

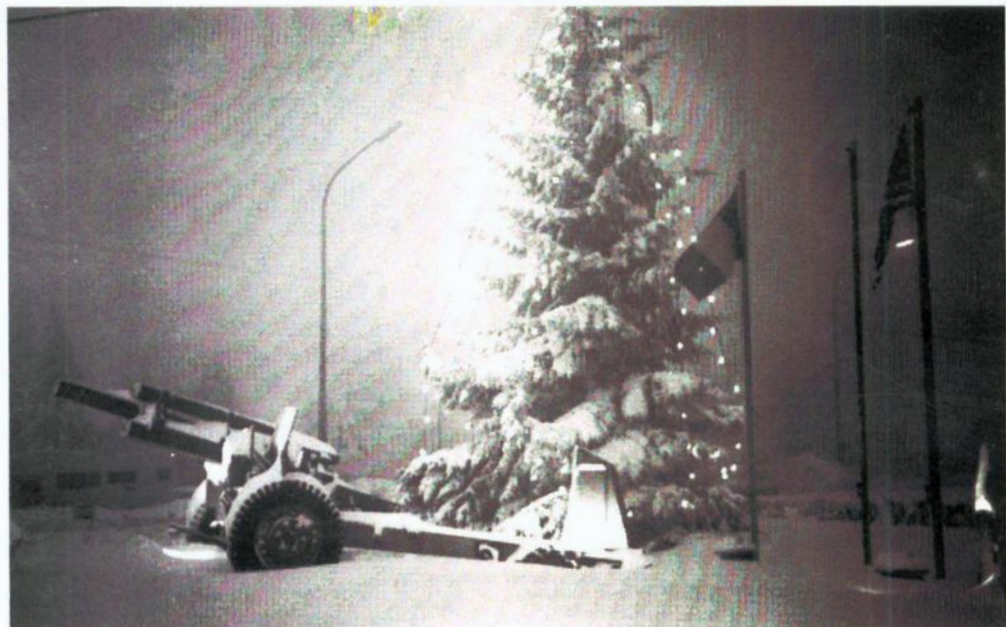
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6 December, 1998, Parker's Crossroads. In honor of the 589th Field Artillery soldiers who so gallantly defended Baraque de Fraiture. A beautiful sight with the Belgian and American flags.

Photo by Henri ROGISTER, C.R.I.B.A.

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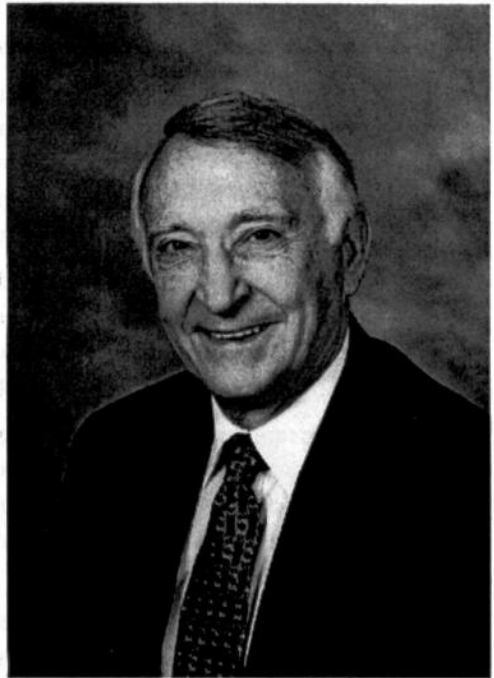
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If you did not attend the 52nd reunion last year in Indianapolis, you may not have noted a big change in our staff personnel. The very important job of Association Adjutant was transferred from the shoulders of Pete House to those of Gordon Pinney, who had been our standby Adjutant. Anyone who has attended any of our annual reunions knows Pete by sight and sound. He has been active in the affairs of the Association almost from its inception and was an early President. Besides his activities with our group, he has been very active with the Boy Scouts, and many other community organizations.

The Adjutant is like the business manager of the Association. He keeps track of the membership, bylaw changes, meeting agendas, and generally anything the President or other officers pile onto him. Pete had been doing a great job for us over the last four years. Because of health problems being experienced by both Pete and his wife, Joann, and other local commitments, he thought it was time for him to lighten his load and step down. He was duly recognized at our reunion banquet, which unfortunately was one of the first Joann was not able to attend. We who worked with Pete over the years were impressed by his dedication with a burning desire to always be of assistance.

While Pete will be missed as Adjutant, we still look forward to his reunion attendance, his replacement in Gordon Pinney shows all the signs of being able to fill the Adjutant's shoes. As pressures were building on Pete, Gordon was already assuming some of the Adjutant's functions. Gordon took the minutes of the last two board's meetings. All current membership information has been downloaded into his computers. He lives in the northwest corner of Nebraska, almost directly south of Rapid City, but several hundred miles away. He is very active with the Masons and is still active in running his farm. We will hear more of Gordon in the future.

This issue I'd like to introduce you to our First Vice President, John Gregory. His most important Association duty is setting up and keeping tabs on the "Dec. 16 Memorial Luncheons/Dinners". What may be almost important is his place on the Executive Committee and, by Association tradition, his future position as President for 1999-2000. John was born in LA but at age four moved with his family to a ranch in southern CA. There he grew up with one sister, literally walking in his father's footsteps. His Dad had



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President's View

been in the Field Artillery in WWI, had been in the army of occupation and married John's mother in Mayen, Germany, not too far from St. Vith.

Going into the army in 1943, he first trained with the armored force then transferred to the air cadet program where he qualified for pilot, bombardier and navigator. However, he like many of us, was removed from his current air cadet program, and because he had previous ground force training, was transferred to the 106th, fortunately, he says, ending up in the second battalion of the 424th.

Things didn't go so well for John in the Ardennes. He became afflicted just before Manhay, and he promises to tell this story later. He ended up hospitalized for 116 days in the UK, after which he was sent back to Belgium and Germany where he toiled in Ordnance and depots until returning to the states where he was discharged in April of 1946.

Leaving the ranch again for U.C. Berkeley, before graduation he met Shirley, whom he married after graduation. At first he worked in the aircraft industry in what today is call Human Resources (Personnel to us old timers). Later the family moved to Sacramento where he became general manager of a self-insured group of public water agencies. He retired from that position.

The two sons and two daughters were raised in southern CA but now being grown, they all live in northern CA. Their six grandchildren are visited several times a year and while they do not occupy all of their time, they still read a lot and are active in public service work. Shirley works as a mother and baby mentor at the food bank, while John works with the Sacramento Public Library and soon with the agricultural extension service. They like to travel and have been to many overseas destinations. They are looking forward to returning this year on the John Kline trip to the Ardennes.

John Gregory and I share a passion for flying. If I interpret his notes properly, he started at age 50, while I started in my mid 40s. I hope he is still enjoying his piloting in the Central California area. I gave up my weekly flying trips a year ago and still have vague feelings of loss.

We are indeed fortunate to have an officer and future president of John Gregory's caliber. We'll learn more about him and other Association officers in future issues.

In closing I would like to thank the family of Col Thomas J. Riggs USA (Ret) for their generous donation to be used in our operating fund (see Memorial Fund donors, page 5). We will all miss the Colonel. The 106th has lost another good friend.

Stay tuned in.

John Swett, President
106th Infantry Division Association

December 24, 1944.... those two funny, inseparable buddies we called Mutt and Jeff died today...stepped on a Bouncing Betty. They needn't have. They shouldn't have wandered. Maybe I should have called them back sooner.

That evening, Christmas Eve, when darkness had fallen, we were still in that same position. Faintly we could hear singing. It appeared to emanate from some old barns several hundred yards to our front. By next dawn the barns were empty, but that Christmas Eve we could hear the words clearly as they wafted through the clear, cold darkness... **"Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht."** We wept for Mutt and Jeff.

December 23, 1998.... Grace and I attended a party at the home of a friend who is a well-known jazz pianist. It's our custom to sing carols and secular songs of the season as he plays for us.

When Franz Gruber's lovely carol was begun, a woman soloist started the first verse... **"Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht."**

Tears came suddenly, and I wept for Mutt and Jeff.

I don't think that more than two or three people noticed. Grace did, of course, and she put her hand on mine. But she didn't know about Mutt and Jeff.

Now I know that these kinds of experiences happen to you too, because so many of you write me and phone me to talk about them. It should be no secret that all of us have these times when a memory is evoked by some casual happening...and the pain returns. It is not abnormal, it is not out of the ordinary, it is not unnatural. The last two comrades who spoke with me asked, "Chaplain, am I cracking up?" No, it was the sheer intensity of the experiences that cause us to replay them from time to time.

The next time the pain returns, do not forget that you are remembered in prayer. I remember all of you. Why not start doing the same for each other? As the New Year begins, my prayer for you is that God may be the strength of your heart, making every memory a blessing.

Chaplain: Dr. Duncan Truman



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I write this on February 2, 1999, having just returned from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where I was honored to be a house guest of Pat and Dick Rigatti, 423/B. Dick is a past-president of the Association. The purpose of the visit was to attend the annual re-enactment of *The Battle of the Bulge*. This event has been held for eight years at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania.

