retired in 1978, we now reside here in Green Bay.

We enjoy traveling and try to get as far south as we can to get away from the Wisconsin winters. It was while we were in Laughlin, Nevada that I ran into Marsh (can't remember his first name) and he told me about the Association.

(editor's note — That must have been Robert H. Marsh of Monrovia, California. We are glad you ran across him. My father, 91 years of age, lives in Madison, Wisconsin. He worked for years (from age 16 to age 66) for New York Central as an engineer on the E&I Division, between Terre Haute, Indiana and Evansville, Indiana. I have ridden on many a steam locomotive. Did you know that the 106th had a reunion in Milwaukee in 1982? I lived in Madison that time, eighty miles away, and didn't catch up with the Association until 1987... J. Kline)

### **Zeigler, Leroy F. 81st ENG/HQ**

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Started with the 106th at Fort Jackson, South Carolina for Basic Training. Ended it in the Bulge like most others, although avoided the POW camps. Received commission to 2nd Lt and recalled back into service in the Korean War. In civilian life worked as a carpenter, self-employed. Retired early and moved from Michigan to Florida six years ago. Enjoy golfing and fishing.

First wife died after 41 years. Raised five beautiful children, three girls, two boys and have 13 grandchildren to adore. Remarried seven years ago and very much enjoy my retirement here in Florida. ■



Left, William Busier; James Edwards; Fred DePoyster; Clifton Capshaw, all 423/K men  
John, Thank you for the list of 423/K men you sent me. I have been in touch with four of them. Fred DePoyster from Cooper, Texas came to visit us in our home. Then we went to St. Petersburg, Florida to visit James Edwards. The next day William Busier came to my home from Port Orange, Florida to visit with Fred and I. We called our Company Commander, Cpt James Bricker who lives in Stuart, Florida. The visits by these men were wonderful. Well worth waiting for. We talked and talked and talked.  
We are going to South Carolina to the POW Reunion on April 29. We have made plans to be at the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Reunion. Looking forward to seeing you.  
signed *Clifton Capshaw, 423/K.*

Please excuse the short "Mail Bag" column in this issue. The summer has been very busy! Time was short, the golf course was calling and I had to get this to press now.

I appreciate all of you that have contributed material. The Minnesota winters are long and I will have a lot to work on after the Reunion and during the winter.

In the meantime, God Bless you and I will see you in Pittsburgh.  
Your CUB editor, John Kline...

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**Bahlinger, Marion J. 422/B**

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After many years I was tracked down by Hugh Colbert of Dallas. A phone call and a couple of letters and he has given me information about the 106th Infantry Division Association. In fact he has sent me several copied pages from "The CUB." I found them interesting.

Hugh also sent several names of men from 422/B. I hope to make contact with some of them and renew memories of 48 years ago. Is there any possibility of receiving back copies of "The CUB."

(editor's note — Marion first, since you are a new member, you might think it odd that I placed your letter in this column. I guess it really doesn't make much difference since I hereby acknowledge you. The real reason is I had the "New Member" column already set up and I discovered I had not entered the into

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above. So instead of rearranging the layout of that column I noted it, then put you here. (a long explanation for a little deed.)

I wrote you about the extra copies. I would like to explain this others who might make the same request. I do have a few extra copies of CUBs back beyond 1987, but not many, probably 35-40, some multiples and not in any sequential order. They are just extras that members have sent me to be used as I see fit. As to archives - I have a complete set of CUBs dating back to 1946. There are about eight publications of which I have only a photo-copy, the rest are originals. Unfortunately there was not a set of "editor's archive copies" passed down the long line of editors, over the years. My copies were graciously sent to me, over a period of about one year, by various members after I took over as editor in 1987. I used this set to research and compile the book, *The CUB of the Golden Lion: Passes in Review*. The Association Historian, Sherod Collins has a complete "original set" These are the official archive copies and they will not be relinquished. They are also used on occasion for research.

The reason the CUB Passes in Review became a reality, was that Ed Prewett in the 1989 Board Meetings said, "It sure would be nice if we could have a book compiling all the interesting stories that have appeared in The CUB since it started. We have so many new members who need to see what happened in the past." I was at that time asked to do a "feasibility" study and brought that answer to the 1990 meeting in Sacramento. It was there that I was authorized to proceed with over 475 hours of research, typing and lay-out work to bring the book out in July of 1991. The first 1,820 copies have been sold and delivered. The 1st Reprint order of 250 books in now being printed. It's a heck of a buy for \$18.50 post-paid... J. Kline)

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**Brown, Irving 423/NC**

Rd 6 Box 89, Washington St  
Dallas, PA 18612

Sherod, I wonder if any one can tell me the number of the Field Hospital (August 15, 1945) at Camp Lucky Strike, Le-Havre, France. Or names of the medical teams, including officers, MPs or men stationed there?



**HUBERT, Andre', Pres. C.R.I.B.A.**  
centre de recherche et d information sur la  
bataille des ardennes (A.S.B.L.)



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6674 LANGLIRE (Gouv)  
BELGIUM

Dear John,

I received the package with the books in very good shape at the beginning of April and have just finished delivering the last copy of *The CUB of the Golden Lion: Passes in Review* to Mrs. Jany DELAVAL, she was at the seaside for holidays.

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter I gave each receiver with the book.

I thank you for the great honor and pleasure, you and your Association made me with a personal copy. You can be sure I will enjoy it. The book is very interesting, more-over it is very useful with its information. Since I have received it I was able to help a veteran of the 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Division, to locate a place where he had been. At the beginning of the Bulge that regiment was attached to your division for a few days.

This book is very different from the others because it gives also the word of the many actors of the battle. Their story is more important and more accurate than the After Action reports of the historians.

John, you really did a great job by compiling all the "CUBs" and taking the best out of them.

I thank you for relying on me to deliver the other five copies of the book to the other people in Belgium.

