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Russell Villwock, left, Reunion Chairman being presented a photo of the King and Queen of Belgium, by the Belgian General Consul, Robert Vandemeulebroucke, Chicago, honoring the 106th Infantry Division Association's 53rd Annual Reunion, being held in the Chicago area.

Vive la Belgique!

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It's a privilege to serve our association as your president; the association has meant so much to me through the years. Throughout these years, I have met and made friends with many of you. I wish I could meet each of you personally for we have a strong common bond that transcends most other bonds. We are, in a very strong sense, brothers and you have enriched my life. I look forward with enthusiasm to my year of service in this office. Because this is our *Organization* - I would like to hear from you on ideas or suggestions you may have for the good of the association.

I attended the meeting of the Army Divisions Association last spring where I met representatives from some twenty other divisions and find that we are not very different from the others though our ways of doing things vary among the several divisions. It was interesting to meet the others and exchange ideas. I will see that we have representation at their next meeting.

We had a fine reunion in the Chicago region this year thanks to good advance planning and everybody seemed to be having a good time.

One of the highlights of the reunion this year was the attendance of twenty-one members of C.R.I.B.A., the Belgian WWII organization. These men and women

are, for the most part, born during the war or thereabouts give or take a few years. They enjoyed the Reunion, participating in the many fine tours and functions of the day.

Our closing banquet was honored by an address by Mr. R. Vandemeulebroucke, the Counsel General of Belgium in Chicago. As a matter of fact he delayed his trip back home to Belgium because he wanted to meet the veterans of the 106th Infantry Division, and the contingent from his home country. He spoke of the war from the Belgian point of view and was very warmly received.

We are now planning for the St. Louis reunion next year - our Y2K reunion and it promises to be a good one. Hope you can and will plan to be with us.

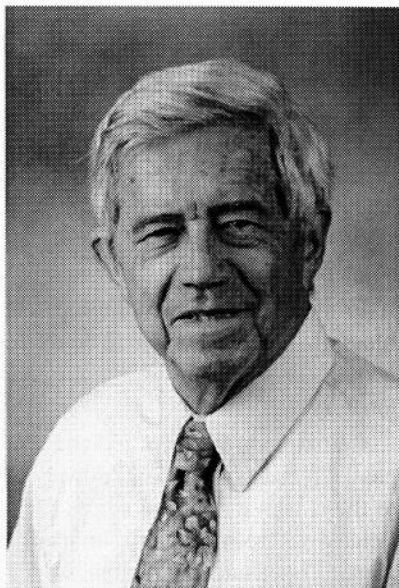
I wish to take this opportunity to thank outgoing board members Nolan Ashburn, 424/H; Lloyd Diehl, 423/H and Art Van Moorelehem, 423/B for their loyal service. At the same time to also welcome our new board members Philip Cox, 423/B; Richard Rigatti, 423/B; Jack Sulser, 423/F and John Schaffner, 589/A as new directors to the 106th Infantry Division Association Board.

Please let me hear from you, see my address in the photo caption box, above.

John A. Gregory, President

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**"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it
when it is in your power to act." -Proverbs 3:27**

How we cheered that first morning in December when clear skies were filled with Allied planes. The bombers were going deep into Germany, P-51's accompanying. The P-38's, easily distinguishable, were going to hit the Panzers hard. They can do it; they were good at it. It was later, when the planes began to fly back that we could see some in trouble.

From one, trailing smoke, a parachute began to blossom. One chute seem to be coming down only about a mile or two away. But that was enemy territory!

Cranking up the Jeep, and with Freddie F. in the passenger seat, we took off down the road, one eye to the sky. We bounced across the snow covered field to where we thought he had landed. Perfect guess! Dazed and disoriented, scared and limping, there was our flyer. The two of us jumped from the Jeep and helped him over a ditch and into the Jeep... all the time ducking the .45 that he was still waving wildly about. Once aboard he broke into a big grin.

Suddenly came the mortars. Whump! Whump! Shifted into gear, the Jeep literally flew across the field as we hung on for dear life, not stopping until we reached comparative safety and concealment of our gun position.

But the story did not end happily. As we stopped and turned around to our flyer in the rear seat, we found him slumped over, no longer alive. A mortar fragment had struck him in the back of his neck.

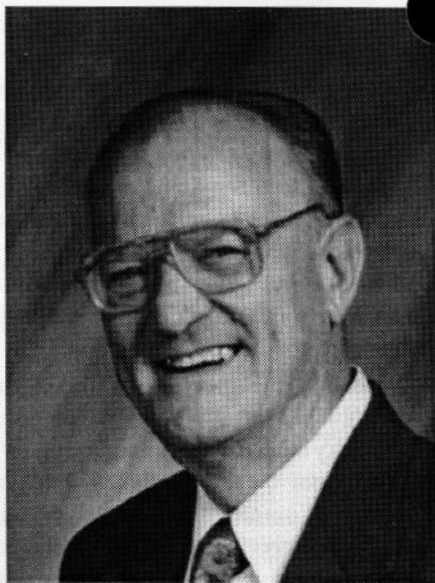
For a while, Freddie and I commiserated with each other; we should have left him alone to be captured. He might still be alive. But we couldn't have done that; you couldn't have done that either.

Sometimes even our best efforts and best intentions go haywire, don't they? But there are many instances when we cannot attempt to measure all the possible outcomes of our actions. At those times, we simply must do the right thing... Do what we would want others to do for us. We had risked our necks; the outcome was beyond our control.

I lost track of Freddie a long time ago. He always was a "do unto others" guy. I suspect he still is. I try to be that way to, don't you? Once upon a time we were all that way. I hope and pray we never change.

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PRAYER: There is so much in life that often seems beyond our control. We wish that we could push all the right buttons and pull all the right strings. But that is not the way life is, and we know it from experience. But we do have control over our motives, our own goals and purposes, our own actions. We do have the ability to show loving kindness - and compassion - and helpfulness. Even when we do these things, there are times when the outcomes are disappointing to us. But help us to heed your Word, O God, to be and to do to others all that we wish they would be and do to us. Amen



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Schaumburg, Illinois.

September 3, 1999

by Dr. Duncan Trueman, Association Chaplain

Prior to D-Day, the Allies sent General Patton to that part of England opposite Calais to command a fictitious Army and to make its presence there apparent to everyone... especially the enemy. The intent was to cause Hitler to think that Patton was commanding an Army that would land at Calais, rather than at Normandy.

Also, throughout that area the fields were filled with counterfeit (bogus) equipment- tanks, trucks, guns, planes... all rubber inflatable's which, when viewed from the air, looked like military material' assembled for landings.

It has been said (and I cannot vouch for the truth of it) that after the invasion's success was well assured, and the Army began destroying the inflatables, that the civilians up there joined in by running through those fields poking holes in the counterfeit armor, watching them deflate into puddles of rubber there in the grass. It was a way of celebrating.

But I wonder how the rubber tanks and trucks and guns felt about it. Helplessly deflated with scarcely a chance to get into the battle. Have you ever felt so deflated? So reduced to rubble? So helpless?

I know you have... Especially about 55 years ago. So have we all. It happened to thousands of GIs that cold December. It also happened to any number of people we encounter in the Bible, both the old Testament and the New. One such person wrote: *"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; struck down but not destroyed."*

I shared with you a year ago some words written in a diary by a friend in my company just before Christmas 1944. Listen again: **"We have lost thousands of men so far. The BBC reports that we have annihilated. But we are still flying our colors and we intend to hold on... believe you me."**

Would you say that Sgt. Roy Edgar was afflicted but not crushed? Struck down but not destroyed? I surely would. This Lion on our shoulders says to the whole world... we've ALL been there.

History is replete with tales of heroes who could have caved in to difficult situations, yet hung in there. That is precisely what won our Division the admiration the Generals, Field Marshals and common soldiers, both friend and foe.

Even our enemy never expected that, deployed as we were deployed, we would hold our ground as long as we held. We bought time. And we paid the price.

Years ago the Prussian military genius, Karl von Clausewitz, instructed the military leaders of his day: "If you want to overcome your enemy, you must match your effort against his power of resistance... which can be expressed as a product of two inseparable factors... the total **MEANS** at his disposal... and the strength of his **WILL**."

Despite our lack of means during the *Battle of the Bulge*, the extended front over which we were spread, the inadequate arms and ammunition, the lack of experience, the 106th hung in there, upset the Nazi schedule, for one primary reason... **THE STRENGTH OF ITS WILL!**



Dr. Duncan Trueman and his wife Grace
Memorial Service, 53rd Annual Reunion
Schaumburg, Illinois, September 1999

The **CUB** of the **Golden Lion**

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THEY UNDERESTIMATED THE 106TH'S WILL. WE COULD BE STRUCK DOWN... BUT NOT DESTROYED!

I have a clipping at home, taken from the New York Daily News on Jan. 8, 1945. It quotes Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery's praise of five American divisions that contributed most significantly through the defeat of German efforts during the *Battle of the Bulge*. He singled out two Armored Divisions, two Airborne Divisions, and one Infantry Division... the 106th Infantry Division.

Stephen Ambrose said that some regarded America's recovery from the *Battle of the Bulge* attack a "miracle." "It was not a miracle," he said, "It was INFANTRY!"

"As always," he wrote, "the Infantry got stuck with the war at its cutting-edge where it is most shocking, dangerous and decisive. The most awesome experience any human being can go through is being a Combat Infantryman. Even those who came home, came as damaged goods."

It took me a longtime to discover that there are no un-wounded foxhole veterans. An Army study concluded long ago: "It's rare to find an Infantry combat veteran, even after the passing of years, who does not show a residue of war."

One mother said many years later that her son had left Europe, but never really arrived home. In sense that's true. There is a part of everyone of us that never arrived home... That part was left behind, over there, in the cold and snow and foxholes and the POW camps.

That's why, again and again, things happen to us in life - sometimes very ordinary, commonplace things- that transport our thoughts and emotions back to those days... Back to the Ardennes, Back to the snow, Back to the cold, Back to the pain and hunger. You experience such episodes-and so do I.

Now, if ORDINARY events can so effect us, what shall we think about an event like this, this morning? We are saddened at the loss of those with whom we shared so much... those with whom we so closely bonded... those who alone can comprehend both the love and the horror that one



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ned our lives.

There were 13 of them... American POWs in a prisoner of war camp. For some breach of the camp rules, they were punished severely. After the initial punishment the 13 were taken into a small, airless, closed room where they were compelled to set on small wooden stools for hours at a time... RIGIDLY! The slightest movement on their part... even the blink of an eye... would bring them additional punishment.

At the end of the first day in the room the commander of the guards came in and with a club, brutally beat the prisoner sitting nearest the door, whom he is assumed to be the leader of the group.

On the second day, the ritual was repeated. The same man was violently beaten. On the third day it happened again to the same man. Knowing that this man cannot survive, the others took turns each day, slipping into his seat. Each day a different soldier sat in that horrible chair, knowing full well what would happen to him.

Finally, when the guards realized what had been happening, they gave up in exasperation. **Who but we can comprehend the ties that bind us?** When we hear TAPS played... our ears hear and the Bugler's notes. In the mind's ear we at times hear other sounds. They may grow dimmer with the passing years, but they can still be heard when the Bugle plays....

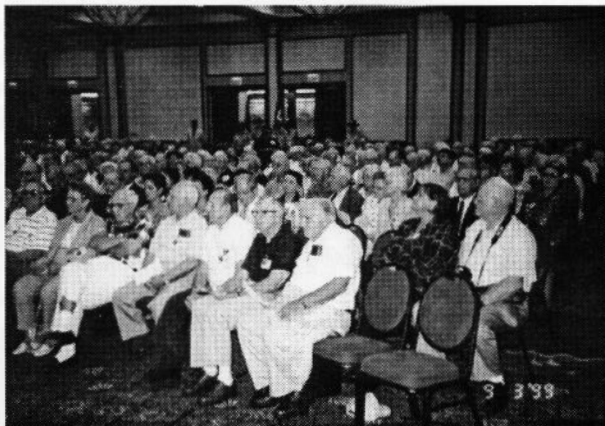
The sounds, sometimes of drums... the rumble of cannon... the shriek of screaming meemies... the rattle of machine gunfire... the cries of wounded. These are the sounds that intrude upon our consciousness when the Bugle plays.

