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President's Message . . .

When I sat down to write about our trip to Andersonville for this issue of The Cub I really didn't know where to start. To begin with, I was not captured during WW II. I was never a POW. I don't pretend to know what it is like to be one. From what I have learned about life as a prisoner of war, I certainly do have much respect for those who were. I felt the need to be at Andersonville for this occasion, but also I had the feeling that I was intruding. I do not qualify for membership in this fraternity.

I can tell you about the National Park Site at Andersonville and the wonderful "down home" treatment that we received from all those nice people that we met, and, of course, the ceremony that we participated in to dedicate the Memorial to the veterans of our 106th Infantry Division who had been prisoners. The Park Service staff was most helpful with setting up our program and enlisting the participation of the Color Guard and Rifle Squad from Robins AFB.

When we departed from home the weatherman said "It looks like rain through the whole Memorial Day weekend," but then, we are about 900 miles north of where we are going, so we were optimistic. It was a two-day drive, and, without incident, no problems.

When we arrived at the hotel in Americus on Saturday, many of our group was already there. Things were looking up. It was just great to see our good friends again. And, of course, some I had not met before. These are wonderful people and I am proud to be counted among them. Seems there is never enough time to play "catch-up."

Sunday, the day of the ceremony dawned beautiful. We could not have ordered weather more perfect. The Park Superintendent, Fred Boyles, requested to meet early with Dr. John Robb and the others of our group who would participate in the ceremony. There would be no "dress rehearsal" as such, but we all sat around the table and became familiar with the agenda for the day. Everyone was ready.

The time for the ceremony was 11 AM and the Color Guard and Rifle Squad from Robins Air Force Base was there at the site where the plaque was installed in front of the museum building. The plaque was in place and covered, and the lectern was set up. The Park provided us with programs and a block of chairs for our audience.

The ceremony began on time at 11:00 AM. Sunday, May 25, and it included, as a special event, our past Treasurer and Historian, Sherod Collins, who was honored with the presentation of a framed guidon representing his former unit, 423/SV. The frame also included an engraved plaque detailing Sherod's service to the 106th Infantry Division Association over many years.



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President's Message . . .

Now, I must say just a little bit about the Andersonville Museum and Memorial to all of the U. S. Prisoners of War. I believe that the Civil War has only a passing interest for a great many of our citizens. Maybe it occurred too long ago for it to be relevant to our younger generations.

Apparently the history of America's struggle to remain "one nation, under God," was not given the importance that it deserved when our generation attended school. It has only been since the advent of the modern communications media that much of the story has been brought to light.

This entire National Park Site is now dedicated to all of those Americans who became prisoners of an enemy force since the American Revolution. Upon entering the park I felt something different about this place. I have visited many cemeteries in my time including those in Europe that hold the remains of our service people who died there. They are all solemn places that have an effect on one.

Many stories have been written about this place as a POW camp and in recent years a movie was released. Since I have made the visit I have accumulated more than enough material on my desk to fill this issue of *The Cub* from cover to cover. Rather than do that, I would encourage you to seek out those stories from your local library and video store. Catch up on the history of our U.S.A.

From the Park Service brochure: "Andersonville, or Camp Sumpter as it was officially known, was one of the largest of many Confederate military prisons established during the Civil War. It was built early in 1864 after Confederate officials decided to move the large number of Federal prisoners kept in and around Richmond, Virginia, to a place of greater security, and a more abundant food supply. During the 14 months the prison existed, more than 45,000 Union soldiers were confined here. Of these, almost 13,000 died from disease, poor sanitation, malnutrition, overcrowding, or exposure to the elements." Sgt. David Kennedy, 9th Ohio Calvary wrote, "it takes 7 of its occupants to make a shadow" "The end of the war saved hundreds of prisoners from an untimely death, but for many the war's end came too late. Of 194,732 Union soldiers held in Confederate prison camps, some 30,000 died while captive. Union forces held about 220,000 Confederate prisoners, nearly 26,000 of whom died."

This historic site, dedicated to all U.S. prisoners, now contains a memorial specific to our 106th Infantry Division soldiers. It is placed there and dedicated on 25 May 2003 to ensure that the men of the 106th Infantry Division who suffered the indignities of being a prisoner of war, and sometimes death, under horrific circumstances, will long be remembered.

If the opportunity arrives for you to visit the Andersonville National Historic Site I hope that you will take advantage of it. All of us who were there are indelibly impressed with the importance of this place. J.R.S. 2003

For more information contact:
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www.nps.gov/ande

Next page is the agenda of the program which includes my remarks. I don't have written copy from any of the other speakers. \\\



106th Association President John Schaffner and Superintendant Boyles, Andersonville

Opening by Superintendent Boyles:

Fellow veterans of the 106th I.D., Families and friends, Greetings everyone,
Thank you for being here on this day that has so much meaning to those of our 106th Infantry Division who became prisoners during WW II in Europe. It is gratifying indeed to realize that this site is dedicated to all those young Americans who have suffered as prisoners of war.

It is our fervent hope and prayer that no more names be added to this roster. But, we all know by now that our freedoms exist only because we are willing to pay for them.

It seems that a war is the only tender that our enemies recognize.

The cost is always paid by our most dedicated and bravest defenders.

The Andersonville National Historic Site will remain an ongoing Memorial to all United States Prisoners of War

Color guard - Advance The Colors

The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Mr. John M. Roberts, 1st Vice President of the 106th Infantry Division Association

The Invocation will be offered by the Reverend Ewell C. Black, Jr. veteran of the 106th Infantry Division (Invocation)

Remarks by 106th Infantry Division Association President, John Schaffner,

There was a time in our young lives when we were faced with a very uncertain future. However, once involved with battling the enemy on a daily basis, the young men of our division did not have the option of choosing their fate. Some died even before they needed to shave every day. Dying, or being wounded, or made a prisoner, seemed to be a random event for us

Will it happen to me was the question? And, I think that most of us thought it would not. The expression, "*There, but for the Grace of God, go I,*" seems to sum it up. Many of us were made prisoners of our enemy.

But, it was not necessarily a soldier's option to lay down his arms and surrender. We did not want to do that. With the intent of saving the lives of many, their commanders made the decision for them. In retrospect it may have been the correct decision.

President's Message . . .

From then on the fate of many of our soldiers was in the hands of their enemy.

But, once a prisoner, "**what now?**" was the question.

Most of the men of our division were in good physical condition when they were captured and of a mind to do all that it was possible to do, to ensure their survival.

Many did not survive. It was a close call for many more.

Deprivation of the ordinary comforts of life was an every day condition.

Those who survived may have been broken in body, but never in spirit.

This memorial is placed here, and dedicated today, to ensure that the men of the 106th Infantry Division who suffered the indignities of being a prisoner of war under horrific circumstances will long be remembered.

+++++ Special Tribute to Sherod Collins 423/SV +++++

Past-President, Past Treasurer, member since 1949

Holder of the Order of the Golden Lion Commander's Class - Friend of all.



Presentation of a special award for services rendered. (Plaque and Certificate)

Pres Schaffner, presenting Sherod Collins with a "Special Tribute" for services rendered. Andersonville Superintendant Boyles to the right. More photos in this CUB magazine

Remarks - Walter G. Bridges, 2nd Vice President of the 106th Infantry Division

Remarks and Unveiling of the plaque - Dr. John G. Robb

Rifle Salute, Taps

Recess the Colors

Benediction by Reverend Ewell C. Black

(See more in another section of this CUB)

John R. Schaffner, 589/A

President 2002-2003 106th Infantry Division Association

Chaplain's Message . . .

