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Sheena Baby and I thank you all for the wonderful year. I am happy to have served you as your Association President for the year of 1995-96. Bless you all. Richard L. Rigatti, 423/B

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Now that *The Ball is Over*, what a nice way to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the 106th Infantry Division Association. The 50th Annual Reunion at Roanoke was a splendid combination of planning and execution. A big "Thank You" to Elizabeth Bowles and her excellent committee who made the reunion an outstanding success.

My sincere appreciation to the Association, its Board of Directors and Officers, for electing me as your president for the fiscal year 1996/1997. I am proud to be able to serve you, and am humbled to have the honor bestowed upon me. I will do everything possible to further the Association's programs and objectives, and hopefully take on additional programs to the benefit of all.

My main concern for the immediate future is to: 1) Expand the mini-reunions (December Commemorative Parties) to more locations in order to make it possible for those that do not, or can not attend the Annual Reunions, to be able enjoy the camaraderie of their former comrades. 2) Concentrate on soliciting of new members that have not been aware of the existence of the Association. 3) Maintaining our membership by preventing "drop-outs." Possibly the expansion to more "Mini-Reunions" will help keep the interest up.

I ask "all" members to get active in these efforts. We are in an age of declining membership and must maintain efforts to keep our membership active and growing. I challenge all of you to demonstrate your salesmanship and cooperation in assisting to maintain our membership. If you have any ideas on the subject, please contact me.

Gil Helwig, as Membership Chairman, has done such an excellent job in the past years. We need your help to find out where former members of the 106th Infantry Division are, and to assist us in soliciting their membership in the Association. We see faces in the December meetings and in Veteran's groups that have chosen not to join. Solicit their membership, at least to receive The CUB to learn about their comrades.

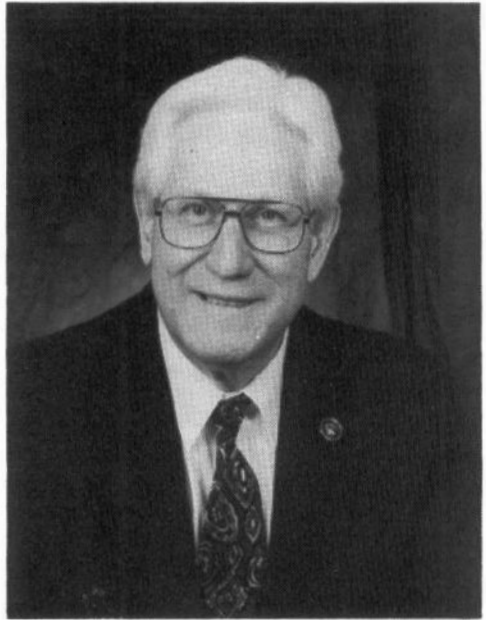
Congratulations to all our new ***Order of the Golden Lion*** recipients. You have served the Association well and deserve the prestigious awards that you received at the 50th Annual Reunion. Wear it with pride, you deserve it.

Please write or call me if you have anything to offer for the good of the association and its members. This is an open and sincere invitation for you to give your input, regardless of the subject. We want to maintain communications with our membership.

Since this is the last CUB before the Holiday Seasons, I wish you all well and have a very merry, happy and healthy Holiday Season. Best wishes for the New Year.

Many thanks again for everything, you are a great group. God Bless you All...

Major Hill



President Major H. Hill 1996-1997
106th Infantry Division Association
"B" Company, 424th Infantry Regiment

"Come into his presence with thanksgiving"



Rev. Ewell C. Black Jr., Chaplain
Order of the Golden Lion 1995
"A" Company, 422nd Inf. Reg.
212 Ridge S, Bishopville, SC 29010
803-484-6861

God's people have always had many things for which to express thanks to Him! God brought them out of Egypt, safely across the wilderness areas and into the Promised Land. In my own life I have seen and experienced so many times when God has been on my side.

As I approach Thanksgiving in 1996, I would like to share some of God's gifts to me in the hope that this may stimulate similar memories for you. We can all appreciate how God watched over us during our time in Service. How He brought us safely through battle, allowed some of us to survive the rigors of being POWs, and has watched over and guided us since those times. But I would like to list some specifics in my life, and ask each of you to join me this Thanksgiving in looking at your life in a similar way.

Three Thanksgivings stand out in my mind above others which I also enjoyed. They are the Thanksgivings of 1943, 1944, and 1945. In 1943, although in the Army, I spent at Auburn University in the ASTP as a carefree college boy. 1944 we spent in England, little suspecting how our lives would be changed forever in the events of the next month. 1945 was celebrated back home, with the life-changing experiences of the year since 1944 behind me. These three stand out from all of the others because of the way in which my life was so completely changed by the events which transpired during the days encompassing those two short years.

But now let me move on to the many things for which I have to be thankful in 1996!

My parents who imparted to me values in my growing-up years during the Depression. -My wife, whom I love more dearly with each passing year. -My wife who made it possible to answer God's call to service by supporting us financially and with her prayers and words of encouragement. -Our children, David and Deb, who continually bring joy to our lives. -Being brought, safely, through combat and my POW experience. -The opportunity to serve God through ministry to various congregations and individuals. -The 106th Association and its allowing me to serve as Chaplain. -Plus the many friends and their kind words which have come to me in this service.

There are many more but these must suffice for now as space runs out!

Make a joyful noise to the lord all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations. —Psalm 100, selected verses

Blessed Lord at this season of Thanksgiving, we give thanks to you for all of the ways in which you have touched us and guided us through of lives. We pray your continuing blessing and guiding of these United States of America and each of us. AMEN.

From West Burlington, Iowa....

by Dan Bied, "A" Co.,
422nd Combat Inf. Reg.
108 Leffler Street,
W. Burlington, IA 52655
Tele: (319) 752-5708

"You guys were kind of disgruntled," Curt Brown remarked a few months ago.

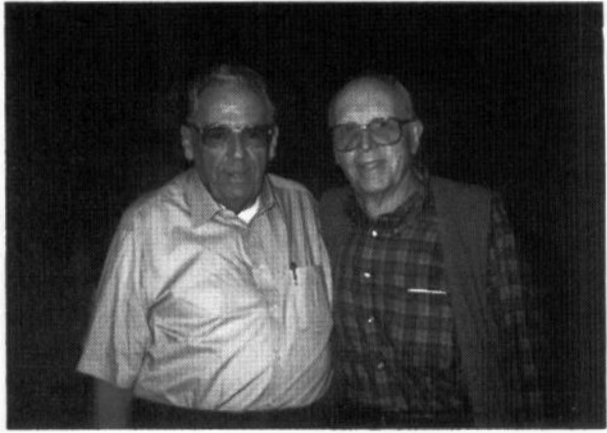
"I was ticked off," I admitted, "when we were knee-deep in mud in Normandy before we went up front."

Brown was an officer in the fall of 1944 and inherited our platoon in the ETO. The lieutenant we had trained under at Camp Atterbury went "poof," with no explanation, just before the train pulled out for Camp Myles Standish.

I hadn't seen Brown since Dec. 18, 1944. We got together last August in downtown St. Louis. Millie and I were there for some Cardinal ball games and Brown, now known to me as "Curt" and his wife drove in from St. Charles, MO, for lunch and a three-hour chat. Our reunion happened because John Kline had noted Curt's unit designation when he joined our association, (Chalk up another good deed by The Cub).

Brown didn't know anyone in our company when he arrived as a replacement a few weeks before all hell broke loose in the Ardennes. "It was Thanksgiving," he recalled, "but I ate K rations." We had a fine meal, I assured him, apologizing with tongue in cheek for our lack of culinary hospitality.

Curt and Jane Brown proved to be a great couple. Millie and I were most impressed by their upbeat attitude, with a genuine enthusiasm toward life that includes golfing for her and various "pro-



Dan Bied, 422/A with his former Platoon Leader Lt. Curt Brown. The two last saw each other on 18 December 1944.

jects" for him. Jane was an Army nurse who treated Curt when he was hospitalized after the war. They dated three years, got married, had four children and, it appeared to me, have lived "happily ever after."

Brown, who became a career Army officer, has research in mind with regard to the 106th. He has maps of the battle area and is looking for larger ones showing our positions in more detail. The Browns visited the Schnee Eifel in 1949 but didn't poke into every nook and cranny because he had been told there were dangers from unexploded ammunition.

I remembered Brown immediately when I saw him at our hotel. I was glad to see him looking good because I recalled him as a nice guy during our brief acquaintance.

"I hate to hear a lot of griping," Brown told me as our visit progressed into an in-depth conversation. He was referring to the war, I assumed, and also thinking about the negative attitude many people who've never been in a war have toward present-day life.

From West Burlington, Iowa....

"Griping is contagious," I replied. "I did a lot of it on the Aquitania, along with others, and in the mud in France. But when we got up front I was pleased to see the log huts with heat in them. I'd expected to be in a foxhole."

Brown confirmed my recollection about our company being in what amounted to an outpost, "We were out front from most of the outfits," he said. (Our entire division was up front compared with the rest of the First Army. It would have been a strategic advantage to have been behind the first layer of troops the Germans hit instead of being in what analysts have described as an "impossible" position).

Brown showed me a notebook he had kept in a prison camp with names of men from our company in it. I spotted my name

along with those of such pals of mine as Amos Robersons, Bob Latournes, Bob Scheffel, Joe Zematis, Bill Armel, Jim Robbins, Junior Dorsey, Fred Singler and "Big Ike" Wolfgang.

As we talked I formed a mental picture of Curt and other officers who led us through a brief, furious battle that thrust most of us toward interior Germany.

No one had it soft back then. We were all in the same awful circumstance. Several of our officers were killed as POWs in bombing raids. Many of us still carry scars of one kind or another from duty with the 106th.

I try to be upbeat now. More so than ever following the visit Millie and I had with Curt and Jane Brown. *Dan Bied*

APOLOGY

*Spawn of welling emotion,
ingenuous heart's overflow,
concieved of lonely passion
that only the veterans know.*

*Artless offspring, misbegotten,
born bloody beneath black sky,
your fount will be forgotten
when the veterans die.*

*Words undisciplined, lines roughhewn,
will you meet a compassionate eye?
Perhaps, if brought forth soon,
before the veterans die.*

BEFORE THE
VETERANS DIE
by
Dale R. Carver



BEFORE THE VETERANS DIE

from his book of poems
by: Dale R. Carver
424th Headquarters
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742 Druid Circle
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1996 December "Mini-Reunion" Schedule

Time is near for the annual December Mini-Reunions (One day Bulge Commemoration Parties) that have been held locally for many years. Last year, 1995, was a very successful year with over 600 persons attending these luncheons and dinners throughout the United States. They are joyful meetings of old comrades in a quiet setting were camaraderie reigns.

If you have not received a telephone call or a written invitation to a Mini-Reunion in your area, please call a contact person shown on this list to check for location and date of a Mini-Reunion near you.

Space and time do not allow for full details of each meeting to be listed here, so please call the a contact person listed below to check the dates, time and location of the Mini-Reunion in your area. Call Now, some meetings are being held early to get away from the winter weather.

Happy Holidays and Good Health. Have a pleasant get-to-gather.....!

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|----|-------------------------------------|--------------|----|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| AL | Joseph Massey - Remlap | 205-681-1701 | MT | Call nearest location in this chart | |
| AZ | Herman Van Debogart - Tucson | 520-822-2296 | NE | Dean Sandahl - Lincoln | 402-466-3564 |
| AR | Herbert Crook - Baton Rouge | 504-924-4368 | NH | Call nearest location in this chart | |
| CA | Elaine Epling - North | 916-381-3829 | NJ | Carl Messina - Linden | 908-486-2927 |
| CA | Milton Weiner - South | 714-521-1705 | NM | Armando Velasquez - Albuquerque | 505-821-8434 |
| CO | Nolan Ashburn - Fort Collins | 970-416-9930 | NC | Roger Rutland - Columbia SC | 803-787-6996 |
| CT | Richard Brax - Quaker Hill | 202-443-1685 | | | |
| DC | Phil Hannon - Ellicott City MD | 410-465-0778 | NV | Call nearest location in this chart | |
| DE | Carl Messina - New Jersey | 908-486-2927 | NY | Carl Messina - Linden NJ | 908-486-2927 |
| FL | Lester Helmich - Sarasota | 941-955-3571 | OH | Call nearest location in this chart | |
| FL | Lloyd Byrd - Orlando | 407-876-5586 | OK | Joesph C. Haines | 405-262-3867 |
| | | | OR | Call nearest location in this chart | |
| GA | Sherod Collins - Kennesaw | 770-928-3207 | PA | Charles Datte - Philadelphia | 215-261-1866 |
| HI | George Iwamoto - Honolulu | 808-536-9991 | PA | Joe Maloney - Pittsburgh | 412-335-6104 |
| IA | Call nearest location in this chart | | PA | John Gallagher - Reading | 610-929-2887 |
| ID | Call nearest location in this chart | | PR | Humberto Aponte - Puerto Rico | 809-859-7297 |
| IL | Russell Villwock - Chicago | 708-452-8628 | RI | Call nearest location in this chart | |
| IL | John Mikalauski - Mt. Vernon | 618-439-3867 | SC | Roger Rutland - Columbia | 803-787-6996 |
| IN | Call nearest location in this chart | | SD | Gordon Pinney - Whitney NE | 308-665-1785 |
| KS | William F. Stahl - Junction City | 913-238-2861 | TN | Call nearest location in this chart | |
| KY | Call nearest location in this chart | | TX | Ted Jones - Dallas | 214-239-8795 |
| LA | Hubert Crook - Baton Rouge | 504-924-4368 | UT | Call nearest location in this chart | |
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| MD | Phillip Hannon - Ellicott City | 410-465-0778 | VT | Richard Brax - Quaker Hill CT | 203-443-1685 |
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| MI | Russell Mayotte - Livonia | 313-421-4059 | WI | Charles Rieck - Middleton | 608-831-6110 |
| MN | John Kline - Minneapolis | 612-423-4837 | WV | Call nearest location in this chart | |
| MO | Hubert Crook - Baton Rouge | 504-924-4368 | WY | Call nearest location in this chart | |
| MS | Hubert Crook - Baton Rouge | 504-924-4368 | | | |

IMPORTANT 1997 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarships will again be given in 1997 to descendants of living and deceased members of the 106th Infantry Division. Descendants have been defined by the Board of Directors to include the following:

CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN Children are defined as the member's natural children and children acquired through marriage or adoption or as foster children AND who lived in the member's household when they were minors. Grandchildren are defined as the children of the children defined above. '

NIECES, NEPHEWS, GRANDNIECES AND GRANDNEPHEWS

Applicants must be nominated by a member of the 106th Infantry Division Association or his widow, if he was a member at death. A members' letter of nomination should state the following: I nominate *(followed by the applicant's name)*.; The relationship of the member to the person nominated.; The member's 106th Infantry Division affiliation (unit).

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

The scholarships awarded will be in the amounts of \$500 or \$1,000.

To receive an application for the scholarship please write to:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

John A. Gregory, 4624 Ashton Dr., Sacramento, CA 95864 - 916-481-3353

Deadline for submitting an application and accompanying material is 30 April 1997.

A Self Addressed Envelope Must Be Included!

1996 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Katherine Smith

granddaughter of Leon Langlois,
424/D, Univ. of New Hampshire.

Gregory Weigand

grandson of Michael Liskiewicz,
106 RECON, Niagra Univ..

Darla Bland

granddaughter of Howell Heck,
423/SV, Collin County Community College

Meridith Carr

granddaughter of Edward Carr,
423/3Bn, The Cooper Union.