CRIBA members and myself hope to see you someday in the Ardennes. We know that many Veterans Associations are preparing trips for the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of Europe and the Battle of the Bulge. Sincerely,

(editor's note — Andre' HUBERT, President of CRIBA (see pages 337 through 344 in the *CUB Review*), was shipped six books, one for

himself and five more for: The villagers at Spineux; Madame Jany DELAVAL, widow of Dr. Maurice DELAVAL, a dedicated friend of the 106th - see page 341-343 of the *CUB Passes in Review*; The Museum at La Gleize; The Museum at Ensival and to Serge Fontaine, another of our CRIBA friends. I also received a thank you letter from Pierre GOSSET, secretary of CRIBA for the copy he received via direct mail for the CRIBA library. Andre', Thanks for your help. Vivent les Belges! .. J. Kline)

**Mahoney, R. Neill 590/HQ**

3155 Cherry Point Ct.  
Fallbrook, CA 92028

Enclosed is my story of The Battle of the Bulge. as experienced in the "rear echelon" at Division Headquarters. It is a little longer than I promised.

I was able to contact Ray Kurth 591/B and 591/C. We had a delightful three hour lunch at Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, getting re-acquainted after 46 years! Thank you for providing me with his telephone number.

The Golden Lion Passes in Review is the most worthwhile book I have seen in many years. Of particular interest are the accounts of the 590th and 589th Field Artillery Battalions in the Bulge. I had never before read any account of the events of the days starting on December 16, 1944. I've had some discussions with former POW's of these events, but these stories in the book provided a much clearer view of the terrible experiences of the time.

Congratulations John, your compilation of the 106th Infantry Division history will be a rich source of information, long after we are all gone.

(editor's note — Neill, Your three page story of the "Rear Echelon" of the Division is excellent. Unfortunately time and space caught up with me this time. I have been working "behind the curve" all summer and hope that time will be kinder to me as fall comes along. Your article will be in the next issue. As you know, I was only the "Compiler" the stories came from the men of the 106th. They are to be thanked.

# Mail Bag

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

Maudslea-on-Sea  
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Nova Scotia, Canada B0J 2P0

John,

I will be in Pittsburgh as a delegate attending the National Convention of Veterans For Peace at the same time as the 106th Reunion is there. I hope to drop in and see some of my old buddies.

Thanks for your note to me via the "Mail Bag" in the recent CUB. To comment on Sam Neel who served as a Chaplain with the 422nd Regiment. We shared a stateroom on the Aquitania. I was on the top 3-tier bunk. I think he had the bottom. I visited my late parents in Bradenton, Florida in the winter of '62. My brother-in-law, Tom Mitchell (USNR Chaplain in the Pacific) was pastor of the Central Methodist Church in Bradenton. He was active in Kiwanis and stated that he knew of a Chaplain who served with the 106th. He took me to Manatee Junior College where Sam Neel was President. Somewhere in my cluttered photo collection is a picture of Sam and me. Sam was a great guy. I'm happy to hear he's happy in retirement. I just wish he wouldn't keep his where-abouts a secret. He is needed by his former comrades in the 422nd and 106th. he was a great support for them at Stalag 9-B, I know.

Hope to see you in Pittsburgh. The CUB was great many thanks from us for your dedication. signed *Ron Mosley*

(editor's note — Ron, thanks for your comments.

I received more pictures from Paul Trost that show Chaplain Neel with the troops at Stalag 9-B. I still have gobs of material from you. Hope to see you in Pittsburgh... J. Kline)

**McDevitt, Jack 81st Eng/A**

188 Queen Lane  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Called your home this a.m. and left word for you to mail me another copy of

the CUB Review. This copy will go to my 18 year old grandson at High School graduation with synopsis of his granddads participation. Mant thanks. See you in Pittsburgh. signed *Jack*

**Roberts, John M. 592/C**

1059 Alter Rd  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

John, you and I conversed briefly in the hallway after breakfast one morning at the 106th reunion in Huntsville Alabama. I mentioned to you that I was writing my autobiography which included several chapters regarding my experiences as an artillery man in the 106th Infantry Division.

I mentioned that I would send you copies of those chapters. I have had these duplicated and enclose them for your reading. You will also note that I have enclosed a copy of the contents page which will show you how much I have written about my life. This represents five years of writing.

I am only enclosing those chapters which deal with the Battle of the Bulge and part of the period when the 106th was being reorganized in Rennes, France. (Chapters 21 through 26)

You will note I was a member of the 592/C when I was captured by the Germans on the morning of 16 December 1844, but I was one of the lucky ones that escaped.

I know that you cannot publish all the material that you receive. It is not my intent that you publish any of what I have enclosed.

(editor's note — The contents page shows Chapter 58 starting on page "973." It is understandable why it has taken five years of writing.

John, the 100 plus pages you sent concerning the 106th era are fantastic. They are so well written. I will discuss more of this next time.

Hopefully you will consent to us using some of the material as time goes by.

A copy is going to the Historian, Sherod Collins. Thanks. .. J. Kline)

# In Memoriam

## **Alexander, William G. 423/E**

PO Box 1128, Forest Park, Illinois, 30051

Survived by his wife Carolyn, Bill died on April 21, 1992. He owned Bill's Builders, Inc. a commercial building firm. Also surviving were his two daughters, Marilyn G. Alexander and Caroline I. Alexander of Decatur; a brother Arthur of Forest Park; a sister, Martha Shorter of Miami, a stepson, Lawrence Page, Jr. of Red Lion, Pa; a stepdaughter, Niwana P. Briggs of Union City Ca.

## **Bieze, John H. 424/H**

Rte 5, Box 99, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 53147

John passed away December 22, 1991. No other information available.