It seems fashionable today to talk about what it was that set our generation apart. Even when Life deflated us and though it struck us down, could not destroy us. There were many qualities, I suspect, that we fail to identify. But writers like *Tom Brokaw* and *Arthur Schlesinger* attribute

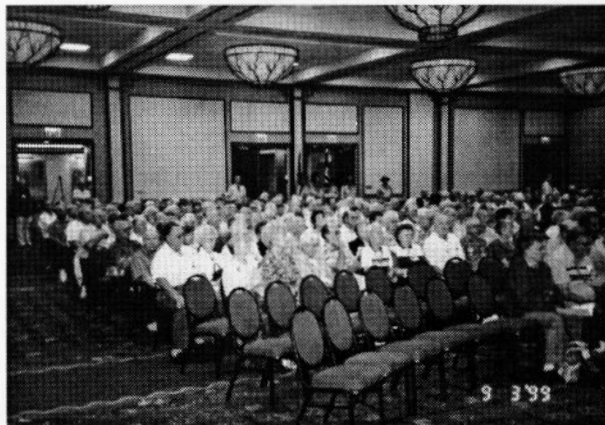
much of it to an underlying faith in God that almost all of us shared. How easy it is to forget that as the years go by and mores change.

Our religious practices differed then as they differ now. Our modes of worship varied and they vary still. But we respected each other's Faith, for they all exhibited a confidence in Almighty God... a confidence that would not allow us to be crushed. That Faith marks our generation still.

We come together this morning to remember and to pay honor to our comrades who have gone before



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us. But a part of us is not here. A part of us will always be over there... in those Belgium villages which we fought... on her mine-laden fields... In her snow in which we struggled and shivered and slept... beneath the trees of her great forests... beside her brave and very wonderful people... And in the end, among her crosses, row on row. A part of us will always be there.

Do you remember General Douglas MacArthur's stirring address as he accepted the Sylvanus Thayer Award at West Point? Do you remember his magnificent words? Even more important, do you know ABOUT WHOM HE SPOKE when he addressed those young cadets in 1962?

HE SPOKE ABOUT YOU! Listen!

"What kind of soldiers are those you are about to lead? Are they reliable? Are they brave? Are they capable of victory? Their story is known to all of you. It is a story of the American man-at-arms. My estimate of him was formed on the battlefield many years ago and has never changed! I regard him now as one of the world's noblest figures, not only as one of the finest military characters, but also as one of the most stainless. His name and fame are the birthright of every American citizen. In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give. He has written his own history, and written it in red on his enemies breast. But when I think of his patience in adversity, of his courage under fire, and of his modesty in victory, I am filled with an emotion of admiration that I cannot put into words. He belongs to history! The soldier, above all other men is required to **PRACTICE** the greatest religious concept ever known... **SACRIFICE**. No physical courage and no brute instinct can take the place of the Divine help which alone can sustain him. The soldier, above all others, prays for peace... for **HE** must suffer and bear the deepest scars of war."

James Jones, the author of "*From Here to Eternity*," always retained his scars. It was said that he couldn't hear TAPS played without getting extremely emotional. He heard sounds which even the Bugler himself could not discern. His biographer and friend said of him: "Jones went to war on December 7, 1941 and, like many combat veterans, stayed there until his death." (Jones died 1977 at age 57... of heart failure.)

He wrote that TAPS, played for a friend, is the song you drink five martinis not to hear. He called TAPS the "*Song of Great Loneliness*." He also said that TAPS leaves such a bitter taste in your mouth, for this song, he said, **IS REALITY**... it's full of memories and sadness and tears.

Remember? Surely you remember...

Day is done. Gone the sun...

From the lake, from the hill, from the sky.

Rest in Peace, soldier brave...

God is nigh.

Winston Churchill planned his own funeral. He arranged for a trumpeter to be stationed high in the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, from where he would play TAPS.

But as TAPS was finished at Churchill's funeral service, another trumpeter on the other side of the dome responded dramatically with the notes of REVEILLE.. The call to a new day... the call to a new beginning.

Let that be a reminder to all men and women of faith this morning. TAPS may be a song of great loneliness... it may sometimes bring tears. But it is not the only song.

Every **TAPS** is followed by **REVEILLE**. Surely, you remember that too.

For these, are comrades and brothers, for whom TAPS has at last been played, there is also another song... the song of new beginnings!

Dr. Duncan Trueman, Chaplain

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For OLD TIME's SAKE. I just came across this photo....

From the Terre Haute, Indiana Tribune, May 6, 1993 - John Kline, son of Mr & Mrs Paul Kline, A Military Affiliated Radio Service (MARS) operator, living in Viroqua, Wisconsin. John sent 112 messages and received 93 last month. He is part of a nationwide system designed to assist in handling the nation's non-classified military messages. The teletype is a U.S. Army model (45?), that prints on "ticker tape." The receiver (see my right hand) is a Drake. The AM transmitter in the background is a VIKING II, with an outboard Single Side Band (SSB) adapter for voice. The little square box is the outboard VFO - The VIKING II was crystal controlled originally. To the far right is a U.S. Army Signal Generator for proper frequencies.

Brings back lots of memories. I was, for some time, Net Control Operator for an International Morse Code net that handled MARS traffic out of the Chicago area. MARS, means Military Affiliated Radio Service. I spent many early morning hours passing traffic from all over the world, including "phone patches" some from Navy ships during my service as a MARS member. Maybe that was my first input to ending up, now, with The CUB and a "Home Page" on the Internet. Why was I a MG squad leader, should have been in 106th Signal... ?

Veteran's Tribute Washington D.C.

Those in the vicinity of the Nation's capital or able to travel there may be interested in an exhibit being held between November 1st and November 14, 1999.

Should this news reach you late, then consider it as a piece of past news. Either way it is important to know.

The exhibit is entitled "Remembrance." it is a display of the artwork of renowned artist, Robert Fletcher. The works depict military General scenes from all our nations wars. The display is presented as a tribute to our veterans and is very moving and beautiful. The splendor of the flag is emphasized in the paintings as a symbol of our love of freedom and devotion to country.

A reception and introduction to the exhibit was held on Thursday evening, November 4, 1999, in the Gold Room, 2168 Rayburn House Office Building. Rev. Duncan Truman, the 106th Association Chaplain, was chosen to participate.

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All Photographs and articles submitted to The CUB Editor shall be kept for use in the 106th Infantry Division CUB magazine. Your article will be used at the discretion of the editor, when space is available. No guarantee of when it will be used. Be sure you save a copy of the article for yourself

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All stories and any material left over will eventually end up in the Carlisle Barracks Museum, Carlisle, Pennsylvania - that is the official depository for historical material held by the 106th Infantry Division Association.

That is MORE reason to be sure your stories and photos are identified properly so they can be identified by others... J. Kline, editor

OLD CUBS, Memorabilia

We appreciate those of you that have sent your old CUBS. If I missed listing you, please drop me a note for the next CUB. Your CUBs will be made available to the membership as "back issues" for the benefit of the Association.

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I need more CUBS 1945 to 1985... J Kline

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Camp Atterbury Veterans Memorial Association

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Signed

CHARLES L. ADAMS

Colonel, Indiana Army National Guard
Post Commander

Camp Atterbury Italian Chapel

James West, association member, Franklin IN, informed the editor, in September, that vandals had "fire bombed" the chapel that the Italian prisoners of war built, at Camp Atterbury during World War II.

This was in retaliation for the U.S. government's involvement in WACO. What connection that has to a fine symbol like the chapel this editor has a hard time understanding. West promised to keep us informed on the status of the investigation.

VBOB Monument, Orlando, FL

Robert Stevenson, 81st Eng/HQ informs us that a memorial will be built in Lake Eola, Orlando, Florida and will be called VBOB MEMORIAL. The dedication of that Memorial is 16 December, 1999, the 55th anniversary of the *Battle of the Bulge*. This will be a Life sized statue. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Send your donation to:

VBOB MEMORIAL COMMITTEE INC.

PO Box 609119

Orlando, Florida 32860

Robert invites us to review the VBOB WebSite: <http://ddi.digital.net/~bs23>.

Robert's email address is bs23@Digital.net

ATTENTION Third Battalion 424th Infantry Regiment Veterans!!

Bretzenheim, Germany POW Camp

Dale Carver, 3d Battalion, 424th Infantry Regiment, Ammunition & Pioneer Platoon Leader has written asking for information from 424th Infantry Regiment veterans as follows:

There is a monument and a small museum in the village of Bretzenheim, Germany, near Bad Krueznach. The third battalion of the 424th Infantry Regiment was assigned a task of opening and manning a POW Camp there. At one time we had nearly 100,000 guests. The museum is dedicated to the task of preserving the history of the POW Camp.

I am corresponding with Lutz Knaust, the Bürgermeister (Mayor) of Bretzenheim, through my friend Fritz Dohse (Dr. Fritz-Egbert Dohse) who lives in Germany. They, Fritz and the Mayor, are collecting information on the conduct of the Camp from

its founding until we turned over to the French (during the the American period).

Capt. Lee Berwick was the de facto commander of the third Battalion of the 424th Infantry Regiment. Berwick and I recently received a tape from Fritz Doshe in which we answered approximately 50 questions asked by the Mayor and Fritz. They are seeking statements from former third Battalion guards explaining their role in running the Camp. They realize that few would have pictures, or would remember the names of prisoners, but will appreciate statements of personal your experiences and observations. Dr. Duncan Truman was there and has furnished us with an excellent statement, along with others.

Please sit down and write what you remember about those days at the Bretzenheim POW Camp. These testimonials will be placed in the archives of the museum in Bretzenheim.

Send your testimonial to me, Dale Carver, 742 Druid Circle, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. I will forward your letters to the people in Germany. ☑☑

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AND IDLE WERE THE MINES.**

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REVIVE the WOMAN'S PAGE

in the CUB magazine !!!!!

by Richard Rigatti, Board member, Past-President

I spoke at the Women's Luncheon in Schaumburg in an effort to revive the Women's page in the CUB.

You all may recall that this was initiated at the Orland Reunion in 1995. At least two issues of the CUB, after that, had excellent stories and pictures of interest to the WOMEN.

I'm again asking the women to respond with personal stories about their experiences in relation with men that they married, or were already married to, that were in the 106th Infantry Division.

Sweetheart stories, homefront hardships while your husband was in service, anxiety for loved one away from home, or while they were overseas.

Dear ladies, please submit your stories and photos to the editor for inclusion in The CUB Magazine.

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chateau at Rennes

Ink Drawing by Jacob Strauss, 424/B
Sketch drawn while he was at Rennes, France.
Jacob joined the Association in July 1999.
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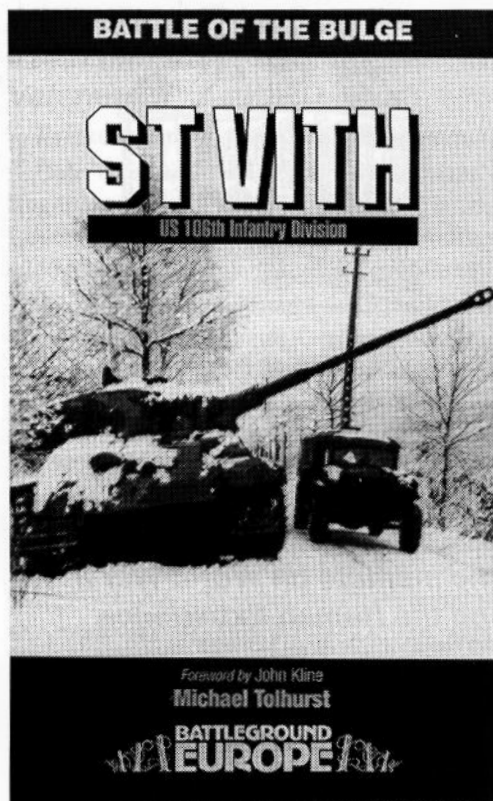
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BATTLEGROUND EUROPE
ST. VITH
106th Infantry Division

FOREWORD by John Kline, 106th Infantry
Author: Michael Tolhurst, East Sussex
 Pen & Sword Books Ltd, 160 pages
 South Yorkshire, United Kingdom

I met Mike Tolhurst, who is an ASSOCIATE member shortly after I became editor of The CUB in 1987. Mike, for years has vacationed in the Ardennes area. I once received a photo of him in a foxhole, with a carbine, uniform and helmet, with a 106th patch on his left shoulder. He sent me many photos of the Ardennes over the years I have known him.

I furnished 44 photos for the new book and have been honored to write the FOREWORD. Several 106th veterans have parts of their memoirs in the book. It is about the 106th...

His book is about the *Battle of the Bulge* as it unfolded in front of St. Vith. It covers much of the action in the first few days of the battle, leading up to the battle at St. Vith.

As part of a series of books entitled BATTLEGROUND EUROPE, it is one of books covering both World War I (20 titles) and World War II (4 titles) including this new one, ST VITH.) Over 160 pages, replete with photos and personal experiences of 106th soldiers.

These books are designed to describe the battle, then give explicit instructions on how to get to the scenes of action described.