Emily Clark

granddaughter, James Clark,
590/Medics, Michigan State Univ.

Daniel Di Bacco

grandson of George Rinkema,
423/F, West Virginia Univ.

Stefanie Janosik

granddaughter of Joseph Swetye,
422/HQ, Univ. Of North Iowa.

Jennifer Repass

granddaughter of Gilbert Fitzgerald,
424/E, Mary Washington College.

Christa Thumasma

granddaughter of Harold Kuizema,
589/B, Calvin College.

Norine A. Madden

granddaughter John Madden,
590/HQ (deceased), Univ. Of Oregon.

Treasurer's Report 1995 - 1996

I N C O M E

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| Annual Member Dues | 8,080.00 |
| Life Member Dues | 2,775.00 |
| Auxiliary Dues | 287.00 |
| CUB Review Books Sold | 1,510.00 |
| Interest Earned | 4,255.12 |
| Advance Ret. 49th Reunion | 2,500.00 |
| Surplus-49th Reunion | 5,594.30 |
| Extra CUBs sold | 77.50 |
| Bolos Sold | 24.00 |
| Patches Sold | 586.05 |
| Labels Sold | 24.00 |
| Insurance Refund | 150.00 |
| Total | <u>\$ 25,862.97</u> |

E X P E N S E

CUB Expense:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Printing | 11,356.30 |
| Layout | 1,530.00 |
| Mailing | 1,970.50 |
| Covers | 1,210.00 |
| Envelopes | 1,255.06 |
| Total | 17,321.86 |
| Postage | 1,373.75 |
| Office Supplies & Printing | 607.81 |
| Telephone | 1,381.15 |
| Liability Insurance | 787.00 |
| Treasurer's Bond | 185.00 |
| Computer Expenses | 1,258.88 |
| Reprint CUB Review book | 4,285.25 |
| Labels purchased | 21.26 |
| Patches purchased | 292.49 |
| Layout, print and mail roster | 1,545.25 |
| Special Award, CRIBA | 217.80 |
| European Meeting Expenses | 223.53 |
| Registration Fees- 4 officers | 380.00 |
| O.G.L. Citations | 796.00 |
| O.G.L. Medals | 705.00 |
| Total | <u>31,382.03</u> |
| | <u>\$ (5,519.06)</u> |

F U N D S A C T I V I T Y

General Fund Recap.....

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Brought Forward | 77,341.36 |
| Net Increase | 5,519.06 |
| Fund Total | <u>\$ 71,822.30</u> |

Memorial Fund Recap

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Brought Forward | 15,980.78 |
| Contributions | 1,632.93 |
| Interest Earned | 631.32 |
| Fund Total | <u>\$ 18,245.03</u> |

Less Paid Out:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Scholarships (4) | 4,000.00 |
| Donation Atterbury | |
| Maintenance | 250.00 |
| Total deductions | <u>4,250.00</u> |
| Fund Total | <u>\$ 13,995.03</u> |

Banks of Deposit

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Westside Bank | 2,667.51 |
| Westside Bank CD | 10,673.38 |
| Edw. D. Jones Co. | 62,476.44 |
| Edw D. Jones CD | 10,000.00 |
| TOTAL ALL FUNDS | <u>\$ 85,817.33</u> |

Total all members 1,640 including
595 LIFE MEMBERS as of June 30, 1996

C H A N G E S I N C A S H P O S I T I O N

| | GENERAL FUND | MEMORIAL FUND | TOTAL |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| This Year | 71,822.30 | 13,995.03 | 85,817.33 |
| Last Year | 77,341.36 | 15,980.78 | 93,322.14 |
| () = decrease | <u>\$ (5,519.06)</u> | <u>\$ (1,985.75)</u> | <u>\$ (7,504.81)</u> |

"Memorial Committee Report"

From Memorial Chairman, Dr. John Robb

O. Paul Merz is the Camp Atterbury Memorial Representative assisted by Philip Cox. Dr. Richard Peterson is our St. Vith, Belgium Memorial Representative. Their reports follow:

St Vith Memorial by Dr. Richard Peterson, Ph.D.: The St. Vith school has the responsibility to maintain the grounds around the monument. This was a decision made by the 106th Inf Div Association when we turned the remaining funds, which were fully accounted for, to them for the building of our new monument. A couple of reports have been received that the area around the monument was not kept to their satisfaction. It should be remembered that the school is closed for some period in the summer.

If you travel to that area you may consider placing some flowers or shrubs at the monument site. The Belgians have pledged to care for the monument. I believe they will do so.



Lt Colonel, Jack Noel
Commander, Camp Atterbury

Camp Atterbury Memorial by O. Paul Merz: The 1996 Memorial Services were held on 4 August. The new camp commander, Lt. Colonel Jack Noel had made arrangements for any 106th veteran to be billeted, if desired, in the Indiana Military Academy building which is on base. Col. Noel is also president of the Atterbury Association. The guest speaker, this year, was Gerald "Dutch" Boles, current director of the Indiana Department of Veteran's Affairs.

At the recent Board Meeting discussions were held on saving a Company area of the World War II barracks as well as reconditioning the "Day Room" and "Mess Hall."

A modern building just inside the main gate will be re-conditioned and redesigned with climate control. It will be used as a museum with areas for each individual unit to display their history and memorabilia.

I would like to see the 106th Infantry Division Association continue to contribute to the cause of the Camp Atterbury Memorial Association who are doing a wonderful job in preserving the history of the units that passed through that camp.

If you desire to contribute personally to that cause, here is the address:

Camp Atterbury Veteran's Memorial Committee

Attention: CA-DRM
Edinburgh, IN 46124.



View of Monument across lake, with crowd gathering for the 4 August 1996 Annual Memorial Ceremony.



L/R: Gerald "Dutch" Boles, Guest Speaker; Philip Cox, 423/B; O. Paul Merz, 422/Service; Damon Young, 423/D

50TH ANNUAL REUNION ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

A GREAT SUCCESS!

Information on the Roanoke Reunion appears starting on page 28. I have heard nothing but praise for the work of the committee. There is always something you can pick to pieces, but not at Roanoke.

GOOD-BYE 50TH, HELLO 51ST

No sooner had I received part of the attendance figures from Beth Brooks, who did a beautiful job of Reunion Accounting, I heard from John Gilliland, Chairman for the next Reunion in Nashville. He is really on the Ball. He has it all lined up, with schedules - full details. I will give you some lead information here.

Gilliland will be mailing registration papers for the reunion in January by 1st Class Mail. I will also have a spread in the February and May CUBs.

So that you "Early Birds" can make your reservations - here are the details:

51st Annual Reunion

29 August - 2 September 1997

Sheraton Music City Hotel

Nashville, Tennessee

Phone: (615) 885-2200

Fax: (615) 871-0926

Tell them you are reserving your room for the 106th Infantry Division

Association Reunion.....

Committee Chairman, John Gilliland

Phone: (334) 347-7730

Rates: \$84 plus tax for single or double

\$94 plus tax for triple & quad

\$150 Executive rooms

\$500 Presidential Suite

Registration -cut-off date 1 August '97

Free Hotel shuttle bus from airport. Full details will be in the 1st Class letter you will receive in January and in future Cubs.

John needs all kinds of talent for a fun **EXTRAVAGANZA**, also a Master of Ceremonies (MC), so give him a call and volunteer for a fun time. We have a lot of talent, so **VOLUNTEER**. (334) 347-7730



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Story and photo by Richard L. Rigatti, Past-president:

Since 1986 the Veteran's Administration in Pittsburgh, PA has served over 400 Ex-POWs, at a dedicated facility, with a dedicated staff. Because of this large number they are divided into three groups, with the 106th being one of them.

We meet the last Thursday of each month under Rick Canavan, the Ex-POW Coordinator for all of the groups. There are guest speakers on all aspects of medical and physical conditions and benefits. There are over forty 106th veterans. We also hold picnics and get-togethers on Veteran's Holidays. Pictured in a Left to Right order:

1st Row (seated): Clarence Ungerman; Howard Lowenberg; John Pellish; John Collins.

2nd Row: Al Yelochan, Frank Lapato; Stan Repos; Dave Peters; Harry Kuluezez

3rd Row: John Hopbell; Herman McNeilis; Francis Stepnick, Pete Yanchik, George Vance

Fourth Row: Bob Weising; Bill Darby; Dick Rigatti; Mike Honkus, Walt Janosky

OLD CUBS

Thanks to all who sent me old CUBs. They will put to good use. I see I made notes as to who sent them. I probably am missing some person, as always - Sorry, I'll have to fire my secretary.

I received CUBs from: Glynn Raby; Harold Bratton; James Ostrowski; Col. Robert W. Fisher; Mrs. Florence Bickford (issues from 1988 to current); Manuel Silvia (issues from 1946 to 1955); and Richard Bartz, who sent a box of memorabilia including one of the original issues of ST. VITH: A Lion in the way, a shoulder patch and a Jacket patch. Thank You...

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR THE CUB

Please observe these dates for submission of material to *The CUB*. Information submitted after these date will not be included in the current CUB.

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Association business has priority, then information from the members, to be used as space and subject matter warrant. It is up to me and my staff (3 cats, 1 dog) to decide. Complaints are handled by the dog.



Henri-Chapelle Cemetery, Liege, Belgium.

This photo to honor Pierre MAWET, Liege, Belgium, who died September 1996. Pierre on left, myself John Kline, editor of the CUB magazine and my wife. Pierre had just given Margot individual flowers, which had been furnished by his friend, Al Vitali, 424/B, who was not present. The flowers were given to members of our group to be placed on the graves of comrades at the German-American Memorial Service in September 1995.

Our condolences to Pierre's wife Renee' and to his family. He will be missed, but his memory will linger forever in the form of a U.S. Army Howitzer across from Madame Le Haire's Hotel at Parker's Crossroads and for the friendship he shared with our veterans.

I have for some time been accumulating information which will published in the February 1997 CUB. It is an Artillery School story written about the 589th FAB's actions at Baraque de Fraiture, Belgium. As part of the story I will relate how Pierre, was able to procure the 105mm Howitzer that is displayed there at Parker's Crossroads..



Left, Alfred L. Vitali, 424/B, with Pierre MAWET during the 50th Anniversary Celebrations.



Hdqqs Company, 592nd FAB, vehicle C-5:

From the editor: A graphic photograph from our Division's past. This photo was sent to me by Hans Wijers, Brummen, In the Netherlands. You will note a troop of Germans walking and riding up the hill from the disabled weapons carrier. It appears they are pulling, with horses, an artillery piece. You will note the body of an American soldier in the lower left corner behind the vehicle. I would assume that this is one of the several 592nd FAB soldiers that were killed at the onslaught of the Bulge. The photo came from the Koblenz Archive of German War History. The caption on the photo (backside) says: *"Half (mid) December 1944. Overran US lines at the beginning of the offensive between the 'Hohen Venn' and the northern part of Luxembourg."*

Hans contacted me through my Web Pages and we have had several exchanges of information. He, works with the Liberation Museum, Groesbeck, which is built on one of the landing zones of the MARKET GARDEN OPERATION. Most of the museum is dedicated to that battle. Hans, does computer work, research and guides foreign veterans as they come to that site. Aside from his interest in the *Battle of the Bulge*, he is also interested in the happenings at Stalingrad (1942/1943). He has found German soldiers from each of the twenty-two German Divisions that were captured at Stalingrad.

He said in a letter 12 August that he was returning to the Ardennes, after a meeting he has to attend at Wiltz. He lives about three hours from the area.

He wrote, "When I was at the age of about 16, I went with my father (deceased) every summer to the area, visiting little towns, such as Bastogne, Warden, Wiltz, St. Vith, Houffalize. On every single road I stood still, trying when I closed my eyes, to feel the battle of 1944-45. When winter comes I think of the battle, and how it must have been. This may sound crazy, but every single hour I'm working on these events.

"For over the years and years I dreamed of getting in contact with U.S. and German veterans who fought in the BULGE, but is only in the last two years I have been able to do that."

He will be sending me several other pictures from the German archives... J. Kline, editor



On the cover of the August 1996 CUB magazine I showed the picture above.

It is a 7" by 10" beautiful color photo, each one individually processed. Each photo is signed by the photographer, Chris Van Kerchoven, Westerlo, Belgium. Chris, a free-lance photographer for *Image World Press* is an LIFE ASSOCIATE member of our Association.

I sold a few of these at the 50th Annual Reunion and have some left. The price, postpaid is \$12.00.

I am coordinating the sale of these for Chris, through Col. John Greene, USA (Ret), Waterloo, Belgium who is also a LIFE ASSOCIATE member of our Association. Col. Greene was helpful in our Sept 1995 meeting at Auw, Germany. He is an expert on the Waterloo Museum. If you get to Brussels and want an expert guide, let Colonel Greene know. His address is in the last "Roster."

Please send your \$12.00 to me, and I will write one check to John Greene for the balance. My address, which also appears on inside cover

John Kline]
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My mistake -

Am I glad to hear your voice

In the last CUB I mistakenly announced, the deaths of two men,

Lawrence Post, 422/H

Franklin Miller 422/M

I am happy to say that they are still alive. On discovering my mistake I called each of them and apologized. I told each, "Boy, am I glad to hear your voice."

I hope I don't make that mistake again.
John Kline, editor

Thanks to Willard

Diefenthaler

422/HQ 1st Battalion

Thank you for your generous gift of the replica of the 106th Infantry Division shoulder patch that you gave to many of us (about 50) at the 50th Annual Reunion, in Roanoke, Virginia.

Willard, designed and screened on shiny a shiny metal plate, the should patch emblem, much like that below. The size of the replicated patch was over 11 inches in diameter. He gave these in memory of those that didn't make it.

Willard, what a nice tribute.
Thank You.





DEAR VETERANS AND FRIENDS,

My first name is Rogers and my last name is MAES. I attended the 50th Annual Reunion of the 106th at Roanoke, Virginia, this year. I am on the left in the picture above, with my friend Auguste LEMOINE. We are both ASSOCIATE members of the 10th ID Association. I come from long way from here. From a country where some of you lost a good comrade where some of you are injured where some of your comrades are buried, where all of you are heroes. That country was in the middle of the battlefield during the second world war. A part of my country, the theater of the last great decisive battle. That country is BELGUIM .

I have thirty years this year and yet there is now fifteen years that I am interesting by the second world war, the history and the research. I was beginning to be interested at my fourteen year old, when my father gave me a AMERICAN patch, and he relates to me the times when he works with his Belgian friends for the US ARMY in SEPTEMBER 1944 and my mother relate to me how my grandpa was killed by a German soldier.

The week after we were going to a town where the German and Americans sol-

diers are fighting a lot during the winter 1944 the name of that town was completely unknown but for all years after BAS-TOGNE would become the town of my passion. When we come back from that legendary town I was very excited by the things I had learned and directly I beginning to research the things of the soldiers like helmets, shirts, patches, and all the things a soldiers can have. At that time I was very interested by the 101 AIR BORNE DIVISION like every people are who are going to visit the BASTOGNE MUSEUM.

My parents are thinking that I do the collection for some weeks, months or something like that but time after time they can imagine I follow a good way with my little collection. Every Sundays we are going to the flee market to find insignias, patches, etc. I save all my pocket money to buy that many things and sometimes that was difficult cause the price was too much great for my little pocket money but my parents help me often.

At that time the price wasn't expensive like now, in fifteen years the price has doubled. In 1995 I have counted with the old prices, my collection was estimated around FOUR millions of Belgian francs. I'm very

"Roger MAES, a 106th Inf Div friend from Belgium"

happy and very proud of it.