## **Duvall, Aaron N. 423/HQ**

69 Woodridge Rd., Rogers, Arkansas 72756

To Captain Sam Davis, 423/HQ, Ruth, Aaron's wife wrote, "I am writing to let you Aaron passed away May 13, 1992. He was buried at the Hudson Cemetery, Moreland, Arkansas. There is a great void in my life, but I am thankful for the 50 years we had together. We have two great children, Bob, an attorney in Little Rock and Betty who is a teacher for the Bentonville School System. They and their families live in Bentonville. Aaron always enjoyed hearing from you."

## **Fitzgerald, William H. 424/E**

521 So. Linden Ave., Waynesboro, VA 22980

William died Tuesday, April 21, 1992 at the Straton Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Albany after a long illness. He formerly worked for the Troy Department of Public Works, and was a maintenance man at Devane's Inc, floor coverings and draperies. He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Troy.

Survivors include his wife Kathleen DeToro Fitzgerald of Troy; a daughter Maureen O'Brien of Center Brunswick; a sister, Mildred Warren of Averill Park; a brother John of Watertown; four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

## **Glenney, Walter S. 424/HQ**

13842 E. Hillside Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78249.

I have no details. A copy of this CUB is going to Sam Glenney, 24 Heritage Ct, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050, who I presume to be a son. Walter was a Life member of the Association, with his wife Billye.

## **Houser, Jack E. 422/G**

7526 10th Avenue So., Richfield, Minnesota 55423

We have no details. He was a Life member of the Association, his wife is Eunice and the May CUB was returned marked "deceased."

## **Pinnow, Robert L. 424/CN**

418 W. Crystal Lake Ave, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

It was reported by Hank Mackowiak of 424/Cannon that Robert had passed away June 1, 1992. Robert's wife is Alice M.

## **Spano, Robert M. 424/CN**

4009 Silver Lake Rd., St. Anthony, Minnesota 55421

It was reported that Robert passed away February 18, 1992. His wife is Eileen who has joined as an Associate member.

## **Simons, John F. 423/E**

15838 Hornell Street, Whittier, California 90603

Ann, John's wife sent a note that he had passed away on February 20, 1992 due to a complication of surgery. He looked forward to reading The CUB. Services were held at the Hillside Chapel. Burial at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

**We shall remember our comrades forever, May they rest in peace.**



**46th Annual Reunion**  
**106th Infantry Division Association**  
**VISTA Hotel**  
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Contact John Maloney, chairman - 1120 Warren Ave, Arnold, PA 15068  
 Telephone (412) 335-6104



**In Memory of our Comrades who died**

# ***106th Infantry Division***

## ***A Listing of Casualties***

<b>DIV HQS</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>106 SIG</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>106 RECON</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>331st MEDICS</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>422nd REG</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>423th REG</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>424th REG</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>DIV ARTY</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>589th FAB</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>590th FAB</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>591st FAB</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>592nd FAB</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>81st ENGINEERS</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b><u>544</u></b>

**From the National Archives, Released 7/27/89**

**Transcribed by Gil Helwig, 423/M**

**Published by CUB editor, John Kline, 423/M - 16 December 1991**

Where are the young lieutenants  
who sailed across the sea?

Where are the proud young men  
who went across with me?

Some are home, now older,  
some sleep across the sea—

and all are so much humbler  
than they ever thought they'd be.

From: The Young Lieutenants

## *The Infantry, Queen of Battles*

*The sleeping Queen was awakened by the crowing cock of  
gold.*

*She roused to make the routine call; to her the game was old.*

*From the mines and orchards, from schools and  
farms,*

*her conscripts came to shoulder her colors and arms.*

*She kneaded the motley mixture with hands carelessly cruel.*

*Unmindful of one single man, from millions she fashioned a  
tool.*

*She honed it with exquisite frustration; she tried it in the mud.*

*She heated it to desperation, then quenched it slowly in blood.*

The above poems and  
back page from  
"Before the Veterans Die"  
by Dale Carver  
742 Druid Circle  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

formerly:  
A&P Platoon Leader  
1st Lt., 424th Combat Inf. Reg.  
Headquarters, 3rd Battalion  
106th Infantry Division.  
Awarded the Silver Star,  
for gallantry in action  
against the enemy.

### BEFORE THE VETERANS DIE

by  
Dale R. Carver



# 106th Infantry Division Casualties WWII -- 544 Count

## Division Headquarters

Jacobs, Kurt B. S 3  
Inf KIA  
Lawler, Raymond F. S/Tec5  
Inf KIA  
Wappler, Murray Tec5  
Inf KIA

## 106th Recon Troop

Akers, Edwin Pvt  
Cav KIA  
Hamby, Lloyd R Pvt  
Cav KIA  
Jeka, Joseph R Pfc  
Cav FOD  
Prosnick, Leonard 2ndLt  
Cav KIA  
Roe, Charles Pvt  
Cav KIA  
Waream, George R 1stLt  
Cav DOW

## 106 Signal

Creamer, Matthew F. Pfc  
SC KIA  
Davis, James I. S3G  
SC KIA  
Ford, John D. 1stLt  
SC KIA  
Schafener, Frank R Pfc  
SC KIA  
Swanson, Harold S. Pfc  
SC KIA

## 331st Medical Battalion

Pfeiffer, Charles W 1stLt  
MD KIA  
Quinlan, John L Tec5  
MD KIA  
Shelhamer, Kenneth C Cpl  
MD KIA  
Smith, Harold D Pfc  
MD KIA

## 422nd Infantry Regiment

Ahlberg, Thomas W Sgt  
Inf KIA  
Anderson, George A Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Aylesworth, Carl A Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Ballew, Earl W Pfc  
kd KIA  
Barh, Saul Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Barlow, George A Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Barr, Ralph Pfc  
Inf DOW  
Baxter, Samuel F —  
Inf KIA  
Benedetto, Joe D Pfc  
Inf FOD  
Blacke, Clifford F 1stLt  
MAC KIA  
Blake, John T SSgt  
Inf KIA  
Bolding, Claude V Tec4  
Inf DOW