Mike Tolhurst knows the St. Vith, Schoenberg, Bleialf area like the palm of his hand. He describes nearly every road, village and trail leading throughout the battle area.

I know you will enjoy it. I took part in editing the First Proof and have had many exchanges of information with the publisher since. It is now in print and can be ordered through our Association Treasurer.

Commissions generated from the sale of the book through our Association and Web Site, will go directly to the Association.

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TOP SERGEANT...

The Life and Times of Sergeant Major of the Army, William G. Bainbridge (U.S. Army Retired) formerly "A" Company, 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment

Co-authored by William G. Bainbridge and Dan Cragg, a retired Sergeant Major who served 22 years in the U.S. Army, 5 1/2 years of that in Vietnam.

William G. Bainbridge is retired, enjoying Florida living, spending time with family, and traveling. He wants to see as much of this great country as possible, including our National Parks, particularly Kings Canyon and Sequoia, to view the Giant Redwoods, which will fulfill a lifetime dream.

Beginning with his humble origins as an Illinois farm boy and a son of a "dirt farmer," to Bill Bainbridge's *Top Sergeant* is the only memoir of an enlisted man's rise to the most senior NCO position in the U.S. Army. In a military career spanning more than three decades, Bill Bainbridge saw service in three wars, fought in two of them, and was captured in one. In the ETO in World War II, Bainbridge served with A Company, 423rd Infantry of the 106th Infantry Division. Forced to surrender during the *Battle of the Bulge*, he spent five months in a German POW Camp, weighing only 86 pounds when he was liberated. Discharged December of 1945, he fully expected to spend the rest of his life as a farmer.

But being called up for the Korean War ruined his farming prospects and, in due time, "that peculiar chemistry of training, experience, and promotion begin to have its effect, and I realized that I didn't want to be anywhere else but in the Army." In 31 years of service, Bainbridge served in leading and NCO positions the world over, including Battalion Sgt. major, first Battalion, 28th Infantry, First Infantry Division, II Field Force Sgt. Major in Vietnam, Sgt. Major U.S. Army Pacific, and basic training center Sgt. Major at Ford Benning, where he was instrumental in setting up the first and NCO Candidate Course. Bainbridge was also the first Sergeant Major of the Sergeants Major Academy.

He received ten good conduct Medals, two awards of the combat Infantry badge, three Army Commendation Medals and the Distinguished Service Medal, among others. But the greatest moment in his career came when he was selected to be Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army, its highest NCO wound is to position, an office he was the first hold for four years. But the most important job of Bainbridge's illustrious career was providing for their welfare of his soldiers. Whether in base camps in Vietnam, aviation units in Germany, or training centers in Fort Benning, Bainbridge never forgot what he was there for. "Soldiers will do anything you ask provided you prepare them with good training and treat them with dignity." *Top Sergeant* "is all about knowing what a good Sergeant does best - attending to the needs of his men - and what it takes to be a great noncommissioned officer in an Army that officers are proud to command - but that NCO's really run.

This book is a Fawcett Columbine Book, published by Ballantine books. 357 pages, hardcover, ISBN 0-449-900892-5. Jacket price listed at \$23.00. Available from Amazon Books and Barnes & Noble's (check for current prices). □ □



Extending his enlistment through June 1979, so he can complete four full years as SMA. Gen. W. Rogers and his wife Hazel look on, December 1977 (U.S. Army photo)

BOOK REVIEW

by Major Jeffrey Alfier, USAF

Major Alfier, is an Associate member of the 106th Infantry Division Association. An email friend for at least three years. He allowed me to speak to his squadron at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany in May 1999 about the 106th in the Ardennes.

He has agreed to furnish us with some of his favorite "Book Reviews" so that you might be able to read other interesting stories of World War II. Major Alfier recently was transferred from Germany to an air base in Tucson. J. Kline, editor

Nathan N. Prefer, Patton's Ghost Corps – Cracking The Siegfried Line

(Novato, CA: Presidio Press, 1998). Hardback - 243 pages. \$24.95.

There needs no ghost come from beyond the grave to tell us this. **Hamlet**

Historian Nathan Prefer's book offers two salient themes. First, it provides a detailed examination of American ground combat in the vital Saar-Moselle 'triangle' in Germany, 1944-1945. Secondly, Prefer's work helps correct a seemingly pandemic misunderstanding that the only reason the US Army was able to defeat its German opponents was through superior manpower and logistics. As such, this exhaustive work is a welcomed companion to Vannoy and Karamales' *Against the Panzers*, Doubler's *Closing With the Enemy*, and Bonn's *When the Odds Were Even*. Studies such as these bear out the fact that the American soldier won out through combined arms warfare, and employing proper operational and tactical skills that equaled those of his German counterpart. But achieving such parity proved no facile undertaking, as it took weeks to penetrate German defenses in costly town-by-town engagements, and in assaults on the redoubtable Siegfried Line. Throughout their campaigning, some American battalions were attrited by 30%. Yet, as Prefer amply illustrates, the US XX 'Ghost' Corps' performed well against such vaunted units as the 11th Panzer Division which had recently thwarted Allied drives in Operation MARKET-GARDEN. Additionally, airpower

was of little use due to weather, though on at least one occasion, B-24s provided tactical air support.

Despite his excellent research and writing, Prefer's work bears a few criticisms. When introducing military units or commanders, he digresses into biographical data or unit lineages which momentarily throws off his discussion. In addition, Prefer should exercise a bit more healthy skepticism when it comes to using generals' reports as primary sources. For instance, morale was more of a problem in the US Army than Maj Gen Malony, commander of the 94th Division, leads us to believe (see Francis Steckel, 'Moral Problems in Combat – American Soldiers in Europe in World War II, *Army History*, Summer 1994). Regarding Prefer's use of maps, though his use of operational level ones are heuristic, a higher-scale map of the Saar-Moselle region would have proved useful. Moreover, his statement that Lieutenant Gen Courtney Hodges stopped the German onslaught in the Battle of the Bulge is off base. In actuality, Hodges faltered in the face of the Wehrmacht (see John D. Morelock's exhaustive study, *Generals of The Ardennes: American Leadership in The Battle of The Bulge*).

Finally, though Prefer's work joins a growing body of needed studies correcting inaccurate views of American combat skills, the efficacy and prowess of German combat power cannot be easily dismissed. There must be an historiographical equilibrium, which readers can find in the erudite work of Michael Reynolds' *Steel Inferno*, Edward Miller's *A Dark and Bloody Ground*, or Paul Fussell's *Wartime – Understanding and Behavior in the Second World War*.

These comments aside, Nathan Prefer's detailed, balanced, and insightful narrative is a work of accessible history, a welcomed addition to our bookshelves. He reminds us that Tettingen, Butzendorf and Nening, Germany - towns which fork no lightning in our historical consciousness -- American soldiers secured a world of freedom at the price of their innocence.. Major Jeffrey Alfier □□

Return to the Ardennes

May 1999

Hugh Colbert, 422/B

I left Hugh Colbert out of the list of attendees of the German/American meeting trip of May 1999 that appeared in the last CUB. He wrote, "John, I was there too!" My apologies. Maybe this will make up for it....

J. Kline, editor

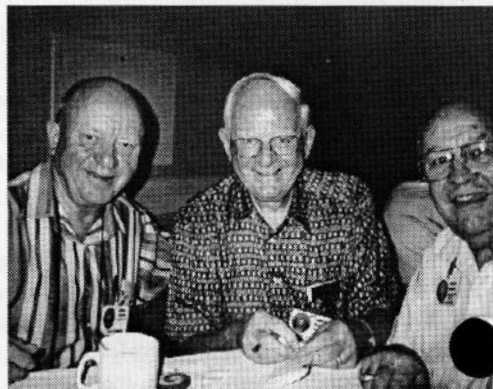
Hugh just returned from Germany in October, returning back with one of his comrades to see more of his past. This time they had time to take their time in viewing many old locations. I think he's ready to go again....



Hugh Colbert, 422/B with Gordon Pinney, 423-B as they visited the site of Stalag 4-B in Muhlberg, Germany



Hugh Colbert 422/B with four German veterans at AUW on May 14, 1999. The Auw Church in background.



First get together since December 1944 for three 422-B vets at Schaumburg l/r: Dean Sandahl, Marion Bahlinger and Hugh Colbert

Stalag 4B Reunion

Ervin Szpek Jr, reports as follows, he is the son of Ervin Szpek, 423/I Junior's address is 620 N. Hartwell Ave, Waukesha, WI 53186 Tele: 414-549-0168

On April 23, 1999 the annual reunion luncheon for Survivors of Stalag 4B Mühlberg was held in Chicago. Thirty-two Ex-POWs, family members and guests were in attendance. The event was planned in conjunction with the Stalag 4B British Association. Our British counterparts held their reunion on April 23 -25 with special guests Hannelore Brendel, the Mayoress of Mühlberg and Achim Kilian, German historian of 4B. Mr. Kilian is a former prisoner of the camp from 1945 to 1948. Prior to the reunion I was able to touch base with Lew Parsons, chairman of the British association. This enabled our two groups to share interesting comments and information. Unfortunately the Chicago group was unable to answer some lingering questions posed by the British regarding the guards of 4B. **The tentative date for our 2000 reunion is Friday, April 21 whereas our British comrades have scheduled theirs for April 14-15, 2000. All of the S-5 men and many from the 106th Division spent time at Stalag 4B. If you are interested in attending the Chicago 4B reunion please contact me.** An announcement for Ex-POWs of 4B will appear in the upcoming issues of the 106th CUB magazine and American Ex-POW Bulletin.

Apart from the camaraderie of the reunion we have in the past viewed photos and videos of the former prison camp which is now a historic site operated by the Mühlberg museum. We hope to answer an interesting question at the next reunion. The question regards the British drama *The Captive Heart* (1946) about a Czech captain (Michael Redgrave) with false papers who is sent to a WW II POW camp. In the unedited version following the Republic Pictures logo there is a still shot of the entrance to a stalag. Is this an actual photo of 4B?

106th Reunion The 53rd annual reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association was held in Schaumburg, IL September 1 -5. As always the event was first class. Chicago Stalag 4B members in attendance were George Zak, Lawrence Costa, Antone Costa, Edward Dorn, Ervin Szpek, Sr. and Wayman Troxel. Ex-POWs of S-5 in attendance were George Strong, George Bloomingburg, and Norwood Frye as well as Ervin Szpek, Sr. and Wayman Troxel.



Chairman Russell H. Villwock, COGL, 106 Signal, foreground- at closing banquet of the 53rd Annual Reunion, with wife Jackie. Belgian General Consul Robert Vandemeulebroucke and guests in background

53rd Annual Reunion Report...

by Russel H. Villwock, Reunion Chairman

The 53rd annual reunion is now history to the 106 Infantry Division association members, their guests, the new members, the first-time attendees, and to the 21 guests that came from Belgium - we hope you enjoyed the 53rd Annual Reunion of the 106 Infantry Division Association, and your stay in the Chicago area.

To Louis Kievit, Chris Brooks and Kellie Arison of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, that housed and fed us. You did an outstanding job!

To our Chaplain, Duncan Trueman, Barbara Morrell chairman, John Robb, the Park Ridge Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3579 Color Guard, for a Memorial Service that will long be remembered.

To the committee, Herb Meager 422/D and his wife do Luella for handling registrations. Ollie Libman 424/Cannon and his wife Phyllis for handling all meals and seating arrangements. Joe Dallman 424/G and his wife, Betty, along with Phillip Rosenthal 424/D and his wife, Orry, who kept you in Goodies, and refreshments in the hospitality room. There

were many compliments and a few complaints of services performed.

Wally Kroll, the Disk Jockey who did a great job entertaining us that the Welcome Party, with music for listening and dancing.

I apologize for the bus service, especially in the Snaflu on the tour of Chicago and Navy Pier. But, everyone that still wanted to go, even with the buses leaving over an hour late, had a great trip. The people from Belgium enjoyed it so much, they went back to the Navy Pier on Sunday morning.

I would like to thank the many of you, and you know who you are, that helped and loading, unloading and seeing that everyone got back safely from the tours.

NOTE: After many letters and phone to the calls with the bus company handling our tours, I've received a satisfactory answer and a refund for the Chicago Navy Pier tour. For those of you purchased tickets and did not get to go-please send me a note and I will mail you a refund.