After Dick met me at the Pittsburgh Airport we enjoyed a nice Italian dinner and talking over old times. We arrived at the Rigatti's house, as Pat was returning from her "Board Meeting" of the Animal Rescue Group that she has participate in for years.

The next morning, 28 January, at 900 hours we met with the Pittsburgh VA POW Group of 106th Infantry veterans. Great group, very active and are bonded nicely as a group. They have a very active POW Coordinator at the Pittsburgh VA, Rick Canevin. (Thanks Rick, for all you do for our POWs...) Had lunch with Dick and current board members, Joe Maloney and Edward Huminski. Mostly chit-chat about the Association, the days of 44-45.

Saturday morning we left for Fort Indiantown Gap, a three hour drive. Dick's son-in-law Joe, drove his Ford van, with Dick, me, Dick's grandson John and Greg, Dicks daughter's boyfriend. We arrived at Fort Indiantown Gap in time to attend the official dedication of a granite monument donated by the Veteran's of the Battle of the Bulge. It was installed on a park site next to the Fort "Community Center" that contains a 40&8 box-car (WWI and WWII type) in a display area. The National Commander of VBOB and many state and government officials were present. Stan Wojtusik, 422/G, past-president of VBOB helped with the unveiling of the beautiful monument.

During that day we toured the "Flea Mart" and the German and American re-enactors barracks. Dicks's grandson was allowed to enter one of the four American tanks that were used



Cadet Major Kline, prior to shipping to Camp Atterbury, Indiana from U. of Alabama March 1944

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n the battle. That made his day, then later when he was allowed to fire a German Mauser (blank cartridge of course), he was riding high. On the 30th they did the re-enactment. The exercise was for the Americans to breakthrough the road to Bastogne. Unfortunately they did not succeed. The Germans outfoxed them this year. There were an estimated 1,000 re-enactors, American, German and some British, but not as many as last year. Great event. There were nine 106th Association members present, Dick Rigatti, John Kline, Joe Maloney, Ed Huminski, Lou Cunningham, Ralph Palaia (Assoc), Fred Carr, Roy Sheets, and one more whose name I can't remember (I'll try to report his name next issue). While we were watching the battle (30th Jan) Truman Christian, 424/D, Camp Hill, PA walked up, with his son, and introduced himself. I am sending him application blanks. GREAT SHOW - a few photos next issue. J. Kline, editor

The CUB PASSES in REVIEW:

This 496 page, four color laminated cover, book - for you new members - has been a best seller since 1991. It is crammed with information about the Division, interesting stories from CUBs published since 1946 through mid-1991. Over 2,300 printed. It would help to conserve the history of the 106th Infantry Division if you would purchase copies of the book and place them in your local library. If you do, please paste a sticker on the inside cover to tell the people where it came from.

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**Subject: 106th web site
www.mm.com/user/jpk**

Date: Tue, 12 Aug 1997

From: **Tim Mooney** <tim@netsites.net>

I enjoyed your account of the 106th very much. My uncle, Sgt. Thomas G. Norris, was a POW at Brunswick. Like you, he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge (Luxemburg). Unfortunately, he died April 12, 1945, a victim of dysentery and starvation. I understand the camp was liberated within a week or so. One good thing from the experience was that following his 2nd burial at Maastricht, a Dutch family adopted the grave, decorated it, and sent pictures to the family. My mother was very grateful and learning that the lady was knitting to earn a living tried to help by sending a box of yarn. It was returned in the form of baby clothing for me. They developed a friendship, but have never met...

The 106th Web Site

<http://www.mm.com/user/jpk>

is still very active. As of this writing there have been over 30,000 visitors to the Home Page since April 3, 1996 (about 10,000 per year). Email traffic about 15 letters a day.

J. Kline.

Remembrances of a long trip.

Charles Reeber 423/D

9907 Melrose, Livonia, MI 48150

John, you might be interested in the drawings I made on the way home on the U.S.S. Washington in May 1945. When liberated from XI-B, Fallingbostal we picked up a few things from the German storage building, among them was a small 3x5 inch notebook I treasured.

I knew that you were on the long march from Stalag VIII-A, Gorlitz. I don't remember seeing the "blower" there, but did see it at IV-B and then later as my columns split and I went to XI-B. I understand that you went north to Braunschweig and Helmstedt. The barracks building like 52B was common, as were the bunks holding 12 men per shelf. I ended up in large tents at Fallingbostal XI-B.

The German POW ID Disk was mine, but I lost it on the way home. (Editor's Note: The reproduction of Charles' pencil sketches do not do them justice. They should be reproduced in a larger format to be fully appreciated. JK)

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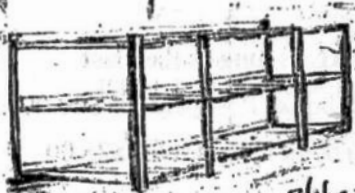
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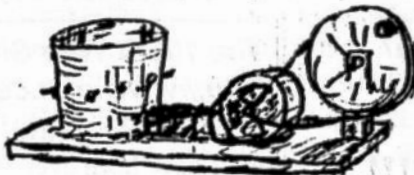


50 to 100 men in each building



Stalag VIII A - at Gorlitz
"Bunks" -
12 men to a shelf
5/6/45

Biggest problem - getting everything off warm at
one time - and doing "brew"



required -
(best)
1 Kilm Tin
3 milk Tins from
medic pencil
1 Cocoa Tin
and Scraps -

- Blower -

P.O.W. Type - good for -
Cooking - any & everything -
also burn everything including
beds - Doors - etc.

OLD CUBS, Memorabilia

I receive requests for copies of old CUBs often. I appreciate those of you that have sent me your old ones. Some from the family of deceased members, some from current members who wish to share.

SENT OLD CUB MAGAZINES

Howard Terrio, 423/I

Paul R. Lamb, 423/AT

Vince Venegoni, 423/M

Glenn Raby, Jr., 423/HQ 1BN

and 2nd Div, 9th Infantry/Co. H

If I missed any of you, my apologies, please drop me a note and I will list your name in the next CUB I can always use old CUBs for new members and Carlisle Barracks Museum.J Kline, editor



The book - Pocket Guide to Germany. Anybody recognize this soldier? By reason of possession I took it to be a 106th soldier, but I once saw it in another publication. - Let me now if you recognize him. J. Kline, editor

IT TOLLS FOR THEE

In time of peace, poignant
are rites held for the dead.

Tolling bells, processions, words
precede the earthen bed.

In battle customs alter --
no bell, parade, kind lie:

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ATTENTION 422nd Inf VETS

I am looking for information that would lead to Joe T. Miller 422nd Inf Regiment or his family or know what "Company" he was in, please notify the CUB editor: John Kline, 11 Harold Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337. 612-890-3155.

NOTICE!!!!

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Board of Directors discontinued the Scholarship Fund at the suggestion of The Budget Committee during the official board meeting at the 52nd Annual Reunion. Projections of declining memberships due to age, and reduced income for the same reason, brought a total vote of acceptance of discontinuance by the board, duly recorded in the minutes of the meeting.....

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Nominations for the Board of Directors will close as of June 1, 1999. If you have a nomination to make, please send it to the

Nominating Committee Chairman:

Joseph Maloney
1120 Warren Ave
Arnold, PA 15068-4048
724-335-6104

Be sure to prepare yourself to state the qualifications of the member you choose to be placed in nomination. Make sure the nomination reaches Joseph Maloney prior to June 1, 1999.

COLD INJURIES/HEARING AIDS

Col John Miller, USA Ret, 423/E reminds us that there is a POW Benefits Act of 1981. If you, who were POWs, have not participated in this program, contact the POW Coordinator of your nearest VA

medical Center and let him know you were a POW.

He also reminds us that the VA has new regulations on COLD INJURIES that were liberalized in December 1997. (I can vouch for that, I recently was award 30% Cold Injury for each foot. J. Kline, editor) If you had frozen feet, have to wear socks to bed, fungus, deformed toe nails or feet, check in Veterans Benefit office, better yet contact one of the national Service Officers in your area. Cold Injuries can also be awarded for any part of the body, the specifics are not limited to frozen feet. The VA Coordinator can let you know who to contact.

Also hearing aids are available even though you do not carry a service connected disability.

We can't guarantee, but you should check into the VA system, call your county veteran's coordinator, National Service Officer and get with it. They will give you the details.....

**APOLOGIES TO
LELAND TURLEY 423/H**

On page 10 page of the new roster (February Cub) his name appears on page 10 third column as "FIND YARHOLA, LELAND J. 423/H"

My apologies Leland. Apparently I was in your data record and type the words "FIND YARHOLA" meaning I was looking for a member named "YARHOLA" Actually we have a "Steve Varhola, 424/D - whose record I was probably trying to update. If your not acquainted with databases, don't worry, you can make mistakes in them very easy. The real TURLEY is:

**TURLEY, LELAND J. 423/H
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TULSA, OK 74127-6331
No Phone number given**

GEORGE C. WELTON 591/SV

George who lives in Mora, Minnesota a hundred or so miles north of me, has, over a period of time sent me several articles of interest. I apologize for not being able to publish them. It seems that I never find room. One, which would interest you sportsmen, is the Official Program for a Double Header baseball game at the ARDENNES STADIUM, Karlsruhe, Germany, July 24, 1945. The 106th Infantry Division vs The 36th Infantry Division. The CUBs vs The TEXANS.