Brenner, Murray Pfc Inf KIA	Lo Savio, Nicholas J Pvt Inf KIA
Brice, William B 1stLt Inf KIA	Luck, Earl K 1stLt Inf KIA
Burns, Robert J Tec4 Inf KIA	Madril, Juan O Pvt Inf FOD
Butler, Bert E Pfc Inf KIA	Mathers, Jos. W. Jr Pfc Inf DOW
Cannon, William J Pfc Inf DOW	Miranda, Chrispin L Pfc Inf FOD
Carbaturio, Antonio Pvt Inf KIA	Mueller, David S Pfc Inf KIA
Christensen, - 2ndLt Inf KIA	Pansini, Anthony M Pvt Inf KIA
Cohen, Eli Pfc Inf DOW	Perkins, William H Capt Inf DOW
Croce, Louis A Pfc MD KIA	Phillips, Howard L Pvt Inf KIA
Cummings, John V Pvt Inf KIA	Pierce, Earl D Pvt Inf KIA
Diamon, Richard C 1stLt MC KIA	Porter, Robert C Pvt Inf KIA
Elliott, Robert S. Sgt Inf KIA	Reichenau, Douglas J 1stSgt Inf DOW
Engle, Norman A 2ndLt Inf KIA	Rizzoli, Charles L Sgt Inf KIA
Erickson, Leroy H Sgt Inf DOW	Rogosinski, John J Pvt Inf KIA
Fraanklin, Sheldon Pfc Inf KIA	Ryan, Donald R Pfc Inf KIA
Frair, Charles C Pfc Inf KIA	S-aritz, Thorold J 1stLt Inf FOD
Galletta, Gigli F Sgt Inf KIA	Schaller, Edward 2ndLt Inf DOW
Garon, Alexander Pfc Inf FOD	Schneider, Victor C Pvt Inf KIA
Gelarui, Leonard Pfc Inf DOW	Seibert, Warren L Pfc Inf KIA
Greenspan, Phillip P Pvt Inf KIA	Seymour, Hayden Pfc Inf KIA
Gulios, Charles P Pvt Inf KIA	Smith, Louis Pfc Inf KIA
Gunter, Samuel H Tec5 Inf KIA	Sprouse, John L Pvt Inf KIA
Hammond, George - 2ndLt Inf KIA	Thomas, George E Pvt Inf DOW
Harmon, Emmitt I. Jr 1stLt Inf KIA	Thomas, John W Pvt Inf DOW
Heacney, John J. Pvt Inf KIA	Viborka, John P Pvt Inf KIA
Hene, Julius A. Capt MC KIA	Wanamaker, Paul SSgt Inf DOW
Herron, Robert L. Pvt Inf KIA	Ward, Duane P Pfc Inf KIA
Hjerpe, Edward H MSgt Inf KIA	Washer, Harry Tec5 Inf KIA
Hollar, David G. Pfc Inf KIA	Weissinger, Harry H Pfc Inf KIA
Ingle, Norval E. Pvt MD KIA	Wharton, John B Pvt Inf FOD
Jones, Raymond F. SSgt Inf KIA	Wicert, A.J. SSgt Inf KIA
Kastenbaum, Leon 1stLt Inf KIA	Wilson, Robert H Pfc Inf KIA
Kent, Thomas Lt Inf KIA	Young, Marvin E. Pfc Inf KIA
King, Robert J. SSgt Inf KIA	Zguzenski, Creslow P. Pvt Inf KIA
Kinzer, Don S. Pfc Inf KIA	
Krol, John M 1stLt Inf KIA	
Kulesik, Bernard J Pfc Inf KIA	
Lawrence, Murray A Pfc Inf DOW	

## DOI - Died of Battle Injuries

## DOW - Died of Battle Wounds

## FOD - Finding of Death

## KIA - Killed in Action

Anderson, Lee E Pvt  
Inf FOD  
Awe, John Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Barach, Marvin S Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Bertelser, Thad H Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Bethel, Stuart S Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Bigica, Anthony Tec4  
Inf DOW  
Bird, Claude A Tec5  
Inf KIA  
Blackburn, Herbert H 1stLt  
MAC KIA  
Blan, Sidney H. Jr Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Blanton, Herman N Pfc  
Inf DOW  
Bowman, Everett D Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Bragg, Milford M Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Brown, William E Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Brownell, Donald D 1stLt  
Inf KIA  
Caporale, Ernest F Tec4  
MD DOW  
Carlock, Kenneth L Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Carow, William H Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Carpenter, Bruce W Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Clarkson, James L Capt  
Inf KIA  
Cohen, Gerald I Pvt  
Inf DOW  
Colsum, Robert L Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Combs, Orgel R Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Connolly, John T. Jr Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Cope, William M Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Corcoran, John F Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Corlett, Thomas L 1stLt  
Inf KIA  
Craig, William H Lt.Col  
Inf DOW

## 423rd Infantry Regiment

Allceier, Daniel J Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Anderson, Raymond F Pvt  
Inf KIA