Our Saturday Banquet was exceptional, with speeches and presentations by the Belgian Delegation, also the Belgian Consul General. (Continued on page 20, after the centerfold photos)

53rd Annual Reunion - Schaumburg, Illinois

Sorry I cannot report some of the names in these photos displays. I received approx 60 photos

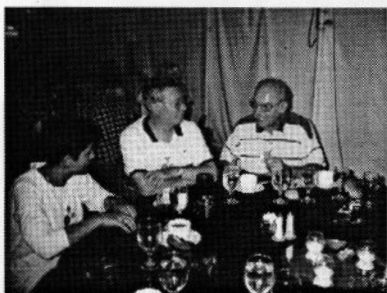


The ladies are from the Belgian group, Bernadette LeHaire Lengler on the left. Henri ROGISTER standing, with John Swett and Ken Smith sitting.

and only six had the names listed. I know many on some I cannot remember the names.



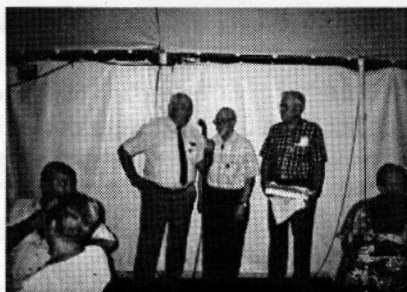
At the Belgian Reception, Andre HUBERT, CRIBA Honorary President (with the tie)



More of the Belgian contingent



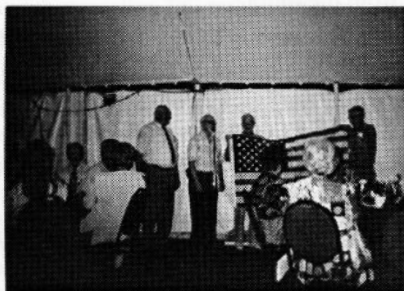
More of the Belgian contingent with Albert FOSTY, CRIBA Committee, on the right.



Andre HUBERT (left) with Alfred Vitali (424/B) at the mike, John Schaffner, 589/A on the right. Al and John were making presentations.



Left, Edward Prewett, 424/B, John Kline, 423/M. Belgians, Anne Marie SIMON and Karl Heinz NOEL



Left, Andre HUBERT, Al Vitali, John Gatens and John Schaffner (both 589/A) presenting an American Flag to the Belgian contingent.



Madame Marie LeHaire, Parker's Crossroads, being introduced at the final banquet. Andre HUBERT in the left foreground.



The Park Ridge V.F.W. Post 3579 Color Guard entering the room for the placing of the wreath at the 53rd Annual Reunion Memorial Service.



A view during the final banquet. Sherod Collins at the podium, with Russell Villwock presenting the Order of the Golden Lion awards.



The orchestra after the banquet, playing tunes from the forties. We still have a lot of dancers that can Swing and Sway with Sammy Kay..



Reddie Prewett and friends during the Reception Party. I know my memory is going to get me in trouble..

Those of you who attended our 53rd reunion - Do you remember the young man with the video camera? He was asking you questions about your days during the Battle of the Bulge, and what you're doing today.

He was very busy, and captured most of the excitement throughout the reunion. The Welcome Reception, the Memorial Service, Chaplain Duncan Trueman's stirring message (which you can read in this CUB magazine), our Dinner Banquet, featuring the speakers of the evening, the introduction of the 1999-2000 106th Infantry Division Officers, and the awarding of the *Order of the Golden Lion*.

The TV tape is three hours long, and will be a keep sake for you. Something to pass on to your children and grandchildren, for only \$31.95 including shipping and handling.



A group being interviewed at the Reception by our touring TV cameraman. Ray Twardzik, 106 Signal with the mike in front of him. SEE BELOW:

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A complete refund, if not satisfied with the video. *Russell H. Villwock*, 53rd Annual Reunion Chairman

53rd Annual Reunion - Schaumburg, Illinois

The outgoing and incoming Association officers of the 106 Infantry Division Association. The band played our kind of music, which topped out the evening.

I would like to thank the people who took the time to your thank you cards, for the great time they had at the reunion. Your kind words were really appreciated.

A big **THANK YOU** goes to my wife Jackie. Without her help, this reunion would not have been the success that it was. God willing, we, will see you in St. Louis, in September 2000.

Order of the Golden Lion Awards, 53rd Annual Reunion

by Russell H. Villwock,
Chairman, Order of the Golden Lion

The Board of Board of Directors, and the 106th Infantry Division Association at the 53rd annual reunion in Schaumburg, Illinois presented four recipients the **Order of the Golden Lion** award. This an Association award for outstanding services rendered to the Association..

The recipients this year were:

Commander Class

To **Ben Britton, 424/E** for his services since 1965. He was president in 1977-1978. Reunion Chairman in Worcester, Maine in 1983, and 13 years a member of the Board of Directors. The **Companion Class** to his wife **Avis Britton** for a support to her husband.

Officer's Class

To **Herbert Meagher 422/M** for his services since 1946. He served on the planning committee for the 1949, 1989 and 1999 Reunions. He was an officer in the Chicago Chapter and served on the Association Board of Directors, from 1992 to 1995. The **Companion Class** to **Luella Meagher**, for all her help in support to her husband.

If you know of other members who have contributed their time and services to keep our organization alive and well, send me a resume for consideration by the Board of Directors to award the **Order of the Golden Lion Award**.

Russel H. Villwock , 8560 W. Foster Ave
#510, Norridge, Illinois 60706-2772



Order of the Golden Lion, OGL Awards ... Left to Right, Avis Britton, Companion Class; Russell Villwock-OGL Chairman, Commander Class 1987; Luella Meagher, Companion Class; Herbert Meagher, Officer's Class 1999; Jackie Villwock, Companion Class 1987; Ben Britton, Commander Class 1999

Writtten by Ann Marie
Bachmurski Keech

*With assistance from:
CWO Stanley M.
Bachmurski, Retired (for-
merly 401st FAB at-
tached), a full member of
the 106th Infantry Division
Association, in attendance
at the 53rd Annual Re-
union.*

My mom, sisters, and I have been attending military association reunions with my father for the past several years. Dad was a career U.S. Army officer, staying in the service after “keeping the world safe for democracy” not once, but twice – in WWII and in Korea.

During WWII, Dad served seven months in the European Theater of Operations. He served 24 months in Korea, where he earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, and Commendation Medal, as well as other “spear carrier” and “you were there awards.”

Dad narrowly missed being a part of the Vietnam non-war. In July 1962 he was notified that he was being detailed overseas to Vietnam. Dad decided, with Mom’s help, that this proposed assignment could well be the third cigarette on one match. (Having heard this bad luck quote so often, I was interested to find out that it refers to the amount of time it takes to light three cigarettes on one match and the time it takes for a sniper to get a fix on your position!)

So, after 22 years, this seemed like a good time for Dad to retire from active duty service. The Army, however, had other ideas. They believed that since they had sent him to Embry Riddle Aeronautical College that he owed two more years of service. Luckily for Dad, the Army’s record keeping was a little off. He had completed the two years of additional service



CWO Stanley M. Bachmurski, Retired (formerly 401st FAB attached)

two months before the detail assignment to Vietnam came.

After his “retirement,” Dad spent another 21 years “in service” with the U.S. Army as a Department of the Army Civilian on the Staff and Faculty of the U.S. Army Transportation School, Aviation Branch, Fort Eustis, Virginia. For this service, Dad was awarded the Civilian Commendation Medal.

Dad only recently became interested in attending association reunions – I guess after a busy and active life of service he was looking forward to some quality reminiscing time.

The first reunion I attended (the 106th Reunion in Nashville in 1997) was quite an eye-opener. This was before Saving Private Ryan and Tom Brokaw’s book “The Greatest Generation” were released and raised the awareness of my generation in the exploits of my parents during The Great War.

For the trip to attend the 106th’s 53rd Annual Reunion in Chicago this year (September 1 – 5), Mom and my three sisters were otherwise occupied, so Dad and I made the trip together. Rather than drive from our home in Newport News, Virginia to Chicago, we decided to take Amtrack.

Annual Association Reunions - Make Them a Family Affair!

For a day and a half, Dad and I watched America pass by outside the window of our train. We rolled through the small towns, the big cities, and the farms. We saw an America that was built by people of all races, creeds, colors, and nationalities. We saw the proud and successful America that the 106th fought so well and so valiantly to protect and defend long ago.

I couldn't help asking myself "Were these the images that my Dad and the rest of the soldiers he served with carried with them into battle?" Pictures of the small towns, the big cities, and the farms that were your homes?

The 106th Reunion this year included a visit to Cantigny, the home of The First Division Museum. Dad had discovered (tucked away in the attic), two 9-inch by 54-inch panoramic photographs of the 5th Field Artillery Battalion, First Infantry Division encampment taken at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, August 27, 1941.

Although the two photographs were 58 years and 6 days old (to the day!) when Dad donated them to the Museum, they were in excellent condition and the Curator was very glad to get them. The moral of this story is "trash to you, treasure to someone else"!

The Curator of the Museum was so pleased to get these "between the wars" photos that he gave us a personally guided tour of the Museum. Dad saw the first flag he served under and other extremely rare memorabilia. We were told that some of the items preserved at the Museum were more than 200+ years old and predated the birth of the Republic!

Another highlight of this year's Reunion was the Banquet. Before the banquet, Dad and I had the great honor to be introduced to the Consul General of Belgium, Robert Vandemeulebroucke. And, during the banquet, we were privileged to be seated at the same table with several of the more than 20 Belgian nationals who had come to the States to participate in the 106th's Reunion.

Mr. Vandemeulebroucke's moving and dramatic address at the Banquet, and the individual introductions of our Belgian guests was both a heart-wrenching and uplifting event. Many of the Belgian guests had been "Freedom Fighters" – men and women who had also put

their lives on-the-line over a half a century. The stories shared by these brave friends were an emotional experience, and there were very few dry eyes in that room that evening.

Their remarks and their emotions made it clear that even today many of our former Allied partners have strong and positive feelings about America's part in this turbulent period in our joint history. This experience reinforced my realization (noticed during my travels overseas on business) that Europeans have a very different sense of what constitutes **recent** history than do many Americans. We are, as a nation, poorer for this oversight.

These military association reunions have been remarkable personal experiences and great family outings – with a lot more meaning than a vacation at Disney World. Our family has the opportunity to share in events that honor the lives of our parents and the other men and women who gave so much to our country.

We are looking forward to the 106th's Reunion next year. My 20-year old son, my father's grandson, currently lives in St. Louis. So, if at the next reunion you see a distinguished looking Senior Soldier with one or more "young" women and men with him – this is probably my Dad with his daughters and grandson in attendance to honor him, his life, and his generation.

Ann Marie Bachmurski Keech is a daughter of "The Greatest Generation" – Stanley and Rose Bachmurski. CWO Stanley M. Bachmurski, Retired was with the 401st Field Artillery Battalion, which was attached to the 106th Infantry Division March 16, to June 23, 1945.

According to **World War II- Order of Battle, Shelby L. Stanton, the 401st Field Artillery Battalion, 105 Howitzer Trk-D, was "non-divisional." They trained at Fort Riley, Kansas, departed overseas 8 March 1945, were in France by 18 March 1945. Credited with France-ETO; Northern France and Central Europe Campaigns. August 1945 location: Heilbronn, Germany. Returned to USA 22 March 1946....** J. Kline, editor



Left: Bernadette Lengler, current Mistress of the Auberge du Carrefour (The Inn at Parker's Crossroads), John Schaffner, 589/A; Marie LeHaire, Bernadette's mother and former operator of the Inn; Esmeralda, who is Bernadette's daughter and future Mistress of the Inn. Marie was a teen-ager and was nearby during the days of the 589th's defense of the Crossroads 19-23 December 1944. The Auberge du Carrefour has been in the same family for six generations.

1999 REUNION ENHANCED BY 21 CRIBA MEMBERS

by John Schaffner, A Battery, 589th FAB

21 Members of CRIBA, the Belgian organization concerned with the history of the Battle of the Bulge, made the trip from the Ardennes area of Belgium to Schaumburg, Illinois, especially to be with the veterans of the 106th Infantry Division Association for their 53rd reunion. They were welcomed in the lobby

of the Hyatt Regency about 11 PM on the evening of 1 September by members of our Association after enduring a flight lasting nearly 20 hours (including a layover for repairs at Amsterdam.) The following day they were hosted to a belated dinner at the hotel by 31 of the Association members. The Belgians all recovered from the "jet-lag" surprisingly well and participated in all of the reunion activities. We certainly enjoyed their company. ■■



(See Group Photo)

ROGISTER, Henri (Secretary),
KRAFT, Christian (President)
CALBERT, Jean
LEHAIRE, Louise
LAMBERT, Joseph
LEONARD, Marie
FOSTY, Jean-Marie (Committee)
MARENNE, Andree

FOSTY, Albert (Committee)
FOSTY, Anne-Marie
LOMBET, Michel
JONCKEAU, Louis
(CRIBA Treasurer)
HUBERT, Andre
(CRIBA Honorary President)
LEJEUNE, Claude
LENGLER, Bernadette

LEJEUNE, Esmeralda
LEHAIRE, Maria
SERON, Nelly
LEJEUNE, Martine
KARL-HEINZ, Noel
SIMON, Anne-Marie

We Will Never Forget! We Will Never Forget!