There is now five years when I visit a friend, we are speaking about the research in the battlefield with a metal detector and I can't imagine that was possible to find things in the forest or in a battlefield of Ardennes, but after a week end around BASTOGNE with him and we find two canteens, some cartridges and other things, I was very interested by the research in the ground.

The month after that I bought a good detector and I was all during the weeks end in the forest but, in the first line around BASTOGNE.

Sometimes when I am walking in the forest I have the possibility to speak with some peoples who are in the little villages around the city of the "bastards" in 1944. We speak about the conditions of lives in the cellars for the civilians and the terror caused by the SS.

Weeks after weeks I knowing much peoples in the Ardennes and much searchers, I was in the middle of my hobby.

In DEC 1994 when I was in the Ardennes to commemorate the fifty anniversary of the *Battle of the Bulge* I have met many veterans of the BULGE and spoke with them.

Some of them are from the 106 Div. near ST. VITH and we relate the bulge around a good warm coffee cause the climatic condition in 1994 are the same like the winter 1944, they explain to me the terrible and horrible shock the soldiers on the front lines had the morning of the sixteen DECEMBER 1944.

I can see in their eyes and feel in their stories the bad experiences they are living over there on the skyline.

When I was back home near a good and warm central heating I do the research about this misreading division and I buy a book from a ENGLISH editor : "THE DEATH OF DIVISION." After have read this book I feel the author was putting on trial the men of the 106 DIV and forget to said the real history about the heroes, because every soldier in the SCHNEE, EIFEL was for me an hero. How can you

fight in that condition, when the high commander failed you and the enemy is very much hard like you.

After knowing much people who are interested by the battle around ST. VITH and around the border I have trying to go to do the research with somebody and it's like that I can now that my friend AUGUSTE LEMOINE, who lives in VIELSALM, and I are now member of your association.

MR. AND MRS. RIKKEN also gave me interesting information and help us.

From that moment my friend and me went walking every Sunday in the line of SCHNEE EIFEL to find some articles in and around the pillboxes and foxholes, it's like that we could find dog tag, canteens, cartridges, grenades, insignias, etc.

In March of this year I send a letter to a veteran of your association cause I have for a longtime want have a correspondence with a veteran of the 106th, but I am scared not to receive news, but after fifteen days this veteran send me an letter where he said it is OK to correspond. Now MR. GIL HELWIG, M Company, 423rd Regiment is a very good friend and I must said thanks to him for all the information, pictures and many other thing he send me, he help me to have more correspondents and more experiences of other soldiers in the SCHNEE EIFEL.

I hope that after attending the Roanoke 50th Annual Reunion other 106th veterans will be interested in corresponding with me. If I can help somebody for anything, like information or take pictures in the SCHNEE EIFEL, you don't be scared to ask. You can contact me and I try to do the best I can for every question.

Thank You,
Rogers MAES
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BELGIUM



l/r- Phil Hannon, 81st Eng/A; David Ford, Assoc.; Henri REGISTER, CRIBA; John Schaffner, 589/A; John Roberts, 592/C; Walter Snyder, 589/A; Albert FROSTY, CRIBA; Jacques RUMMENS, CRIBA; Ed McGinty, 589/C
Not present George Naylor, 83rd Inf. Div.

It was a pleasure for some of us ancient warriors of the 106th ID Association to entertain three of our fellow Associate members from Belgium and the CRIBA organization.. They were Albert FOSTY, Henri REGISTER and Jacques RUMMENS. Dave Ford (Associate) and wife, Arline, graciously made their home available for hosting the guests, (four total.) Jack Roberts (592/C) came all the way from Bloomfield Hills to participate and stayed with me and Lil. The other 106er's, Walt Snyder (589/A), Ed McGinty (589/C) and Phil Hannon (81st Eng) are local and also participated with the entertainment.

You will notice the name of George Naylor. George is a veteran of the 83rd ID, 331 st Regt. and entertained these three visitors for five days at his home in Chesapeake, Virginia before delivering them to us at Ft. G.G. Meade on Friday 27 September. George also stayed with us until Sunday 29 September.

We anticipated meeting Mme. Tillie Kimmes (CEBA) and Mrs. Dorothy Davis (VBOB) at Ft. Meade, but were also pleasantly surprised to find Al & Mickey Vitali

(424/B) there along with several other VBOB VIPs. We had a fine lunch at the O-Club and then assembled at the Post Library to inspect the Belgian conference "table" and hear remarks from the Post Commander and Tillie Kimmes (CEBA).

This conference room has been given over to exhibit the table and also contains displays of BOB battlefield memorabilia and superbly done models of the various armor used on both sides during the battle. We also viewed a video of the various scenes made by combat photographers (both sides) during the battle, that was shown to the folks back home to spur them on to produce more for the war effort.

On Saturday 28 September our group traveled to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. to receive a tour of the U. S. Army Ordnance Museum given by the curator, Dr. William Atwater. We were shown and told a great deal more about the items on display than if we had just gone in as a curious tourist. Even to the "back room" and the weapons of special significance. One of Dr. Atwater's responsibilities is to instruct the "high brass" on the effectiveness and

"Visitors from Belgium, by John R. Schaffner, 589/A"

utilization of the various weapons and he certainly spared no detail with us.

After leaving the APG we proceeded to Harve de Grace, Md. to visit the Decoy Museum. On display there are examples of the art of carving wildfowl decoys from the earliest time of settlement in the area of the convergence of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay to the present. Present day decoy carvers are concentrating more on the accurate depiction of the bird as a work of art for display than to be used in the water to lure a duck dinner to their table. There are also full scale dioramas depicting the equipment and tactics used by wildfowl hunters of the past and present. This is a worthwhile place to visit for anyone who has any interest in wildfowl.

That evening we had supper at Haussner's Restaurant in Baltimore. For anyone who has not been there, I will describe it as having your meal at a fine arts museum. Beside having a two-page, single-spaced menu of entrees, the restaurant is literally filled with paintings, sculpture, ceramics and other artifacts collected by the Haussner family from around the world. Don't bother with taking a camera. They are allowed of course, but it would be frustrating to try to capture the place on film. Just go

and see for yourself. -On Sunday we traveled to Fort McHenry where the British attack on Baltimore was defeated during the War of 1812. Ft. McHenry's resistance to a 25-hour bombardment saved Baltimore from occupation and inspired the writing of The Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key. From there we toured downtown Baltimore, had lunch at the Inner Harbor, and overlooked the city from the top of the World Trade Center building. That evening everyone was treated to a superb dinner at Phil Hannon's home in Ellicott City, a suburb of Baltimore.

Monday 30 September we motored to Annapolis, Md. to the U. S. Naval Academy to visit the very fine museum and to view the Noon Formation of Midshipmen (& girls.) On leaving the USNA we crossed the Chesapeake Bay Bridge (4+ miles long) to have lunch on the deck at Hemmingway's on Kent Island. That evening, all attended a supper party at Schaffner's.

Next day, Tuesday 1 Oct., was for pack-up and to deliver Jaques, Henri and Albert to Dulles Airport for the next leg of their journey to Dallas-Ft. Worth. Everything went on schedule and the weather cooperated. It went by quickly for all of us.

Best Regards, *John R. Schaffner*

Mario L. Checca, 422/F

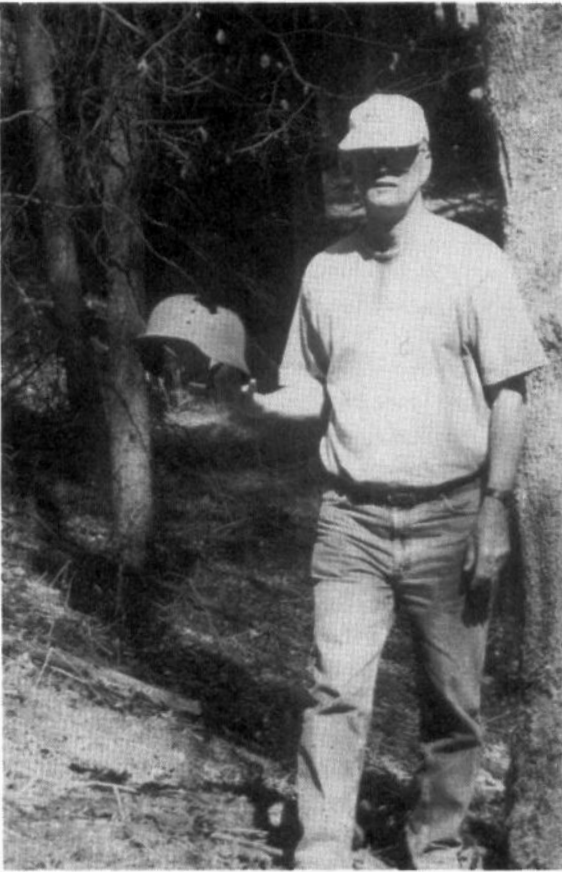
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Lack of space keeps me from printing the one page news article, which saluted Mario as a veteran. In May 1995 Mario was chosen by The Recorder, Golden Age Sentinel to represent veterans celebrating the end of World War II.

The story on Mario goes into detail about his life, his service experiences and his POW experiences. I like the ending where it says, *"Mario is at peace with himself and the world. He harbors no bitterness or hatred for his German captors. After 50 years why enslave a free man with bitter memories."* Thank You Mario.



"Dave Ford, Associate Member



Dave Ford is an associate member of the 106th Infantry Division Association. An Army veteran who served in the mid 50's, he enjoys reading about and studying the history of WWII. His primary focus has been the "Battle of the Bulge."

Since retiring from teaching he has made several trips to the Bulge area. Dave considers himself an advanced "buff" rather than a true academic historian. He relishes "Walking the ground" of historic battle sites.

In May of '96 Dave and his traveling companion, associate member M/Sgt. Jim Milewski toured the 106th area of operations near the Schnee Eifel. John Schaffner, 589th FAB had provided Dave with a situation map drawn up by Francis Aspinwall showing the 589th.

FAB positions on 16-Dec.-44. Forcing themselves from a sunny table and glasses of beer in Bleialf, Dave and Jim decided to walk the "Engineer's Cutoff" trail (today a farm track still in use). Earlier in the day the map had led them to the "B Battery" positions along "Skyline Drive" where they turned up a few G.I. artifacts; i.e. mess kit spoon, half of a soap dish, metal end of shell case and the back of an alarm clock.

About 400 yards along the Engineer Cutoff trail Dave spotted a rusty edge of metal sticking through the leaves on the forest floor. Stepping off the trail and down the slope he decided to probe around the object.

At first it appeared that it might be a rusty paint can. Dave remembers brushing the leaves back and tugging at the metal.

This brought out a true treasure for a self described "Bulge Junkie". Instead of a piece of discarded trash, a German steel helmet was slowly pulled out of the ground. A small portion of the top of the helmet is missing and there appears to be a bullet hole on the upper right side.

It is an amazing find after 50 plus years in the German soil.

Sitting now in Dave's study (war room?) it silently tells story after story while he sits and ponders it.

What did it experience?

David J. Ford, Jr.
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Baltimore Maryland

See, on the next page, the beautiful poem Dave discovered in his search for personal battle experiences.....

"Dave Ford, Associate Member

Thomas L. Rockwell was a 2nd. Lt. in the 82nd. Airborne. He was killed on Christmas Eve just a few miles from Parker's Crossroads, site of the heroic stand by members of the 106th. We print this poem, written by his sister, as our tribute to a comrade-in-arms who sacrificed and suffered with us that unforgettable winter of '44.

CHRISTMAS EVE, BELGIUM 1944

Snow, I consider you on these Ardennes hills
And imagine I'm home in the hills of Pennsylvania
Dad and I tracked deer through crisp, cold snow like this,
Saw the stories of countless animals recorded there,
Tiny field mice, cottontail rabbits, and once in a while,
a bear, Their footprints clearly caught in the white earth-cover.

Here there is no time to look at animal tracks.
Here, with frigid hearts, we are tracking men.

It is Christmas Eve. Ethereal snow reflects
the warm glow of Christmas lights at home in Pennsylvania.
Pure white snow descends on the Nativity in the town square.
Through the frosty air church bells chime.
For the young, frolicking in the flurries, skiing, sledding,
There waits a warm fire to take the sting from their feet.

But families, though cozy by the fireplace,
Face an empty chair.

Snow is falling in Belgium, too.
Here on the battlefield it is bitter.
There are no crackling fires to warm us,
No warm glow of Christmas to thaw our hearts.
Cold snow pierces the very soul and turns us all to icicles.
I can no longer hear my heart;
I can no longer feel my hands and feet.

But I hold my machine-gun
And I keep firing until-

Snow, fall on me gently.
Put out the cruel fire in my chest;
Numb all my worldly pain.
Cover my black hair with hoarfrost
For these moments are the span of my old age,
Twenty-one years the extent of my existence.
Snow, my pale cold shroud, be a merciful blanket.
Fall on me gently.

Written in loving memory of
THOMAS L. ROCKWELL
2nd. Lt. 82nd. Airborne
Born May 14, 1923 - Died Dec. 24, 1944
By - Priscilla Rockwell Sherman - Sister

"Camp Lucky Strike: one of the cigarette camps"



CAMP LUCKY STRIKE was located on the high ground to the top right of this picture. The arrow from the words "Camp Lucky Strike" points to the end of the airfield runway.

(Editor's Note: The following letters came to me from Gregor Dürbaum who lives near Aachen, Germany, because of an e-mail contact on the Internet. His sister-in-law, Sharon Kam found me, in May 1996, through my Web Pages which refer to the 106th. Sharon, who lives in Hannover, Germany, is a classical clarinet soloist who travels world-wide. Her brother-in-law, Gregor Dürbaum, whose letters follow, has a great interest in CAMP LUCKY STRIKE. He would be interested in hearing from any of you that would like to write to him about your experiences at Lucky Strike.

I missed Camp Lucky Strike because I was flown home from Paris, arriving in the States on May 5, 1945.

Following Gregor's letters is a story from Pete House, our Association Adjutant, about his experiences as he went through CAMP LUCKY STRIKE on his way back to the States.

Photos furnished by Gregor Dürbaum ... J. Kline)

Letters from Germany

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9 May 1996 From Gregor: This is to acknowledge that I have received your e-mail which you send to my sister in law

Sharon Kam. It is a pity that I have no possibility to go into the Internet. So my letter has to go by post.

At first I want to thank you for the information you gave me with your e-mail. I'll will write you some more about me and the reasons why I research the history of the CAMP LUCKY STRIKE.

My age is 41 and I am happy to be married with nice woman and we are proud of our three children. Our eldest son is 13, the daughter 10 and the youngest son 8 years old. I am working as a civil servant in Duren/Rhineland. My hometown is between Cologne and Aachen, perhaps you know the area from the battle in the Hurtgen forest in October/November/December '44.

Now some backgrounds to my research: Since 1988 I spend most of my holidays in Normandy / France. As Sharon wrote you, I am very interested in all things about aviation. Near my holiday accommodation is a small airfield which is in use by the French air-club "Cauchois". Through the years and my stays there I have got a real friendship to the members

"Camp Lucky Strike: one of the cigarette camps"

of this club. The airfield is a former German airstrip and I thought to surprise my friends with some investigations about the history of this place. I began the research five years ago and today it's one of my hobbies, to find out more information. This airfield is situated near the Normandy town of St. Valery en Caux, between the villages of Paluel, St. Sylvain and St. Riquier 'es Plains. 40 miles to the east of Le Havre and 35 miles in the west of Dieppe.

The history of the airfield began in '39, as a French war time airdrome. After the Germans took the airfield, they started to build a 1630 m in the length and 50 m wide concrete runway and concrete taxiways in 6 km circle to the farms and castles around the airfield. They installed electrical lightning for night flying.