I was fortunate to spend some time listening to and reacting to a West Point professor who teaches military ethics to cadets at the academy. Very thought provoking! And meaningful to anyone who has "been there." It motivated this chaplain's page.

Most of were "warriors", as distinguished from "murderers." The murderer was the German who executed GI's at Malmedy. And there were surely some American murderers too. The murderer, for example, was the pilot of either air force who shot down the parachuting flyer as he floated helplessly to earth.

The trouble is that when warriors fight murderers, they may be tempted to become the mirror-image of the very evil they abhor. Their only protection is their code of honor... their ethic.

Legend tells us that when Spartan mothers sent a son off to war, she would tell him, "Come back with your shield or on it.: This meant that a young warrior should fight bravely, maintain his martial discipline (ethic) and return with his body and honor intact.

Spartan mothers wanted their sons to return with their sense of self-respect still with them, not tortured by guilt and shame. Get that? To come back with their shields was to come back still feeling like warriors, not like cowards or murderers. I have tried to help two men who felt tortured that way for years. It is a sure invitation to PTSD.

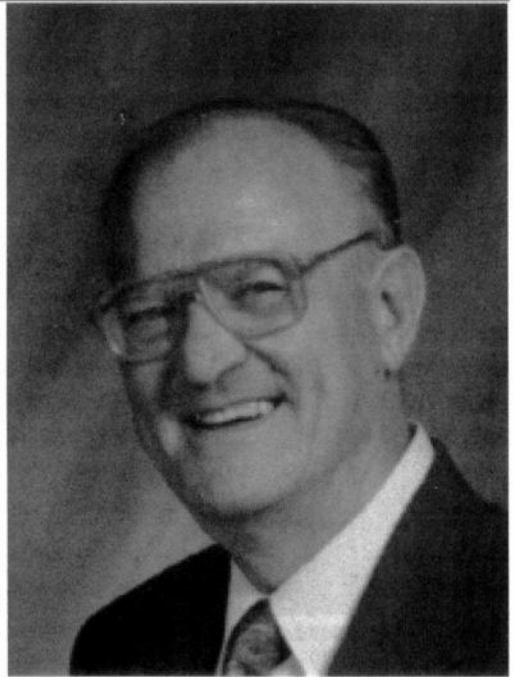
As superb as this professor's analysis was, it lacked the sense of reality and intensity that only a combat soldier could have brought to it. It was hypothetical, though abundantly true.

We should be proud that American forces have always had a code of honor that has been exemplary even in times that try the soul. Occasionally violated in the heat of battle ? Of course ! But outstanding among all the nations of the world.

The code's origin can be found in our religious faiths. Religion was, after all, the source of almost all of our standards of ethics and morality. The underlying ethic we know of as "The Golden Rule" It is found in virtually every major religion.

In Christianity Matthew 7:1; in Judaism, Talmud (Shabbat 31d); in Islam, Sunnah; and in Confucianism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism, etc, etc.

So the core ethic that underwrites all others is the Golden Rule. It is also the basis for the military code of honor. It is the code of your faith and mine and of your army and mine. May it be the code of every 106'er's life!



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"What is hateful to thee, do not unto thy fellowman." (Hillel)

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." (Jesus)

"Do not do to others what you do not want done to you." (Plato)



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ATTENTION!

Due to the hectic Summer, personal committments, time crept up on me for this issue. Then we had some formatting problems. Mostly due to our print shop converting to "Digital" printing this old dog had to learn a few new tricks. It isn't easy when you are the only guy in the fochole that thinks he knows how to use a computer. I'll try to get on track for the November CUB.

**See you at the
57th Annual Reunion
Fort Mitchell, KY
Sept 10 - 11 2003
Have a safe trip.**

**The November CUB will
contain a complete
report of the activities.**

Donations

*Since Apr-May-Jun 2003 Cub
Your generosity is appreciated*

Andersonville Donations

Black, Jr., Ewell memory of Lee Gilliland	25
Black, Jr., Ewell memory of Mattie Rutland	25
Hawkins, Harold - Lorraine	100
Parker, David W.	100
Phelan, William	15
Rinkema, George	100
Salerno, Joe	20
Spires, James A.	25
Unknown - Memory of Wm Paquette	20

Regular Donations

Emmert, Phyllis	25
Jones, Jr. Alan, Col (USA Ret) In memory of General and Mrs. Alan Jones and in recognition of the efforts of John Kline	150
Reed, C.E.	5
Richie, Leonard	15
Shurdarek, Elmer	17
Smoler, Irwin In Honor of Roger Rutland	50
Taddeo, Peter	5
Whitehead, John	20
Wright, Calvin	10

Head Count 08/17/2003

Life Members (Vets)	699
Annual Members (Vets)	629
Total Vets	1,328
Life Associate Members	138
Annual Assoc Members	140
Total Associates	278
Comp Members	20

GRAND TOTAL 1,626

Front & Center . . .

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LISTEN UP !!!

**106th Infantry Division Association Members
IF YOU PAY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

June 30, 2003 was the DUE DATE of your annual dues

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THIS YEAR'S DUES
BY THE TIME THE NEXT CUB IS MAILED
YOU WILL BE TAKEN OFF THE
MEMBERSHIP LIST.
NO PAY --- NO CUB**

Pennsylvania Mini-Reunion

**John Gallagher 81st ENG/C
Temple, PA**

John writes that his Mini-Reunion group will meet Friday Evening October 31 at the Dutch Colony, Motor Lodge. With Dinner on Friday. Rooms are available for those that want to stay for breakfast on Saturday.

Missing in Action:

George S. Patrick, Lakeland, Florida
Last known address 1126 Colony
Arms Court. Anybody with information
about this LIFE Member let me know
John Kline

106th RECON TROOP

We are a small group of 106 Recon Troop survivors from the *Battle of the Bulge* We are planning our annual reunion **October 23-26, 2003** in San Antonio, Texas.

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General Bulletin Board

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identified Claude BILLIET as a Vietnam
vet. He was a KOREAN vet.

Sorry Claude. J Kline, editor

BRONZE STAR

Thanks to William Blaher, 422/I
This may be old news to most all.

The U.S. Army News Service just
circulated a notice: *World War II veterans
who earned the Combat Infantry Badge
or Combat Medical Badge are eligible to
receive the Bronze Star.*

Contact the Service officer in your
County Court House, or some other
service organization for papers to apply.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Rule changes in Memoriam Listings

In all the years that the CUB has been published the rule for listings of deaths of Association members was that "**Veterans Only have been listed**".

That rule still applies. "Veteran's deaths" will always be listed - when the details are known. General opinion of our veterans and overall age of our organization suggests that this rule is be relaxed.

Any "**current**" Association member's death with the status of an **Associate** or **Auxiliary Membership** will be published in a separate section of the "Memoriam" **when requested by a surviving member of the family.**

Note, this is "when requested."

Write or call the editor, John Kline, or any other officer with the details. See the inside front cover page for "Officer's list" or the "Editor's" page for address/telephone number of the editor.

Front & Center . . .