An eight page 8.5x11 program, professionally set, with a dedication on the back page stating:

This stadium dedicated to the officers and men of the 106th Infantry Division killed, wounded and missing in action during the Battle of the Bulge, 16 Dec 1944 to 25 Jan 1945.

The inside front cover shows Major Gen John E. Dahlquist, Commanding, 36th Infantry Division: Major Gen. Donald A Stroh, Commanding, 106th Infantry Division.

A photo of the 106th Infantry team shows Barndolini, Beaty, Wright, Schmidt, Sokol, Hammonds, Donabedian, Letcher, Burse, Kubski, Sherer, Finnegan, Maloney, Blake, Carlin (secretary-not a blonde), Daniels (Manager), Bohn, Southwick, Ostrowski, Feinberg, Werner (trainer)

A photo below that shows THE BIG FOUR: Werner (trainer), Daniels (manager), Wright (co-captain), Copeland (co-captain), a photo of stadium appears on the inside back cover.

Thanks George Welton for the trip down memory lane.

WHO WON?? Let me know. J Kline

ZITTAU SURVIVORS

The Zittau Survivors will be holding their thirty-fifth annual reunion during May 1999 in the Buffalo, New York area. Our POW Work Camp was located near Zittau, Germany where one hundred and eleven survived inhumane treatment. We are hopeful of locating additional 106th members and other Ex-POWs who were held at our Work Camp. Our current address list of thirty, includes ten men who served with the 106th. To Receive additional information contact:

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Vergennes, VT 05491
Tele:802-877-3451

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE

Please notify the Adjutant or the editor of change of address. The February CUB mailing produced 25 Form 3547's Notice of Change of Address. This cost the Association money, fifty cents for each change, as well as a cost to you of \$2.00 for forwarding.

Addresses of the Adjutant and Editor are on the inside front cover.

CUBS NOT FORWARDED...

Four CUBs were returned because FORWARDING ADDRESS NOT ON FILE or NO SUCH ADDRESS

Missing action because of the above are: Robert W. Hempel, Chicago; Kenneth Thiesen, Racine WI; Stephen Barnick, Wilkes Barre, PA. and Edward c. Plenge, Beach Haven Garden, NJ

Plenge was a reinstated member oaid by Vernon S. Lehr. **HELP HELP!!!**

Front & Center ...

From Russell H. Villwock, Chairman, 53rd Annual Reunion Schaumburg, Illinois - September 1999

Your 1999 reunion committee is working on a great package. which we hope will give you an enjoyable and long remembered visit to the Wndy City of **CHICAGO**.

For starters, a visit to one of our Riverboat Casino's where you will be able to make enough money to pay for your trip, IF you are **LUCKY!**

A dinner and show of Knights of Old, jousting on horseback, and in fierce hand to hand combat that will take you back to the days of King Arthur, and the medieval times.

A tour of Chicago with a stop at the city's newest and most popular attraction, **NAVY PIER**. These will be optional and it looks like the price is right.

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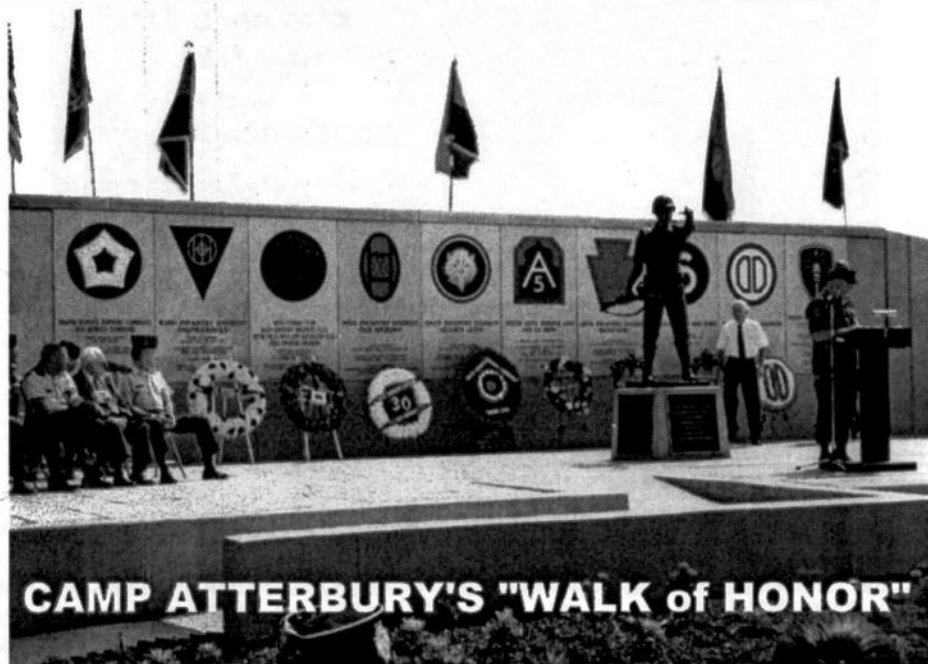
Room rates are \$82.00 for a single. double. triple or quad. The **DATES**, once again, are Wednesday September 1, 1999 for Early Registration, and our **FARWELL** breakfast is on Sunday September 5, 1999. For those coming early, staying late, your room rates will remain at \$82.00

Complete Program And Registration Fee With Hotel Reservation Card, And Other Pertinent Information Will Be In The MAY CUB. *Russel Villwock, 1999 Reunion Chairman*

ADJUTANT'S REPORT 1997-1998 by Pete House, Adjutant

	1996-1997	1997-1998
New Members	78	86
New Members Spouse	10	8
New Life Members	60	45
New Life Spouses	12	4
Renewals	901	169
Deceased	64	68
Reinstate (incl Spouse)	20	15

At the 52nd Annual Reunion, Indianapolis, Pete House turned the Adjutant's position over to Gordon Pinney. For **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP COUNT** see top, left column Inside Front Cover.



Bricks to honor all individuals with a past or present connection to Camp Atterbury

The Camp Atterbury Veterans Memorial Association is announcing a program that allows all "Veterans (active and retired), reservists (active and retired) and Individuals with a connection to Camp Atterbury to adopt a brick for a relative, loved one, friend or themselves. This will allow you to have the individuals name, branch of service and years of service engraved on the brick. The "WALK of HONOR" will be constructed in front of the Veterans Memorial and form a walk way to the Memorial Wall. The cost of this honor is \$25.00 per brick, **This offer is available to any veteran regardless of a connection to Camp Atterbury.** Three lines, seventeen characters per line including spaces, will be centered on the face of the brick. Purchase as many as you want

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**SGT JOHN KLINE
M CO. 423rd INF
106TH INF DIV**

**PVT JOHN SMITH
106TH INF DIV
1943-1945**

Order of the Golden Lion ...



At the 52nd Annual reunion the 106th Infantry Division Association presented Pete House 590/A, the highest award, The Order of the Golden Lion, Commander Class (COMGL). His wife, Joanne received the Companion Class (COGL) for her work and support of Pete through all these years. Due to illness she was not present. Pete is shown here presenting the OGL to her at home. Pete joined the Association in 1947, was president 1969-1970 and hosted the 1972 Reunion with Joanne's help. He served as Adjutant 1994-1998, was on the Board of Directors for many years.



At the 52nd Annual reunion the 106th Infantry Division Association presented Joseph A. Massey, 422/C with the highest award, The Order of the Golden Lion, Commander Class (COMGL). Joseph joined the Association in 1985, was elected to the Board of Directors in 1991, served as co-chairman of three annual reunions, Mobile 1986, Huntsville 1991 and Nashville 1997. His wife, Hazel was awarded the Order of the Golden Lion Companion Class (COGL) for her assistance and dedicated support of the three reunion committees she served on with her husband Joseph..

In the photograph above, L/R: 1994 OGL recipients. Past-Pres-John Gilliland and wife Lee; 1998 Recipients, Hazel and Joe Massey; and 1994 OGL recipients, Mattie Rutland, and Past-Pres Roger Rutland.

RECIPIENTS ORDER GOLDEN LION

MEMBERS

Originally, the Commander Class was limited to men who had served as president as well as other outstanding contributions. The Companion Class was to reward the spouses of members who received the Commander Class, assuming that they had helped in their husbands contributions to the association. This list was originally compiled by CUB editor John Kline. Further details may be found pages 331-336 "Cub of the Golden Lion Passes in Review".