# 106th Infantry Division Casualties WWII -- 544 Count

<b>DOI - Died of Battle Injuries</b>		Hoard, Harvey	Pvt	Nailor, Wilson B	Pfc	Watson, Jonas P	Pvt
		Inf FOD		KIA OO		Inf KIA	
		Hoffman, Charles W	Cpl	Newman, James C.Jr	2ndLt	Webe, Johnnie L	Tsgt
		Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
		Holt, Charles E	Pvt	Oberg, Worrell F	Pvt	Weber, Donald G	Pfc
<b>DOW - Died of Battle Wounds</b>		Inf DOW		Inf FOD		Inf KIA	
		Hostak, Norman J	Pvt	Palaia, Michael	Pfc	Wenberg, Ernest D	1stLt
		Inf KIA		Inf KIA		MC KIA	
		Ingerson, William W	Tec5	Papajcik, John T	Pvt	Wise, Lester	Pvt
		Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
<b>FOD - Finding of Death</b>		Jones, Clealon C	Ssgt	Pate, Marvin C	Sgt	Wismans, Paul J	Sgt
		Inf FOD		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
		Jones, Robert L	PFC	Payne, Ralphard	Pfc	Witton, William J	Pfc
		Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
		Kistner, Paul L	Capt	Peterson, Wilbur C	Pvt		
<b>KIA - Killed in Action</b>		NC KIA		Inf KIA			
		Kliesrath, William L	Pfc	Pfirman, Edward J	Ssgt		
		Inf KIA		Inf KIA		<b>424th Infantry Regiment</b>	
		Knowles, James E	Ssgt	Plismling, Kenneth A	Pvt	Alacha, Thomas J	Pfc
		Inf FOD		MD KIA		Inf FOD	
	Kobrynski, Frank	Pfc	Quaid, Robert E.Jr	Tec5	Alto, Tovid H	Sgt	
	Inf KIA		MD KIA		Inf KIA		
Crocker, Ray N	Tec4	Inf KIA		Quinn, Orie L	Pfc	Ambrose, Ferrill J	Pfc
Daniels, Ronald H	2ndLt	Inf KIA		Inf DOW		Inf KIA	
Davis, Robert O	Pfc	Inf KIA		Rau, Clarence L	Ssgt	Anderson, Myron I	Pfc
Delor-wzg, Joseph G	Pfc	Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
Dietrich, Edgar L	Pfc	Inf KIA		Richards, Jimmy L	Pvt	Arpajian, Harry A	Pvt
Domingue, Wilson P	Pvt	Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
Dowill, Samuel	Pfc	Inf KIA		Rigdon, Paul H	Pfc	Art, Franz F	Pvt
Dulitus, Toby	Pvt	Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
Eastman, Raymond J.Jr	Pfc	Inf KIA		Robertson, Nolen	Pfc	Barker, John H	Pfc
Eggleston, Robert L	Pfc	Inf DOW		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
Flarerty, Edmund M.Jr	Pfc	Inf KIA		Rubenstein, Herbert	Pvt	Barnaby, Albert J	2ndLt
Freas, Russell A.Jr	Capt	Inf KIA		MD KIA		Inf KIA	
Frisch, Rudolph	Pfc	Inf KIA		Sandifer, Woodrow W	Ssgt	Bartolo, D-----	Pfc
Gallo, Peter C	TSgt	Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf DOW	
Giordano, Peter W	Pvt	Inf KIA		Schmitt, Thomas R	Pvt	Baustain, Dean D	Pvt
Graver, Jack E.	Tec4	MD DOW		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
Hall, Arthur A	Pvt	Inf KIA		Schott, Harold J.Jr	Pfc	Bavarisco, Herman	Pfc
Hall, Louis W	Pvt	Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
Hallerin, Abraham	Pvt	Inf KIA		Searcy, James J.III	Pfc	Beck, Louis W	Pvt
Hansch, George L	Pvt	Inf FOD		Inf DOW		Inf KIA	
Hardy, James	Capt	Inf KIA		Shaak, Nevin W	2ndLt	Becraft, -----	Pvt
Heard, Milton L	Pfc	Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
Heaton, Edward L	Pfc	Inf KIA		Sieber, William B	Pfc	Beers, Clifford J	Pfc
Hebert, Charles	Pfc	Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf FOD	
Henry, Frank I	Tsgt	Inf KIA		Signorelli, Casper C	Pfc	Bergren, Carlos O	Pvt
Hile, James H	Pfc	Inf KIA		Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
Hill, Charles P	Pfc	Inf KIA		Smith, Homer L	1stLt	Best, John E	Pfc
				Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
				Snider, Sibert J	Ssgt	Bethausen, Paul F.	Pvt
				Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
				Spencer, Charles M	Pfc	Bevridge (?), Albert H.	Tec5
				Inf KIA		Inf DO	
				Stec, Peter	WOJG	Bickel, Daniel M	Sgt
				ND KIA		Inf DOW	
				Stone, Darrell D	Pfc	Bickerstaff, William T	Pfc
				Inf FOD		Inf KIA	
				Suess, Glen W	Tec5	Bincls, William H	Pfc
				Inf FOD		Inf KIA	
				Swain, Maxwell L	Ssgt	Blalock, Johnie C	Pvt
				Inf FOD		Inf KIA	
				Taylor, Emzy L Jr	WOJG	Blalock, Willie A.	Pfc
				ND KIA		Inf KIA	
				Taylor, Russell N	Tec5	Bobo, Clifford	Pvt
				Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
				Tellez, Lucio G	Pvt	Borah, John V	Pfc
				Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
				Thom, Harold L	Pfc	Boulton, Charles	Tec5
				Inf DOW		Inf KIA	
				Toner, Stephen J	Pfc	Bowman, Charles Jr	1stLt
				Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
				Tong, Hom Y	Pvt	Brown, Maxwell M	2ndLt
				Inf KIA		Inf KIA	
				Vaniceko, Martin	Pfc	Burrus, Clifford J	Pvt
				Inf KIA		Inf KIA	