106th Infantry Division Association, Inc, Treasurer's Report July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

Associate Dues		\$410.00
Auxiliary Dues		237.00
Life Dues		5,725.00
Members Dues		<u>8,130.00</u>
Total Dues		14,502.00
55 th Reunion Surplus		5,748.29
Cavanaugh Manuscripts (net of 525.00)		227.47
Donations		1,353.00
Interest and Dividends		3,153.82
Sale of Books		32.50
Sale of Merchandise		<u>421.00</u>
	Total Receipts	\$25,438.08
ADA Representative		\$91.22
Andersonville Memorial (net of 810.00)		2,983.80
Backup Computer		903.00
Bank Charges		126.37
Sherod Collins Plaque		38.64
Computer Supplies		608.15
Cub		
Layout	\$1,901.00	
Mailing	1,963.38	
Printing	<u>12,590.00</u>	
Total Cub		16,454.38
Equipment Supplies		356.72
Liability Insurance		545.00
Mailing and Messages		1,512.84
Office Expenses		1,829.74
Office Supplies		143.01
Officers Bond		170.00
OGI Medals		472.17
Postage		179.80
Reunion Mailing		613.28
56 th Reunion Souvenirs		591.00
St. Vith Memorial		30.91
Wereth Memorial		<u>552.49</u>
Total Expenditures		\$30,202.52
Need of Funds from Savings		\$4,764.44
	Main Street Bank	Edward Jones
Beginning Balance	(\$667.13)	\$74,811.56
Transfers	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
Receipts	22,284.26	3,153.82
Disbursements	(30,202.52)	-0-
Balance June 30, 2003	\$3,414.61	\$65,965.38

Respectfully submitted:

Richard L. Rigatti, Treasurer

Mini-Reunions

It is apparent, as time goes by, that our Mini-Reunions are being spread out over the year. This used to be a December event, celebrating the anniversary of the **Battle of the Bulge**. Now because of our age, bad weather conditions, we have them held in just about every part of the year. That's Great! - Who cares when they are held, as long as we get together, at least once a year in remembrance of those days in 1944-45, and in comradeship with our 106th buddies, wives and families. Go at it. Do it, then send me a report with a couple of well lighted photos. I would appreciate either the original glossy or a digital camera file. Ink Jet print photos do not reproduce well for technical reasons.

John Kline, CUB Editor



Topeka, Kansas

Bil and Mary Lou Stahl, 211 Arapahoe Ct, Junction City, KS 6641

The 2002 8th Mini Reunion for kKansas and the Kansas City Area were held on December 16th at the Coyote Canyon, Topeka, Kansas. Following a steak buffet, an interesting and lively discussion with books, written material, pictures and memories was shared by all.

The 2003 Mini-Reunion will be held on the same date, December 16, 2003 commencing at 11:30 am, at the Coyote Canyon, corner of Wanamaker and Huntoon - just off I-70, at Topeka, KS. All are invited to attend.

Back Row from left: Richard Schoeck, 106th SIG; John Stewart, 423/SV' <ark R. "Chaplain" Moore, DIV/ARTY; George Marcun, 423/HQ; John H. Mock, 422/L, Bill Stahl, 422/K

Front Row from left: Dennis Wright, 424/A; Arletia Stewart; Mary Ellen Mock; Mary Lou Stahl; Phylliss Jones; Martin Jones, 423/G

Guests of John and Arletia Stewart were their son, Bob Stewart and his fiance' Nancy Beryer.



Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

Truman W. Christian, 27 Center Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011

For many years we have held our may Mini-Reunion at Downingtown, PA at Hoss's Restaurant. Art and Ruth-Alice drive approximately one and one half hours from Manasquan, NJ for our "annual" reunion. Six of us in Harrisburg PA meet and ride for an hour in Elmer Brice's van and that also provides us with more reunion time. We decided this year to stay overnight at a nearby hotel. Thanks to Art Potts for the photos.

Men l/r: Elmer Brice, Sr. 422/L; Norman Simmons, 424/D; Truman Christian, 424/D; Art Potts 424/K
Ladies l/r: Ruth-Alice Potts, Betty Simmons, Janet Brice, Anne Christian

PS: Each year Dec, Jan or Feb we also have a mini-reunion in Mechanicsburg and that one includes Ralph Coble, 424/A. Since the Brices are in Florida and the Potts in New Jersey we have a second reunion in May.



ESCAPE !!!

"THE TRUE STORY OF A WORLD WAR II P.O.W.

THE GERMANS COULDN'T HOLD"

Author: John M. "Jack" Roberts 592/C

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1st Vice President Roberts has written a book about his experiences while with 592/C which highlights being ambushed and captured by the Germans on the first day of the Battle of the Bulge.

The book gives a detailed account of his harrowing escape while being marched behind enemy lines as a Prisoner of War. Early chapters tell about his youth including his military training leading up to his capture and finishes with his adjustment to civilian life with its rewards.

The Book will be for sale in the Hospitality Room at the Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell, KY along with the other memorabilia that John Gilliland has for sale. Each book bought at the Hospitality Room a percentage of the cost will be donated to the 106th Association Treasury. Autographs will be given upon request."

A TEENS WAR ... TRAINING, COMBAT, CAPTURE

Author Hal Taylor, 423/CN, 2172 Rockridge Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81503

hal@jg.net 970-245-7807 Available <http://www.1stbooks.com> as a hard copy or electronic transfer. *A Teen's War* describes the experiences of a small town boy in the latter stages of World War II. Portions originated from letters written home about induction, training, and time overseas with the 423rd Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division and that unit's short period of combat in the Battle of the Bulge.

The story is unique compared to most war books, for it contains none of the pedantic pretenses of most military histories, filled with strategy or the so-called 'Big Picture.' Instead, *A Teen's War* tells how a young, private soldier became aware of reality and the world around him despite his limited view.

All readers who have ever heard the words, 'missing in action,' will find this book interesting. Readers who were prisoners of war themselves, particularly of the Germans, will recall those hellish times and understand that recollection enables one to live and to cope with the realities of today.

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Author made two trips to St Vith, Rhine River, Armor School Library, Military History Institute, plus personal information from 168th Combat Veterans

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Dr. John G. Robb Memorial Chairman, at the "Unveiling of the Plaque"
John Schaffner, Association Pres 2002-2003, to his left

***The 106th Infantry Division - Plaque Dedication Ceremony
Sunday, May 25, 2003 Andersonville
National Prisoner of War Museum***

In our 11 AM Dedication Ceremony, there were about 75 in attendance, of which 20 were 106th Infantry Division veterans. Fourteen States were represented.

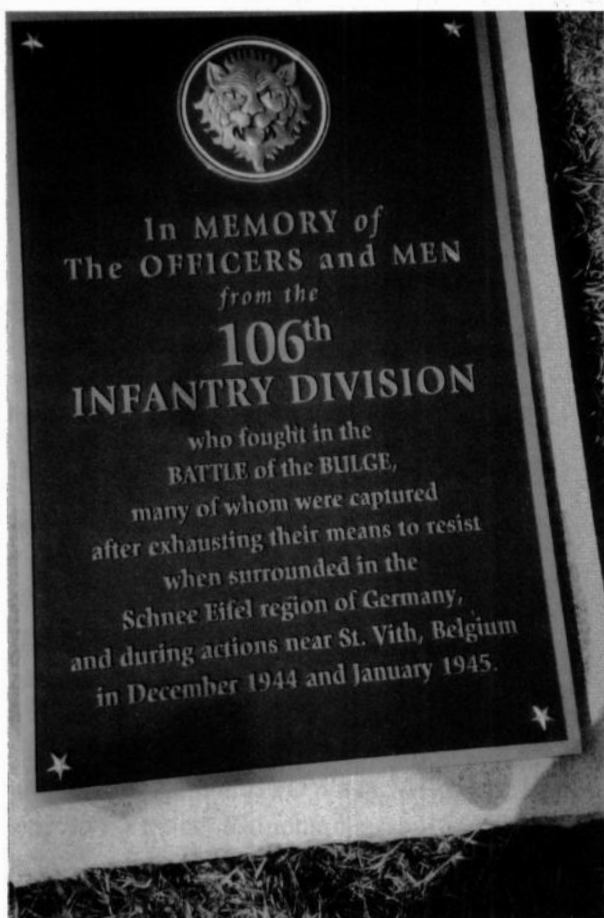
Andersonville Prison was in operation fourteen months in 1864 - 1865. There were 45,000 prisoners. There were 13,000 deaths.