Many French workers were required for the construction of this large airfield, which covered more than 500 hectares. Before their departure at the 1 of September '44, German troops exploded mines on the main runway and taxi tracks to damage the base. In Germany it's very difficult to find any records about this airfield, because at the end of the war, the German Air Force destroyed most of the papers with orders, plans and all these things. In the last month I wrote to a lot of US archives but they also didn't find too much in their records.

It was shortly after this, that the busy period on the airfield started, which became known as "CAMP LUCKY STRIKE". This Camp was the biggest in the ETO. As you know since it was a transit camp, it meant that the troops never stayed for long. It was installed in December '44 and closed in February '46. From June 1, 1945, the camp stood under the management of the 89th Division until this Division was de-activated and returned to the United States early December of 1945. Today I have contact to the 89th Division Society.

The Camp was like a US town with theaters, hospitals, PX and gift shops, and mainly considered of 12,000 tents. After a few days of rest, the troops were sent to the front. Most of the liberated US-POW's went through Lucky Strike. After the unconditional surrender of Germany, the camp was used to return troops to the USA via Le Havre. In that time, for several of months the area around St. Valery en Caux/France was like a piece of American territory.

In May 1995 there was a great event when the air-club Cauchois organized a impressing remembrance celebrations for the Camp Lucky Strike. For me it was a honor that my French friends invited me to the 50th anniversary making a little exhibition with my records of the German airstrip and the CAMP LUCKY STRIKE. It was a great commemoration with thousands of people. A lot war birds from the WW II, C -47, Dakota, P-38, Mustang, Spitfire, B-17, Me 109 came to the air-meeting. French military vehicle clubs with trucks, jeeps, tanks and all kinds of tents rebuild the CAMP LUCKY STRIKE. This three days in May '95 was an appreciation to all of you who came to liberate Europe.

It's a long time ago that I learned English at school, so I hope that you forgive my mistakes. Looking forward hearing from you.

6 August 1996 Letter from Gregor: Thank you for your letter which I received a few days ago. It was a great surprise for me to see the photos, the CUB magazine and specially your service diary. I can guess your feelings after I start reading in it. If it is possible, I beg your pardon for the pain and fears you and your family got from the Germans. I hope that you and all the others of your comrades can excuse it to my country. Of course I am very glad that Germany and the United States have a close and deep friendship today.

Your generation and also the genera-

"Camp Lucky Strike: one of the cigarette camps"

tion of my father - he became the age of 76 this year - were formed by the experiences of the war. As a Pfc. my father was a truck-driver in a German airborne regiment. I can remember when I was a child that he sometimes awaked at night after a nightmares about the war. With him I visited in summer 1989 a place in Normandy where he stayed through the war for more than a half year. Because my father speaks very well French, he was the translator of his company and had good contacts to the French people. So when they had to leave the village in 1942, he gave one of the French men a box of 200 army cigarettes as a gift. After 47 years we met this man again in this small French village. It was impressing the man went up to his loft and took of this box of cigarettes with still 3 or 4 cigarettes in it. This was his remembrance to my father.

If my researches about the history of this airstrip in St. Valery en Caux and the Camp Lucky Strike are successful, I will write the story down as a small piece of our history. I am very glad that you help me to search for further information. For the Cub magazine I put to this letter an aerial photo of Camp Lucky Strike which I put together from six US air photos. They were taken at the 27 August 1945. The color photo was taken by me in 1991 and it shows the area of the former camp today. The photo was shot from the west end of the airstrip and you can see on the runway the black points were the Germans once blow off the mines to damage the airfield.

17 October 96 Letter from Gregor: From Sharon I have got a copy of your last e-mail. Its a pity that you and Margot can't come to Europe. I hope that her knee problem stops and her health becomes better, so you can visit the "Old World" next year.

In July/August I stood with my family for three weeks summer holidays in Nor-

mandy again. It was a very good time with a number of flights from St. Valery en Caux. Also enjoying the French country life is very reassuring for me after all the stress in my office.

Today I wrote a letter to the Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL, because they hold all the files of the Eighth and Ninth Air Force WWII. Perhaps they find something in their records about the former German airstrip in St. Valery.

It would be very nice, if I got more information about "LUCKY STRIKE" after the publication in the CUB. You know, I search for every bit of information. I would like to hear from any of the 106th Infantry Division Association members, to learn of their personal stories when they were in Lucky Strike?

Okay John, now its nearly 11.00 p.m. and I will close this letter for today. Greetings to Margot and I am waiting to hear something from you and 106th Association.

Sincerely Yours, Gregor

My Experiences at Camp Lucky Strike

By Pete House

"A" Battery, 590th Field Artillery Battalion

Camp Lucky Strike was one of several tent camps built around Le Havre at the end of 1944. Others were named Old Gold, Pall Mall, Twenty Grand, Herbert Tarrington, Wings, Home Run, and Phillip Morris. As you can see they were named for popular cigarette brands. They were created in order to dispatch equipment and troops disembarking from the port of Le Havre to the front. Lucky Strike was built around a German bomber base. Col. Maurice Protheroe, a friend of the author, was in charge of building Camp Lucky Strike.

Apparently, as a RAMP (Recovered Allied Military Personnel), I was one of the first people to be assigned to Camp Lucky

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Strike, arriving by C47 from an evacuation hospital in Germany 7 April 1944. All I had was a wool shirt and trousers, new pair of Army shoes two sizes too large, and cotton underwear and socks which I received at a shower and delousing unit before being admitted to the Evacuation Hospital. No coat (I remember it was early April and very cold), no soap, no tooth brush.

The camp was divided into sections. My guess is that each section held from 500 to 2000 men. Our section's main street was built of metal strips with holes made for aircraft landing strips. In the center of the section was a canvas tarp covered eating area (we ate standing at shelves), canvas kitchen, huge canvas water tank, Red Cross tent, and several administrative tents.

Rows of squad tents were laid out in opposite directions from the central area. The tents had approximately 12 cots, no lighting, no heat.. no chairs, no tables. At the end of the tent row was a large box in a tent. (The Army referred to these toilets as "Quartermaster Boxes.") It had a series of round holes along the edge - toilets - and a large hole underneath for the excrement. Again no lights, no water.

Upon arrival I was issued a barracks bag, two Army blankets, mess kit complete with knife, fork, spoon, and canteen cup, towel, and a canvas bucket. I was then assigned to a cot in the first tent. My guess is that the bucket was to carry water from the canvas water tank to my tent for bathing. What a laugh. Both the weather and water were too cold and I was too weak.

I was very sick when I arrived and sick when I left. After a couple of days there were so many people eating at our mess that you finished one meal and went to the rear of the line to wait for the next meal, a period of up to four hours! I was too sick to stand in line that long. I was very happy to be free but the conditions were still terrible.

On my first night at Lucky Strike visited the Red Cross tent where I had a cup of coffee and a donut. As I recall that was about all there was, except of course the lovely ladies. The rumor the next day was one of the guys died that night apparently from eating 23 of the donuts. That ended the donuts!

The people in charge didn't seem to know what to expect or how to handle us. Processing consisted of a very brief physical (probably only looking for contagious diseases), debriefing (at the time I had no idea where I was when captured, little knowledge of the Battle of the Bulge, or had not seen any maps). My guess is that the debriefer was very inexperienced and probably thought we were very stupid.

Several days later I was sent to the quartermaster tent where I turned in my outer clothes for a new "Ike" field jacket, wool shirt and trousers, web belt, a pair of socks, combat boots, and a field cap with red braid. It was the only cap they had with braid. It fit me and the red showed that I was artillery. I was not issued any insignia until I arrived at Fort McPerson in Atlanta on May 1.

They gave each of us a neat little cloth pouch that you could tie around the waist. It had a razor, razor blades, shaving cream, comb, soap, tooth paste, and wash cloth. It was provided by a Red Cross Chapter in New Jersey! **Thank you Red Cross.**

I also received \$20 partial pay. Remember the Germans had taken all the money from most POWS. I arraigned for one of the Red Cross ladies to purchase a cake for my 21st birthday on Friday the 13th. I gave her my \$20. On Thursday they posted orders on the bulletin board that I was to go home the next day. Got back my \$20.

On my 21st birthday I was trucked to Le Havre and boarded the *John Ericksen* for the trip home. I arrived at Staten Island 28 April, and went by train to Camp Kilmer.

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By the end of April the Army had things well organized at Camp Lucky Strike. There were Post Exchanges and movies. During this time 3,000 German POWS were utilized in the mess and laundry area. Of course the infirmary was always full of men who had eaten too much of the rich food after their diet in the Stalags and on the road.

At the peak 5,000 RAMPS left for home by plane or ship from Le Havre in a SINGLE DAY. Eventually 89,000 former American POWS went through Lucky Strike.

Beginning in June 1945 CAMP LUCKY STRIKE was used to deploy units for the war in the Pacific. Later on, whole divisions were deployed through the camp for deactivation in the United States. The 106th Infantry Division was relieved of its POW guard duties and arrived at CAMP LUCKY STRIKE around the 10th of September for the trip home and deactivation.

Pete House.....



Aerial view of the Camp Lucky Strike Runway. This photo was taken 27 August 1945 by the 540th Photo Squadron. The black marks on the runway are the patched over areas where the Germans had exploded land mines. You can see the rows of tents all over the area. Francis Aspinwall published a photo of the 589th taken at the camp. It was probably taken near the large "X" which I have placed on the lower right portion of the runway, next to the grassy (black) area..

"Glenn Miller, 422/H - Returns to Europe 18 May 1996"



By the Pip Margraff Garden, St. Vith - Adda and Willie RIKKEN, with Glenn Miller in Center

I was in search of where I was captured at the 422nd Regiment's Motor Pool. I never did find where the motor pool had been, but we were close. Adda and Willie RIKKEN, Gouvvy, Belgium and Nicholas Werner of Auw, Germany, who were helping me, said the government had rearranged the hills and forest and the drainage areas and the roads to make that part of Germany more productive for crops.

The best I could do was draw a line from Schoenberg, Laudesfeld and Auw and say that our motor pool was on a line with that line plus the advance of the 422nd towards Schoenberg. (editor's note - part of the 422nd, at the motor pool, did not surrender until 22 December). We saw the Regiment go by and two days later saw the remains of their equipment tossed aside plus a few bodies frozen in the snow as we marched from our surrender spot towards what I believed to be Schoenberg. We found a spot on a hill with the right views but no forest there in which we were encamped.

The stay at the Pip Margraff was great and we saw some memorials to the 106th and the 2nd. Adda and Willie's daughter and husband with their 9 year old boy met us also at the Pip. They were very interesting having worked in the US for Mercedes. They want to come back to the States, but their boy was mixed up with the languages when he was moved from the US to Germany at age four. He is just now beginning to talk some. They are afraid to move him until he established a root language. The first day Adda and Willie left us for several hours so Mike, my son, and I drove to Malmedy. We liked the town and it's square where we sat with many natives and drank beer and tea(for me). There is a big memorial there for victims of a bombing raid some time in December 1944. We did not hunt out the massacre spot. My conclusions - the bitter memories and the anti German feelings of that time are just memories now not to be mixed to much with the reality of today's feelings.

We went on from there to Zeitz where I was kept in a work camp. This was after several weeks in IV-B thawing out my frozen feet etc. We were kept in a third floor room over one end of a cathedral for a castle originally built in 964 AD. We saw part of the 964 AD stone archway under the present cathedral. The last owner was interred there with his wife and three children. It was a room and the caskets were mounted on pedestals in the center of the room. They had died in the 1500's. The stained glass windows of the cathedral were stoned up when we were there during the war but have been replaced as they are restoring the cathedral. They have made the whole place a museum now.

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I found the room which we slept, as prisoners, each night but they would not open it up for me. They store baby carriages in it now that are excess exhibits for the baby carriage part of the museum. Zeitz has built them since 1850 and display the changing designs from 1850 to today. But all the rooms and parts of the building where the displaced persons from many different countries were kept are still there.

The three flights of stairs I use to carry the slop jars down to empty in the sewer in the court yard are still there. I remember that so well because it took two guys to carry one pot and if the other guy was taller than you, you would get the low side and wind up with you know what on your hands and clothes. I was tall so the short guys would try to step down each stair just a little ahead of me to compensate. But that usually rocked the pot and we would both get it. Stupid things one remembers.

I was able to find the path we walked every day to work at digging two parallel tunnels in to a hill side in town. Found the hill and where we dug but they had built a stone retaining wall into the hill about ten feet high which of course obliterated the tunnel openings. We never could find any German who could tell us why we were digging the tunnels at that time but they were used as air raid shelters when the Americans came close to Zeitz on about 10 April.

Zeitz itself was an old town with some of the walls around the city from the 1200 still standing. We had arranged with the tourist bureau to have an interpreter and a guide for a tour of the town. That worked out just great. I tried to find a local person to talk to who had been there during the war or one who lived there before the war and had returned. Made a contact and the interpreter went with to help our conversation. But the man was not home. His name was Karl Rusche and he was 74 years old and had been in the army. I am going to write the guy and see if I can strike up a friendship to compare war stories.

The town square in Zeitz was fixed up. They just installed a bell system in the town hall tower last year. But the side streets were some times shabby or maybe two houses out of ten

on a street were fixed up real neat but the rest may have holes in their roofs and none of them had been painted in years. The side streets were solid cobblestone but wavy and bumpy. The unemployment rate is about 23% in what was East Germany. With out jobs they do not have the money to fix those things. I believe they are not proud of the looks of their towns and will fix



Castle in Zeitz where I was kept as a prisoner.

them up eventually but it may take 25 years and tons of money from the former West Germany. I kind of liked Zeitz and think they will get their town back to snuff.

The rest of my trip was for Genealogy. My great grandfather immigrated to the US in 1865 from Germany. I had hired a Genealogist in Germany several months before our trip and he had found my Ancestors marriage records in a Lutheran Church in Lichterfelde just some 30 KM north east of Berlin. He is the one who arranged the interpreter for me in Zeitz. We visited the church and it was just about completely restored. The preacher there had been working on raising the money for 23 years.

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Beautiful church and the cooper baptism bowl was given to the church in 1661 by two of my ancestors. Quite an experience. I even have picture I took of the house my great-grandfather was born in the town of Werbellinsome 5 KM from Lichterfelde.

After that we went by car to Oostende, Belgium and caught the Hydro for Ramsgate, England. Then the train to London. Went to Oxford for a few days and toured the area where we were encamped for the 30 days in England. Saw the Manor house next to where we had our Quonset huts. Talked to the Post Mistress of Adelstrop where the Manor was and her mother was Post Mistress at the time we were there. The present Post Mistress remembers when we were there. We visited some neat towns like Stow-on-the-Wold, Morton-in-the-Marsh and Chipping Norton. We also visited Bleinhiem Palace where Churchill was born. We found his grave site close by in Blandon. The palace was impressive as was the unadvertised site of Winstons grave.

Left there and went to Stonehenge and on to Dorchester. It is about 10 miles from the North Sea. I have some 50 ancestors who immigrated to the US between 1620 and 1650 and a lot of them came from Dorset and Somerset Counties on the southern coast. We visited many little villages from which my ancestors came. Quaint little places. One called Chardstock has a house built in 1564 by one of my ancestor's. Dorchester had several of my ancestors also and one of the leaders of the immigration in 1630 was a Rev White who was the rector of two churches in Dorchester. We visited the churches and Rev Whites rectory. Dorchester was a delightful town of about 30,000 people now.