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Cain, Loren Inf KIA	Pfc	Floyd, Forrest Inf KIA	Pvt	Hudleston, Jarrett M Inf KIA	1stLt	<b>DOI - Died of Battle Injuries</b>  <b>DOW - Died of Battle Wounds</b>  <b>FOD - Finding of Death</b>  <b>KIA - Killed in Action</b>
Campbell, Samuel W. Inf KIA	2ndLt	Folk, Jess D Inf KIA	Pfc	Hummel, Delbert G Inf DOW	Pfc	
Caraway, Alphas L Inf KIA	Pvt	Fomby, Odis B Inf DOW	Pvt	Hurdman, Floyd W Inf DOW	Sgt	
Cashion, William W. Inf KIA	Capt	Ford, Robert D Inf KIA	Pfc	Hutchinson, Robert H Inf KIA	Pvt	
Cassidy, Harold S Inf KIA	Pfc	Forehand, John R. Jr Pfc KIA	Inf	James, Royal - Jr Inf KIA	Ssgt	
Castleberry, Howard M Inf KIA	Pvt	Fosse, Harland A Inf KIA	Sgt	Jazwinski, Frederick Inf KIA	Tec5	<b>Mc Millin, Donald L</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Mc Neil, James E</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Medeiros, Anthony T</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Method, Harold A</b> Pvt <b>Inf FOD</b> <b>Miles, Charles F</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Miller, Frank L. Jr</b> Capt <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Monastrio, Andrew J</b> Tec5 <b>MD KIA</b> <b>Moore, Harold M</b> Sgt <b>Inf DOW</b> <b>Morris, Ivy T</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Morrison, Max R</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Morrissey, Frank A</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Mullin, Merrill M</b> Sgt <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Myers, David L</b> Ssgt <b>Inf DOW</b> <b>Navariz, Edmund N</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Noeth, Karl M</b> Pvt <b>Inf DOW</b> <b>Nowak, William F. Jr</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Pace, Arthur J</b> Pvt <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Parker, Harold B</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Patton, Charlie C</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Perri, Russell</b> Pfc <b>Inf DOW</b> <b>Pietrowski, Edward C</b> Ssgt <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Pilkington, John</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Pleuger, Milton Jr</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Plu-mer, Kenneth F</b> Pfc <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Porto, Frank J</b> Pvt <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Pressman, Herman</b> Pvt <b>Inf KIA</b> <b>Pritchett, Charles</b> Pvt <b>Inf KIA</b>
Catron, Paul M Inf KIA	Pfc	Foster, Buford E Inf KIA	Pfc	Jenkins, Stevenson D Inf KIA	Pfc	
Clark, Ray S Inf KIA	Tec4	Foster, Donald G Inf KIA	Pvt	Johnson, Kenneth R Inf KIA	Pfc	
Clifton, Eugene B Inf FOD	Pvt	Foust, Dalton E Inf KIA	Pfc	Johnson, Murray T Inf KIA	Pfc	
Cohen, Aaron R Inf KIA	Pfc	Frizzell, John G Inf DOW	Sgt	Jones, George W Inf KIA	Pvt	
Colbert, Otto W Inf KIA	Pvt	Furr, Maurice N. Jr Inf KIA	Pfc	Jorgensen, Arthur C Inf KIA	Pvt	
Collins, Robert T Inf FOD	Pfc	Galantowicz, Thaddeus Inf FOD	Pvt	Kautz, Raymond S Inf KIA	Pvt	
Connolly, Robert H Inf KIA	Pvt	Gallas, Casimir Inf KIA	Pfc	Kelley, Arlan C Inf KIA	Pfc	
Coombs, Thomas G Inf KIA	Sgt	Garant, Clarence G FOD KIA	Inf	Kelley, Frank N Inf KIA	Pfc	
Corry, Clifford Inf KIA	Pfc	Garcia, Joe B. Inf KIA	Pfc	Kicinski, Chester S Inf KIA	Pfc	
Cowan, Thomas H Inf KIA	Pfc	Garcia, Salvatore M Inf DOW	Pvt	Kilkenny, John P. Jr Inf KIA	2ndLt	
Crouse, James C. Sr Inf KIA	Pfc	Gardner, Charlie T Inf KIA	Pvt	Killion, William H Inf KIA	Pvt	
Curl, Harold - Inf KIA	Pfc	Gaskell, Daniel C Inf KIA	Pvt	Kinberg, Morton Inf DOW	Sgt	
Dantonio, Joseph P Inf KIA	Pvt	Geyer, Joe E Inf FOD	Pvt	King, Louis J Inf KIA	Sgt	
Davies, Harold N Inf KIA	Pvt	Gillespie, John F. Inf KIA	Pvt	Kocher, Paul S Inf FOD	Pfc	
De Hart, Serton R Inf KIA	Pvt	Gills, Wallace J Inf KIA	Pfc	Kramer, Ira Inf DOW	Pfc	
De Martino, William C Inf KIA	Pvt	Gilsore, Raymond L Inf DOW	Pfc	Kramer, John J Inf KIA	2ndLt	
Delsi, Lupe T Inf DOW	Pvt	Goble, Albert Inf FOD	Pfc	Krieger, Oscar G DC KIA	Capt	
Dettose, James J Inf KIA	Pvt	Gogolerski, Marshall Inf KIA	Pvt	Laccoarce, Calvin C Inf KIA	Pfc	
Di Natale, Anthony J Inf KIA	Pfc	Greeware, Joseph C Inf KIA	Pfc	Langland, Charles L Inf KIA	Ssgt	
Diskarti, August Inf KIA	Cpl	Gricsby, Raymond Inf KIA	Pfc	Lawson, Johnson Jr Inf FOD	Pvt	
Dombi, Rudolph N. Inf KIA	Pfc	Haskins, Ell Z Inf KIA	Pfc	Ledbetter, Herman R Inf KIA	Pfc	
Duncan, William G Inf KIA	Tec4	Heikkila, Arnold Inf KIA	Pfc	Lenihan, Eugene F Inf KIA	Ssgt	
Dunlap, Robert C Inf KIA	Pfc	Henry, Sam R Inf KIA	Tec4	Liggett, Robert G Inf KIA	Sgt	
Engstrom, Robert A Inf KIA	1stLt	Hernandez, -lssio Inf FOD	Pfc	Lorenzen, Robert V Inf KIA	Pfc	
Espinosa, Benjamin Inf KIA	Pvt	Hess, Milton J Inf KIA	Pfc	Mac Rae, Warren I Inf KIA	Pvt	
Evansco, George Inf KIA	Pfc	Heyaann, Chester G Inf KIA	Sgt	Macaroff, William E Inf KIA	Pvt	
Everado, Paul W Inf KIA	Pvt	Hiatt, James A Inf KIA	Pvt	Martindale, James D Inf KIA	Pfc	
Fairchilu, Leo R Inf KIA	Pfc	Hill, Earl L Inf KIA	Cpl	Martinez, Charles R Inf KIA	Pvt	
Feist, Franklin E Inf KIA	Pvt	Hinton, William E Inf KIA	Pvt	Mc Grady, Robert J Inf DOW	Pvt	
Fishman, Arthur J Inf KIA	Pfc	Hintzen, Leonard J Inf KIA	Pfc	Mc Intyre, Gerald D Inf FOD	Sgt	
Flaherty, William J Inf DOW	Pvt	Hird, James W Inf KIA	Pvt	Mc Kay, Duane M Inf DOW	2ndLt	
Flewelling, G.K Inf KIA	1stLt	Hoffman, Glenn C Inf KIA	Pvt	Mc Kay, Robert C Inf KIA	2ndLt	