In 1970 Andersonville was made an National Historic Site. In 1998 Andersonville was made a "Prisoner of War Museum."

The color guard was from Warner Robins Air Force Base.

The Andersonville National Historic Site afternoon Memorial Day Service was very impressive. In the closing ceremony - laying of wreaths - John Schaffner, 106th Infantry Division Association President and John Roberts, Association 1st Vice- President, placed the 106th Wreath. It was a Memorial Day we shall remember.

Dr. John G. Robb, 422/



106th Infantry Division Association Plaque

Andersonville Memorial Dedication May 25, 2003 . . .



**Opening by Superintendant Boyle
Andersonville National Historic Site**



**Pledge of Allegiance by John Schaffner, Pres
106th Infantry Division Association
Invocation by Past Chaplain Ewell C. Black Jr.**



**Walter Bridges 2nd VP 106th Assoc at Podium
John Schaffner, Pres at the side**



Dr. John Robb, 106th Assoc Memorial Chairman



Above: Association President
John Schaffner
presenting Sherod Collins with a
plaque for many long years of
"Services Rendered"
to the 106th Infantry Division Association

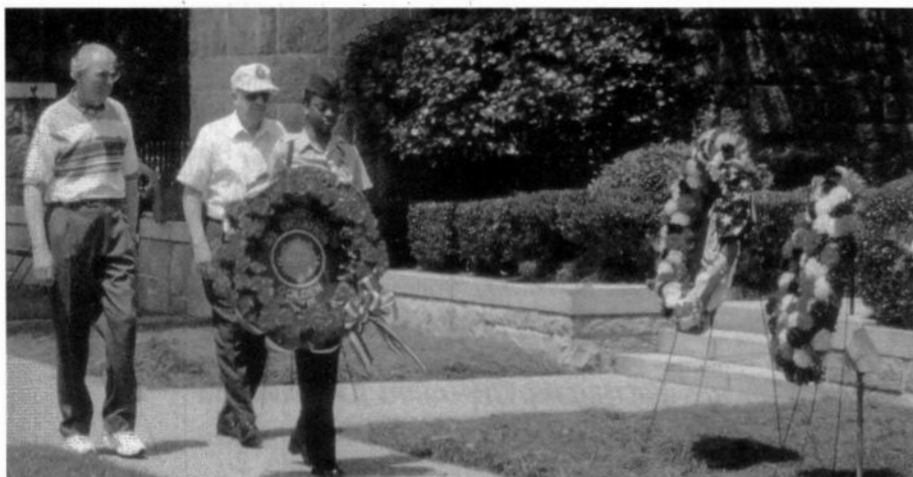
Below: Carl Canup 424/C and John Robb, 422/D,
Memorial Chairman in front of the newly dedicated
106th Infantry Division POW plaque
at Andersonville



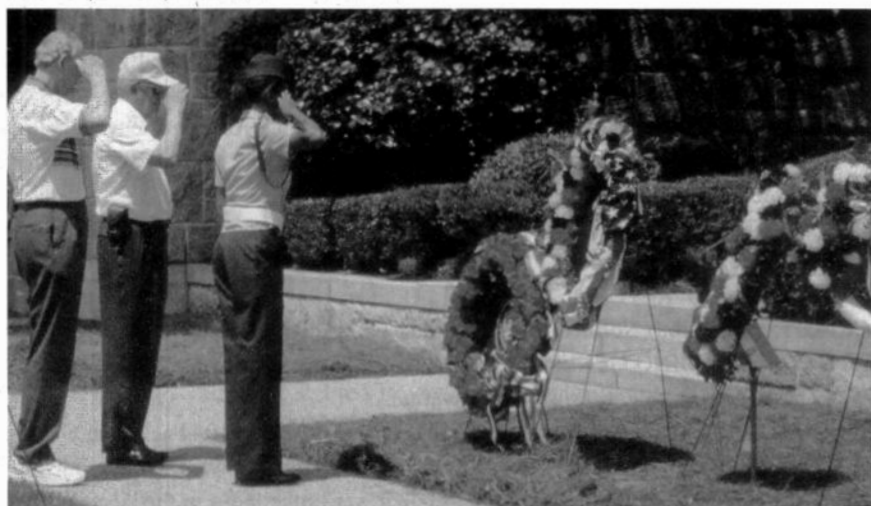
Above:
Sherod Collins, 423/SV w/ friend Martha Brocata
with his newly acquired plaque inscribed:
"Presented to Sherod Collins,
106th Infantry Division 423/SV
ORDER of the GOLDEN LION Commander Class 1973
President 1975; Adjutant 1964-1968;
Historian 1961-2003; Treasurer 1964 - 2003
With warmest friendship from his comrades
in arms 2003"



Send your donations for POW Memorial
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Presenting the wreath at the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association Ceremony
1st V. P. John (Jack) Roberts, 592/C, John Schaffner, 589/A, President
and Jr. ROTC Cadet as Flower Bearer



Color Guard from Warner Robins Air Force Base

Andersonville Memorial Dedication May 25, 2003 . . .

106th MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION PROGRAM

Opening Remarks John R. Schaffner President
Advancement of Colors Robins Air Force Base Warner Robins, Georgia
Pledge of Allegiance John M. Roberts First Vice President
Invocation.....Reverend Ewell C. Black, Jr.
WelcomeFred Boyles,Superintendent, Andersonville NHS
Remarks.....John R. Schaffner President

Tribute to Sherod Collins

Remarks.....Walter G. Bridges Second Vice President
Unveiling of the Plaque/RemarksDr. John G. Robb Memorial Chairman

Benediction.....Reverend Ewell C. Black

Facts of the 106 Infantry Division

TYPE OF DIVISION: Army of the United States

NICKNAME: Golden Lion" Division

SONG: "Onward Lions of 106 to Victory," words and music by Frank Power.

ACTIVATION DATE: 15 March 1943. INACTIVATION DATE: 2 October 1945, Camp Shanks, NY

COMPONENT UNITS: 422,423 and 424 Inf Regts; 81 Engr Combat Bn; 106 Cav Rcn Tp (Mecz); 331 Med Bn. Div Arty: 589, 590 and 591st FA Bns (105 how) and 592 FA Bn (155 how). Sp Tps: 106 QM Co, 106 Sig Co, 806 Ord Co (LM), Hq Co, MP Plat and Band. TRAINING UNDER ARMY GROUND

FORCES: The division was activated at Fort Jackson SC, and was assigned to the III Corps of the Second Army The 106th came through its first test, during the Second Army maneuvers held in Tennessee from Jan to Mar 1944, with flying colors. In March 1944, the division was transferred to Camp Atterbury, Ind., under the second Army.