We went to Lyme Regis on the North Sea and it was like a big Provincetown on cape Cod. My son fell in love with Lyme Regis. Attracted the liberal in him. On our last day I was pooped so my son took the half hour train ride to Victoria Station and did the bus thing again and got off the bus at the Tower of London. He also fell in Love with London. He likes New York city also, in fact he likes to live in town, not the suburbs. He lives inside the Loop in Houston, Texas.

Well I have 3 and ½ hours of video tape to prove I was at all of the above places but some where in my guts there is the feeling that I did it and I won't forget the experience and that is all mine.

Glenn Miller



A view of Malmedy. My conclusions - the bitter memories and the anti German feelings of that time are just memories now not to be mixed to much with the reality of today's feelings.

"Committee Report - 50th Annual Reunion "

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA - 30 AUG - 2 SEP 1996

by Elizabeth Bowles and Committee

The reunion committee set two goals as being absolutely necessary to a successful 50th reunion: first, good food and plenty of it; and, second, doing something about banquet seating. Of course, there were other goals, such as interesting tours, plenty of refreshments for the hospitality room, comfortable hotel accommodations, to name a few.

Rather than a punch and cookies event the committee chose to host a picnic as a reception-with great barbecue and four lines to keep the waiting to a minimum—and plenty of food for everyone. The reunion started on a positive note. Banquet seating was not perfect, but was improved. Since both the guests and the committee were exploring assigned seating for the first time, the result must be considered a success. Prime rib made the banquet food special, and the desserts were the perfect finishing touch. What else happened? More good food, wonderful tours, and lots of visiting. The hospitality room was the most popular spot for many.

Dr. John Presley, Director of VAMC, Salem, came to speak and was warmly received. Dr. Presley, a friend of veterans, works with veterans' committees on an on-going basis. He answered many questions from members and their spouses, then led the group in an old fashioned songfest.

Sunday's memorial service was beautiful, reverend, and inspiring. The Chaplain's plans were carefully carried out by the reunion committee, and the service was one which will be long remembered. An interesting aside: the organist is a middle school principal who was formerly a social studies teacher. He told the committee that he felt honored to be able to serve the group.

One small committee could not have done all the work needed for a successful reunion. The sheriffs office and the police department of the City of Roanoke provided color guards for events, volunteers from the City's Youth Department manned registration desks, and the staffs at the Marriott Airport and the Sheraton Inn Airport provided a warm, caring atmosphere for all guests.

Every day of the reunion, the weather was wonderful. Then, on Tuesday, just as the 106th was departing, the rains came. Somehow, it was appropriate that the heavens would weep that such a special group of friends were once again going their separate ways.

Your reunion committee: *Ralph and Elizabeth Bowles, Willie Farris, assisted by Beth Brooks and Nancy Burnside and countless other volunteers and supporters. Beth is a national service officer with the American Ex-Prisoners of War and Nancy is with the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau.*

P.S. Thank you for your attendance and all the nice letters and cards the committee has received since.

50th Annual Reunion - Roanoke, VA 1996 - Attendance Count

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|-----------------|----|
| DIV/HQ | 2 |
| 106 MP | 4 |
| 106 SIG | 10 |
| 331 MED/A | 1 |
| 401ST FAB attch | 1 |

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| 422/HQ | 8 |
| 422/AT | 1 |
| 422/CN | 3 |

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| 422/HQ 1BN | 2 |
| 422/A | 3 |
| 422/B | 1 |
| 422/C | 4 |
| 422/D | 9 |

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| 422/HQ 2BN | 2 |
| 422/F | 2 |
| 422/G | 6 |
| 422/H | 16 |

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| 422/HQ 3BN | |
| 422/I | 5 |
| 422/L | 1 |
| 422/M | 8 |

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| 423/HQ | 9 |
| 423/AT | 3 |
| 423/CN | 1 |
| 423/SV | 10 |

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| 423/HQ 1BN | 2 |
| 423/A | 4 |
| 423/B | 6 |
| 423/C | 7 |
| 423/D | 11 |

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| 423/HQ 2BN | 3 |
| 423/E | 5 |
| 423/F | 2 |
| 423/G | 1 |
| 423/H | 13 |

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| 423/HQ 3BN | 5 |
| 423/I | 2 |
| 423/K | 4 |
| 423/M | 10 |
| 423/MED | 4 |

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| 424/HQ | 3 |
| 424/AT | 1 |
| 424/CN | 9 |
| 424/SV | 2 |

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| 424/HQ 1BN | 4 |
| 424/B | 8 |
| 424/C | 1 |
| 424/D | 10 |

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|-------------------|---|
| 424/HQ 2BN | 1 |
| 424/E | 3 |
| 424/F | 3 |
| 424/G | 6 |
| 424/H | 3 |

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|-------------------|---|
| 424/HQ 3BN | 1 |
| 424/I | 1 |
| 424/K | 2 |
| 424/L | 1 |
| 424/M | 2 |
| 424/MED | 1 |

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| 81st ENG/HQ | 1 |
| 81st ENG/A | 4 |
| 81st ENG/B | 8 |
| 81st ENG/C | 4 |

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| 589/HQ | 1 |
| 589/A | 3 |
| 589/B | 2 |

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| 590/HQ | 5 |
| 590/A | 6 |
| 590/MED | 1 |

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| 591/HQ | 7 |
| 591/B | 1 |
| 591/C | 2 |
| 591/SV | 5 |

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| 592/HQ | 3 |
| 592/? | 1 |
| 592/A | 2 |
| 592/B | 1 |
| 592/SV | 2 |

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| UNIT UNKNOWN | 2 |
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| ASSOCIATE | 5 |
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| Veterans Total | 319 |
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| UNIT COUNT | |
| Div HQs/units | 18 |
| 422nd | 71 |
| 423rd | 102 |
| 424th | 62 |
| 81st Eng | 17 |
| 589th FAB | 6 |
| 590th FAB | 12 |
| 591st FAB | 15 |
| 592nd FAB | 9 |

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| 106ers | 319 |
| Guests/Wives | 266 |

Grand Total

585

Attached Medics counted
with organic units

From where did they come to attend "Roanoke"

Total Membership – State Count 10/15/96

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|--------------|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|----|
| ALABAMA | 30 | MASSACHUSETTS | 50 | SOUTH CAROLINA | 26 |
| ARIZONA | 32 | MICHIGAN | 64 | SOUTH DAKOTA | 7 |
| ARKANSAS | 14 | MINNESOTA | 45 | TENNESSEE | 45 |
| CALIFORNIA | 75 | MISSISSIPPI | 16 | TEXAS | 51 |
| COLORADO | 12 | MISSOURI | 27 | UTAH | 3 |
| CONNECTICUT | 30 | MONTANA | 1 | VERMONT | 5 |
| DELAWARE | 6 | NEBRASKA | 11 | VIRGINIA | 28 |
| DIST OF COL. | 3 | NEVADA | 2 | WASHINGTON | 12 |
| FLORIDA | 140 | NEW HAMPSHIRE | 4 | WEST VIRGINIA | 17 |
| GEORGIA | 45 | NEW JERSEY | 77 | WISCONSIN | 78 |
| HAWAII | 3 | NEW MEXICO | 7 | WYOMING | 2 |
| IDAHO | 1 | NEW YORK | 83 | | |
| ILLINOIS | 119 | NORTH CAROLINA | 32 | OVERSEAS | 23 |
| INDIANA | 45 | NOVA SCOTIA | 2 | | |
| IOWA | 25 | OHIO | 80 | | |
| KANSAS | 17 | OKLAHOMA | 15 | | |
| KENTUCKY | 14 | OREGON | 10 | | |
| LOUISIANA | 12 | PENNSYLVANIA | 147 | | |
| MAINE | 11 | PUERTO RICO | 1 | | |
| MARYLAND | 47 | RHODE ISLAND | 14 | | |

Grand Total

1,666

50th Annual Reunion - Roanoke 1996 - State Attendance Count

Veteran Count Only for the State of origin.....

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| ALABAMA | 6 | MARYLAND | 8 | TENNESSEE | 7 |
| ARIZONA | 4 | MASSACHUSETTS | 5 | TEXAS | 8 |
| ARKANSAS | 3 | MICHIGAN | 15 | VERMONT | 1 |
| BELGIUM | 1 | MINNESOTA | 3 | VIRGINIA | 12 |
| CALIFORNIA | 10 | MISSISSIPPI | 2 | WASHINGTON | 3 |
| COLORADO | 3 | MISSOURI | 8 | WEST VIRGINIA | 9 |
| CONNECTICUT | 8 | MONTANA | 1 | WISCONSIN | 15 |
| DELAWARE | 1 | NEBRASKA | 2 | TOTAL | 319 |
| FLORIDA | 34 | NEVADA | 1 | | |
| GEORGIA | 10 | NEW JERSEY | 13 | | |
| ILLINOIS | 27 | NEW YORK | 16 | | |
| INDIANA | 6 | NORTH CAROLINA | 3 | | |
| IOWA | 6 | OHIO | 13 | | |
| KANSAS | 3 | OKLAHOMA | 1 | | |
| KENTUCKY | 4 | PENNSYLVANIA | 35 | | |
| LOUISIANA | 1 | RHODE ISLAND | 3 | | |
| | | SOUTH CAROLINA | 6 | | |
| | | SOUTH DAKOTA | 2 | | |

**Plus 266
Guests and Wives
for a**

**Grand Total
585**

Roanoke Reunion Attendance -- 30 Aug- 3 Sept 1996

DIV/HQ

MCCOLLUM, VOLLIE L.
OCVIRK, OTTO G.

106 MP

FACEY, COL. KENNETH
HANKE, ARTHUR K.
JENNINGS, CHARLES R.
KORTLANG, CHARLES E.

106 SIG

CALHOUN, ROBERT
CHILDS, DEAN F.
DIRENZO, PETER L.
HAMILTON, LAWRENCE D.
KERNITZKY, LENNIE I.
KUPS, STANLEY
REAM, GRANVILLE C.
TWARDZIK, RAYMOND J.
VILLWOCK, RUSSELL H.
SCHOECK (NM), RICHARD

331 MED/A

WIGGINS, JAMES W.

422/HQ

GASSES, JOSEPH J.
HANNA, ROBERT R.
JOSEPHS, ROBERT H.
LAPATO, FRANK
LOVE, EBENEZER P.
PILKINGTON, FRED A.
SWETYE, JOSEPH
YELOCHAN, ALBERT M.

422/AT

PAWLUK, WALTER S.

422/CN

BOWLES, RALPH K.
CATHERMAN JR., LTC GUY
GAITHER, JACK L.

422/HQ 1BN

DIEFENTHALER, WILLARD F.
DREISBACH JR., CARL

422/A

BLACK JR., REV. EWELL C.
BROWN, C.P.
POWELL, EUGENE M.

422/B

COLBERT, HUGH L.

422/C

BOZMAN, V. C.

EDWARDS, CARL E.
MASSEY, JOSEPH A.
SALEMINK, RICHARD J.

422/D

HILLIARD, REV. ROY M
OLECKI, EDWARD J.
ROBB, DR. JOHN G.
SANDERS, JOE T.
SAUCERMAN, EUGENE L.
TRAUTMAN, FRANK S.
WALKER, ROBERT F.
WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE R.
ZIMAND, GERALD P.

422/HQ 2BN

NAUSIN JR., FRANK
RICKARD JR., WILLIAM

422/F

ARMOLD, ROY A.
HENDERSON, CHARLEY S.

422/G

BOGGS, OLIVER B.
BRODERICK, HAROLD J.
CHESNEY, LONAS L.
ELDRIDGE, ROBERT D.
GINTHER, KEITH
NEWMAN, SAUL A.

422/H

ALBERTSON, HARRY E.
COOK, FRANCIS J.
DORN, EDWARD W.
IVY, WILLIAM F.
JENKINS, WILLIAM D.
JONES, WILLIAM B.
MADSEN JR., ANDERS N
MILLER, GLENN C.
PODLASKI, EDMUND P.
POST, LAWRENCE W.
PRENDERGAST, RICHARD M.
PRESCOTT, EUGENE L.
RIECK, CHARLES F.
SNOVEL, ROBERT I.
TUREK, CASIMER
JANOSKY (NM), WALT

422/I

BLAHER, WILLIAM S.
BREITE, VICTOR W.
GILLIKIN, ROSS E.
KELCH, EUGENE B.
MALONE, WILLIAM E.

422/L

LANGHAM, FRANCIS S.

422/M

ADOLPHSON, MAYNARD
BIELSKI, RAYMOND J.
HOFF, RUSSELL D.
KOPATZ, ALFRED E.
LARSON, GILBERT R.
LEICHTE, JOSEPH H.
MASCONE, ATTILIO A.
MEAGHER JR., HERBERT

423/HQ

AVERY, CHARLES W.
JOHNSON JR., JOHN C.
MCCLURE, CLINT
SARTORI, CHARLES
SHOFFIT, ALFRED W.
SLABY, TED
SPARKS, RICHARD D.
TARANTINO, JOSEPH C.
ZICKER, GORDON B.

423/AT

ANSEL, JOSEPH J.
MURPHY, JOHN J.
SWARTZ, HARVEY L.

423/CN

VAUGHN, RAY R.

423/SV

COLLINS, SHEROD
GRASSO, SALVATORE V.
HALL, JOHN L.
HECK, HOWELL H.
MABRY JR., JOHN W.
MELICHAR, WILLIAM J.
NOON, CLETUS E.
STARMACK, JOHN S.
TAYLOR, HAL R.
WISCHMEIER, DONALD B

423/HQ 1BN

BRYAN, KENNETH V.
JONES JR., ALAN W.

423/A

BAINBRIDGE, W. G.
ROSS, REECE M.
YANCHIK, PETE
STEWART (NM), SAMMY

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423/B

FORBES, FONTAINE C.
GILBERT, DANIEL W.
PINNEY, GORDON B.
PONZA, FRANK
RIGATTI, RICHARD L.
VAN MOORLEHEM, ARTHUR

423/C

BLADEN, JOHN A.
HALLADAY, MAURICE A.
JONES, TED N.
KELLY, JOHN H.
ROSALIA, JOHN
SCHROM, IRVING S.
SPENCE, JULIUS A.

423/D

ANGELO, MARIO J.
BROWNING, ROY
BURRELL, JAMES V.
HAWKINS, HAROLD W.
HUNTER, DAVID
KAHLER, JOHN K.
MARSH, ROBERT H.
TIMM, EUGENE A.
YINGST, WILLIAM J.
YOUNG, DAMON F.
ZENN, MIKE

423/HQ 2BN

LANE, WELDON V.
RIELS, JOHN O.
ROSEN, SEYMOUR

423/E

CARMICHAEL, B. JAY
JOHANNES, WALTER E.
LAWLER, LOY D.
MAGEE, JACK G.
RUSSELL, RAYMOND E.

423/F

SULSER, JACK A.
VONDERHORST, ERIC J.

423/G

WATTERS, JACK H.

423/H

BASEL, THEODORE
BENNETT, ROBERT F.
BOTTCHER, REME D.
DIEHL, LLOYD J.
JOHNSTON, RAY A.
KURZEJA, MICHAEL F.

LAWSON, WILLIAM J.
PETERSEN, WALTER A.
PRETTY, EMOR C.
SMITH, KENNETH M.
SWETT, JOHN A.
TAYLOR, JOHN W.
TROST, PAUL M. L.

423/HQ 3BN

DOXSEE, GIFFORD B.
EISENMAN, JEROME
HINKLE, RAYMOND A.
OSBORNE, M.D., GEORGE M.
WEISS, NEWTON W.

423/I

BLOOMINGBURG, GEORGE
TERRIO, HOWARD J.

423/K

BRAX, RICHARD J.
CAPSHAW, CLIFTON
GRIVETTI, LOUIS G.
HOWARD, FRED B.