COMMANDER CLASS		OFFICER CLASS		COMPANION CLASS	
1948	David Price	1947	Herbert Livesey, Jr.	1964	Majorie DeHeer
1962	Douglas Coffee	1978	Robert Scranton	1966	Kay Loveless
1984	Richard DeHeer	1986	Walter Bandurak	1972	Wilda McMahon
1966	John Loveless, Jr.	1986	Robert Pierce, Jr.	1975	Maydeen Wells
1972	Leo McMahon	1990	Sam Cariano	1987	Jackie Villwock
1973	Sherod Collins	1991	John Kline	1987	Jean Gilder
1974	John Gallagher	1993	Boyd Rutledge	1994	Mattie Rutland
1975	James Wells	1993	Gilbert Helwig	1994	Lee Gilliland
1987	Russel Villwock	1995	O. Paul Merz	1995	Dan Bied
1994	Roger Rutland	1995	T. Wayne Black	1996	Jack M. Janicke
1994	John Gilliland	1996	Duward Frampton, Jr.	1996	Reddie Prewett
1995	John Kline	1996	Pete House	1998	Joanne House
1995	Jack Sulser			1998	Hasel M. Massey
1995	Ewell Black, Jr.				
1995	John Robb				
1995	Kenneth Bradfield				
1996	Edward A. Prewett				
1997	Richard L. Rigatti				
1997	Thomas J. Riggs				
1997	Michael Thome				
1998	Pete House				
1998	Joseph A. Massey				

NON MEMBERS

All non-member awards were made at the first reunion in Indianapolis except Dr. DeLaval who was honored for his work in establishing the memorial in St. Vith Belgium.

COMMANDER CLASS		OFFICER CLASS		COMPANION CLASS	
1947	Cedric Foster	1947	Fran Henly	1947	Joe E. Brown
1947	Durward Frampton	1962	Dr. Maurice DeLaval	1947	Marjorie Rathbone
1947	Annette Frampton			1947	George Denny
1947	William Simpson			1947	Ralph F. Gates
1947	Florence Simpson			1947	Howard Maxwell
				1947	Robert Tyndall
				1947	Ben Watt
				1947	BG Elmer Sherwood

[Recipients Lion] rev. 8/23/98 Pete House



**Christmastide in the Ardennes
Tiny hamlets with snowy lanes
Dark icy forests and windswept fields
Shiny red apples on fresh cut firs
Vibrant happy people everywhere
A feeling of exhilaration in the air
Yet a twinge of apprehension deep inside
With remembrances of another Christmastide
There so long ago**

Story, Poem and photo of street in SPINEUX, Belgium (12/99), by John Califf, 423rd I&R Platoon

After making or buying Christmas cards for many years with recalls of our 1944-45 Winter, I am sending you one with a scene taken at Spineux, Belgium, where the 424th Infantry fought, and where the Belgian people of that village constructed a monument to our 424th Regiment and the 112th Infantry Regiment of the 28th Infantry Division.. This photo and the one of me on the schoolhouse steps in Buchet (see page following) were taken the first week of December 1998 during my first visit to Belgium. John, I was pleased to visit with you at Adda and Willie RIKKEN's home in Gouvy, Belgium on 6 December, along with Henri ROGISTER, secretary of CRIBA and Christian KRAFT, president of CRIBA, with my son Rob.

Rob had a medical conference in Brussels and invited me to fly over with him and take the opportunity to visit the Ardennes for the first time since the war. I went with

some apprehension, but the trip turned out to be quite an experience. Follows a brief summary.

The snow was awaiting my return and was the heaviest for that early in twenty years - knee deep by the second day. In spite of it, on the 5th of December we got through to St. Vith, Schoenberg, Blicalf, Buchet, Radscheid and the Malmedy Crossroads, thanks to our CRIBA hosts. They drove their own cars. On the 6th we went to the cemetery at Henri-Chapelle (Bill Morris' grave), Stavelot, Trois Ponts, La Gleize, then over to Spineux - Lavaux- Coulee area, where some of us of the 424th fought. We ended up at the famed Parker's Crossroads.

Members of CRIBA were most cooperative in planning and carrying out the trip, very warm and hospitable.
John Califf



John Califf, 423rd I&R Platoon standing on the steps of a schoolhouse in BUCHET, where he and other members of the 423rd I&R Platoon were billeted in December 1944.



At the home of Adda and Willie RIKKEN, Gouvy, Belgium 6 December, 1998.
L/R Rob Califf; son of John Califf; John Califf, 423rd I&R; Henri ROGISTER, Secretary CRIBA; John Kline, 423/M, Editor the CUB; Adda RIKKEN, Associate and Christian KRAFT, President CRIBA

106th Infantry Division Association Mini-Reunions - 1998

The following pages show photos and reports from the 1998 December 16th Mini-Reunions held throughout the United States. We wish to thank those that played a part in organizing these get-togethers for the members of the 106th Infantry Division. Many of those who cannot attend the annual reunions have an opportunity through these wonderful parties to enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow veterans.

It is obvious that good will among the men and their wives and guests prevail during these events. We hope that if you did not attend a local Mini-Reunion that you make note of the address and telephone number of this year's sponsor. Call them and join in the spirit next year when they will once again be held. If this year's sponsor is not organizing the next one, they can tell you who is.

If you would like to sponsor a "Get-Together," in 1999 - address labels of Association members in your area are available from the CUB editor.

The Board of Directors feel that the December 16th Mini-Reunions will, in time because of our age, supplement and later replace the annual reunions. Thank you all for participating and a special thanks to you that sponsored these events.

You are special people. *1st Vice-President John Gregory 1998-1999*

Written specifically for our Reunion gatherings

by Dale Carver, 424/HQ 3bn, author of: **Before the Veterans Die**

*We were there, that winter long ago.
We survived; many of our comrades fell.*

*Twin enemies were the weather and the foe -
the never-ending cold and the bursting shell.*

*Conceived of this ordeal of fire and icy earth
this brotherhood of old men came to be;
a kinship stronger far than that by birth
was born when we were young, across the sea.*

*Of the ties that bind, others cannot know,
but we were there, that winter long ago....*



North Texas - 1998

Col John Miller, USA (Ret), 423/E - 1511 Cochise Drive, Arlington, Texas 812-274-2773

On 16 December 1998 the Annual Mini-Reunion was held in Arlington.

Men: Standing L/R - John Miller, 423/E; William Yingst, 423/D; Hugh Colbert, 422/B; Ted Jones, 423/C-424/A; Douglas Morgan, 424/G; and Herb Sheaner, 422/G

Ladies: L/R- Jean Miller; Ruth Yingst and Beth Jones.



Puerto Rico - 1998

Humberto Aponte, 422/M PO Box 1668, Corozal, P.R. 00783-1668 787-859-7297

My wife prepared a beautiful dinner for the three U.S. Veterans and wives present. Prayers were said as we remembered our buddies. **LR:** Juan Marrero-Quiles and wife Maria; Humberto Aponte, 422/M; Ramon Diaz and wife Georgina. My wife Aida L. Rios Hernandez is taking the photo.



Southern California Area - 1998

Milton Weiner, 424/M 28121 Ridgethorne Court, Rancho Palos Verde, CA 9027 Tele: 310- 544-0470

This was the Twelve Annual Southern California Bulge Commemoration Event. As usual we started by reading 424th/HQ 3 Bn's Dale Carver's "My First Reunion." This will always be appropriate at any and every Reunion."

Fourteen attended to enjoy the fellowship and the memories of "*When We Were Young Across the Sea.*" In 1999, we are scheduled for 5 December, 1999 at 1:00 PM. Please write or call to be added to the mailing list. See my address and telephone number in the header caption above.

Present on 6 December, 1998 were Phil Albaum, 423/K; William DeBlase, 106 MP; Cliff and Sarah Kincannon, 590/HQ; Joseph and Ann Litvin, 423/D; Eric and Frieda Vanderhorst, 423/F; James Yamasaki, 590/Med; Milton and Bella Weiner, 424/M





Madison, Wisconsin Area - 1998

Chuck Rieck, 424/H, 7316 Voss Pkwy, Middleton, WI 53562 Tele: 608-831-6110

The Wisconsin 10th annual commemorative meeting of the *Battle of the Bulge* was held at CJ's East in Madison, Wisconsin on October 24, 1998. We had 33 people in attendance.

Attending were: Dr./Mrs. Eugene Rood; Mr/Mrs Edward Nagle; Mr Ralph Moore; Mr/Mrs Jerome Miller; Mr. Peter DiBenardo; Mr Edward Wojahn; Mr/Mrs James Tetzlaff; Mr/Mrs Henry Wittenberg; Ms Marie Estes; Ms Nina Spenle; Mr Richard Prendergast; Mr Walter Donaldson; Mr Charles Rieck; Mr Vic Fuchs; Mr/Mrs Howard Jones; Mr/Mrs Edmund Podlaski; Mr Fred Broussard; Mr/Mrs Al Kath; Mr/Mrs Delbert Rediger; Mr Mike Cunningham; Mr. Don Handel; Mr Joe Holton; Mr/Mrs Del Rasmussen

The photographer was David Post, son of Larry Post.

By group action, 1999's meeting will be held on October 23rd, 1999.