DEPARTED U.S. FOR FOREIGN DUTY: 10 November 1944

DATE ENTERED COMBAT: (Division) 10 December 1944.

COMBAT DAYS (DIV): 63 RETURNED TO U.S.: 1 October 1945

BATTLE CREDITS: (Division) Northern France, Ardennes; and Rhineland.

SUCCESSIVE COMMANDING GENERALS: MG Alan W Jones from 15 Mar 1943 through Nov 1944; MG Donald A Stroh from Feb 1945 to inactivation.

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION: 81st Engr Cmbt Bn for 16-23 Dec 1944 action in Germany.

COMBAT HIGHLIGHTS: On 11 Dec 1944, the 106th Infantry Division went into the line in Belgium. It was a quiet sector. Five days later all the hell of modern war broke loose in that sector. The full force of Von Rundstadt's breakthrough spearhead came up against the 106th. The regiments of the division absorbed all the power which the Germans could deliver at that point. Only a handful of men from the regiments came back, but it could be said of the division as a whole that it went down fighting. The German attack started 16 Dec 1944. The enemy turned its guns on the 422nd and 423rd Inf Regts and followed up with infantry and tank assaults. On 23 Dec the division pulled back to reorganize, but was thrown into the line once again the next day. It finally helped to halt the Germans on the north side of the salient between Stavelot and Manhay. During the gigantic German offensive the 106th suffered 8603 casualties, which included more than 7000 men missing. Before the last big drive into the Reich could gain momentum, the division was pulled back to Rennes France for rehabilitation While there it also constituted the reserve for American troops investing the St Nazaire and Lorient pockets. When the Germans began to surrender by the thousands in April and early May 1945, the 106th was rushed east to take over the partly-built prisoner of war cages and to handle the masses of humanity who were milling about in American held territory. The division in June 1945, had a strength of 40,000 men, three times the size of an ordinary Infantry Division, because of the gigantic task it had to undertake on caring for prisoners and displaced persons. Late in June the division had headquarters at Bad Ems, and was disposed along a 340 mile front. The division sailed for the US in late Sep 1945 and was inactivated upon arrival in this country.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Sponsored by Red River Valley Pilots Association and Andersonville National Historic Site. The National Park Service, Andersonville, GA

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM 2:00 p.m.

**TO ALL AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND
WOMEN WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED
FROM THEIR LAST ENGAGEMENT**

Master of Ceremonies..... Dave Lorenzo Red River Valley Fighter Pilot
Advancement of Colors..... Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
Invocation Fred Smith Red River Valley Fighter Pilot
Retirement of Colors Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany
Special Presentation Gordie Tushek, Georgia Chairman Red River Valley
Fighter Pilots

Welcome Fred Boyles, SupT Andersonville National Historic Site
Remarks Paul Dallas National Senior Vice Commander American Ex-
Prisoners of War
Recognition of Veterans..... Wayne Waddell Past President, NAM-POWs
Introduction of Speaker..... James Sehorn Georgia's State Inspector General
Address..... George Harrison Director, Research Operations Georgia Tech
Research

Institute Closing Ceremony Laying of Wreaths..... Fred Boyles
Patriotic & Civic Organizations Escorted by Americus/Sumter High School JROTC
Directed by Major Johnny Womack
Rifle Salute..... Robins Air Force Base Rifle Team
Taps
Benediction Dick Stratton Past President, NAM-POWs

"God Bless America"



Overlooking the Andersonville Cemetery

Andersonville Cemetery

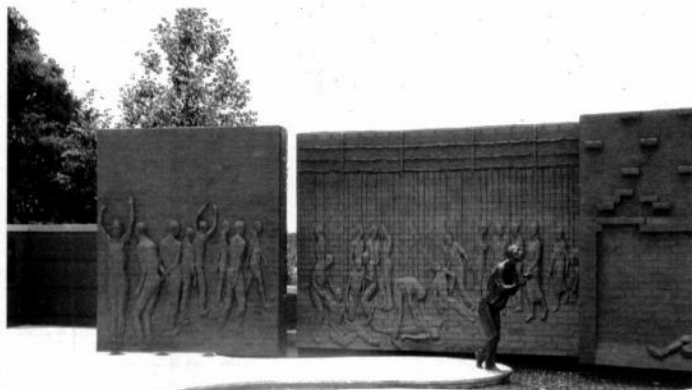


Walter Greve, 423/HQ 1Bn at POW Museum

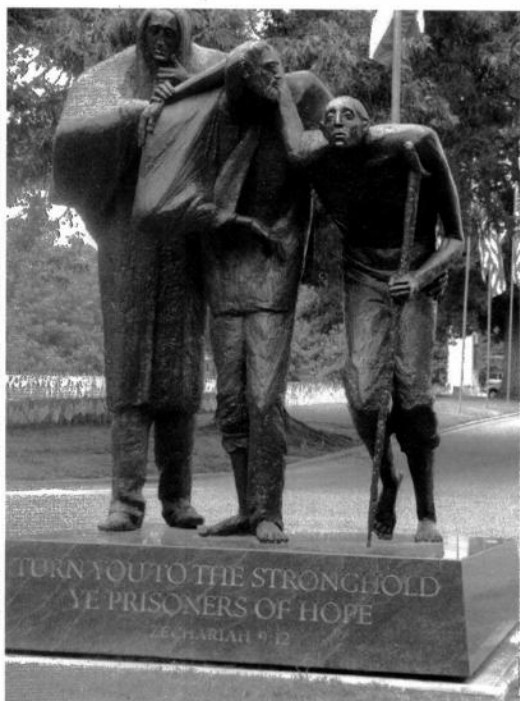


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John Gatens 589th FAB

GREAT SHOW!