423/M

EDELMAN, LOUIS
GRANTHAM, GORDON
HELWIG, GILBERT J.
HOHENSTEIN, JOHN J.
KLINE, DR. ROBERT E.
KLINE, JOHN P.
LOCURCIO JR., VINCENT
SMITH, WILLIAM E.
VENEGONI, VINCENT J.
WALKER JR., NEFF

423/MED

COSTA, ANTONE
COSTA, LAWRENCE
PIAZZA, LOUIS R.
WILLIAMS, TED

424/HQ

BURKES, ROBERT A.
HELMICH, LESTER A.
MALONEY, JOSEPH P.

424/AT

TRUEMAN, DR. DUNCAN

424/CN

CLOWER, ROBERT G.
CORREAL, A. DONALD
DE ST AUBIN, ROBERT
GRIMES, GEORGE O.
HOLLAND JR., DANIEL

LIBMAN, OLIVER
MOYER, GEORGE C.
SMITH, ROBERT W.
WHEELER, JAMES R.T.

424/SV

CHEZMAR, JOHN P.
RAO, CHARLES T.

424/HQ 1BN

BRATTON, HAROLD K.
GILDER, ROBERT A.
KUCHOLICK, STANLEY J.
LOGAN, ROBERT C.

424/B

ARVOLD, NORMAN W.
CALL, GEORGE
HILL, MAJOR H.
PASSARIELLO, LOUIS J.
PREWETT, EDWARD A.
RUTLAND, ROGER M.
SMOLER, IRWIN C.
VITALI, ALFRED L.

424/C

MOSS, MELVIN A.

424/D

BRIDGES, WALTER G.
DICKERSON, MYRTON B.
GOODWIN, JOSEPH N.
HOMAN, ROBERT C.
LANDIS, ROBERT J.
PARVIN, GLENN R.
RAY, LTC MARION
RUSSELL, ALDEN F.
SIMMONS, NORMAN
STEELE, KERMIT L.

424/HQ 2BN

PARKER, PAUL

424/E

BRITTON, BENJAMIN B.
FITZGERALD, GILBERT
GREGORY, JOHN A.

424/F

HUMINSKI, EDWIN C.
LORD, MALCOM E.
SCHOBBER, MILTON J.

424/G

DALLMAN, JOSEPH G.
GEIB, GEORGE
LORD, JOHN S.

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REDIGER, DELBERT G.
SWISHER, RALPH A.

424/H

ASHBURN, NOLAN
AUERBACH, SID
MURRAY JR., GEORGE

424/HQ 3BN

CARVER, DALE R.

424/I

MEHR, JOSEPH O.

424/K

CAPLAN, BERT
MAGEHEE, GLEN U.

424/L

COSS SR., KENNETH L.

424/M

BAGBY, HOWARD O.
SIEG, ALBERT C.

424/MED

MANFREDI, JOHN

81st ENG/HQ

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81st ENG/A

FISCHER, JOSEPH A.
MESSINA, CARL
NESTER, GEORGE
ZIMMERMAN, JOSEPH W.

81st ENG/B

DERR, REV. VALENTINE
FRYE, NORWOOD A.
KREZMINSKI, EDWARD S
NAGLE JR., EDWARD J.
TETZLAFF, JAMES E.
VALENSTEIN, COL. EARL
WOJAHN, EDWARD C.
ZABKAR, EDWARD F.

81st ENG/C

FAVA, ROY
HINRICHS, DON M.
SZIBER, FRANK V.
WELLS, JAMES E.

401ST FAB (attached)

BACHMURSKI, STANLEY M.

589/HQ

SCOTT, EARL A.

589/A

HOLTZMULLER, J. DON
STREETER, WILLIAM R.
WENSLOW, MARSHALL B.

589/B

KUIZEMA, HAROLD
RAND, ANTHONY J.

590/HQ

BOSCHERT, PAUL V.
KINCANNON, CLIFFORD
POWELL, ROBERT A.
STOLP, ROBERT R.
WOODWARD, JACK

590/A

CREEL, E. V.
HICKS, HARRY
HINSON SR., ARTHUR E
HOUSE, PETE
PEROS, GEORGE
YOUNG, EDWARD E.

590/MED

CLARK, DR. JAMES I.

591/HQ

BOODA JR., CHARLES K
BOOKHEIMER, MERRILL
EPHRAIM SR., HARRY M
FUCHS, VICTOR
MCMICHAEL, BRYCE D.

PANICE, RAYMOND H.
WILLIAMS, OLIVER G.

591/B

STAUFF, JOHN H.

591/C

BOWERS, WALTER H.
WHITE JR., E. C.

591/SV

BRADFIELD, KENNETH
DATTE, CHARLES
MOSLEY, NEWTON L.
RINGER, ROBERT C.
SAMPLES, L. ORVIS

592/HQ

CRAWFORD, JOHN D.
ELLIOTT, ADAMS E.
LAUMAN, CLARENCE (PETE)

592/?

JOHANSEN, CHARLES H.

592/A

BREUKER, ALBERT
HARTMAN, WILLARD G.

592/B

WHITE, ROBERT L.

592/SV

GILLILAND, JOHN O.
HARTLIEB, GLENN O.

UNIT UNKNOWN

COCHRAN, COLLIN L.
MINOR (NM), IRVIN

ASSOCIATE

DANSEREAU, ERNEST D.
MAES, ROGER
PALAIA, RALPH
ROUGEOU, KENNETH E.
SMITH, RACHEL

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN LION

Awards made during the 50th Annual Reunion at Roanoke, Virginia 2nd September, 1996

Edward A. Prewett, 424/B, Commander Class

Joined Association 1953, Board of Directors 1990; Chaired 1990 Reunion in Sacramento, when Mike Thome, President/Chairman, became ill. Served as President for the fiscal year 1993/1994. Served on many committees as a member and as Chairman; Represented the Association in meetings and celebration in Europe many times. Was instrumental in our relationship with the CRIBA organization.

Reddie Prewett, Companion Class

For her support in all the activities that her husband, Edward Prewett was involved with. A constant companion to the benefit of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

Pete House, 590/A, Officer Class

Joined the Association in 1947, served in several committees throughout the years. Served as President in the fiscal year 1969/1970. Along with his wife, Joanne, hosted the 26th Annual Reunion at Jacksonville, Florida. Pete is the leading force in the Stalag 9A-B-C Ex-POW group, to which many of our Association members are engaged.

Duward Frampton, Jr, 422/Cannon, Officer Class (not present at reunion)

Pete was the first peace time member of the Association, joining on 9 April 1946. A member of the Board of Directors for many years, he became President for the fiscal year 1953/1954. He served on many committees throughout those years. He produced a book for the Association, entitled *THE LION'S TALE*. This was done at his own expense and he distributed over 100 copies. Some of the stories, written with permission, were from syndicated magazines. Several of those, along with others that he wrote about individual member's experiences, now appear in the 1991 CUB of the Golden Lion.: *PASSES in REVIEW*.

Jack M. Janicke, 106 Signal, Companion Class (not present at reunion)

Jack contributed greatly to the administration of the Association after joining in 1986. He assisted the adjutant with mailing labels and formatted a database to keep the membership records. He was, in sense, the originator of the current record system and saved the Adjutant, Sam Cariano, and CUB editor, Richard DeHeer many hours of manual labor.

HISTORY OF AWARDS

| GOLD-COMMANDER | | SILVER-OFFICER | | BRONZE-COMPANION | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| '48 | David Price | '47 | Herbert Livesey, Jr. | '64 | Majorie DeHeer |
| '62 | Douglas Coffey | '78 | Robert Scranton | '66 | Kay Loveless |
| '64 | Richard DeHeer | '86 | Walter Bandurak | '72 | Wilda McMahon |
| '66 | John Loveless, Jr | '86 | Robert Pierce, Jr. | '75 | Maydean Wells |
| '72 | Leo McMahon | '90 | Sam Cariano | '87 | Jackie Villwock |
| '73 | Sherod Collins | '91 | John Kline | '87 | Jean Gilder |
| '74 | John Gallagher | '93 | Boyd Rutledge | '94 | Mattie Rutland |
| '75 | James Wells | '93 | Gilbert Helwig | '94 | Lee Gilliland |
| '87 | Russel Villwock | '95 | O. Paul Merz | '95 | Dan Bied |
| '87 | Robert Gilder | '95 | Richard Peterson | '96 | Reddie Prewett |
| '94 | Roger Rutland | '95 | T. Wayne Black | '96 | Jack M. Janicke |
| '94 | John Gilliland | '96 | Pete House | '96 | |
| '95 | John Kline | '96 | Duward Frampton Jr | | |
| '95 | Jack Sulser | | | NON-MEMBERS | |
| '95 | Ewell Black, Jr. | | Cedric Foster | '47 | Gold-Commentator |
| '95 | John Robb | | Duward Frampton | '47 | Gold-Agony Grapevine |
| '95 | Kenneth Bradfield | | Annette Frampton | '47 | Gold-Agony Grapevine |
| '96 | Edward A. Prewett | | William Simpson | '47 | Gold-Indianapolis Hosts |
| | | | Florence Simpson | '47 | Gold-Indianapolis Hosts |
| | | | Joe E. Brown | '47 | Bronze-Movie Star |
| | | | Marjorie Rathbone | '47 | Bronze-Asst Sec. Assoc. |
| | | | George Denny | '47 | Bronze- Mayor, Indpls |
| | | | Ralph F. Gates | '47 | Bronze-Governor, Ind. |
| | | | Howard Maxwell | '47 | Bronze-Adj. Gen, Ind. |
| | | | Frank Henly | '47 | Silver-VWW Memorial |
| | | | Robert Tyndall | '47 | Bronze-Mayor, Indpls |
| | | | Ben Watt | '47 | Bronze-Supt Schools Ind. |
| | | | B.G. Elmer Sherwood | '47 | Bronze-Ind. State Guard |
| | | | Dr. Maurice DELAVAL | '62 | Silver-Belgium friend 106 |

"50th Annual Reunion - Lake Cruise, OCGL Awards and Final Banquet"

On the Smith Mountain Lake Cruise. Dinner and a beautiful view of the lake with friends.

L/R: Rosalie, with her husband, Richard Brax, 423/K, a member of the Board on Directors.

Enjoying his meal to the left of Brax, is Clifton Capshaw, also of 423/K.



Head Table: right from the flag: Pete House, Adjutant; At the microphone, Rev. Ewell C. Black, Jr.; Left of Black, is Richard L. Rigatti, retiring President; John Kline, Editor; and far right, Sherod Collins, Treasurer. New President, Major Hill is hidden by the podium. Sorry, Major.



Order of the Golden Lion recipients in attendance, at the 50th Annual Reunion.

President Richard L. Rigatti presenting the group.

Standing left to right: Kenneth Bradfield; Gil Helwig; Russel Villwock; Robert Gilder; Jackie Villwock; Ed Prewett; Reddie Prewett; Jean Gilder; Mattie Rutland; Roger Rutland; John Kline; Jack Sulser; John Gilliland; Lee Gilliland; John Robb; Sherod Collins, standing in background next to Rigatti; Pete House is seated back of Roger Rutland, Sorry Pete, you didn't stand up in time.

"50th Annual Reunion - Memorial Service"

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| ALEXANDER, CALVIN | 422/H |
| BARKER, THOMAS E. | 422/HQ |
| BARLOW, FRANKLIN S. | DIV/HQ |
| BELL, ROGER W. | 589/HQ |
| CALLAHAN, ROBERT | 422/C |
| CAVENDER, COL CHARLES C. | 423/HQ |
| CHURA, ANDREW | 81ST ENG/A |
| CLAUSEN, CECIL C. | 424/F |
| DAILEY, HAMPTON J. | 422/K |
| FARRIS, FRED J. | DIV/HQ |
| FRY, JOHN C. | 424/F |
| HARTMAN, C. WILLIAM | 424/AT |
| HATCH, H.M. | DIV/HQ |
| HAUXWELL, BURTON R. | 423/H |
| HENRY, PATRICK F. | 424/CN |
| HIGDON, HERMAN L. | 422/E |
| HUCHKO, ROBERT W. | 424/D |
| JOHNSON, DONALD E. | 422/HQ |
| KARNS, RUSSELL J. | 81ST ENG/A |
| KELLY, EDMOND D. | 423/D |
| KENYON, JAMES F. | 424/CN |
| LEE, RUSSELL | 589/C |
| LEISSE, SR., LEO R. | 422/HQ 3BN |
| LLOYD, EDGAR L. | 422/M |
| MANSFIELD JR., HORACE | 424/A |



Memorial Service - 50th Annual Reunion, Roanoke, Virginia

Reverend Ewell C. Black, Jr., attending; Memorial Chairman, Dr. John Robb saluting the memorial wreath; Honor Guard courtesy of the Roanoke City Police Department and Sheriff's Office; Dennis Helms, soloist; James Wood, pianist
(photos by Russell Villwock, 106 Signal)

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| MAW SR., THOMAS J. | 592/A |
| MCKENNEY, THOMAS L. | 81st ENG/A |
| MCLEIEER, JACK S. | 422/C |
| MINER, WILLIAM A. | 424/I |
| PERKINS, LAWRENCE C. | 423/E |
| PHALEN, JOHN P. | 423/M |
| PINK, JOHN D. | 422/B |
| PROKORYM, CASIMIR T. | 81ST ENG/HQ |
| REDMOND, DEAN T. | 422/HQ 3BN |
| REUTER, JOHN N. | 422/M |
| RICCI, ARMONDO A. | 81ST ENG/B |
| ROY, CHARLES J. | 589/A |
| SALBER, JOSEPH P. | 423/SV |
| SCHULER, CALVIN | 590/A |
| SHARPE, THOMAS W. | 423/C |
| SMITH, CHARLES L. | 422/D |
| SUMMERS, GERALD R. | 423/F |
| TESTER, WILBUR J. | 422/C |
| TOPICZ, JOSEPH | 423/E |
| ULMER, RAYMOND J. | 592/SV |
| VASTINE D.D.S., FREDERICK | 423/? |
| WALDEN, LAWRENCE | 424/H |
| WHITTNER, DONALD R. | 422/F |
| WILSON, GLENN R. | 423/I |
| WOODRUFF, ROBERT T. | DIV/HQ |



"50th Annual Reunion - Reception/Buffer Picnic Dinner"

Good Music while
the food is being
prepared.

Southern Hospitality
at its Best.



L/R, Hal Taylor,
423/CN, stand-by
Editor;
John Kline, Editor,
423/M;
Roger MAES,
Associate member
from Belgium;
Bob Kline, 423/M
not related to the
Editor.

Waiting on the food
to be served.



Who wouldn't want to
join in on this
Chow Line.

Chow Down!

A view of the rest of
the hungry & sick.
Pun intended.

Everybody enjoyed the
Southern Ribs, beans,
you name it,
they had it.

None of
Mess Sergeant
Slop John's
Beef Stew or "Gravy"
on the shingle here.



Resolutions Committee Report, 50th Annual Reunion

WHEREAS, members of the 106th Infantry Division Association have assembled, renewed old friendships, and celebrated with pride their 50th Annual reunion, and,

WHEREAS, members have met to pray for and honor with admiration and respect comrades who have passed on, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the association assembled does hereby recognize and express sincere thanks and appreciation:

TO: Ralph and Elizabeth Bowles, Co Chairman; Willie Farris, Nancy Burnside, and Beth Brooks of the Reunion Committee for their outstanding and devoted work in planning, organizing and conducting this most successful 50th Annual Reunion.

TO: The General Manager and staff of the Roanoke Airport Marriott for their hospitality and efficient service.