A chance meeting with Belgians
by Dr. Duncan Trueman, Assoc. Chaplain

On October 7 my wife Grace, along with the friend, accompanied me on a little trip from our home in New York State to view the changing autumn colors. We wound up at a waterfall and old canal site in Kent, Connecticut. Many cars for parked there to look at the sites.

A group of six people walked behind my parked car and paused reading the words on my up 106th Infantry Division cap which was sitting on the back ledge of the car. They then studied the VBOB decal which was adhered to the rear window. One young woman summoned up the courage to approach the driver's window and ask if I were the World War II veteran. Upon receiving my affirmative reply she called after the others, all of whom came hurriedly back to meet someone who had "freed their country."

Yes, they were Belgian people, visiting in America and were to fly home the next day. We talked and visited and hugged and posed for photographs together. The older woman had been nine years old during the Battle of the Bulge. She had fled with her parents carrying only her most precious possession - her doll.

They talked about towns that I remembered so well and treated me like a savior. The lady asked "You weren't Infantry, were you?" When I replied affirmatively, she put her hand over her mouth and gasped — which seemed to be an expression of mixed sympathy and horror.

We talked and visited for a longtime and it summoned up in me emotions that are indescribable. When finally we parted, she hugged me. Her last words where: "**We will never forget! We will never forget!**"

A little overwhelmed by a this, all I could answer was, "Neither will I!"

Reverend *Duncan Trueman*, Chaplain,
106th Infantry Division Association

News about St Louis 54th Annual Reunion, September, 2000

Jack Sulser,
106th Coordinator with AFR

Regarding the 2000 Reunion to be held at the St Louis, Missouri Airport Marriott, the (\$75 plus tax) room rate will be available beginning Monday, September 4, 2000 (Labor Day), through Monday, Sept. 11, 2000 (departure Tuesday, Sept. 12).

The Welcome Party will be Friday, Sept. 8. Men and ladies luncheon's Saturday, Sept. 9. Banquet Sunday, Sept. 10. Farewell breakfast Monday, Sept. 11.

The hotel reservation form and reunion registration form will be in the February CUB. Meanwhile, room reservations can be made via Marriott central reservation number 800-228-9290 or direct with the Marriott hotel 314-423-9700.

54th Annual Reunion Committee needs FeedBack

Marion Ray, 1st Vice-president

Executive Committee planning for the **St Louis Reunion** are attempting to inject some additional interesting events for your consideration.

For those members who can be an early arrival, the Association can obtain tickets for the group to attend a St. Louis ?Cardinal - Montreal Expos baseball game. The game has an early starting time for Thursday, September 7 of 12:10 PM. We would like to know who might be interested and how many.

For those members who are golfers and would like to have a day of golfing with your buddies, arrangements can be made for a day of golfing, immediately following the "Going Away" Breakfast on Monday, September 11th. If you care to put together some groups, small or large, please give us information as to numbers. Send information regarding your choices to either the baseball game or golfing to:
Marion Ray, 704 Briarwood Drive, Bethalto, IL 62010, Telephone 618-377-3674
E-Mail: bugleboy19@juno.com

422/HQ	
106 MP	2
106 SIG	6
422/HQ	7
422/AT	1
422/CN	2
422/HQ 1BN	422/A3
422/B	3
422/D	7
422/HQ 2BN	1
422/G	4
422/H	14
422/HQ 3BN	
422/I	4
422/K	1
422/M	8
422/MED	1
423/HQ	2
423/AT	1
423/SV	4
423/HQ 1BN	2
423/A	1
423/B	8
423/C	5
423/D	9
423/HQ 2BN	
423/E	3
423/F	1
423/H	11
423/HQ 3BN	3
423/I	4
423/K	2
423/L	2
423/M	5
423/MED	2
424/HQ	

424/HQ	1
424/AT	1
424/CN	2
424/SV	1
424/HQ 1BN	1
424/B	8
424/D	8
424/HQ 2BN	3
424/E	3
424/F	1
424/G	5
424/H	1
424/HQ 3BN	1
424/K	1
424/L	2
424/M	1
81ST ENG/HQ	
81ST ENG/A	5
81ST ENG/B	8
Attached Units	
401ST FAB	1
DIV/ARTY	1
589/HQ	2
589/A	5
589/B	1
590/HQ	3
590/A	5
591/HQ	3
591/SV	4
592/HQ	2
592/B	1
592/C	1
592/SV	2
ASSOCIATE	14

UNIT COUNT

(From list of attenders furnished by Chairman)

Units

106 MP	2
106th SIG	6
422nd	57
423rd	65
424th	40
81st Eng	13
Div/Arty	1
589th FAB	8
590th FAB	8
591st FAB	7
592nd FAB	6
401st FAB (attchd)	1

TOTAL VETS	214
ASSOCIATES	13
From Belgium	21
including (6) Associates	

Registered	416
Saturday Banquet	450
(This count (450) used as Total Count for 1999)	
Men's Luncheon	240
Ladies Luncheon	178
Past Presidents	15
Cancelled	17

106 MP

HANKE, ARTHUR K
JENNINGS, CHARLES R

106 SIG

CHILDS, DEAN F
DIRENZO, PETER L
KUPS, STANLEY
SCHOECK, RICHARD J
TWARDZIK, RAYMOND J
VILLWOCK, RUSSELL H

422/HQ

GASSES, JOSEPH J
HANNA, ROBERT R
JOSEPHS, ROBERT H
LANKFORD, WILLIAM M.
LAPATO, FRANK
PILKINGTON, FRED A
SEXTON, MAYNARD H

422/AT

PAWLUK, WALTER S

422/CN

NELSON, DR RALPH
ROOS, ARTHUR K

422/HQ 1BN

DIEFENTHALER, WILLARD F
POWERS, ALVIN T.
THOME, MICHAEL

422/A

POWELL, EUGENE M

422/B

BAHLINGER, MARION J
COLBERT, HUGH L
SANDAHN, DEAN E

422/D

BRANKIN, WILLIAM J
ECKBLAD, WESLEY W
ROBB, DR JOHN G
SAUCERMAN, EUGENE L
WALKER, ROBERT F
WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE R
ZIMAND, GERALD P

422/HQ 2BN

LOSEY, WALTER F.

422/G

ELDRIDGE, ROBERT
GINTHER, KEITH
NEWMAN, SAUL A.
SHEANER JR, HERBERT

422/H

COOK, FRANCIS J.
DORN, EDWARD W
JENKINS, WILLIAM
JONES, WILLIAM B
LATA, WALTER J.
MEADOWS, GERALD D.
PERKO, EMIL A
PODLASKI, EDMUND P
POST, LAWRENCE W
PRESCOTT, EUGENE L
RACSTER, JOHN R
RIECK, CHARLES F
SNOVEL, ROBERT I
TUREK, CASIMER

422/I

BLAHER, WILLIAM S
FALCH, CARL
KELCH, EUGENE B
RYDZINSKI, EDWARD

422/K

TOY, WAID S

422/M

ADOLPHSON, MAYNARD
HOFF, RUSSELL D
JENSEN, GEORGE C
LARSON, GILBERT R
MASCONE, ATTILIO A
MEAGHER JR, HERBERT
SCHIAVO, SAM J.
ZAK, GEORGE K

422/MED

SCALZO, SALVATORE A

423/HQ

PETERSON, ALEX W
STRONG, GEORGE W

423/AT

SWARTZ, HARVEY L

423/SV

COLLINS, SHEROD
GRASSO, SALVATORE V
HALL, JOHN L
STARMACK, JOHN S

423/HQ 1BN

BRYAN, KENNETH V
MALUEG, RUSSELL J

423/A

YANCHIK, PETE

423/B

COX, PHILIP DFORBES,
FONTAINE C
GILBERT, DANIEL W
PARKINSON, FRANCIS
PINNEY, GORDON B
RIGATTI, RICHARD L
SALERNO, JOSEPH T.
VAN MOORLEHEM, ARTHUR

423/C

BLADEN, JOHN A
BUTTERFIELD, WALLACE
GOLDBERG, EPHRAIM
KELLY, JOHN H
ROSALIA, JOHN

423/D

ANGELO, MARIO J
BURRELL, JAMES V
HAWKINS, HAROLD W
MARSH, ROBERT H
TIMM, EUGENE A
VOGEL, JAMES
YINGST, WILLIAM J
YOUNG, DAMON F
ZENN, MIKE

423/E

BARNES, RALPH K
MAGEE, JACK G
RUSSELL, RAYMOND E

423/F

SULSER, JACK A

423/H

BASEL, THEODORE
BENNETT, ROBERT F
DIEHL, LLOYD J
JOHNSTON, RAY A.
KURZEJA, MICHAEL F
PETERSEN, WALTER A
PETERSON, WALTER
SMITH, KENNETH M
SWETT, JOHN A
TAYLOR, JOHN W
TROST, PAUL M L

423/HQ 3BN

HINKLE, RAYMOND A
SHIPLEY, WILLIAM F
WEISS, NEWTON W

423/I

BLOOMINGBURG, GEORGE
PETERSON PHD, DR. RICHARD
SZPEK, ERVIN E
TROXEL, WAYMAN D.

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423/L
BRADY, RICHARD J
CAPSHAW, CLIFTON

423/L
BUHR, JOSEPH
REISS, JAMES A

423/M
COOPER, LOUIS M
EDELMAN, LOUIS
KLINE, JOHN P
LOCURCIO JR, VINCENT
VENEGONI, VINCENT J

423/MED
COSTA, ANTONE
COSTA, LAWRENCE

424/HQ
MALONEY, JOSEPH P

424/AT
TRUEMAN, DR DUNCAN

424/CN
CLOWER, ROBERT G
LIBMAN, OLIVER

424/SV
ICE, L. A.

424/HQ 1BN
KUCHOLICK, STANLEY J

424/B
ARVOLD, NORMAN W
CALL, GEORGE
HILL, MAJOR H
PASSARIELLO, LOUIS J
PREWETT, EDWARD A
SMOLER, IRWIN C
STREIB, MARSHAL P
VITALI, ALFRED L

424/D
BRIDGES, WALTER G
DICKERSON, MYRTON B
HOMAN, ROBERT C
LANDIS, ROBERT J
RAY, LTC MARION
ROSENTHAL, PHILLIP N
RUSSELL, ALDEN F
SIMMONS, NORMAN

424/HQ 2BN
CONNORS, JOHN C
HOHENADEL JR, FRANK
HOWELL, ROBERT F

424/E
BRITTON, BENJAMIN B
GREGORY, JOHN A
SOWELL, ROBERT F

424/F
SCHOBER, MILTON J

424/G
BROKAW, RICHARD L
DALLMAN, JOSEPH G
GEIB, GEORGE
MORGAN, AUBREY D
SALEMINK, RICHARD J

424/H
ASHBURN, NOLAN

424/HQ 3BN
CARVER, DALE R

424/K
CROFT, LEO

424/L
COSS SR, KENNETH L
MARTIN JR, HARRY F

424/M
PUSKARICH, CHARLES H

81ST ENG/A
AGOSTINI, ORFEO E
LACEY, DAVIE
NESTER, GEORGE
STONE, PAUL E.
ZIMMERMANN, JOSEPH W

81ST ENG/B
FRYE, NORWOOD A
HANSON, ROBERT J
KREZMINSKI, EDWARD S
NAGLE JR, EDWARD J
TETZLAFF, JAMES E
PASTOR, IRVING
VALENSTEIN, COL EARL
WOJAHN, EDWARD C

401ST FAB
BACHMURSKI, STANLEY M

DIV/ARTY
TWINN, JAMES H.

589/HQ
SCOTT, EARL A
THURLOW, JOHN W.