Detroit, Michigan Area - 1998

Russell Mayotte, 424/F, 9628 Cavelle St., Livonia, MI 48150 Tele: 313-421-4059

L/R - Men - Back Row: Harold Ortwine, 592/A; John Gillespie, 422/C; Bob Rowe, 423rd Med; John Roberts, 592/C; John Plotkowski, 422/HQ 1Bn; Charles Reeber, 423/D

Middle Row: Russ Mayotte, 424/F; John Teahan; Andy Mato, 424/E; John Shalhoub, 424/G; Tony Angelo, 423/D; Paul Wayslon, 422/H

Front Row: Bill LeClair, 424/CN; Tony Rand, 589/B; Bob Rutt, 422/HQ; Frank Ross, 424/CN

Ladies Back Row: Mrs. Plotkowski; Karryn Lopez; Mary Reeber; Ellen Johnson; Mary Lou Roberts

Middle Row: Audrey Ortwine, Ruth Rand, Pauline Mato; Barb Mayotte

Front Row: Trudy Bileti; Mrs. Teahan; Shirley Gillespie; Lee Rowe





Pittsburgh Area - 1998

Joseph P. Maloney, 1120 Warren Ave, Arnold, PA 15068-4048; 724-335-6104

15 December, 1998: We had a great time at the Mini-Reunion. 31 people enjoyed the fun and fellowship as only those of the 106 know how. The meal was excellent. Good fellowship prevailed throughout. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, we ate, we sang Carols.

Dave Peters brought his "old" uniform and was coaxed into trying it on. He did and it fit. Jim Wiggins brought some books from his library which described the histories of several divisions. George Vance was presented a plaque by Dick Rigatti (See photo above) for his many years of hosting Mini-Reunions.

Those dining with us included, Dick and Pat Rigatti; Frank Lapato; John and Maxine Hopbell; Ed and Betty Huminski; Dave and Leona Hunter; Francis and Jean Langham; Pete and Diana Yanchik; Joe and Viv Maloney; George and Norma Vance; Howard and Dorothy Lowenberg; Dr. John and Pearl Martin; Harry and Jeannie Koluezez; Jim Wiggins; Al Yelochan; David and Jean Peters; Frances Jackson; Dolores Jone and Dr. And Marlyn Robb. We are grateful for all the help, most everyone. The Luncheon closed with the reading of Dr. Trueman's Atterbury Address and the singing of God Bless America.





Albuquerque, New Mexico - 1998

Armando Velasquez, 424/K, 9616 Avenida De La Luna N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87111 505-821-8434

We met for our 1998 Mini-Reunion at the El Pinto. Former members of the 106th Infantry Division celebrated the beginning of the *Battle of the Bulge*, remembering those that are no longer with us.

A news article in the ALBUQUERQUE TRIBUNE announced the meeting.

Above l/r: Ralph Nelson, 422nd Cannon; Armando Velasquez, 424/K; Louis Baca, 422/I; Wilbur Parker, 424/A and Robert Soladay, 422 Service.

Below l/r: Tillia Baca; Margaret Velasquez; Joan Velasquez, Damian Velasquez; Rhoda Nelson; Suzie Velasquez; **Children below:** Gabriel Velasquez and Jordan Velasquez





Mt. Vernon, Illinois Area - 1998

Glenn Hartlieb, 1805 Olive St, Highland, IL 62249 Tele: 618-654-7382

A group of 106th attended a reunion celebrating the anniversary of the *Battle of the Bulge* at the Ramada Inn, Vernon, Illinois on December 5, 1998.

Men l/r: Victor Breite; Kenneth Bryan; Kermit Steele; Harold Bratton; Glenn Hartlieb. Attending but not on picture Victor Bauswell and Louis Colbert

Ladies: Avis Breite; Marge Bryan; Nadine Hartlieb; Farrol Bratton; Frances Steele. Attending but not on picture - Nelda Bauswell and Verna Colbert





Mesa, Arizona - 1998

Dean and Eleanor Childs, 245 South 56th St. #75 Mesa, AZ 85206 Tele: 602-985-3687

We had a great Mini-Reunion with a smaller than expected turnout. It was held 15 December 1997. We hope to repeat our Mini-Reunion again in 1998. Our speaker was Colonel Tom Schaefer who was the highest ranking officer in the Iran hostage situation a few years ago.

Men- Front l/r: Dean Childs; Tom Schaefer (speaker); Ralph Hansen; Mike Mills; Herman Van De Bogart
Back Row: Ralph Bean; John Swett; Harold Theilen; Richard Behr and John Schuller

Ladies- Front l/r: Margaret Mills; Cynthia Bean; Eleanor Childs; Betty Schuller
Back - l/r: Dorothy Hurley; Rowena Theilen; Bea Behr; Velme Hansen; Helen Van De Bogart





Reading, Penn - 1998

John J. Gallagher, 81st ENG/C, 4003 Francis St., Temple, PA 19560 TELE: 610-929-2887

The Reading Area held its annual Memorial Dinner, 4 December 1997 at the Dutch Colony Motor Lodge.

Some of our buddies stayed overnight and on Saturday morning we had a farwell breakfast, some went shopping then on home. It is a pleasure for me to be able to plan and be a part of Memorial Memories and fellowship with my comrades.

For next year's party information, for 3 December 1999, contact me, see caption above for numbers.

Men Standing l/r: William Crossland; Joe Tarantino; Walter Shirk; William Jones; Roy Fava; Stanley Kowalski; Ben Hartzell; Fran Sziber **Seated l/r:** William Harris; Fred Carr; John Gallagher - (holding certificate presented by Charles Datte from members of our Memorial Dinner); Charles Datte

Ladies Standing l/r: Alice Messina; Robbie Showalter; Norma Crossland; Nancy Datte; Adolene Hertzell; Betty Carr; Ida Frank; Muriel Sziber **Seated l/r:** Stalla Gallagher; Erma Kowalski; Wanda Fava; Mirian Mervin; Lillian Harris - missing from photo, Connie Tarantino and Richard Biehl (1st Div, landed "D" Day.) He shared message with me and took pictures.





Maryland - D.C. - Virginia Area - 1998

John R. Schaffner, 1811 Miller Road, Cockeysville, MD 21020-1013 Tele: 410- 5484-2754

On 16 December, 1998 members of the Association residing in the area of Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia assembled at Fort G.G. Meade Officer's Club for their Fourth Annual Mini-Reunion and extraordinary nice buffet luncheon. There were 37 attending, including guests.

Our guest speaker, was Mr. Robert Johnson, Curator of the Fort G.G. Meade Military Museum. He talked about Fort Meade and its history.

Those present and accounted for were: Curtis and Betty Lou Anderson, guests (Curtis is President of the Baltimore Military History Roundtable); Stanley & Rose Bachmurski, 401 FAB/attached; Kenneth & Catherine Barnes, 423/E; Clark & Thelma Dovell, 422/M; Patrick Emons, Associate; David Ford, Associate; John Gatens, 589/A & Mary Vandermaast; Philip & Jean Hannon, 81st Eng/A; Col. Lowell B. Harlen, 424/E; William Hemelt, 424/H; Rev. Edward Hill, Navy Chaplain, retired;

William Johnson, 424/K; Col. Alan W. Jones & Lynn Jones, Jr., 423/HQ/1Bn; Kathryn (K2) & Ray Kemp & Tom Kemp, Associates; Raymond T Makowski, 423/K; Edward McGinty, 589/C; James S. Milewski, M/Sgt, USA, Associate; Windsor Miller; Frank Potter, 86th Infantry Div, 342nd Regiment; Don & Catherine Regier, 422/SVC; John & Lillian Schaffner, 589/A; Jack Sulser, 423/F; Charles Wehner, U.S.M.C.; Alan Yeater, Pres., XVIII Airborne Corps Association.

On the photo: Pat Emons, Al Yeater, Curtis Anderson; John Schaffner; Bill Johnson; Don Regier; Ken Barnes; Alan Jones; Clark Dovell; John Gatens; Phil Hannon; Walt Snyder; Ray Makowske; Ed McGinty; Lowell Harlen; Bill Helmet; Jack Sulser; Ray Kemp and Stan Bacmurski (Stan can still wear his uniform.)

Some of our guests were camera shy and the women would hold still for a photo - also note we are getting many people other than the 106th Association vets.

We all had a great time.... John Schaffner..



Chicago, Illinois Area - 1998

Russell H. Villwock, 106 Signal, 8560 W Foster Ave #510, Norridge, IL 60656-2772 704-452-8628

On 12 December 1998 the Chicago area veterans of the 106th Infantry Division gathered for the fortieth plus times in December, to commemorate and talk about their days in Belgium/Germany during the *Battle of the Bulge*, in December of 1944.

We also talked about today, and how thankful we are to live in a free country, thanks to all of our veterans. We also talked of the upcoming 53rd Annual Reunion, being held in Schaumburg in September 1999. We hope it will be enjoyed by all. With the help of those that attend our December get together, it will be successful.

Those in attendance this year were: Milton & Arline Schober; George & Joan Zak, Herbert & Luella Meagher; Antone Costa; Gordon Bigelow; Oliver & Phyllis Libman; Phillip & Orabelle Rosenthal; Lawrence Costa; Marshall & Mary Ann Streib; Andy & Jackie Halusek; Ray & Marie Panice; Maynard & Joan Adolphson; Frank Hohenadel; Leonard & Evelyn Richie; Joe & Betty Dallman; Tom & Stella Kapsalis; Bill & Lorraine Brankin and Russell & Jackie Villwock





Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota Area - 1998

Howard Flen, Associate, 1716 7th St NE, Rochester, MN 55906 307-282-0409

The meeting was held at the Cherokee Sirlorn Room in Eagan, MN (Mpls/St Paul Metro Area) as we have the last two years. The 1999 meeting will be held at the same place with date to be announced.