TO: THE General Manager and staff of the Sheraton Airport Hotel for their hospitality and efficient service.

TO: Dennis Helms, soloist, James Wood, pianist and the Roanoke Sheriff's Color Guard for their contributions to the beauty and inspiration of our Memorial Service for departed comrades.

TO: Dr. John Presley for his informative, current discussion about Veterans Administration Medical Center Activities.

TO: THE Roanoke City Police Department for providing a most impressive Colors and Color Guard unit for our Formal Banquet and Dance.

TO: THE Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors' Bureau for essential personnel assistance and transportation costs, and finally be it,

RESOLVED that these resolutions be published in THE CUB and a copy sent to each of the persons and organizations cited above.

Given this 2nd day of September, 1996 at Roanoke, Virginia.

For the Resolutions Committee
Alan Jones, Jr., Chairman

Attested by
Pete House, Adjutant

Adjutant's Membership Report - June 30, 1996

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| Renewals | 690 | New Member | 51 |
| Renewals to LIFE | 18 | Total Life Members | 595 |
| New Associate | 31 | Dropped-delinquent dues | 93 |
| New LIFE Members | 10 | Total Members | 1,641 |
| Our Annual Membership year is : July 1 through June 30 the following year... | | | |
| | | | Pete House, Adjutant |

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I am the sister of John Hurman, 423/M, who was on the hill with John Kline during the Battle of the Bulge. They were POWs together and were on the long marches together. I'm writing John Kline to let him know what a sister and family went together during that terrible ordeal. Looking forward to receiving *The CUB* and *The CUB PASSES in REVIEW*. My brother has let me read all of his *CUBs* but I would like to have copies of them for myself and my family to read. Thank you, *Helen (Hurman) Bilenki*

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(Editor's Note - Margaret is the widow of the late Dr. George Bullard, A Battery, 590 FAB. Dr. Bullard was Association president for the fiscal year 1972-73. His officers were, Adjutant, Robert Scranton; Treasurer, Sherod Collins; Editor, John Gallagher; Chaplain, John T. Loveless, Jr; Memorials, Douglas S. Coffey.)

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(Editor's Note - Elizabeth is the widow of the late Andrew Chura, 81st Engineers Combat Battalion, A Company.)

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(Editor's Note - Greg is the son of Leo, the next new member in this list. He contacted me through reading my Web Pages. His e-mail address is: gdrumm1@ix.netcom.com. I sent he and his father information and they joined. Welcome to the Drumm family... J. Kline)

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(Editor's Note - Father of Greg, above. Welcome back to the 106th, Leo... J Kline)

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I learned about the 106th Infantry Division Association in September when I joined and attended the reunion of the VBOB in Hyannis, MA. I attended the 106th Reunion in December 1946 when it was held in New York City. I lost contact when I left home (Stratford, CT) in 1948 to attend MIT Class of 51.

New Members ...

My most vivid memories of December 1944 was at Christmas time when 424/E first counterattacked at Manhay, Belgium and we were clobbered. It was fortunate for me to be transferred to the newly-formed 424th Regimental MP Platoon, January 1945, having had MP Basic in Fort Custer, Michigan. It was sad for me to later learn of casualties in "E" Company, including the death of my close friend and fellow Platoon Runner, "Dinny" Dinatali.

Over the years I have my beautiful loving wife, Aurelia, four daughters and two grandsons. My career spanned 39 years in the General Electric Company in Schenectady, N.Y. Lyn and Wilmington, MA, as a Mechanical Engineer. Notable experiences included work on the fuel cell battery which powered the Gemini Spacecraft launches at Cape Kennedy and later development of other fuel cell and electrolysis cell systems for NASA.

Now after all these years I'd like to hear from someone who remembers me.

FISCHER, JOSEPH A.

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I entered the service 10 March 1943. Captured with the 423rd on 19 December 1944. Registered as a POW at Stalag 4-B 6 January 1945. Russians liberated us on 23 April, 1945. I left Stalag 4-B on 2 May 1945. I was 18 years of age when drafted. I was raised on a farm in Belles Coulee, Wisconsin, near Mindora. There were eight sisters and three brothers. I was married to Jennie J. Johnson on 27 September 1947. We have a daughter and a son, both married, there are three grandsons and one great granddaughter.

I retired 1 January 1986 with 35 years serv-

ice with Trane Company. I have done some odd jobs since retirement and attended local POW meetings about every three months.

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Dear Sherod, Out of the blue I got a call from someone who asked me if I was Leon Kerns who had been with D, Company, 424th Infantry. I was so surprised. I didn't think to write down his name and phone number. It must have been Marion Ray, who sent me some papers on our "D" Company. He asked if I wanted to join the Association. We must have talked twenty minutes.

I was inducted in the Army on 23 January 1943. Sent to Camp Wallace, Texas in Anti-Aircraft, then to Electronics School in Los Angeles from April '43 until July '43, then on to Camp Davis, then to Camp Edwards, Mass. Transferred to Aviation Cadets about February 1944, was sent to Seymour Field, Seymour, Indiana, then transferred to the 106th in March of 1944.

I was a Jeep driver for Captain Roberts when we landed in Glasgow. We made two trips to Liverpool to deliver trucks and Jeeps to a motor pool in the middle of a race-track there. From there to Banbury to France then to spend a quite winter which only lasted a few days.

I never heard a thing for all these years. My wife is ill and we haven't been able to travel, but I will be glad to get information about our Division.

KOVALIK, JACK E. 423/D

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I was a S/Sgt., 1st Platoon Section Leader in "D" Company, 423rd Infantry. I was captured along with other "423rd Regiment" soldiers near Schönberg on 19th December 1944. I was liberated on 13th April, 1945

I had been interred in Stalag VIII-A, Görlitz, Germany, east of Dresden on the old Polish/Czech border. I was only there one month and then walked across Germany, being liberated near Braunschweig, Germany.

I married Hilda July 8, 1945, we had three children, two sons and one daughter. We now have seven grandchildren. Our oldest son died suddenly of a heart attack on 4 November 1995.

I retired from Insurance Sales after 28 years. I was also a Pastor of a small church here in Springfield for 17 years. I am now enjoying my retirement with my wife of 51 years.

(Editor's Note - Jack, I just hung up from speaking with you on the phone. It was nice to talk with you. For the benefit of others, Jack and I were in the same group that were held at Stalag VIII-A. I did not know him, but we are soul brothers from that experience. On Valentine's Day 14 February 1945 we were evacuated from Stalag VIII-A, near the old Polish/Czech border and walked until we were liberated on Friday, April 13th 1945. That long walk was over 415 miles. We went west toward Jena/Gotha, northwest through Duderstadt, north to Braunschweig, then east towards Magdeburg. I was so ill after we left Braunschweig that I was put off into a "sick column." By the time I had reached Helmstedt, I was unable to walk. About 38 Americans and 12 British were in that "sick column." We were put in an old Farben Industries Infirmary, on 13 April, 1945 a Field Artillery Captain came into the Infirmary (we had been there overnight) with a box of D-Ration bars. We were FREE!!!

Jack Kovalik was in the main column and was liberated near Helmstedt in a barn. ... J. Kline)

LEONARD, JACKIE ASSOCIATE (424/M)

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(Editor's Note - Jackie is another Associate member who learned about the 106th Infantry Division Association through viewing my Web Page on the Internet. Her e-mail address is:

jleon21422@aol.com. Her father was Raymond A Lang, "M" Company, 424th Infantry Regiment.

In an e-mail letter on 9 August, 1996 she wrote, "Sgt Kline, my father was Raymond Amos Lang from Grifton, North Carolina. He stood 5' 5" and weighed 150 pounds. He was a medical sergeant born in 1914. He was in the 424th Infantry Division, Co. "M." He fought in the Bulge and was captured by the Germans and placed in a concentration camp until the American liberated the troops at the end of the war. He suffered frostbite and lost both feet during this time. He was hospitalized in Atlanta, Georgia for further medical attention."

She continued, "I lost my father due to natural cause in 1976, but continue to remember him to my children. Any information you can share with me will be most appreciated.

Thanks so much, I am delighted that someone is working hard to keep the memories of all those heroes alive and real. My heart and soul blesses every soldier. I am eager to hear from you or any others that may have known my father."

(10/19/96) I just called Jackie to confirm her address, and she said the response she received from the "M" Company men from the list I sent her had just been marvelous. She has received letters, photographs to an extent she finds it hard to believe. She said to thank you all. If you have not written her do so, she is so appreciative. Thanks

New Members ...

guys - you are making the system work. There is a buddy system out there... J. Kline)

LOUGHLIN, COLLEEN P. ASSOCIATE (106 RECON)

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(Editor's Note - Colleen wrote me an e-mail letter after seeing my 106th Infantry Division Web Page on the Internet. Her e-mail address is: cloughlin@aol.com. Her father was Jerry F. Loughlin, 106 Recon Troop. He died in 1993. He hardly spoke of the war and Colleen has an interest in learning what he went through. She would like to hear from any person that knew her father.

She has letters that he sent home to her Grandmother, but they don't say much. He had sent postcards and letter from Eupen, Marseille and Rome. He had two Golden Lion patches, there is one patch that says "Spearhead," another triangular patch that looks like a black cannon with a chain extending around it. I sent her a list of the 106 RECON members. Hopefully she will hear from some of them. If you knew her father, please drop her note. It will make her happy to hear from some person who knew him.

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(Editor's Note - Another 106th veteran from my Web Pages. If you haven't viewed them find a computer that is capable of going on-line and go to my Web Page Address:

<http://www.mm.com/user/jpk> ... J. Kline)

From Glen's letter: I entered the Army at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana on 22 March 1944. From there went to Camp Robinson, Arkansas for Basic Training. Trained as a

Pioneer I reported to Forte Meade in August 44 for overseas deployment; however I was diverted to Camp Atterbury where I joined "K" Company, 424th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Platoon, 3rd Squad as a rifleman. I was wounded on 13 January '45 when a bullet went through my "bullet-proof" helmet. I returned to New York Harbor Aug '45 and took a troop train to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. I was discharged at Camp Shelby, Mississippi on 9 January 1946. My Nephew CW5 Kenneth E. Rougeou, who signed on as an ASSOCIATE member is on active duty at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He found John Kline's Golden Lion Information on the Internet and we received applications from him.

MCCRERY, JOHN B. 423/F

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Our Platoon was guarding a bridge on the Schoenberg road with Lt Birchee (could that be Bertache, John?.. J. Kline), Platoon Leader and Sergeant Henry P. Sarg (?) On 16 December. We were with the 81st Engineers for two days, then assigned to the 7th Armored 38th Infantry.

I was with the 7th Armored for about two weeks then I was transferred to 424/L and was with then until around the 22nd of January, 1945 when I was sent to the evacuation hospital. A very cold and horrible time.

MORSE, JOHN W. 422/C

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Sherod, Butler Military Videos forwarded me a copy of the Web Pages placed on the Internet by your editor, John Kline. Many years ago I was a member and received the CUB, however over the years lost track of the group.

I was a S/Sgt Squad Leader. I entered the Division at Fort Jackson and stayed with "C" Company until captured on 19th december, 1944. I was at Bad Orb for a while, then was transferred to Stalag 9-A at Ziegenhain, where I was finally liberated. I would appre-

ciate a list of the 422/C members that belong to the Association. I would like back copies of The CUB, if available.

My Grandpa fought at Kennesaw Mountain during the Civil War. Getting shot at runs in the family. (That was for the benefit of our Treasurer, Sherod Collins, who lives in Kennesaw, Georgia.)

(Editor's Note - John, Nice to see that my Web Pages found another member. You will have received, long before you read this, a copy of the 26 other 106th veterans that belong to "C" Company, 423rd Infantry. Hope you recognize many names on that list. I have a few older copies, but not too many that are in sequence. I'll take a look and see what I could send. I'll drop you a note when I get a chance. Welcome back to the 106th.... J. Kline, editor)

MENKE, AL 589/A

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Dear Sherod, After receiving copies of your CUB magazine I was convinced that I made a mistake in not sign on earlier.

After serving from October 1941 at the FARTCM Ft Bragg, I was assigned in November 1943 as Commander "A" Battery, 589th Field Artillery Battalion. I ended up at Oflag XIII at Hammelburg. I was able to escape in March 1945 with Lt Col's Kelly and Scaler in an eight day trek after Major Baum's tanks broke down the gates. I would be very happy to correspond with any and all.

(Editor's Note - Al, I feel funny calling an officer by his first name, I am preparing a story for the February CUB magazine. It is an article that was written for the Fort Sill, Oklahoma Artillery School, in a writing contest. It took second place in that contest, but I am sure it will take "first place" in the hearts of the 589th FAB personnel that were at "Parker's Crossroads." The name of the article is: **Parker's Crossroads: The Alamo Defense.** It was written by Sergeant First Class (Retired) Richard Raymond III. He

is not only a talented writer, but also has a long service record. A 1954 graduate of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, serving in the Marine Corps, discharged as a First Lieutenant in 1960. Eight years later, Sergeant First Class Raymond served with the National Guard Field Artillery units in Connecticut, North Carolina and Virginia. His experience with Field Artillery includes serving as Fire Control Center (FDC) Chief, A Battery, 113th Field Artillery, High Point, North Carolina, and Battalion FDC Chief, 1st Battalion, 111th Field Artillery, Norfolk Virginia. His last assignment was Brigade Intelligence Sergeant, 2d Brigade, 29th Infantry Division (Light) in Bowling Green, Virginia, before he retired from the Army in 1990. He has published military history articles in *Soldiers and Army* magazines and won the US Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) Fourth Estate award for military journalism in 1983.

He gives good coverage to the valiant defense of Parker's Crossroads, in the holding action that helped the 3d Armored Division, 75th Infantry Division and the 82nd Airborne get their act together before the Germans got to Manhay. As he says, "If the 589th had not held out, those units would have been in deep trouble..."

Even though I am not an artilleryman, I have been asked to present a short synopsis of the 589th's *Alamo Defense* at the World War II Round Table on November 14 1996 at the Fort Snelling Historical Museum, St Paul, MN. The theme that night is on the 75th Infantry Division - my assignment is to point out how the 589th's actions assisted the 75th Infantry Division, the 3d Armored and the 82d Airborne by giving them time to get their act together.

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I was a PFC heavy machine gunner under T/Sgt Charles Rieck and 1st Lt. Lavene Weigel, Platoon Leader. I was captured on 21 December 1944. I walked, rode in box cars, was strafed, etc and was processed in Stalag 4-B, Mühlberg, Germany near the Elbe River, then sent, later, to Zietz, Germany. I was with a work party of 50 men digging a tunnel like a coal mine into a hillside - possibly to be an air raid shelter. I was interned with Bob Hartbank, Bill O'Hara, Glenn Potter-Miller. I was liberated near Leipzig on 15 April, 1945, flown to a Paris Hospital and then again to a hospital in Wales, England. I returned home on the *Queen Mary* and had a sixty day furlough in Miama, Florida. I was then re-assigned to Chemical Warfare at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland. I was discharged on 16 December, 1945. I graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1951. Married to Leona in 1948. We have two children, a daughter, Linda, and a son, Paul, and one grandchild. I worked for Sears Roebuck for thirty-three (33) years at various management positions and retired in 1963, living happily ever after

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I left Signal Company Headquarters in St Vith on the morning of 17 December 1944 on a "rescue mission" accompanied by 10 others. We met a Panther Tank on a road parallel to the Our River and some 10 miles behind our lines. Of the 11 of us, seven were killed outright, three escaped back to headquarters. I was wounded left to die in a snow bank. Later I was picked up by advancing Germans. On 23 Dec I entered Stalag 11-B at Fallingb. I was liberated on 24 April by British Armored.