589/A
ALFORD JR, BARNEY M
GATENS, JOHN
HOLTZMULLER, J DON
SCHAFFNER, JOHN R
SNYDER, WALTER M

589/B
KUIZEMA, HAROLD

590/HQ
BOSCHERT, PAUL V
REED, JAMES W.
TWOODWARD, JACK

590/A
CREEL, E V
HOUSE, PETE
PEROS, GEORGE
UNDERWOOD, JAKE
YOUNG, EDWARD E

591/HQ
MCMICHAEL, BRYCE D
PANICE, RAYMOND H
VANDERHEYDEN, DONALD

591/SV
DATTE, CHARLES
FRANK, FLORIAN R
HOWARD, JOHN N
RINGER, ROBERT C

592/HQ
ELLIOTT, ADAMS E
LAUMAN, MRS CLARENCE

592/B
WHITE, ROBERT L

592/C
ROBERTS, JOHN M

592/SV
HARTLIEB, GLENN O
JOHANSEN, CHARLES H

ASSOCIATE
ANDERSON, DAVID
BUCHER, JR, WILLIAM M
BURKES, FRANKIE C.
CHURA, ELIZABETH
FORD JR, DAVID J
LIKOPATZ, IDA
SZPEK, JR., ERVIN

Total Membership -- State Count

Overseas	31	ME	13	TX	
AL	31	MI	70	UT	
APO	1	MN	43	UTAH	1
AR	14	MO	28	VA	29
AZ	41	MS	17	VT	5
CA	79	MT	1	WA	15
CO	15	NC	33	WI	84
CT	24	NE	9	WV	14
DC	1	NH	6	WY	2
DE	6	NJ	80	Grand Total	1705
FL	147	NM	8	October 27, 1999	
GA	52	NV	6	This count includes all	
HI	2	NY	86	106th veterans, attached Units	
IA	26	OH	72	and Associate Members.	
ID	2	OK	15	Of the total there are 214	
IL	115	OR	10	ASSOCIATE Members.	
IN	43	PA	140	This count does does not	
KS	18	PR	1	include the Auxiliary	
KY	17	RI	15	Membership.	
LA	11	SC	31		
MA	46	SD	5		
MD	45	TN	42		

53rd Annual Reunion Attendance - State Count

BELGIUM Assoc. members	7	MD	7	SC	3
AL	6	MI	10	SD	1
AR	3	MN	2	TN	1
AZ	4	MO	7	TX	5
CA	10	MS	2	UT	1
CO	1	MT	1	VA	4
CT	4	NC	3	WA	4
DE	1	NE	3	WI	15
FL	18	NH	1	WV	2
GA	4	NJ	9	Grand Total	225
IA	4	NM	1	This count includes all	
IL	27	NV	2	106th Veteran (214) and	
IN	4	NY	12	Associate Members that	
KS	2	OH	9	attended the 53rd Annual	
KY	1	OR	1	Association Reunion in	
LA	2	PA	14	Schaumburg, Illinois Sep	
MA	6	RI	1	1999 It does not include guests	
				and wives.	

Unit Attendance Count - Reunions 1989 thru 1999

Reunion Attendance History from past CUBS from 1989 to present... J. Kline

	89 Chicago	90 Sacra - mento	91 Hunts- ville	92 Pittsburgh	93 Ft Jackson	94 Rapid City	95 Orlando	96 Roanoke	97 Nashville	98 Indy	99 Chicago
106 HQ	16	4	13	9	19	9	18	18	14	14	10
422nd	83	46	86	70	92	71	84	71	69	76	57
423rd	86	72	102	104	123	91	103	102	92	105	65
424th	85	33	66	63	80	74	63	62	70	61	40
81st Eng	30	15	35	33	34	18	28	17	14	17	13
589th	9	5	11	9	14	5	13	6	11	13	8
590th	12	6	16	9	19	15	13	12	9	13	8
591st	16	15	22	15	24	11	17	15	9	10	7
592nd	11	5	19	9	14	11	7	9	10	8	6
Attached				1	3	3	2			2	1
	346	201	368	327	425	316	356	319	306	332	214
Guests	262	158	295	243	362	260	326	266	272	272	246
Total	608	359	663	570	787	576	682	585	587	604	450

The following statistics reflect the percent of 106th Veterans attending annual reunions

Total Member	1,368	1,503	1,550	1,650	1,666	1,604	1,700	1,666	1,557	1,630	1,686
Percent Vets Attend	25.2	13.3	23.7	19.8	25.5	19.7	20.9	19.1	19.6	20.4	12.7

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New Members ...

Didn't Tell your Story??? On Email? Recognize a person who doesn't know his unit???

If you did not submit your story with your application for membership, it is not too late. Send me a short story. John Kline, editor

BAILLY, RANDOLPH M.

424/B

90 HORSENECK POINT RD
OCEANPORT, NJ 07757

Please accept my dues for Membership. I was the 1st Platoon leader of company B, of the 424th Infantry Regiment.

BARRICK (US Ret), COL. THOMAS

424/I

1907 BONNIE RIDGE WAY
SARATOGA, FL 95070
408-867-3161

I enlisted while a Cadet at The Citadel -16 November 1942. Selected for O. C. S. at basic training, but was assigned to West Point Prep 1943. Joined I Company, 424th Infantry Regiment, June 1944. Promoted to Sergeant in Scotland October 1944. Wounded, in the vicinity of St. Vith, 22 December 1944. Various battles at places unknown until our withdrawal Christmas Eve. I was evacuated to the hospital 26 December 1944. Hospitalized until 24 April 1945. Assigned to OCS in Fontainebleau, France. Commissioned 2d Lt., Infantry 22 June 1945 "A. U. S." 1st Lt. (ORC) 1946. Integrated into regular Army January 1948; Infantry. Continued active duty until 1 February 1976. Served in Rangers, Airborne, Mountaineering Special Agent CIC. Also served as adviser Airborne/Liaison officer with Imperial Iranian Army, German Bundeswehr and Republic of Vietnam. Battalion Commander 5th Battalion, 6th Infantry (mechanized). Promoted Col. Infantry February 1966, The Inspector General, Military District of Washington until retirement February 1976.

BLALACK, HAROLD R.

PO BOX 12386
GAINESVILLE, FL 32604
904-462-3891

I was born and raised on a farm in Miami County, OH entering the Army in Cincinnati,

Ohio in December, 1943 and served in the 106th Infantry Division, Co. F. 423rd Infantry Regiment. I was a POW in Germany, Stalag 9B. I separated through Jefferson MO, in November 1945. I worked in maintenance and construction supervision and I married. We have seven children and six grandchildren. I attended the first reunion in Indianapolis but have not been able to attend any since. I am looking forward to the future.

BUCKMASTER, RON 81/ ???

1440 KENDALL ST #9F
LAKEWOOD, CO 80214
303-274-0271

If you know his unit, let me know...J Kline

BUTTONOW, JOSEPH M. 592/?

60 GRAND STREET
SAG HARBOR, NY 11963-3524

CANUP, CARL C. 424/C

2954 CARRIE DRIVE
KENNESAW, GA 30144-2818
770-427-3379

I was born and raised in Marietta GA. At age 18 I entered the Army in late 1943. I had basic training at Fort McClellan Alabama and Fort Benning GA. I joined the 106th Infantry Division in early 1944. I trained with the Division in Indiana before going to England, France, Belgium then Germany. The 1st day of battle we had 59 men last. We recaptured our Cannon Company who would stay with us through the *Battle of the Bulge*. Three days before the Division was pulled from combat, I was wounded. After leaving the hospital we went to Heidelberg and Mannheim to Guard 250,000 men and women POWs. I was discharged 20 February 1946. I still have nightmares and anxiety as though I were still there. I worked at Lockheed for 36 years then retired. I been married 48 years, and have two daughters and three Grandkids. After I retired I did Wood Crafts for about 8 years. I would like hear from some of my buddies.

DESANTIS, JOSEPH M. 422/HQ 1BN

7625 KENNEDY BLVD
NORTH BERGEN, NJ 07047
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New Members ...

ACHTER, LUCIEN, ASSOC.

10224 WINDSONG ROAD
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33955-4736
941-575-1975 lucdw@peganet.com

Here is my check and application for Membership as an Associate in the 106th Infantry Division Association. I am from Belgium and live 66 years in Antwerp and Brussels. Since May 1977 I have lived in the southwest of Florida, Punta Gorda near Fort Myers. I retired since 1992 and visit the battlefields in Normandy-Bastogne-St. Vith and — Schnee Eifel. I have for myself visited the Schnee Eifel in December to see how it was. Of course, nothing can compare to the worst winter on December 1944.

I have a nice collection of books in Flemish and English on the *Battle of the Bulge*. With my motorcycle I visited all the places you will know Schonberg- Bleialf- The Purple Heart Corner- Laudesfeld -Schlausenbach - Meyerode, the place where Lt. Eric Fisher Wood of Battery A, 589th Field Artillery died like a hero.

On 17 December 1991 and 1996 I was present at the Memorial Baugnez (Massacre Of Malmedy) and have the opportunity to see some of the survivors of the Massacre.

I cannot understand fully why America wait so long for a memorial to the ETO World War II. There is a memorial in Hawaii for the U.S. S. Arizona-Iwo Jima-Korean war and the Vietnam war. But, for the American Army in Europe that won the war in the ETO there is still nothing. If they wait longer there are no survivors. a I will always remember the liberation in Belgium and thank. the Americans who did it.

FERRARA, JOSEPH J. 424/F

282 FARNHAM AVE
LODI, NJ 07644
973-546-3744

GROSSMAN, IRVING 422/I

4425 CLARES STREET
CAPITOLA, CA 95010
831-479-3440

Captured on 19 December 1944 during the *Battle of the Bulge*. Liberated 16 April 1945 by British troops at Stalag 11-B, nearer Hanover Germany. Worked as a public-health engineer with the New York State health department.

Retired to CA, tennis player, travel, member of the veterans of the *Battle of the Bulge*.

HAMMER, THOMAS S. ASSOC.

72 HARRISON STREET
GARDEN CITY, NY 11530

HOFFMAN, HAROLD 424/CN

1913 LILAC DRIVE
WESTBURY, NY 11590-5920

Meet Ephriam Goldberg and John Rosalia at a meeting of a new chapter of VBOB on Long Island. They urged that I join. I joined Cannon Company, 424th Infantry in June or July 1944 at Camp Atterbury. I served as a member of the forward observer team of the third platoon. I remained with the division until August 1945 when I was transferred to the 104th Inf Div. The war ended and instead of reporting to the 104th I was sent to Ft Dix, NJ and discharged..

KIMBLE, ROBERT D. 331/A

17 MAPLE AVENUE
SUSSEX, NY 07461-2414
973-875-4874

LEACH, COL. ROBERT BLAKE 85TSD-1BDE (ASSOCIATE)

137 HIGHWOOD AVE
HIGHLAND, IL 60040
847-926-0875

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Military Historian, Son of 8th Armored Division veteran. Personal invitation from John Kline from contact with his website on the 106th Infantry Division. I am the senior artillery officer in the 1st Brigade of the 85th Division. The 85th is the "Custer Division" and fought in the Italian Campaign during the war. The "TSD" stands for "Training Support Division". Our mission is to run computer simulation exercises for National Guard and Army Reserve units. I also want to tell you how impressed I am with the CUB. As a historian and as someone who has been the editor of a few different publications, I am definitely in awe of your work. I am looking forward to my inevitable role as the future editor of the 8th Armored Division Association's newsletter - and while their newsletter is outstanding - you've got it beat. If/when I assume that responsibility, I will use the CUB as a model and strive to achieve your level of excellence."

New Members ...

LUZZIE, CHRISTINE ASSOC.

338 KOSER AVE
IOWA CITY, IA 52246
319-337-7446

My father, Edward Luzzie, was a member of the 106th Infantry Division and a long to the 106th Infantry Division Association. He was Past President of the Association and died on July 31st 1999. I would like to join the Association as an Associate Member, thank you. *(Editor's note - Our condolences to you and the family.. John Kline, editor)*

MEECHAN, JOHN W. 424/?

7331 STUCKY VALLEY RD, SW
STONE CREEK, OH 43840

Written by his son, Eugene, "I requesting a Membership for my father. He was in the 106th Infantry Division, the 424th infantry Regiment. I do not know which Company he was in. If any of you know please contact me. I tried to talk him and going to the reunion near Chicago but it was too short of a notice maybe in the future.

MEISSLER, CHARLES G. ASSOC.

1049 INDIAN MOUNTAIN LAKES
ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA 18210-3103
570-646-4443

MESS, KENNETH A. 424/F

RT 2, BOX 39C
LINN CREEK, MO 65052-9735
573-346-3039

MUTO, TED T. 159th INF Co.K

265 CAMELLIA STREET
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533
707-425-5920

I saw no combat duty since we had to guard POWs after joining the 106th Infantry Division about two weeks before the war ended. We got transferred into an artillery outfit when they started to deactivate the 106th Infantry Division. I ended up in the Seventh Army at Heidelberg. I'm enclosing \$75 to become a Life Member.