It was a great meeting, good food, camaraderie and a very interesting talk by Charlie Haug, an Associate member from the 28th Infantry Division. (Charlie is sitting first place on left side of men's photo near the map) He told of his experience in front of Lutzkampen, on the 16 December, when a 424th Infantry Anti-Tank gun knocked out 5 German tanks that were approaching their positions. He told of the scramble to recoup, the weather, the tough conditions. He explained how the 424th of the 106th and the 112th of the 28th, who had also been cut off from its 28th Division, formed a Combat team and helped drive the Germans back to their original positions.

Thanks to Don Ruddick for the excellent photos. Missed a few names, so decided to publish as is. Sorry we do not have room for all of the individual groupings, the photos were just great.





Fort Jackson, South Carolina - 1998

Wade and Vannie Toy- 422/K, 4605 Wade St., Columbia, S.C. Tele: 803-772-0132

On December 12, 1998, thirty-three (33) members, wives and guests of the 106th Infantry Division Association gathered for a luncheon and Mini-Reunion at the Officer's Club, Fort Jackson, S.C. The group represented various areas of the State with seven (7) from North Carolina. We were pleased that several were first-time attendants.

Following the welcome, the Reverend Ewell C. Black offered the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. A moment of silence was observed for deceased comrades. A most delicious luncheon was enjoyed, while the group continued to engage in fellowship.

Mr. John L. Bradley, Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Administration Regional Office was guest speaker. He effectively presented information relative to VA benefits.

It was a unanimous consensus that a Mini-Reunion will be held again in 1999.

Men Front Row L/R: Waid Toy; Joseph Benfarado; Howard Terrio; Robert Hanna; Scott Westbrook; Arthur E. Hinson. **Back Row l/r:** John Cooper; Rev. Ewell C. Black, Jr.; Robert Landis; James Eubanks; Leroy Eubanks; John Frierson; Willian (Bill) Shipley. Absent from photo: Roger M. Rutland, Wayne Lee, John Bradley.

Ladies Front Row L/R: Mildred Frierson; Hazel Cooper; Barbara Sharpe; Marilyn Hanna; Luvelle Terrio; Shelvia Westbrook. **Second Row l/r:** Jo Ann Eubanks; Jena Moore; Judith McConnell; **Third Row, L/r:** Dorlene Bradley; Allison Lee. Absent from photo: Mattie Rutland





Atlanta, Georgia - 1998

Sherod Collins, 423/SV, 448 Monroe Trace, Kennesaw, GA 30144 Tele: 770-928-3207

On Saturday December 5, 1998, a small but enthusiastic group of 106'ers met to commemorate the *Battle of the Bulge*. We met at the Piccadilly Cafeteria on Spring Road in Marietta, Georgia, in a private g room.

We were delightfully entertained by a short talk on the origins of the U.S. Flag by Ms Shelby Whitson, who gave an interesting discourse on our flag along with examples of changes over the years.

Joining the group were the following: Bob and Lous Howell, Griffin GA; Jim and Maydean Wells, Hepzibah; Bill and Sandra Jenkins of Smiths, AL; Douglas and Isabel Coffey, Marietta; Morris and Sarah Piha, Atlanta and Elliott Goldstein of Atlanta. Also Sherod Collins with Ilene Baker of Marietta.

Men Front l/r: Jim Wells, 81/C; Morris Piha, 106 QM; Doug Coffey, 590/C; **Back l/r:** Elliott Goldstein, 589/HQ; Bill Jenkins, 422/H; Sherod Collins, 423/SV and Bob Howell, 424/HQ 2bn

Ladies Front l/r: Sarah Piha; Isabel Coffey and Louise Howell **Back l/r:** Ilene Baker; Sandra Jenkins; Maydean Wells and guest speaker, Shelby Whitson.





Tulsa Oklahoma Area - 1998

Clint McClure, 423/HQ, 8607 E. 77th Place, Tulsa, OK 74133-3710 Tele: 918-252-7777

Those attending the *Battle of the Bulge* mini-reunion luncheon held at the Fountains Restaurant, 6540 S. Lewis, Tulsa, Oklahoma 16 December 1998 were:

Men- Back l/r: Jackson Behling, 423/A; Lyle Russell, 423/H; Leland Turley, 423/H and David Deffenbaugh, 423/F **Men seated l/r:** Lawrence M. Kinney, 423/I (Arkansas City KS); Howard Bryant, 424/F; Clint McClure, 423/HQ and Donald Herndon, 424/L

Ladies- Back l/r: Anita Turley; Pauline Russell; Betty Bryant and Carolyn Deffenbaugh

Ladies seated l/r: Lois Kinney (Arkansas City KS), Peggy McClure, Marianne Behling, and Joan Herndon





Sarasota Florida Area - 1998

Les Helmich, 424/HQ, 2600 Belvoir Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34237-6309 941-955-3571

16 December 1998 - We had a total of 25 ladies and gentlemen present for our luncheon. It was a most enthusiastic group. They all said they would return next, the GOOD LORD willing. **Sitting l/r:** Ken Smith; Rocco Sergi; Joe Fischer; Bill Mangold; David Robinson **Second Row:** Dick Brokaw; Ray Twardzik; Eugene Saucerman; Rev. Sam Ten Brink **Back Row:** James Edwards; Art Hanke; Les Helmich; Don Scholten; Roy Ziegler; Milton Cram.



Birmingham, Alabama Area 1998

Joseph Massey/Walter Bridges co-chairmen: 4820 Spunky Hollow Rd, Remlap, AL 35133-5546 205-681-1701

December 12- We had a combined meeting with the Gen. Geo S. Patton Chapter of the Battle of the Bulge. There were approximately 100 attending. Four (4) members from the 106th plus wives attended. Walter and Barbara Bridges could not attend due to the condition of their daughter, Julie Gibbs, in Houston, Texas. Julie passed away on 16 December, 1998. John and Lee Gilliland had a prior commitment and were not able to attend. **L/R in pairs:** Dave/Frances Lacey; Joe/Hazel Massey; Paul/Goldie Kirkpatrick; Mr/Mrs Will S. Temple, Jr.



South Florida Area - 1998

Major H. Hill, 424/B, 524 SW 43rd Terrace, Cape Coral, Florida 33914 941-945-4087

The 106th Mini-Reunion, 1998, was held on 12 December at the Radisson Inn in Fort Myers, Florida with 28 attending. We had a great group and are now attracting new members for the future. We had a fine luncheon. Each of the veterans spoke of their most memorable moments. How to obtain Associate members and solicit new veteran members was discussed. We also reviewed how to keep contact with our members that are shut in. We discussed telephone calls, stopping by to visit to let them know they are not forgotten. It was a good and fruitful reunion.

MEN L/R: back row- John Hall; Milton Cram; Charles Zullig; John Thurlow; Virgil Collins; John Fritz; Raymond Reed; Dick Brokaw; Art Kuespert; Edwin Lewis and Major Hill

MEN L/R: front row - Herbert Karnes; George Peros; Nicholas Spagnola; Lee Lively

WOMEN L/R: back row- Martha Collins; Margaret Reed; Martha Lively; Jody Brokaw; Anna Hall and Martha Fritz

WOMEN L/R: front row- Dorothy Lewis; Vonda Cram; Joyce Thurlow; Ann McKern; Alice Zullig; Evelyn Hill and Barbara Hill





Jacksonville Florida Area - 1998

Pete House, 590/A; 5662 Clifton Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32211 904-724-8316

Ramada Inn, Jacksonville, Florida, 13 December, 1998. A total of 53 people attended the 3rd Annual Luncheon in Jacksonville. Although he couldn't attend, Albert Oelschig sent a dozen Poinsetta plants by Albert Schuller. Joanne House provided door prizes and the Poinsettas were included. Host Pete House lead a discussion on the Battle of the Bulge. The Buffet was outstanding and the fellowship thoroughly enjoyable. Each place setting had an American Flag, Program and Historical paper. Attendees were from North Florida and South Georgia.

In Attendance were: Gail, Fred, Lauri and Josh Baker, Johnnie Beaver, 423/H, Alma Beaver; Harold Blalack, Edith Blalack, Winford Boatright 422/K. Virginia Boatright, Sandi Boatright, Dennis Boatright, Dora Boatright, Josh Brinkley, Clifton Capshaw 423/K, Frances Capshaw, George Geib 424/G. Muriel Geib. Pete House 590/A, Joanne House, Debbie House, Peter House Jr, Bill Lane 423/A Marian Lane, Melissa Lee, Bryan Lee, Neil Letellier (Louis 81 Eng) Louis Le Tellier III. **Also attending:** Robert Lewright, Angela Meeks, Bob Milkey 590/HQ, Eric Mills 422/HQ IBN, Marty Orvin, Michelle Orvin, Bernard Ostermeyer 423/D, Lanelle Ostermeyer, Dona Perrson, Joanie Powell, Delbert Rediger 424/G, Marion Rediger, Frank Rosenberg, Aaron Rosenberg, Albert Schuller 422/B, Latane Schuller, Dick Sparks 423/HQ, Steve Stevenson 589/B, Helen Stephenson, Jill Stephenson, Justin Stepheson, Robert Stephenson 81/HQ, Dorothy Severson and Gordon Zicker 423/HQ.