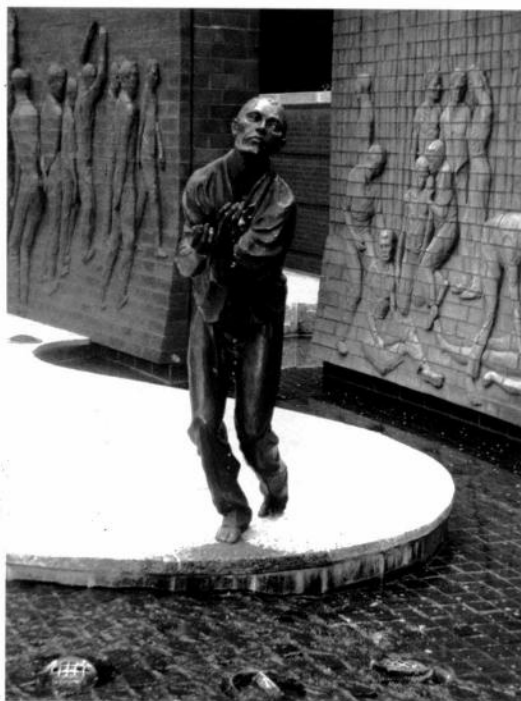


POW Wall and Sculpture - National POW Museum



Monument at Cemetery Entrance

Sculpture at National POW Wall





Rostrum Area used for dedication ceremonies



Walt Greve at entrance POW Museum



1st VP Jack Roberts and Pres John Schaffner strolling by Rostrum area



Flower display at Rostrum area



Stockade area

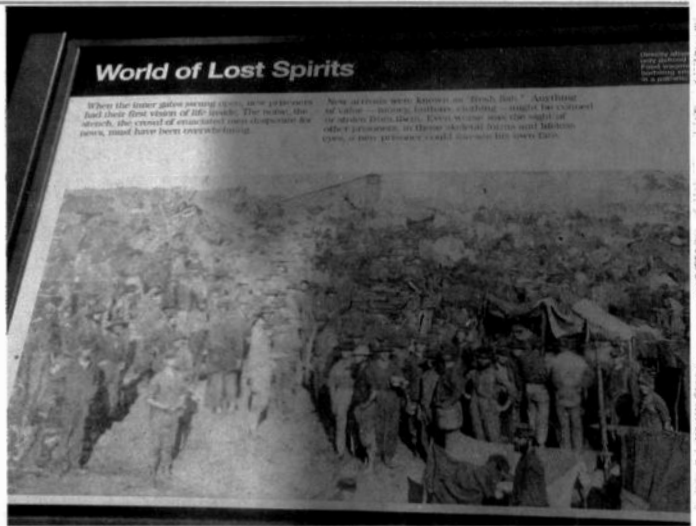


Site of the only water available for all the prisoners of Andersonville



Representing shelters built by the Andersonville POWs

World of Lost Souls
Old photo showing thousands of
POWs huddled together
Andersonville POW Camp



Old photo showing an
area of Andersonville
POW Camp tents

ATTENDING THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE CEREMONY

Dr. John Robb, 106th Infantry Division Memorial Chairman
reported approximately 75 persons from five states attending.

The following veterans, their families and friends.

John Schaffner, 589/A; Jack Roberts, 592/C; Ewell Black Jr., 422/A;
Walter Bridges, 424/D; Dr. John Robb, 422/D; Sherod Collins, 423/SV;
Joseph Massey, 422/C; John Gilliland, 592/SV; Randolph Pierson, 589/HQ;
John Gatens, 589/A; Walter Snyder, 589/A; Russell Gunvalson, 590/A;
Alvin Powers, 422/HQ 1st BN; Fred Smallwood, 423/HQ 1st BN;
Bill Jenkins, 422/H; Bob Howell, 424/HQ 2BN; Bob Peters, 422/K;
Walter Greve, 423/HQ 1st BN; Jack Woodward, 590/HQ and Carl Canup, 424/C

I hope I haven't missed any, if so let John Kline, CUB Editor know
and he will report it in the next CUB

New Members . . .

Note to ALL new members: Welcome back to the 106th!

If you are on email and have not indicated so, please send me an email address so that you can be added to the nearly 400 members that are on my "Bulge List."

Total membership at this moment is 1,617.

If, as a new member you failed to make a statement with your application please do so now, and I will include it in the next CUB.

My address appears on the inside cover and on the editor's page of every CUB magazine.

John Kline, Editor. jpk@mm.com

ANIFANTAKIS, CONSTANTINE 422/G

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Known as "Ankas." Wife's name: Friebl.

He writes, "A post-Bulge replacement at the surrender of the St. Nazaire and Lorient pockets in Northern France, plus Camp Coetguidon, France where the division colors were restored. When the division returned Stateside was transferred to the 65th Signal Battalion in Bad Orb, Germany, Stalag 9-B where many soldiers of the division had been kept as POW's.

Welcome back to the 106th Ankis.

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Was drafted 5th of march 1943. A week later was sent to Fort Jackson, SC. Stayed in the 424th to Camp Atterbury where I was sent to POE, Germany and the 30th Infantry Division, 117th Regiment. Was discharged from A Welsh convalescent hospital in April.

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Welcome back to the 106th good buddy.

John Kline, 423/M Editor, The CUB

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Wife's name Reva

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Son of Dharlys (associate) and William 592/A (deceased).

Thanks Bruce for the Life membership.

Thanks also to your mother., Dharlys.

John Kline, Cub Editor jpk@mm.com

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Wife's name Elizabeth. Thanks to you Marion Ray. In your last email you gave me a list of names, none rang a bell. I do remember my Squad Leader was Sgt Obersack (?) from Philadelphia. Platoon

New Members . . .

Leader was Sgt McCool from Altoona, PA and the CO was W.B. Stewart from Tenn. I was born, raised and drafted from Baltimore, MD. I would also like the "Division History Book."

Editor's Note: Charles the book we call our "Division History Book" could possible be purchased as indicated below. Current prices are not known, if they are available.

The history of the 106th Infantry Division is well documented in a book that was written, shortly after the war, by Colonel Ernst Dupuy a renowned World War II historian. Entitled **ST. VITH: A Lion in the WAY**. It is available in some libraries (ISBN 0-89839-092-3). A reprint of the book is available from Battery Press, Inc., PO Box 198885 - Uptown Station; Nashville, TN 37219. (\$39.95 + \$4.00 shipping) 615-298-1401 There are very few copies left and there will be no more reprints.

Give it a try. Let me know at jpk@mm.com, John Kline CUB editor.

You might also try the "Used Books" locations on the internet.

HUBER, DAVID A. 422/A

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Joined 106th Spring of 1945 as a replacement. Please send a few back issues of The CUB magazine.

Editor's Note: David, Will do. Also will send a list of your buddies that currently belong to the Association and some other propoganda. John Kline, editor.

LATOURNES, ROBERT 422/A

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A member of 422/A as a PFC I was captured with others of my unit in the Ardennes. Sent to Stalag IV-B, shipped out to a small German town named "Bitterfeld." Held there in a small makeshift jail with 20 other Americans. We worked in an open soft-coal pit mine in the day time. There was a factory nearby that made "brickets." We also filled "Bomb Craters." We had our share of cold weather living, starving, bomb raids. We were lucky to get back home. Some were not that lucky.

Editor's Note: Sounds like you were in the same place as Dan Beid, also of 422/A, your unit.

Thanks Bob, nice talking to you. That made my day! His wife Millie is an Associate member. I will send you Millie's address - you may want to touch base. I know she would appreciate it. J Kline, editor)

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Dorothy, his wife wrote, "Enclosed find a check for a LIFE membership for Charles. He is an EX-POW. Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 422nd Infantry Regiment."

OJA, DAN ASSOCIATE

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My uncle Carl Arthur Koski was a member of Company A of the 424th Combat Infantry regiment. I am researching the experiences of the Koski brothers in World War II. All six of them were in the war. Would appreciate hearing from any person that knew him.

OSCIK, STEPHEN 106TH SIGNAL CO.

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I was a radio operator in 106th Signal during the Bulge. I joined the division when it was activated in 1943 at Fort Jackson, SC. I stayed with it through the Bulge when it was split up. I've forgotten all the code I ever knew. I am now retired and spending Summers in Hyannisport, MA. I'd be interested in hearing from any of the "Radio Section" who are still active.

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A rifleman in :K Company, 423rd Infantry I was a POW in Slaughterhouse 5, Dresden. After the war worked as a tool & die manufacturer and retired in 1981. My hobbies are fishing and playing Senior Softball. Have a World Series Ring with the Kids & Kubs Team of St. Petersburg, Florida in year 2000 at Detroit, Michigan. My wife, Via Marie and I had two children. Lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan 1945 - 1981

PALMER, HAROLD R. 331 MED/HQ

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Harold, my apologies for not listing you in the last edition. Welcome back to the 106th. John Kline, editor.

PALMER, RAYMOND A. ASSOCIATE

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Raymond is the son of member Harold Palmer 331 MED/HQ, above
Thanks Raymond and welcome to the 106th.