# 106th Infantry Division Casualties WWII -- 544 Count

## DOI - Died of Battle Injuries

## DOW - Died of Battle Wounds

## FOD - Finding of Death

## KIA - Killed in Action

Rafferty, William E 2ndLt  
Inf KIA  
Ramseyer, Ralph S Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Roberts, Hall H Capt  
Inf KIA  
Rogers, James E Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Ronk, Glenn W Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Ruskin, Kenneth Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Sam, Charlie Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Samberg, Stanley H Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Schoen, Edward J Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Schultz, Donald Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Sedivy, Anton J.Jr Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Sewards, Vernon Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Shread, John R Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Sisco, Orville Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Skarpetowski, John A Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Skinner, George A Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Smoot, Melvin J Ssgt  
Inf KIA  
Spry, John R Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Stanford, James A SSgt  
Inf KIA  
Staub, Alexander J 2ndLt  
Inf KIA  
Stebman, Willard E Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Stephanites, Robert D Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Stephens, Floyd R Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Stokes, Harry B 1stLt  
Inf KIA  
Stone, Charles E Cpl  
Inf KIA  
Struble, Leslie C 1stLt  
Inf KIA  
Sumeers, Robert H Pfc  
Inf KIA

Tapeer, Acey I Tec5  
Inf KIA  
Ten Kley, Wilmer Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Tepper, Paul E Ssgt  
Inf KIA  
Terey, Harvey S.Jr Ssgt  
Inf KIA  
Thomas, William C Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Thompson, John W Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Thompson, Rufus J Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Tilley, Glenn M Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Topsleki, Edward - Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Tracy, Robert L 1stLt  
Inf KIA  
Tuca-r, Robert W Pvt  
Inf FOD  
Turner, Jack H Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Turner, Tboy R Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Tyrrell, Wilson Ssgt  
Inf DOW  
Uilkarn, John A Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Vainreb, Clarence J Pfc  
Inf FOD  
Van Dyk, Louis A Ssgt  
Inf KIA  
Van Kirk, Melvin M Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Van Resnen, Cecil G Ssgt  
Inf KIA  
Vellios, James C Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Vincent, Glen H Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Vincent, Noah L Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Vitaoe, John L Pfc  
Inf DOW  
Vocel, Siegerino F Pfc  
Inf DOW  
Warner, Harry I Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Watson, Ellis R Ssgt  
Inf KIA  
Welker, William Pfc  
Inf KIA  
White, Loren J.Jr Pvt  
Inf KIA  
White, William A Pfc  
Inf DOW  
Wieler, Crawford Jr 2ndLt  
Inf KIA  
Williams, Winifred E Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Willis, Francis A Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Wilson, Andrew J.Jr Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Wilson, Ernest N Pvt  
Inf KIA  
Wilson, Tom F 1stLt  
Inf KIA  
Woodson, David T.Jr Pfc  
Inf KIA  
Woolcock, Daniel B.Jr 1stLt  
Inf KIA  
Wright, Francis W Pvt  
Inf KIA

Zaragoza, David E Pfc  
Inf KIA  
**81st Combat Engineers**  
Bills, Clayton R Pvt  
CE KIA  
Broeker, Henry R Tec4  
CE DOW  
Corao, William H.Jr 1stLt  
CE KIA  
Corly, John F Pvt  
CE DOW  
Coulter, James W Pfc  
CE KIA  
Leusenring, Robert V Pfc  
CE DOW  
Mayserg, Samuel J Pvt  
CE KIA  
Meisner, Horace G Cpl  
CE KIA  
Michaud, John H 1stLt  
CE KIA  
Porter, Raymond Ssgt  
CE FOD  
Rutledge, Paul E 1stLt  
CE KIA  
Scoggins, Robert E Pvt  
CE KIA  
Sisco, Ray E Pfc  
CE KIA  
Timbers, Edward Ssgt  
CE KIA  
Walcher, William E PFC  
CE KIA

## Division Artillery

Noble, Jack Tec5  
FA KIA

**589th FA Battalion**  
Baker, Perry G Pfc  
FA KIA  
Camper, Kilburn D Cpl  
FA KIA  
Garrett, Kenneth H Pvt  
FA KIA  
Gaudette, George E Pvt  
FA DOW  
Gilbreath, Thomas H Tec5  
FA KIA  
Godwin, Wallace Pvt  
FA KIA  
Graham, Thomas C Pfc  
FA KIA  
Hays, James T Pfc  
FA KIA  
Hill, Preston Msgt  
FA KIA  
Hynum, Burton L Pvt  
FA KIA  
Keller, Harold FA  
Pvt KIA  
Knoll, Kenneth R Tec5  
FA KIA  
Mc Celand, Ewing R 1stLt  
FA KIA  
Mitchell, U.F.Jr Pvt  
FA KIA  
Otoole, Francis J 2ndLt  
Inf KIA  
Ristau, Orvin R Pvt  
FA KIA  
Rockwell, Malcolm H Capt  
FA KIA