CAMP BLANDING MUSEUM, FLORIDA OCT 17, 1998

Members of the First Coast Chapter EXPOs dedicate the bench they installed at the POW Memorial Park at Camp Blanding. The four members served in the 106th Infantry Division. L/R: Raymond (Red) Ellis, Bob Milkey, 590/A; Senior Vice-Commander Bill Lane, 423/A; and Commander Pete House, 590/A. Ironc is the fact that Ellis served in the 106th, was shipped to a replacement depot and captured while in the 79th Infantry Division.



Nebraska - Western Iowa Area - 1998

Dean & Della Sandahl (422/B), 3041 North 61st St, Lincoln, NE 68507-2406 402-466-3564

We met at 1100 hours 16 December 1998 at the All-American Buffet, 2800 Cornhusker Hwy, Lincoln Nebraska. We opened the meeting with *The Pledge of Allegiance*, reading some of Dale Carver's Poems and the Invocation. In a private room we enjoyed a delicious steak/buffet dinner, with lot's of visiting and reminiscing. Next year, same time, same place - Let's make this a FOUR-STATE REUNION !!!

L/R Dean & Della Sandahl, hosts, 422/B, Lincoln; Earl & Lovisa Kinney, 423/B, Franklin NE; George & Marge Milbrodt, 422/C, Hinton, IA; Eugene & Marcy Kuhn, 106 MP, Columbus, NE; Charles & Jane Henning, 424/B, Peru, NE and Harold & Lorraine Hawkins, 423/D, Omaha, NE.

We mourn the passing of the following, since our last reunion: J.B. Dresselhaus, 424/I, Lincoln; Robert W. Scheffel, 422/A, Grand Island, NE and Donald Fletcher, 423/AT, Cambridge, NE

Interested in 1999 - write or call me at the above address..... Dean Sandahl.



Olympia, Washington and Oregon Area 1998

Ken Coorigan, 933 Harvets Dr. SE, Olympia WA 98501 360-352-3481

We had a nice sit down prepared by Betty, my wife of 48.5 years. Seated L/R: Mary Pilkington; Fred Pilkington, 422/HQ; Myrton Dickerson, 424/D; George Strong 423/HQ; C. Ken Corrigan, 591/SV; Ray Johnston, 423/H; Americo Fusco, 423/HQ; Leah Fusco; My daughter in law Dianne and wife Betty.



Alton Illinois Area - 1998

LTC Marion Ray (US Ret), 424/D, 704 Briarwood Dr, Bethalto, IL 62010 618-377-3485

Mini-Reunion held at Alton, Illinois 16 December 1998 at the Moonlight Restaurant by the members of the 106th Infantry Division Association. This years reunion doubled the attendance of the one held last year, 24 members and wives were in attendance. **Pictured Front Row L/R:** Leonard Bruening, 424/D; Marion Ray, 424/D; Victor Bauswell, 422/B; Gene Kelch, 422/I; John Rain, 589/B Briggs Hoffman, 589/B **back Row, L/R** Milt Hass, 422/HQ 3BN; Lee Steele, 424/D; Don Hinrichs, 81st ENG/C; Vince Venegoni, 423/M; Kenneth Bryan 423/HQ 1BN; Paul Boschert, 590/HQ Photo provided by Alton Telegraph. No photo was taken of wives.

'Bulge' vets remember battle

By TONY D. MASINELLI
For The Telegraph

ALTON — Survivors of the Battle of the Bulge met for a luncheon at the Moonlight Restaurant on Wednesday afternoon.

The 13 area men were members of the same division the 106th Infantry, which was

in Belgium during World War II when the Battle of the Bulge began 54 years ago. All but two of the men who met at Moonlight had been captured as prisoners of war.

On December 1944 when 26 German divisions overran four American divisions in the St. Vrain area, where prisoners they subjected to starvation, sleep on the floor of unheated buildings during a bitter winter, and were often forced to perform manual labor for their German captors.

home from France at the end of the war, surviving members of the 106th Infantry Division formed an association and promised a meet at least once a year.

The Alton men represent the local membership of that association, which has 170 members.

Marion Wray, second vice president and membership chairman, said these local gatherings help members who are not able to travel to the yearly national meeting.

This association provides a terrific opportunity for us to share our experiences and support each other," Wray said. "So it's important that we meet locally and give everybody a chance to be a part of it."

Life as a prisoner of war was a terrible experience, Wray said. A squad leader for a heavy machine gun unit, Wray was captured in the

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Local veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, a turning point in the European Theater in World War II, gathered on Wednesday to commemorate its 54th anniversary at a luncheon at the Moonlight Restaurant in Alton. The men are, from front right clockwise, John Rain, Ken Bryan, Marion Ray, Don Hinrichs and Paul Boschert.

The Telegraph/TONY D. MASINELLI

LOCAL ALTON, ILLINOIS VETS : This photo appeared in The Alton Telegraph 18 Dec 1998.

Front right clockwise: John Rain, 589/B; Ken Bryan, 423/HQ 1BN; Marion Ray, 424/D; Don Hinrichs, 81st/C; Paul Boschert, 590/HQ.

CRAM, MILTON H. 423/CN

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I was a gunner, 105 Howitzer in 423 Cannon Co.. Toomy Basic at Camp Atterbury, transferred from Army Air Corps. Captured 16 December 1944 in the battle of the Bulge. Liberated May 6, 1945. Employed mostly as an Aircraft Engineer, now retired. I am active in the POW groups, Director New Hampshire. Just attended the Fort Myers, Florida Mini-Reunion, by Major Hill. There were four Cannon Company members present.

CROFT, LEO 424/K

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Leo's wife also joined as an Auxiliary member. See his son, David below...

CROFT, DAVID

ASSOCIATE 424/K

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ROLLA, MO 65401
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Another Associate gained through the 106th Infantry Division website. Also joining as an Auxiliary member is his wife Lana.

CROWELL, EDWARD R. 423/B

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Ed was solicited by Marion Ray, membership chairman. Welcome back to the 106th, Edward.

Edward wrote:

I joined B Company, 423rd Infantry in July 1944 at Camp Atterbury, went over with the rest of the 423rd on the *Queen Elizabeth*. Transferred to Headquarters Co. 12-13 December because of my experience as a Combat M.P. at Fort Ord. On the 15 of December a Sergeant and I went to Brussels for a load of coal. We arrived back at Headquarters about 5:30 AM on 16 December. All Hell broke out.

Shells were falling everywhere. We engaged the enemy at the west end of Bliealf. We drove them back out of town, but they came back through the next morning. We regrouped and tried to fight our way back to St Vith. We got within sight of Schoenberg, Germany. On the 19th the Germans surrounded us, after an artillery barrage early in the morning, then later at 4:30 PM our officers gave orders to surrender. That was the worst day of my life.

We were marched to Pruem and put in a large warehouse overnight, next morning were put into the box-cars until the 29th of December. We arrived at Muhlberg, Germany where we stayed until 13 January, 1945. Ninety of us were shipped to Elster, Germany to work in the cement block factory. We worked there for about three months. I was sent back to Stalag 4-B, but had lost 60 lbs during my captivity. The Russians liberated us on 23 April, 1945, or was it captured by the Russians. They released us 23 May, 1945. I was taken to Halle, Germany by truck, then boarded air transport planes, C-47s, and taken to Camp Lucky Strike, near LaHavre, France on 25 May, 1945. I didn't arrive home until July 29, 1945. I was discharged from the Army on 26 December 1945. FREE at LAST!!

Born in Waveland, Yell County, Arkansas on 30 August 1925. I lived in Porterville California since September 1942. I married LaVerne Cole on 20 April, 1946. I had to have my mother sign for me - after all I had gone through. I was 20 years old. LaVerne and me had two children. A boy, Dale Edward, who was born on 17 May, 1947 and a girl, Teresa June, born 4 November 1949. I have six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

New Member ...

I worked as an Auto Mechanic for 42 years. I retired on 30 March, 1989 to take care of LaVerne who had been sick for some time. She passed away 15 April 1992. She would have been 65 on 20 April, 1992.

My Hobby is traveling. My sister, Barabara Lewis, and I are traveling companions and have traveled about 95,000 miles by car since 1992. We have traveled in 30 States so far. In May of this year we made a trip to the POW Museum in Andersonville, Georgia..

DAVIS, JOHN H. 424/C

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John comes to us from the 106th website. John. hope you found some comrades on the list I sent. J Kline, editor

DOHERTY, JIM ASSOCIATE

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I found the 106th Association on John Kline's Home Page.

I am a nephew of Master Sergeant Joe Conlow (deceased). He died December 4, 1998. He was assigned to Division Headquarters, IG Section

FENNINGER, ROBERT G. 592/A

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CARMEL, NY 10512
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Wife Juanita joined as an Auxiliary member.