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Son of Joseph, above.

Dad recalls this after 50 years. We also sent in our application for membership in the Association yesterday. I think he will enjoy reading the CUB magazine. We have printed off some of the accounts we have read. Some too long to print off for now.

This will be rather long and we tried to get it down in the order that it happened.

To the best of his memory:

Joe Patzner's Account of Battle of Bulge

I was in the Service Battery. I went to Ft. Jackson at activation and I was there from start to finish until captured.

We went to St. Vith to pick up some supplies on probably December 14.

We then took supplies to B Battery and nothing happened that night.

The next day, we were taking supplies to Battalion headquarters and saw an MP at the intersection and told him I wanted to head for Battalion headquarters and he told me to go straight ahead. I came to Bleialf and noticed it looked deserted, but kept going and started observing things and thought I could see something going on in the woods up ahead that didn't look right to me, so I went back to Bleialf and to where that MP was supposed to be and there wasn't anyone there, so I took the other road to where I thought headquarters was, got there and unloaded my supplies.

I then went back to the bivouac area.

I think the MP that was supposed to be at that crossroad that sent me to Bleialf was killed by the Germans and they used his uniform and impersonated the MP and directed me in the wrong direction. I later found out that the MP had been killed.

"A" Battery called for ammunition for the howitzer and my truck was available, so they loaded the ammunition onto my truck and when I got there, they were taking it right off the truck and putting it into the gun and started firing at some tanks. As soon as I was unloaded, they sent me out of there. I went back to the bivouac area. This was on December 16.

The German forwarding party came through the morning of the 17th of December and we had some casualties, so they loaded them into my truck and sent me to St. Vith or Schönberg to get medical aid wherever I could.

New Members . . .

What happened to the Service Battery after that, I don't know except from what I have read. Apparently the main attack came through and they were getting circled by tanks, etc. and I had no communication with them after I left our Service Company.

I just got to Schönberg where I ran into resistance. The roads were blocked with trucks and someone took the casualties and we were told to take our truck to the farmhouse on the west side of the road and stay there to see what happened.

There were stragglers coming through and stayed with us at the farmhouse.

It was late that night when the Germans came, kicked in the doors and took us prisoners.

We were taken to Stalag 9-B at Bad Orb on Christmas Eve by train and was strafed by American planes which I assume were returning from a mission and didn't know there were American soldiers aboard the train. I was there about a month and then we moved to Zeigenhain, Stalag 9-A.

Medical care was nonexistent. We were fed thin soup at noon and a slice of bread in the evening. Sleeping quarters consisted of beds made of boards 18 to 20 inches wide. One of these was assigned to each two prisoners. The men spent most of their time in these since their lack of food kept them so weak they were barely able to get up to walk to meals.

Some Red Cross packages that had been sent to prisoners in the camp never found their way into the camp. The packages were later found in German homes by the prisoners after their liberation on March 28 or 29.

When the American tanks came through, they were throwing their K rations and whatever they had in their tanks to the prisoners. I lost down to about 110 pounds.

PEREA, ANDY ASSOCIATE

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Andy comes to us from George "Rocky" Moyer, a Life Member from 424/CN. Rocky wrote, "I have a friend who is very interested in the 106th Infantry Division. I have been sending my CUB Magazine to him and he enjoys it. Here is a check for \$75.00 to sign him on as a LIFE Member Associate.

Editor's Note: That's the way to go Rocky. Thanks for your interest in our division. Hope you enjoy The CUB. J Kline, editor.

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I am a niece of a veteran, Coleman Estes, 81st Engineers. I am also writing a book about the battle focusing on Company B, 81st Engineers.

Any input would be appreciated.

SONGER, HAROLD G 423/I

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Editor's Note: Harold, Nice to see your name come in as a new member. I contacted you many years ago, 1987. I mention you in my "War Diary" on my web site. The website is at: <http://www.mm.com/user/jpk/wardiary.htm>

I said this, in part: In 1987 I acquired a list of the 106th Division members belonging to "The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. I called one of the listed men, Harold Gene Songer of Danville, Illinois. (6/4/87) He, was a member of I Company, 423rd Infantry Regiment. He said, "Yes, I was in the woods. I don't know exactly where. "

Welcome back to the 106th John Kline, CUB Editor

New Members . . .

STRUNK, LUTHER 591/C

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Sign me on as an annual member along with my wife, Margaret as am Auxiliary member.

SUPPAN, VINCENT V. 591/C - 591/HQ

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Please sign me on as a LIFE MEMBER.
Also please sign my wife, Josephine on as a Life Associate

WESTHAUSEN, DAVID L. LIFE ASSOCIATE

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Susan, David's wife also joins us as an Auxiliary LIFE member.

I'm a history buff and a member of the WWII Society-Europe. The "Society" is a small non-profit organization that provide WWII battlefield tours to the local military community at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany to heighten their awareness of the sacrifices American made in the Second World War. Our motto is "*Dedication, Honor and Remembrance.*"

During our tours I've become quite attached to the 106th Infantry Division's history and have personally conducted site visits and provided commentary around the Schnee Eifel, Bleialf, Schönberg and Parker's Crossroads.

I would consider it an honor to become an Associate member of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

David, thank you for the service you have done to our division in your tours and teachings. It is OUR honor to have you as an Associate member. We have a fairly large group of supporters in Belgium, France, Holland and a couple of members in Germany.

I have some excellent maps that were prepared by Colonel Nicholas Andreachhio, (USA, Armor, Ret). The maps are part of an unpublished book

involving the messages that flowed during the Bulge. These messages were used as a basis for the Colonel's "Tank Commander's Training Session at Fort Know, when he was active Commander of the training school. Excellent position maps of several of the units involved in the BULGE. I have only those connected to the 106th and will send you a set along with the Welcome Letter you will have received before you read this.

Also, thanks for the donation. It will be listed in the Front & Center column.

We are proud to have you aboard. John Kline, Editor The CUB.

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My father-in-law was in 424/E. My wife's name is Eileen.

WILLIAMS, LUCILLE B. ASSOCIATE

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I am enclosing a check for \$75.00 for Life Associate membership.

My husband (deceased) was Lewis B. Williams 422/HQ. I did not want my membership to expire. I enjoy reading The CUB from cover to cover.

Some of the things I read reminds me of "things" that my husband told me about his experience as a soldier and as a POW.

I always attend our "Mini-Reunion" each year at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

(Editor's note: Thank you Lucille for your support and the kind words. J Kline, editor)

YOUNG, CYRILA. 81st ENG/C

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I am renewing this membership for my Father as a father's Day gift.

Ingrid Young Jenkins

In Memoriam . . .

In all the years that the CUB has been published, the rule for listings of deaths of Association members was that "***Current paid Veterans Only***" were listed". Due to time, general opinion, and overall age of our organization that rule is being relaxed.

There will be two sections: One section for current paid veteran members. Another section, ***by request only***, for current paid Auxiliary (spouses) and current paid Associate members.

Milton L. Brown 591/? CWO (USA Ret)

2503 Clinton Street (last known) Longview, TX 75604.

Date of death unknown – CUB returned marked "deceased"

Hiram Cary (H.C.) Coan 423/B

200 Fairview Drive, McDonough, GA 30253

Date of death March 7, 2003. Reported by Susan Dickerson, daughter.