PERILLOUX, AGNEY UNIT

511 BROWN ST
RADCLIFF, KY 40 powers 160
270-351-2139

POWERS, ALVIN T. 422/HQ 1BN

52083 RED PINE
LAPINE, OR 97739
541-536-5442

I served as a scout observer "S-2" Headquarters Co., 1st Battalion, 422nd Infantry Regiment. POW 12 December 1944 liberated from Stalag Luft I, May 1944.

PRAETSCH, ROLAND R. 424/SV

27 TURNER ROAD
HOLLINGTON, MA 01746
508-429-2175

When I was first drafted I ended up as a MP at West Springfield MA. I was sent to Georgia to attend mechanics school. Ten weeks later after finishing school I was sent to Augusta Maine as an MP. While in Georgia I had taken the Cadet exams and past them. If I went to Maine to North Carolina to take more exams, after passing them I qualified As a Cadet in the Air Corps. I was sent to Freeman Field Indiana to wait until I can be sent to college and flight training. One-day we were herded into a theater only to be told regrettably they no longer needed pilots, they needed ground troops

With our disappointment we were to join the 106th Infantry Division. I was assigned to the 424th Infantry Regiment, Service Company and given a 10 Wheeler to care for and drive. After maneuvers we run overseas on the *U.S.S. Aquitania* without escort. Landing in Scotland we trained in England. A month later with new trucks we went across the channel to LeHavre, France. Drove across France into Belgian, ending up in the Ardennes. In a few days later we were being shelled by the Germans, hot on our tail, and we had to leave on foot, leaving our new trucks behind ending up in St. Vith. I hauled ammunition and whatever else had to be hauled. I did get my truck back with a few holes in it. We were sent back to the United States. Thank God the war with Japan ended. I married a wonderful girl from Ithaca NY and we have been married 52 years. We have 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. We had one girl and two boys. I was a firefighter 43 years in Needham MA. After retiring I became a school bus driver in Hollington. I've been driving kids for 17 years.

New Members ...

OTTRIN, ALFRED 423/A

2443 DUNN ROAD
MODESTO, CA 95358
209-522-4134

After I was discharged from the Army I've been farming for over 50 years of California. I've been married 51 years, have three children and six grandchildren.

SCHIAVO, SAM J. 422/M

509 DEERFIELD DRIVE
KINGS MOUNTAIN, NC 28086
704-734-1854

I was drafted into the Army in March 1943 at Camp Custer, Michigan. Sent to Fort Jackson, South Carolina as as the 106th Infantry Division was starting up. After Tennessee maneuvers, Camp Atterbury, onto Camp Myles Standish for overseas processing. Shipped over on the *Aquitania* for a very sea sick trip. Ended up in "Stowe on the Wall." Then to France into Belgium, near St. Vith. On Dec. 16 we were surrounded by Germans. We were captured on the 21st on Dec. most of our Regiment was captured on the 19th of December. I ended up as Stalag 4-B, liberated by the Russians April 27, 1945. Escaped the Russians. Caught up with the Americans, on to Halle, Germany and was flown to LeHavre, France. I was shipped to Camp Roberts California for regular duty and discharged 5 December 1945.

Have two children, retired in 1990 from a long career in the retail paint business. Served as President-Chairman of our local hometown bank moved to North Carolina to be near my son after my wife passed away. Living with a wonderful lady enjoying what's left of my life.

SCHNEIDER, JACK B. 422/?

10201 RADCLIFFE DRIVE
TAMPA, FL 33636
813-818-1808

SUGARMAN, DR. ALAN W. 423/B

770 ANDERSON AVENUE
CLIFFSIDE PARK, NJ 07010-6467
201-224-6467

Attached find two checks, one for a Life Membership and the other for a copy of the *CUB of the Golden Lion Passes In Review*. A copy of my discharge is attached showing my affiliation was Company B, 423rd Infantry Regiment.

TROXEL, WAYMAN D. 423/I

1305 W. MAIN
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933
765-362-1865

I took basic training at Camp Shelby MS. I joined the 106 Infantry Division at Camp Atterbury, IN. Shipped over on the *Queen Elizabeth*, ended up with the 423rd Infantry Regiment at Cheltenham, England, over the channel to France to Belgium and then onto the Schnee Eiffel. Captured on 19 December 1944. Worked for Hitler until May 8, 1945.

WINKLARETH, ROBERT J. 424/G

8411 BEREA COURT
VIENNA, VA 22180
703-573-7038

Joined the 106th Infantry Division from ASTP, University of Alabama in March 1944. Shipped out as a replacement in September 1944. Joined the 79th Infantry Division in October. Participated in the Rhineland campaign. Wounded and came down with trench foot. Given a medical discharge July 1945. Received Engineering degree from the Stevens Institute of Technology, February 1949. Worked in the Ordnance office, Department of Army, Pentagon until August 1962. Army Material Command from August 1962 to February 1982, except U.S. Army Europe Heidelberg August 64-August 69. Joined defense contractor XMCO Inc. as Logistics Engineer from February 1982 through March 1988. Joined the Analytical Sciences Corp. (T. A. S. C.) until February 1994. Worked on Strategic Missile Defense (Star Wars) program. Authored, "*The Bismarck Chase*" published 1999 by the U.S. Naval Institute Press. Second book "*Naval Shipbuilders of the World*" due next year.

ZINKGRAF, CLARENCE 424/F

451 PERRYMAN STREET
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78152-4852
830-625-6617

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BICKFORD, THOMAS 09/01/1991
FARRIS, FRED J. 11/30/1995
GLENNEY, WALTER S. 03/05/1991
HATCH, H.M. 04/08/1996
WOODRUFF, ROBERT T. 06/22/1995

106 BAND

ADDISON, FRED W 12/07/1998

106 RECON

WOOSLEY, CLARENCE 03/08/1991

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CALHOON, ROBERT 04/17/1997
WATERS, ALMON B. 07/30/1996
ZORN, SEYMOUR 10/07/1994

331 MED/HQ

GOLDBERG, ARNOLD 06/05/1993

331 MED/A

PAWASARAT, OSCAR D. 03/19/1995

331 MED/B

WITT, WILLIAM E 01/13/1999

422/HQ

APEL, LOUIS F 01/03/1996
BARKER, THOMAS E. 07/07/1995
BRYANT, JOHN H. 11/10/1992
HERRING, DR GEORGE 08/15/1997
JOHNSON, DONALD E. 07/03/1995
PRINCE, ROBERT 01/10/1993
RUTT, ROBERT E 02/25/1999
WILLIAMS SR., LEWIS 12/26/1996

422/AT

GANNALO, FRANK 12/07/1998
VALOVICIN, MICHAEL 11/05/1990

422/CN

LUCAS, WILLIAM H. 06/30/1996

422/SV

BRADLEY, LYNN B 11/25/1997
MCCULLOUGH, LYLE 01/04/1992
MCMILLAN, PAUL 02/19/1994

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MOON JR, LTC WM 07/07/1997

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BAKER, FREDDIE 01/28/1995
BIED, DAN 03/25/1998

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LEE, ROBERT O 09/15/1999
MOORE, GEORGE L 11/12/1998
PINK, JOHN D. 07/15/1995

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CALLAHAN, ROBERT 07/11/1995
DOBE, FRANCIS 05/17/1991
FAUERBACH, EDWARD L. 12/23/1991
LEE, FUTRELL 07/01/1994
MCLEIEER, JACK S. 08/22/1995
ROSSI, ROMEO J 12/21/1997
SMITH, JOSH L 07/30/1998
TESTER, WILBUR J. 08/24/1995
WESSELS, ROBERT R 08/18/1999

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ADAMS JR., JOHN J. 07/06/1992
EVERETT, THOMAS 12/07/1993
PFOTENHAUER, THOMAS 09/30/1991
RUTLEDGE, BOYD 08/05/1994
SANDTVIET, ARTHUR O. 08/13/1996
SMITH, CHARLES L 10/20/1995
ZABINSKI, CONRAD 10/05/1993

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HAMMONTREE, LEAMON H
02/01/1998
IANTOSCA, ATTILEO 12/21/1996
RICKARD JR, WILLIAM 05/02/1998

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ANDERSON, HASKELL T. 06/07/1996
BRANNSTROM, ARNOLD J 12/15/1996
CRUZ, LEO J 08/14/1997
HIGDON, HERMAN L. 08/27/1995
RUDNICK, MIRON 12/10/1996

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FERREIRA, TED 01/06/1996
GRIMES, CHARLES H. 04/14/1994
HAWKINS, MARLIN H 06/07/1997
PIERCE, WALDO B 04/15/1999
TOTURA, STANLEY 06/06/1992
WHITNER, DONALD R. 03/23/1996

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YENLIN, SEBASTIAN 07/06/1992

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HOPBELL, JOHN E 04/30/1999
HOUSER, JACK 12/01/1992

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ALEXANDER, CALVIN 12/08/1995
HUNDT, ALBERT 02/11/1998
JACOBS, MONTAGUE H. 03/16/1990
LANGE, ELMER F. 12/01/1990
PELUSO, LOUIS 12/03/1991
SMYTHE, WILLIS 05/15/1994

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ERNST, CLAIR R. 09/01/1994
HENNING, JAMES W. 08/17/1992
LEISSE SR., LEO R. 01/20/1996
REDMOND, DEAN T. 04/05/1996

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BAIRD, ROBERT E. 07/31/1994
RASKINIS, HENRY J. 07/02/1994
ROSSINI, NELLO 01/17/1994
SMITH, DOUGLAS 12/16/1990

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DAILEY, HAMPTON J. 11/20/1995
HARNISH, ALFRED D 08/19/1998

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BRATTEN, CARL L. 07/01/1992
CARRIGAN, BERNARD 09/11/1992
KARTH, JAMES F. 09/17/1996
PASQUALE, JOSEPH H. 04/07/1991
SIGEL, SIDNEY M 01/09/1998

422/M

CANNON, PHILIP L. 12/21/1997
KOPATZ, ALFRED E 05/05/1998
LLOYD, EDGAR L. 03/20/1995
MCPOLAND, ARTHUR 12/21/1995
REUTER, JOHN N. 06/15/1995
STRAUB, THEODORE J. 10/13/1992

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DASHNER, ROBERT F 03/16/1999

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CAVENDER, COL CHARLES C. 08/09/1995

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NUSSBAUM, ALFRED 02/28/1997
SEARS, JOHN R 10/18/1997
SHEEHAN, JOHN P 08/11/1999
SUTTER, PETER S. 09/30/1990

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BROWN, LINCOLN A. 06/15/1997
SPURLOCK, JOHN 10/24/1990

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BROWN JR., CHARLES A. 05/21/1990
SMITH, WALTER E. 04/11/1991

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BRITTON, JAMES 09/04/1991
BURNS, WILLIAM R. 01/08/1994
JONES JR, GEORGE W 11/04/1997
KELLY, ROBERT E 04/18/1998
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NUNNALLY, CALVIN 07/15/1996
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SHEAHAN, ROBERT L. 01/01/1990
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SOUTHAM, GEORGE 12/06/1992

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DAVIS, WILLIAM E. 05/13/1993
DECK, ROBERT 02/11/1998

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SHARPE, THOMAS W. 01/04/1996

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BILLINGHURST, EDWARD 08/15/1998
BROGAN, LEO J 09/20/1997
BROWNING, ROY 08/29/1997
CHINQUIST JR., FRED A. 02/15/1991
EDWARDS, DICK T 01/07/1999
KELLY, EDMOND D. 12/10/1995
WILSON, THOMAS D. 06/15/1995

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ES, THOMAS A 05/05/1998

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ALEXANDER, WILLIAM G. 04/21/1992
BENNETT, WILLARD G 01/15/1997
COHEN, ALLEN T. 02/09/1991
DILODOVICO, JOHN 03/24/1997
KINGSTON, DONALD 12/01/1991
MAYO JR., COL. WALTER 12/12/1996
PERKINS, LAWRENCE C. 04/07/1996
SIMONS, JOHN F. 02/20/1992
TOPICZ, JOSEPH 11/19/1994

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STEPHENS, ROBERT C. 01/20/1994
SUMMERS, GERALD R. 05/26/1996

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HANCOCK, DANIEL R. 11/06/1995
KENNEDY, BROWN L. 10/19/1993
MCNEILIS, HERMAN E 09/12/1997
MOORE SR, JAMES B 01/22/1997
SMITH, FRANK E. 09/14/1996
SOLOMON, JOSEPH 01/22/1994
WASIK, JOSEPH 11/23/1992

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BOTTCHER, REME D. 09/28/1996
HARRIS JR., REV. ISHAM A.
04/19/1995
HARWELL, C HARRY 05/30/1997
HAUXWELL, BURTON R. 06/03/1995