I recently retired as Emeritus Professor at Southwest Missouri State University, but have been in ill health since August 1990.

In preparation is a book recounting my experiences which hopefully will be ready for distribution at the Nashville Reunion in 1997. If you have a story you want included, please send it.

(Editor's Note - Dr. Purkey, nice to see you joining the Association. You should receive some reply to your wish for stories, there are hundreds of personal diaries floating around out there.

What I am writing here is not to dispute your story, but to possibly put your mind at ease. National Archives list the following. Dates of death may be in error depending on witnesses and graves registration. Eg; My Captain was killed on 19 Dec and his grave shows 21 December. Where I do not list a cemetery, the body was shipped home, later. DOW = Died of Wounds.

Crearer*, Matthew, Pfc, KIA; 17 Dec 44

* (Spelling of last name unclear)

Davis James, S/Sgt, KIA, 17 Dec 44;

HENRI CHAPELLE, SEC F, ROW 16, GRAVE 68

Ford, John, 1Lt, DOW, 21 Dec 44);

Schaffner, Frank, Pfc, KIA, 17 Dec 44;

ARDENNES, SEC D, ROW 1, GRAVE 46

Swanson, Harold, Pfc, KIA, 17 Dec 44;

HENRI CHAPELLE, SEC F, ROW 12, GRAVE 58

RADWAY, CINDY **ASSOCIATE (423/HQ 2BN)**

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(Editor's Note - Cindy come to us as a result of my Web Pages. Her e-mail address is: radway@tenet.edu. Her father was Byron Smith, 422/HQ 2Bn. We have had a series of on-going correspondence since 21 June 1996 when she e-mailed me:

From her e-mail letter:

"I just found your Webpage for the 106th Infantry Division. I was real excited because my dad was in the 106th. Please send me a packet of information about your association!. Do you have a database of all the 106th? Do you collect information for historical purposes? Is some-one taking down first-hand accounts?

"My father was Pfc Byron A. Smith, 2 Bn Hq Co. He was a German POW from 16 December 1944 to April 2, 1945 at Stalag 9-B, Bad Orb. Among other things, I have a little notebook he carried which has the names of some of the other prisoners from Bad Orb. My dad died in 1959, so most of what I know I learned from reading through his papers and reading books about the *Battle of the Bulge*. I can't explain, but I get very emotional about the whole thing. Just thinking about how awful it must have been for him to be in the snow with his feet frozen and his glasses broken, unable to see because of his very poor eyesight. I appreciate very much the list of book you posted. I want to know more. Also, THANKS for doing the webpage!"

Our correspondence continued, with a series of e-mail letters. I sent Cindy a complete list of the Association members that belonged to her father's unit. She wrote that she had found Colonel Descheneaux's letters, a list of prisoners that was in 4-B with Smith. Also Letter Order #140 from the 422nd Headquarters awarding the Combat Infantry Badge. Colonel Descheneaux's letter was a letter written for him over the signature of

Lt. Col. Joseph Matthews, Jr., Regimental Executive Officer, 422nd Regiment. It was a five page letter to all known 422nd Inf soldiers, written 25 September 1945.

Then she wrote that she had gone through the little notebook which included notes on some of the day by day travel, as a prisoner, and a note on the inside back cover "3rd Army, 2nd Cavalry." Obviously the liberating force. She also found as she says, "Among the names of the current Association members that you gave me I found one, "L.H. Hammon-tree." Also in another smaller notebook I found the name of Frank Nausin, Jr. The rest of the space in these two notebooks and scraps of paper were recipes, printed by my dad, as small as possible so to get more in, I suppose. I imagine food was on everyone's mind, but I am not sure why the tortured themselves with talking about it. Maybe it was "This is what I will cook when I get out." Each time they would have said this - it would have reaffirmed that there was hope that they would get out.

From the editor: There were at least ten more very interesting e-mail letters that flowed between Cindy and I from June to August. I wrote the above to bring about a point. (Cindy seems to have a better handle on it than many I have talked to.)

It is important that your experiences be recorded, or discussed - not particularly for the public -but, for the satisfaction and welfare of your loved ones. I sincerely believe that is the way it should be, based most recently on the heart rendering e-mail from the many relatives, like Cindy, that are eagerly searching for information on their beloved relative. Get your papers in order, it could mean more to the well being of your family than you want to admit,

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I am enclosing check for membership for me and my wife. Am looking forward to

New Members ...

copies of the CUB, and to the next reunion...

ROUGEOU, KENNETH ASSOC (424/K)

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(Editor's Note - Another Webpage contact - Kenneth's Uncle is Glen Magahee, see Glen's New Member listing above. Kenneth is a CW5 at Fort Gordon, Georgia. His e-mail address is: rougeouk@sld1.gordon.army.mil He and his Uncle Glen Magahee (424/K) attended the Roanoke Reunion. Fortunately Bert Caplan, 424/K was there. I hope they had the opportunity to visit. I gave Kenneth a list through e-mail of the 12 423/K veterans that currently (as of 5 August) belong to the Association, so they do have some veterans to contact. That reminds me to get "on-line" and check to see if they have contacted others.... J Kline)

SWAIN, RICHARD L. ASSOC (423/H)

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(Editor's Note - As a result of my Webpages: From Jeffrey S. Swain ATC(AW) U.S. Navy. Note: Richard Swain, is the father of Jeffrey and the brother of S/Sgt Maxwell Swain, 423/H, MIA-KIA, as you will see from the following correspondence from Jeffrey. His e-mail address is: jswain@erols.com)

My uncle, S.Sgt. Maxwell Swain was a member of 423/H and was killed during the *Battle of the Bulge*. My father, Richard, was only 8 years old when his brother Max was killed. After the war my grandfather, Clifford C. Swain corresponded with Max's comrades in an attempt to discover what happened to his son. My uncle was listed as "Missing in Action" for several years and the story as to how the family came to find his remains is an interesting one.

Apparently the family of a German POW imprisoned in England found the remains of Max and four of his squad mates, along a road

in a shallow grave and removed them to a local village cemetery. Max and the group he was with were attempting to break out in a Jeep and were killed by a mortar round. The German POW's father wrote to his son in England and, in turn, the son wrote to the American Government offering information regarding the whereabouts of the five MIA Americans. Max's remains were returned to Stateside in 1946 and he was buried at Sharpsburg, MD. Our families corresponded (with the German family) for years after the war and my father still has several of the letters and pictures that were exchanged.

I would be greatly interested in any information you or your association could share with me in regard's to my uncle. As I stated before, my grandfather wrote several of the 423/H veterans and I would be interested if any of you remembers this, or possibly have the original letters. I have several letters my grandparents received after the war and would be happy to share them.

I realize that this may be a painful time for any person to recall, but these are the only memories of my Uncle Max that I will ever have. My cousin recently named her first born at Max and I am interested in passing along as much information as I can, so that when he grows up he will know as much as possible about his namesake.

(Editor's Note - From another of Jeffrey's e-mail letters)

Thank you for all the information and your quick response. I had to call my father to refresh some of the memory and details about Uncle Max. Apparently he was not located until late 1946 or early 1947. The German POW's name was "Josef Linden" whose father-in-law, Michael Blum found the 6 unmarked American graves, along the road in a drainage ditch. As I said his family notified him that they had reburied the Americans at the village cemetery. As you know the situation was very bleak for the surviving German families for many years after the war. My family sent many boxes of clothing and

sundries to the family who had discovered Max's remains. I have several of the German letters, postcards, photos etc, that were written in German and translated for my grandparents by the nuns at church. (From a later e-mail): The survivors, in the earlier letter, say that they all jumped from their Jeeps and shortly thereafter the lead Jeep that Max was riding in, was blown up. One of the men wrote said that the last he saw of Max was firing a rifle grenade in the direction of a German MG position. As you can see not all the details are clear.

(Editor's Note - I sent Jeffrey a list of 25 Association members that were veterans of 423/H. Hopefully you have received correspondence from him, and have responded - if you knew S.Sgt. Swain. Jeffrey in a later e-mail said, "I recently began going over the letters from the German POW whose father-in-law found my uncle's unmarked grave. He lists the names of three other men who were buried in that grave with Max. They were: Stephen Turner, Philadelphia, PA; Aloisius Bauer, 33284295; Ray Esisco 32770634". If any of you know these men, please contact me (John Kline). If any of you have any information about the above please contact me - I will forward it via e-mail to Jeffrey..... J. Kline)

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(Editor's Note - Widow of the late Wilbur J. Tester, 422/C)

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TULLY, GEORGE**ASSOCIATE (106 RECON)**

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(Editor's Note - Another recruit from my Webpages. George wrote an e-mail letter, he is stationed at Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. E-mail address: tully_g@medsite.brooks.af.mil.)

It was a pleasure to find this Webpage on the 106th. My father (Madison J. Tully, deceased), an armored car driver was captured with the 106 RECON. I live near San Antonio, Texas and ran across a *Battle of the Bulge* convention here last summer. A Mr. Lou Cunningham was at this convention and very helpful in finding some of the men I only heard about as I grew up. He put me in contact with some of them and they invited me to their 106 RECON reunion in Oklahoma City. I lost the names and phone number. I would appreciate any help in finding someone who can help in finding someone who can give me more information.

I thoroughly enjoyed your web page. I am currently a M.Sgt. in the USAF and had the opportunity to teach for three weeks in Western Germany. In doing so I traveled to St. Vith and Amel (Ambleve) then over to Malmedy and last to Bastogne. It was a feeling I can't forget. My father never would talk about the war even though I've been in the service for 19 years. Well, dad is no longer with us and I am looking forward to meeting the individuals who fought with him. You 106 Recon vets, please contact George. ... J. Kline)

New Members ...

VISCUSO, GENNERO J. 424/M

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(Editor's Note - This Webpage recruit was through Viscuso's grandson, Mark Santore. Mark's e-mail address is: marky82@aol.com. I sent a list of 27 names of veter-

ans of 424/M that belong to the 106th Infantry Division Association.

Later I wrote a letter to Gennero Viscuso and shortly thereafter Sherod Collins received his application. That 424/M group is growing -Thanks Mark for tipping off Grandpa, and thanks Gennero for joining in comradeship with your buddies of World War II... J Kline)



Jesse Kershner, 423/AT sent these pictures of the Berga am Elster caves which were taken by a buddy who served with him in the 970th CIC '47-48. His buddy was with troops that passed through Berga '45. Kershner had been a prisoner there. The unknown soldier kneels by a grave. Kershner thinks the grave might be his (Kershner's) prison buddy from the 28th Infantry Division who died there.



All prisoners had been evacuated prior to these troops arriving there. This soldier, Joe Molina, stands just outside a cave entrance at Berga am Elster. The note on back of picture says, "All clear, now moving to the next one."



Hank (that could have been the soldier kneeling by the grave) just under the end of pipe., following me into the cave, Kershner thinks it could have been the 90th I.D. that went through Berga.

In Memoriam

Clausen, Cecil C. 424/F 908 West Lincoln, Vandalia, IL 62471

Cecil's wife, Betty, reported that he died July 17, 1996.

Cunningham, Robert E. 424/CN 3476 Heyward Hough Rd, Lancaster, SC 29720

Date of death: 04/05/96.

Deleo, Joe 592/B 268 South Clarkson St., Denver, CO 80209

Date of death: 03/06/96.

Douglass, John W. 424/HQ 4139 Stratfield Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34652

Date of death: 12/15/95.

Hancock, Daniel R. 423/G 2329 Sparrow's Point Rd, Baltimore, MD 21219

Date of death: 11/06/95. Survived by June, his wife, a daughter Robin Anello; Sons, Daniel Jr. and Dennis, two sisters, two brothers, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. John worked for Bethlehem Steel 34 years.

Hartman, C. William 424/AT 928 Manchester Ct, Charlottesville, VA 22901

Date of death: 07/02/96. Preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn and is survived by four children, a son Charles Jr., Mason, a daughter Melissa and a stepson Robin; granddaughter Christine and a grandson, Alexander. Also by three brothers and a sister. William was prominent in the Construction Industry eventually managing his own firms in Charlottesville and Gainesville.

Karth, James F. 422/L 22860 Lodge Ct. Bldg. 11 Apt 1, Novi, MI 48375

Date of death: 09/17/96. Russ Mayotte, 424/F notified us of James' death.

Kelly, George S. 424/B 2361 NE Holly Creek Dr., Jensen Beach, FL 34957

Date of death: 10/15/96.

Kenyon, James F. 424/CN Star Rt. Box 3209a, Manistique, MI 49854

Date of death: 06/15/96. His widow, Beth says that Bill enjoyed the short time he was with our Association, especially the Reunion in Columbia, South Carolina.

Lucas, William H. 422/CN 138 Lake Ave. Boonton, NJ 07005

Date of death: 06/30/96.

MAWET, Pierre LIFE ASSOCIATE Rue Adrein de Witte 8, Liege, Belgium

Date of death: September 1996. A CRIBA member, Pierre was responsible for the procuring and installation of the 105mm Howitzer that was placed on the Parker's Crossroads Memorial, Baraque de Fraiture, Belgium. He loved his American comrades, with his biggest wish to be buried at Arlington Cemetery. His body, at his request, was wrapped in an American flag. His donation of hard work and perseverance will long be remembered by all men of the 106th Infantry Division. Our blessings go to his wife Renee and his loving family.

Minor, Irvin G. 592/A 6911 49th Avenue N, St Petersburg, FL 33709

Date of death: 08/25/96, age 72; Irvin died at the Bay Pines VA Center. He was an operating engineer in Detroit, Michigan for 50 years. Survived by his wife, Betty, a son, Gary; five daughters, Nancy, Elsie, Sandra, Terry and Patricia.; two sisters, 16 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was a member of the Free Masons and the Shrine Temple.

Nelson, Clarence T. 423/I 3174 Spruce St, Racine, WI 53403

Date of death: 08/16/96. Survived by his wife Betty, his mother Joy; his children Cynthia, Scott and Sandra and three grandchildren. A member of the United Methodist Church. He worked for many years for Massey Ferguson.

Nunnally, Calvin 423/SV 2109 Camille Ave, Richmond, VA 23228-4641

Date of death: 07/15/96.

Padgett, Carrol D. 424/E 579 Milligan Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Date of death: 08/29/96. Carrol's death was reported by his long time friend, Ernestine Holland.

Risoli, Nicola 81st Eng/B 2529 Hamilton Blvd., So. Plainfield, NJ 07080

Date of death: 10/01/96.

Sandtveit, Arthur O. 422/D PO Box 73, Harbert, MI 49115

Date of death: 08/13/96. Arthur's death was reported by Dr. John Robb, 422/D. Arthur's wife died in May of 1996. He is survived by two sons. Rick, one of the sons had contacted Dr. Robb with this information.

Waters, Almon B. 106 SIG 2403 Sunset Dr., Duncan, OK 73533

Date of death: 07/30/96. Survived by his wife Janice. He had a Masters in math and science and was a registered professional engineer. His received many honors in his line of work. Also surviving are numerous relatives, a son, three daughters, a brother, a sister, eight grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Wyatt, James V. 592/A 3730 Bonner Ave, Pensacola, FL 32503

James, a Pensacola resident for 35 years, died 16 January 1996. This late word was received from his wife Mary Evelyn, who was told by Ed Lis, 592/A where to send this notice. Survivors are his wife Mary Evelyn; four sons, James, Keiko, Keith and Robert; daughters, Eula and Mary; his sisters Myrtle, Eula, Verna, Mae and Eva, along with several sister-in laws and brother-in-laws. He was a retired engineering supervisor for Champion Company.

May They Rest in Peace



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