Scanlon, Maurice E Cpl  
FA KIA  
Scannarico, John A Ssgt  
FA KIA  
Semele, James 2ndLt  
FA KIA  
Skupaka, Mike Pvt  
FA FOD  
Vanegas, Manuel V Pfc  
FA KIA  
Venmola, John Pvt  
FA KIA  
Wheeler, Robert A FA  
KIA 23  
Wiseman, Charles L Pvt  
FA KIA  
Wochna, Leon J 1st, Ssgt  
FA KIA  
Wood, Eric F.Jr 1stLt  
FA KIA

**590th FA Battalion**  
Goldstein, Morton Pfc  
FA KIA  
Hustmj, Gordon F Pfc  
FA KIA  
Losh, John H 1stLt  
FA KIA  
Martin, Albert C 1stLt  
FA KIA  
Mejia, Ramond Pfc  
FA KIA  
Mitchell, Harold K Pfc  
FA KIA  
Pitts, John J Capt  
FA KIA  
Souilliere, Carl R Pvt  
FA KIA  
Stone, Norman E Ssgt  
FA KIA  
Tucker, Jack - Tec5  
FA KIA  
War-oth, William H Tec5  
FA KIA

**591st FA Battalion**  
Blackwell, Ray H Ssgt  
FA KIA  
Chateauf, Edward A Capt  
FA KIA  
Kaulitz, Ronald J 2ndLt  
FA KIA  
Miller, Homer W Pfc  
FA KIA

**592nd FA Battalion**  
Alexander, Isaac N 1stLt  
FA KIA  
Baker, Lawrence A Pvt  
FA KIA  
Campbell, James T Pfc  
FA KIA  
Himberg, Carl A.Jr Cpl  
FA KIA  
Hoffmeyer, Howard Cpl  
FA KIA  
Jenks, Winfred C Pfc  
FA KIA  
Mondragon, Genero M Capt  
FA KIA  
Mouskie, William F Tec4  
FA KIA  
Woodruff, Roy Jr Cpl  
FA KIA

## **Excerpts from a *AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION* article**

### **HENRY-CHAPELLE AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL**

The Henri-Chappelle American Cemetery and memorial covering 57 acres, was established in September 1944 by the 1st Infantry Division of the 1st U. S. Army, as a combat burial site. The cemetery and memorial were completed in 1960 and dedicated during ceremonies on 9 July the same year.

The cemetery commemorates 7,989 of our soldiers who died during two periods of fighting; the 1st Army's drive in September of 1944 through Northern France into Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany, as well as the bitter "Battle of the Bulge" fighting when this region was overrun by the enemy and the site became a front line defensive position. Some were formerly buried in temporary cemeteries at Foss (near Namur) and Foy, Belgium, (near Bastogne), which contained the remains of 2,700 who gave their lives during "The Battle of the Bulge."

The roll call of valiant U.S. Divisions, in addition to the 1st Division is too long to be all inclusive. The 2nd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 28th, 83rd; the 29th and 30th took part in the encirclement of Aachen; the 35th, which fought at Omaha Beach; the 70th, 78th, 79th, the 26th, 75th, 87 and the 4th Armored help smash the von Rundstedt offensive and came to the assistance of the 101st at Bastogne. The roll call continues with the 84th, 95th, 100th, 102nd, 104th and the 106th, which suffered a great number of casualties when struck by the spearhead of the von Rundstedt offensive; the 7th Armored Division, which was among the valiant defenders of nearby St. Vith, where an entire German Corps, flushed with the thoughts of an easy victory, was halted in its tracks.

The 89th, 90th and 94th Infantry and the 5th, 6th, 8th, 11th and 12th Armored Divisions, which roared across the Sar Palatinat spearheading the 3rd and 7th Army drives to the Rhine River; General George S. Patton's 2nd Armored; the 3rd Armored, which trapped 40,000 of the enemy at Mons Belgium, and the 99th Infantry fought through Cologne, Remagen, to the Ruhr industrial center; the 7th Army which fought toward Leige, Belgium. The phantom 9th, 10th Armored and the 82nd Airborne who, with the 101st Airborne, were responsible for the dramatic fight to the finish at Bastogne. It was during the "Battle of the Bulge," that enemy troops, dressed in American uniforms, penetrated as far as the village of Henri-Chappelle and the immediate vicinity where they were captured.

Buried here are the remains of our soldiers who came from the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Panama and England. In 33 cases, two brothers rest side by side, and in one instance three brothers. Ninety-four headstones mark the tombs of the U. S. The cemetery enshrines the remains of three Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. Brigadier General Frederick W. Castle, USAAC, the highest ranking officer buried in the cemetery, was shot down on 24 December 1944 in this vicinity, while leading the greatest bomber formation in military history.

West of the highway which passes through the cemetery is the Overlook and one of the flag poles. The roadway to the Overlook is lined with Linden trees. The Overlook provides a beautiful view of the rolling countryside with distant church steeples, known as the "Valley of Berwinne" and the "Plateau de Herve," also a battlefield.

(Many 106th Infantry Division men are buried in this cemetery. There are others elsewhere, but the predominant number were buried here... editor)

The address is: Henri-Chappelle American Cemetery, 4589 - Aubel, BELGIUM.  
Telephone/ 87.68.71.73

## **Winter, 1944-45**

*This year also spring will come  
to beautify the earth.  
The glory in each icy clod  
even now awaits its birth.*

*Spring will come to this hurt land.  
Its face will then be gay.  
The splendor latent in each bough  
will swell, then burst and sway.*

*Winter yields each year to spring —  
its nature's rule, so be it.  
Even this year spring will come  
and some of us will see it.*

Dale Carver, 424th Regiment,  
Headquarters, 3rd Bn