LAWSON, WILLIAM J 12/13/1997
PRETTY, EMOR C 00/00/0000

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SPAYD, NORMAN S 04/27/1997
WHITE SR., GEORGE S. 01/18/1992

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EISENMAN, JEROME 08/15/1998
FRANKEL, JEROME L. 09/04/1990

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COPPOCK, EARL E. 05/24/1995
NELSON, CLARENCE T. 08/16/1996
PANDOLFI, HENRICO H 07/29/1999
WILSON, GLENN R. 05/04/1996

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BIANCAMANO, DOMENIC 07/25/1999
MCMULLIN, GERALD W 08/29/1998
ROGERS, AUBREY 05/18/1991
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04/12/1995
HAY, RUEBEN 01/22/1995
HOHENSTEIN, JOHN 01/15/1998
KING, BASIL 01/01/1992
KOTLARICH, PAUL 08/22/1997
MCCLARAN, GARLAND B 12/18/1996

MCGREW, EDWARD 12/01/1994
NEWSOM, CHANCY 09/27/1994
PHALEN, JOHN P. 03/22/1995
SALAZAR, ERNST 05/13/1993
SMITH JR., WILLIAM F. 08/31/1992
STOLZBERG, SEYMOUR 12/01/1993

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LOVE, ROBERT E 08/15/1998
PIAZZA, LOUIS R 09/08/1997
POLLARD SR, JOHN M 02/15/1994
ROBSON, ROBERT 12/14/1991

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VASTINE, FREDERICK 05/11/1996

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BENDICK, HARRY J. 05/27/1990

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CLARK, CHRISTOPHER 01/01/1994
DOUGLASS, JOHN W. 12/15/1995
EMMERT, DAVIS S. 12/06/1994
FRANCISCO, WILLIAM A 08/15/1999
GAFFNEY, FRANK W 02/14/1999
SMILEY, ROSS 11/23/1993

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COOPER, JAMES A 09/15/1997
FLETCHER, DONALD E. 04/21/1995
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CUNNINGHAM, ROBERT E 04/05/1996
HENRY, PATRICK F. 11/13/1995
KENYON, JAMES F. 06/15/1996
MILES, JOSEPH 03/01/1990
PINNOW, ROBERT L. 06/01/1992
ROUNTREE, RUSSELL 06/23/1993
SPANO, ROBERT 02/18/1992
WILSON, ROBERT 12/01/1994
WINTERFIELD, ALBERT 04/24/1991

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MCHUGH JR., TOM 04/10/1994
RUSTHOVEN, JACOB 02/04/1990

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BARENDSE, CLARENCE J. 12/01/1990
SCURRY, THOMAS E. 02/25/1992
WILLIAMS, RICHARD L 12/03/9600

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BRUENNING, LEONARD 02/17/1999
GOODWIN, JOSEPH N 06/13/1997
HUCHKO, ROBERT W. 07/15/1995
LANGLOIS, LEON J 03/24/1998
PREUCEL, DR. ROBERT 01/08/1995
SUTICH, CHRISTIAN 02/23/1992
WARNER, GEORGE 03/02/1994
VANULAITIS, ANTHONY 07/16/1998

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PADGETT, CARROL D. 08/29/1996
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SCHWARZ, CHARLES E. 10/06/1990
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CLAUSEN, CECIL C. 07/16/1996
FRY, JOHN C. 02/14/1996
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SCHUTTE, PHILLIP . 12/01/1992
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FIELDS, RAYMOND H. 05/29/1994
HARRIS, ABNER T. 10/02/1990
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MINER, WILLIAM A. 05/15/1995
PENS, JOHN 06/15/1995

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ROCHE, EDWARD 05/14/1991
STRICKLAND, JAMES B. 01/31/1994

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BAILEY, GIBBS 06/18/1993
BRANHAM, MELVIN 08/28/1993
KAHLEY, JR., JOSEPH S. 04/28/1995
LADA, THEODORE 09/08/1994

424/M

BAGBY, HOWARD 05/12/1997
BORBELY, FRANK 10/04/1994
DODGE, WILLIAM L 06/02/1997
LEVINE, GEORGE 12/10/1992

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HOLGASH, NICHOLAS G. 12/01/1994

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PROKORYM, CASIMIR T. 02/01/1996
RIGGS, THOMAS J. 11/01/1998

81ST ENG/A

CHURA, ANDREW 08/07/1995
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KARNS, RUSSELL J. 01/14/1996
MCKENNEY, THOMAS L. 07/01/1996
MESSINA, CARL 01/04/1998
PURTELL, WILLIAM 01/16/1993
SANDBERG, ROBERT E. 11/11/1994
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WARREN, CLARENCE 12/01/1990

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LOLEIT, ALLEN J. 04/30/1990
QUIRAM, HOWARD 02/28/1996
RICCI, ARMONDO A. 07/30/1995
RISOLI, NICOLA 10/01/1996

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FAVA, ROY 04/19/1999
HASLER, EUGENE F. 12/20/1991
LETELLIER JR, LOUIS 02/18/1998
MAIER JR, ADOLPH J 03/15/1998
PIERCE, ROBERT W 05/02/1990

81ST ENG/C

ZIMMERMAN, JOSEPH W. 09/26/1993

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RUBIN, ARNOLD 12/01/1990

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EMBURY, RAYMOND 12/21/1989

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LIBERA, HENRY F 06/15/1997
MCMAHON, BG LEO T. 09/28/1987
MILESKE, MARION S. 12/31/1992
SMYTH, LESTER S 04/04/1997

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ASPINWALL, FRANCIS H 08/23/1997
BELL, ROGER W. 12/31/1995
FRADIANNI, FRANK J 12/15/1996
JOSE, MARVIN C. 11/26/1990
MILLER, DELBERT 06/19/1991

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OLIVER, GROVER C. 11/06/1993

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HOCUTT, MALCOM O. 01/10/1991
MIEDEMA, ELTON E 02/01/1999
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589/B

BROWN, ARTHUR 07/31/1994

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LEE, RUSSELL 11/17/1995
OLLILA, MRS EDWIN 05/28/1998
STOLL, ROBERT F. 12/28/1994

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BALL, CHESTER E 03/15/1999
BINDER, CLARENCE 08/29/1998
LUZZIE, EDWARD L 07/31/1999
MORRISSEY, JAMES C. 01/06/1995
POWELL, ROBERT A 10/17/1998

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MANAGER, THOMAS J. 01/01/1992
SATHER, GORDON 11/18/1992
SCHULER, CALVIN 05/22/1995

590/C

CAUDILL, GEORGE W. 07/10/1993
ROBERTSON, GEORGE E 08/15/1998

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GAGGIN, VERNER S. 12/01/1992
SMITH, WILLIAM E. 01/21/1995
TOCE, JOSEPH 01/01/1993

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WOHLFIEL, COL CARL L. 10/24/1992

591/B

JACKSON, ROY T. 07/22/1993

591/C

BLACK, WILLIAM C. 08/15/1992
ELLSWORTH, PERRY R. 08/15/1993

591/SV

BRACKETT, JAMES 01/16/1991
BRADFIELD, KENNETH 10/09/1998
DUDA, FRANK 06/07/1994
MOSLEY, NEWTON L 06/03/1998
PAANANEN, ARVO 12/12/1992
SCHLESSER, JACK P 12/22/1998
SERINO, MIKE P. 08/09/1993

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CRAWFORD, JOHN D. 11/06/1996
CURTIS JR, JESSE C 04/16/1998
LAUMAN, CLARENCE 10/10/1998

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MAW SR., THOMAS J. 05/08/1996
MINOR, IRVIN G. 08/25/1996

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CONNER, MILTON M 04/19/1997
DELEO, JOE 03/06/1996
RITTS SR., ROLAND W. 07/25/1993

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ULMER, RAYMOND J. 01/04/1996

NOTE

If I have missed listing any deceased veteran that was a member of the 106th Infantry Division Association, during the time period starting in 1990 to this date, please write me and I will correct the oversight in the next CUB magazine.

I took the above list from what available records I had. It is possible there were some that I was not aware of.
John Kline, editor.

In Memoriam

Memorial section is for 106th Infantry Division Association Veteran deaths only. Deaths of 106th Infantry Division veterans should be reported the Adjutant whose address is on the inside front cover of every CUB magazine.

Bayles, Darrel R. 424/CN

31 Knollcrest CT, Normal, IL 61671

Only information available is the date of death 5 August 1999.

Biancamano, Domenic 423/K

PO Box 37, Dover, OH 44662-0037

Domenic's son, Donald, said his father passed away 25 July 1999. Surviving is his wife Irma, and family.

Connelly, Dr. Michael E. 589/MED

902 Linden St., Sharon PA 16146

His wife Margurite Oliver Connelly informed us that he died 2 February 1999. Michael was 88. He was a Captain in the Medical Service of the 106th Infantry Division. He began his medical career at Mercy Hospital's Emergency Dept, Pittsburgh. He then moved to Acosta, Pa where he was Company Doctor for Consolidated Coal, in 1940 and 1941 he was assistant instructor of surgery at the Univ. of Pittsburgh and also chief surgeon of Pittsburgh-Consolidated Coal Co. at Mercy Hospital. He did his internship at Mercy Hospital, graduate studies at the U of Pennsylvania and was a Fellow in the Surgery Department at the Mayo Foundation in Rochester Minnesota from 1951 to 1954. His illustrious career continued with high honors and service in the Mercer County Medical Society, Pennsylvania Medical Society, and a host of other societies. His publications include *Late Recurrences in Regional Enteritis*, in 1955, *Study of the End Result of Residual Segment of Subtotal Colectomy*, in 1956. He leaves his wife, four daughters, four sons, 18 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Edwards, Dick T. 423/D

1539 Robin Hood Lane, Johnson City, TN 37604-3690

Only information available is date of death 7 January 1999

Foster, Gordon H. 424/A

415-H Violet Ave So., Monrovia, CA 91016

Only information available is date of death '3 April, 1999

Korbel, George, 423/B

1132 Coulee Trail, Roberts, WI 54023

Died 9 September, 1999, survived by wife Mary Ann. No other information available.

Robert O. 422/B

1717 N 28th St, Superior, WI 54880

Hazel, his wife informed us that he died 9 September 1999

Love, Robert E. 423 MED

6378 Heather Drive, Memphis, TN 38119-6508

Only information available is he died 29 July 1998, survived by his wife.

Luzzie, Edward L. 590th FAB/HQ

338 Koser Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246-3003

Gill Helwig, 423/M and Pete House, 590/A reported the death of Edward as of 31 July 1999. Pete writes, "I received a note from Christine, his wife. I first met Captain Edward Luzzie when I joined A Battery, 590th FAB. Capt. Luzzie was eventually transferred to Headquarters Battery and replaced by Capt. John Pitts who led us in to Germany. Luzzie was captured and sent to Stalag 9B along with the rest of us. He was then sent to 13B Hammelburg. After General George Patton's failed attempt to rescue his son-in-law, all of remaining officers were marched south of Luzzie's column was bombed by American planes and a lost a leg. Major Luzzie was active in our association in the early days serving as our fifth president and had to take over the Chicago reunion in 1949.

Sheehan, John P. 423/HQ I&R

PO Box 422, Clinton, CT 06413-0422

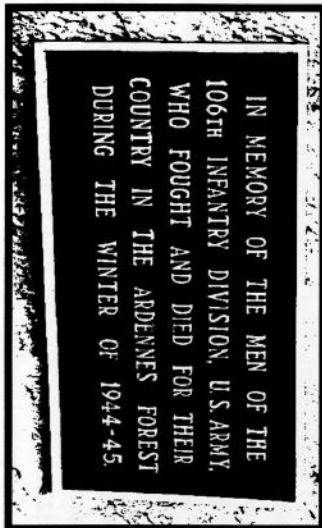
Richard Sparks 423 Headquarters I&R Platoon reported the death as 11 August 1999. In his letter he states, "John "Irish" Sheehan died on the 11 August 1999. You will remember that he was one of the lead scouts for the I&R Platoon. John was diagnosed with extensive cancer early last bring and spread rapidly. He is survived by his wife Vivian and three daughters Judy, Patty, and Pam. He was with us in Indianapolis last year. After our escape he was assigned to the 424th infantry Regiment, A Company, he was injured in the battle at Coulee. Irish died with his grandson and daughter Judy, at his side, as he took his last breath. He was peaceful and not in pain. His was buried in Arlington Cemetery. Contributions in his name may be sent to the Veterans of World War II Memorial in Washington DC or to Connecticut Hospice in the Branford Connecticut, are the charity of your choice."

Wessels, Robert O. 422/C

2005 Shades Crest Road, Huntsville, AL 35801-1614

Mary, Roberts wife reported he died 18 August 1999. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery.

Rest in Peace



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