Frank J. Gombotz 422/HQ 1Bn

315 S Ridgeland Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302

Date of death March 15, 2003. Reported by his sister Maryrose Thoma, 118 N Fairview Ave, Mt Prospect, IL 60056

Glen O. Hartleib 592/Service Battery

1805 Olive Street, Highland, IL 62249

% Gary Hartleib, 103 South Tower Rd, Carbondale, IL 62901 618-529-1920

Date of Death February 22, 2003. Reported by Gary G. Hartleib, son.

Glenn died a week after suffering a stroke, My mother, Nadine Hartleib suffered from a broken hip and complications died on January 13, 2003. Dad was almost 84. His 84th birthday would have been on February 26, 2003. Dad was a radio operator and mechanic, operating both code and radios. He was responsible for the repair and maintenance of radio equipment. He was in charge of twelve men. He returned to Highland where he lived his entire life. He worked as a Railway Express clerk, propane gas delivery man, furniture salesman and installer of floor coverings. He worked well into his 70's. My parents enjoyed traveling, visiting Europe and Hawaii several times, as well as Russia, Denmark, Sweden and the Czech Republic. In later years they traveled to many USA locations. Glenn and Nadine leave one son and a daughter-in-law, Gary Glen and Karen Twitty-Hartleib of Carbondale, two grandchildren, Chris and Wend Hartleib of Highland, IL and Jennifer and Don Howard of Murphysboro, Illinois and three great-grand children, Geoffrey and Hannah Hartleib and Ella Katherin Howard, born less than a month after Glenn died.

Rest In Peace

Raymond T. Makowske, Sr 423/C

8261 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville, MD 21093

Date of death June 10, 2003. Ray was a member of a 60mm mortar squad, captured and held in Kommando 557 at Dresden, later known as "Slaughterhouse 5." In April 1945, on the approach of the Russian Army the prisoners were turned out to make their way to the American lines. He eventually made contact with the 87th Infantry Division and was returned to the USA. After a lengthy R&R Ray was discharged on 12 December 1945.

Dr. John B. Martin 422 MED

Box 252, Brownsville, PA 15417

Date of death July 21, 2003. Past-President notified us he had a call from Mrs. Pearl Martin that the Doctor had died after a lingering illness. Dr. Martin was a Captain in the 422nd Medical. He was captured and incarcerated in Stalags 11 and 111 according to his wife Pearl.

Wilbert F. Paquette DIV ARTY/ HQs Battery

28931 Bestes, Saint Claire Shores, MI 48081

Date of death January 2, 2003 Reported by Shirley Paquette, Wilbert's wife.

She reported the death of her husband of 53 years. A graduate of Lake Linden Highschool Wilbert was the proud father of daughters Cynthia, May Pat and Leslie. After recovering from wounds from his capture Wilbert raised a family. He was loved and respected by all and never missed any of his grandchildren's activities. Recipient of the Purple Heart and other WWII medals, he was a Life member of the 106th Infantry Division Association. His wife Shirley would like to hear from his friends.

Roger M. Rutland 424/B

971 Point Drive, Marietta, GA 30068

Date of death June 25, 2003

Note: In the May CUB we reported the death of his wife Mattie as of March 7, 2003.

I am sure we could fill this book with testimonials about 1st Sergeant Rutland. My information seems sparse compared to the great gentleman and soldier that he was. He was loved and honored by every person that ever met him.

Roger was a Past President of the 106th Infantry Division Association. He was the loved First-Sergeant of "B" Company, 424th Combat Infantry Regiment. He was held in high esteem by his men. Articles have appeared in the CUB magazine about he and his "B" Company. This editor remembers him, on one occasion remarking that the hardest part of his front line duty was the reporting of the deaths of young soldiers who the night before had been placed in his command and sent immediately up front He was sadden deeply because he "hardly" knew them. He was kind and gentle man.

He was a very active member of the Association, since 1976. Served on the Board of Directors, then through various offices. He held the *Order of the Golden Lion, Commander's Class*, a prestigious award for services rendered to the Association and not in any way connected to Army service. He helped conduct or organize three 106th Association Reunions at Fort Jackson as well as the Mini-reunions held in his area.

In Memoriam . . .

Irwin Smoler, 424/B wrote, "Roger and Mattie had two daughters, Rubye Hunberger and Elaine Helms. I do know that Roger was a regular Army man that retired after many years of service all over the world. He told me once that he earned the second Combat Infantry badge in Korea and the Soldiers medal sometime during his career. He seldom talked about himself.

I do know that the 106th Infantry Division was his first love. He came to the division as cadre from the 80th Infantry Division. He was a soldier's First Sergeant!

Jay Tronco, Roger Rutland's Nephew wrote, "It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of my Uncle's death. I was in Europe when Mattie died, his wife of over 60 years. Roger had Alzheimer's. After that time Roger's health deteriorate. He was placed in a medical assisted facility. He died peacefully and without incident."

Albert F. Schuller 422/B

2 Marmaduke Lane, Savannah, GA 31411

Date of death: February 26, 2003 An envelope containing part of a CUB envelope was received from an unidentified person in Savannah at a different address reporting his death. Our records show "Betty" as his wife.

John P. Schuller 590/B

9909 S 67th E Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74133

Date of death Jul 17, 2003 reported by wife Betty. Buried at Fort Snelling Cemetery, St. Paul, MN. Betty wrote, "John always loved his country and was proud to serve in the U.S. Army. He lived and died a dedicated citizen who always supported the military and would not allow any person to discredit it in his presence. He was discharge June 1946. Was in the Army Reserves June 1949 to May 1953."

Betty continued, "I wish to continue as an Associate Member."

Rest In Peace

AUXILIARY and ASSOCIATE Members

Helen E. Carrico - Wife of L.J. (Jack) Carrico, 423/D, 423/H

1520 Sky Valley Drive, Apt #107, Reno, NV 89503

Date of death February 20, 2003. She attended the 106th Annual meeting (3 Reunions) along with Jack. Jack and Helen had been married 50 years.

Helen was a retired Junior High School Administrator (Principal) of the Sinaloa Jr. High, Sun Valley California. Survived by husband Jack, son and daughter-in-law James and Karen of Reno; son Larry of Las Vegas; daughter Kathy of Reno; daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Ken Ferguson of Great falls, VA; brothers John and Donald St. Clair and eleven grandchildren.

Lucille C. Bugner - Wife of Thomas F. Bugner 590/B

2739 W Charleston Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85053

Date of death December 19, 2002 Lucille was a Life member of the National EX-POW, Life member of the Phoenix, AZ EX-POW and the DAV Auxiliary. Lucille and her husband volunteered at the VA medical Center in Phoenix for a number of years. Survivors; her husband Thomas of 58 ½ years, two daughters Patricia and Pamela and was preceded in death by one son, William Thomas. Grandmother of two, Great grandmother, several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Merritt - Wife of Paul J. Merritt 331 MED/HQ

2302 Empire Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810

Date of death February 6, 2003

She was the love of my life, married for 58 years. She is the one who talked me into joining the 106th Infantry Division Association. We were going to the Virginia Reunion, but she took sick with Cancer. She is missed terribly.

Helen McCarthy- Wife of Harry J. McCarthy 423/I

20 Hastings CT Apt F, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Date of death December 20, 2002 (AX-POW Magazine)

Helen was a member of the Hudson Valley Chapter AX-POW. Survived by her husband, Harry, 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren

Dorotha M. Watters - Wife of Jack H. Watters 423/G

32616 32nd Avenue SW, Federal Way, WA 98023

Date of February 19, 2003

Interment in Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA

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