LACROIX, ROGER A. 422/UNIT?

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MANCHESTER, NH 03102
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**LOCKENVITZ, GLENN
ASSOCIATE**

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Would like to receive information on the September 1999 Reunion, a roster and *The CUB* magazine..

Editor's note: Glenn you should have by now received the roster and magazine. The September 1999 Reunion is listed elsewhere in this February CUB, but the application for registration and other data will be in the centerfold of the MAY 1999 CUB, which you will receive...J Kline, editor

JANSEN, WOUT ASSOCIATE

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BELGIUM

Wout, nice to see you and your friend Ronald Kloosterboer as new members. Thanks for your support.

I still have photographs from you from sometime ago. Hopefully I can get them into the CUB for you one of the next issues.

**KLOOSTERBOER, RONALD
ASSOCIATE**

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BELGIUM

KRIEGS, WILLIAM L 422/SV

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My wife's name is Margaaret. My E-mail address is: WLKRiegs@wi.net

William thanks for joining as a LIFE MEMBER, and signing Margaret on as a LIFE AUXILIARY.. I'll get in touch with you. My e-mail address is jpk@mm.com

J. Kline, editor

NOVAK, GERALD E. 106 RECON

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Wife Jewell joined as an Auxiliary member.

A fellow in New Jersey called and told me about the Association. I joined the 106 RECON TROOP in early March of 1945. Any info you could send would be appreciated. Also if you had any info about the 1999 Reunion in Schaumburg, Illinois I would like it.

Editor's Note... Jerry, some information is in this CUB magazine about the September Reunion. Much more, including registration

blanks, details and agenda, will be in the MAY 1999 CUB, as a centerfold.. J. Kline, editor...

SMITH, RAYMOND DIV/HQ

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Raymond's membership submitted by nephew Fredrick and his wife Sheralyn Heyse, Cincinnati, OH. Raymond Smith was a Sergeant in Headquarters Company of the 106th Infantry Division

EDITOR'S NOTE: SCRAMBLED TEXT NOVEMBER CUB

New Member Column

CORRECTIONS FOR MISTAKES MADE IN THE FEBRUARY CUB 1999

MARTIN, PAMELA (RIBERDY)

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I am the daughter of Bernard Riberdy (died 1973) who was attached to the 106th, 422nd Regiment in the Tennessee Maneuvers, 1944 with the 172nd Engineers, C Company.

Early he must have been in the 106th Infantry Regiment of the 27th Infantry Division who eventually went to the South Pacific.

Editor's Note - Pamela was quite positive that her father was with the 106th. He was, but it was the 106th Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division. Had several interesting e-mail contacts with Pamela. Thanks Pamela.
John Kline, editor

ORMSBY, JAMES G. GUNNERY SGT US MARINE CORPS

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I recently talked to John Kline who

told me about the 106th Inf Div Association. It would be a good

My apologies for the scrambled text on pages 36-38 of the November CUB. It was entirely my fault in hurrying up the OK for the proofs. I thought I had everything "nailed." But, as you saw I didn't. Computer programs are sometimes blamed for these "*Gottchal!*" mistakes, but in reality it is the operators fault. The following members had errors and or omissions in the description of their names and/or addresses or were omitted in the last CUB - again, Sorry. John Kline, editor

opportunity to learn more and come in contact with some of the 106th soldiers.

My Grandfather, Colonel George L. Descheneaux, was the Commanding Officer of the 422nd Infantry regiment during the *Battle of the Bulge*. He died in 1984 and is buried at *West Point*. I am honored to join the Association.

PERKO, EMIL A. 422/H

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Inducted into the service March 3, 1943, assigned to the 106th infantry division. basic training at Fort Jackson, maneuvers in Tennessee, then to Camp Atterbury, overseas in November 1944. Captured with the rest of the 422nd Regiment. Spent 3.5 months in German prison camps, Stalag 9-B, Bad Orb, then Stalag 9-A at Ziegenhain, liberated by Patton at the end of March and returned to the uSA, Discharged November 1945. I spent the next 31 years with General Motors. Retired and now enjoying life, family, friends and traveling.

New Member ...

MARTINEZ, FRED T. 590/A and 590/HQ

1945 RAMADA BLVD
COLLINSVILLE, IL 62234
618-346-1587

Fred attended the Indianapolis Reunion and loaded up on memorabilia from The Military Shop. Welcome to the Association Fred.

PEWEWARDY, JR, SAMUEL 423/G

1719 KINYON
LAWTON, OK 73507

Welcome Samuel. Nice to have you in the Association as a LIFE member. Hope you enjoyed the *CUB of the Golden LION: PASSES in Review*

WATSON, RAYMOND 106 RECON

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Raymond, sorry we missed you in the last CUB. Thanks for purchasing the CUB of the Golden Lion: *PASSES in REVIEW*, hope you enjoyed browsing back through history. J Kline, editor

NEW BOOK BY 106TH ASSOCIATION MEMBER

AUTHOR: George K. Zak
M Company 422nd Infantry
106th Infantry Division

The guns of World War II rumble ominously in *Soldier Boy*, author George K. Zak's riveting account of the dangers and fatal chances of war.

The authors untried infantry unit observed combat in the Ardennes Forest in December 1944, seeing it, as he says, "From box seats at a fantastic show from hell and we never knew what the act would bring." Unknowingly they were witnessing the beginning of the *Battle of the Bulge*. Soon to be participants themselves, they were overwhelmed in this enormous setback for the Allies, with their unit having to surrender, and the author being taken prisoner. This saga is a moving compelling history,

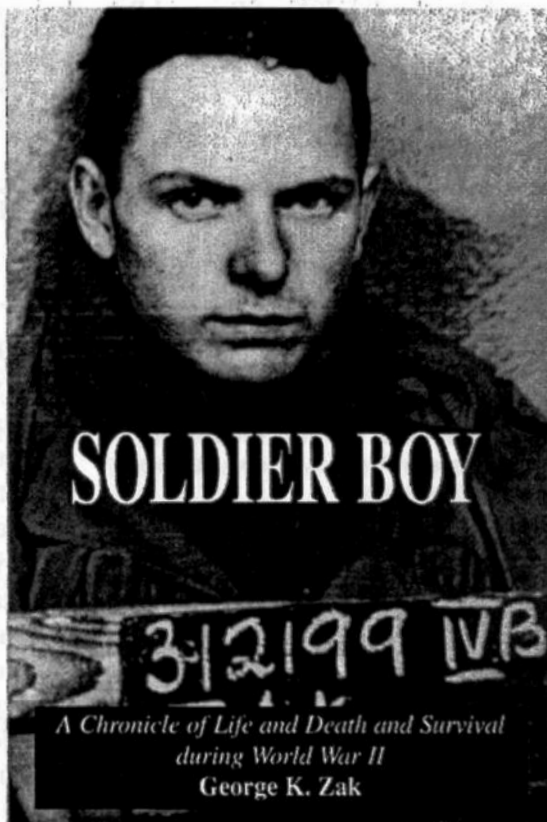
A veteran of World War II, GEORGE K. ZAK received a B.A. degree with honors and a M.A. from Loyola University in Chicago. He eventually became the manager of corporate banking for a large retail firm.

Now retired, the author lives with his wife in Willowbrook, Illinois. Once a year, on the date of his liberation, George joins other local survivors of Stalag IV-B to celebrate their survival and to honor the memory of those who had died.

115 pages, 8 x 5.25 inches, glossy paper cover. Vintage Press, Inc.

Order direct from:

George K. Zak
6159 Brookside Lane #1A
Claredon Hills, IL 60514-2916
USA: \$13.00 (Book Rate mail) prepaid
EUROPE Air Mail only, (AO Mail) \$18.00



In Memoriam

(Please note: We list only the deaths of 106th veterans that are Association members. We can list only what information we receive - at times that information is just a date of death. Sadly, there are times we are not notified of the death of our comrade until we are alerted by returned mail or nonpayment of dues. I would suggest that all of you veterans let your next of kin know that the either the Adjutant, Treasurer or Editor of the 106th Infantry Division Association should be notified in the event of your death. ... Editor)

Addison, Fred W. 106 Band

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John Robb, Memorial Chairman reported that Fred's widow called to report that Fred died on 12 December, 1998 at the age of 86. Fred was a graduate of Springhill College and Band Instructor at the University Military School until his retirement. In addition to his widow, survivors include three sons and two daughters.

Hill Jr., Ralph G. Associate (99th Infantry)

1231 Van Steffy Ave., Wyomissing, PA 19610

Ralph, age 79, a member of the 99th Infantry Division and a self made historian of the *Battle of the Bulge*, passed away in November 1998. We all remember Ralph as a sometimes controversial writer, who took many of us to task for what we wrote. He was a student of the battle, did endless research and passed his finding to many of our 106th members through his mail network. He was relentless when it came to detail.

Robertson, George E. 590/C

10 Longview Way, Peabody, MA 01960

Survived by his wife Mary. George died in August 1998.

Schlesser, Jack 591/SV

140 South Viant Apt D, Lowell, IN 46356

Jack died 22 December 1998, he is survived by his wife Karin, a daughter Georgina.

Rest in Peace

