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## ***Orlando, Florida January 23, 2004***

A "Micro-Reunion" of the 2nd Platoon, "K" Company, 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment was held in Orlando, Florida. This was a very special meeting - they had not seen each other since that fateful day 19, December, 1944. Shown L/R are James L. Edwards; William B. Busier; Clifton Capshaw and Fred D. Parks. If anyone knows the whereabouts of "K" Company Commander, Captain James Bricker, please inform James L. Edwards, 5196 41st Street South, St Petersburg, FL 33711

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## President's View . . .

It is time again to seriously consider attending the annual reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association. The 2004 reunion will be our 58th. Just how many of these great reunions will be held for our enjoyment in the years ahead depends on attendance. They will continue for many years providing they are well attended by the membership, their families and guests.

Annual attendance is the only method the Board of Directors will have to make judgmental decisions in the years ahead as to just when that final reunion will be held.

Membership Chairman John Kline states that the membership stands at 1,580 including Associate members as of this writing. That is a figure we all can be proud. Certainly age, health and reunion location has much to do with individual attendance. However, the key factor is individual determination to make that positive decision.

The choice that the membership made to hold the 2004 reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Hyatt-Regency was a wise one. It is a beautiful first-class hotel with great accommodations. It has glass-enclosed skywalks which connect the Hyatt Regency to the Midwest Express Center and Grand Avenue Mall and just 10 minutes from the General Mitchell International Airport. The hotel is within easy walking distance of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts and the Milwaukee Center theater district an just blocks from museums and Lake Michigan. There are excellent dining options at the hotel which include the Polaris, Wisconsin's only revolving rooftop restaurant, the Pilsner Palace which is a full-service restaurant plus three cocktail lounges.

We have not held a reunion in a downtown location, like this, for many years and I do believe you will be delighted with the hotel, program, hospitality room, entertainment and optional tours. Milwaukee is a great city to visit with its historic background. The decision to pick the optional tours being offered this year was difficult because of the many options to choose from. "Optional tours" are just one of the great highlights of our reunion as they have been in past years.

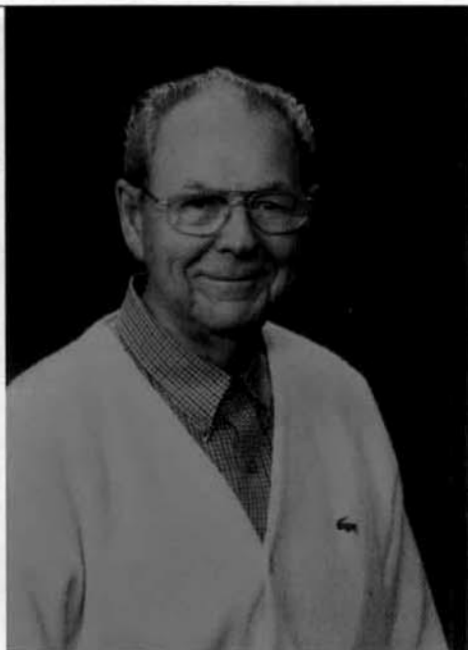
The 106th's Association reunions since 1947 have always focused on brotherhood where you and your comrades of great spirit so diligently went to battle many years ago and returned home to meet annually in order to pay tribute to this cause and renew old acquaintances.

As part of our reunion program we are given the opportunity to attend the beautiful and very moving Memorial Services held by Dr. Duncan Trueman for our deceased comrades..... those who still lie under foreign soil as well as who were returned to their home country and for those who were able to survive those treacherous days but have since departed over the years.

Those of us who continue to survive are truly blessed and we are a "band of brothers." And on the final day of our banquet after a delightful camaraderie visit we again will smile, shake hands and say, "See you next year" and mean it. This year gives each of us the opportunity to confirm that statement we made last year because "next year" has arrived.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee in September 2004

*John M. "Jack" Roberts - President 2003 - 2004*



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## Chaplain's Message . . .



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*Hatred stirreth up strife, but love covers all wrong." (Prov. 12:12)*

Hatred is such a destructive force, but so much simpler than love. Simpler because hatred demands no commitment, no sacrifice, no forgiveness. And it's so easy to hate - especially from a distance. Yes, time and distance are great factors in hating.

So is training. Thus the soldier (or the child, for that matter) is trained to perceive the enemy as sub-human....as krauts or japs or gooks or some other name that makes it easier to dehumanize him....and thus to kill him. Most soldiers are able to kill more easily if they possess an image of the enemy sufficiently evil to inspire hatred and repugnance.

So governments have learned to give high priority to psychological preparations for war, preparing their soldiers to go into battle perceiving the enemy not as individual men or women, but as a hostile power intent upon the destruction of our people and our lives. Dr. J. Glenn Gray, an infantry veteran

of our war, in his classic book titled "*Warriors*," points out how both soldiers and civilians can be hardened and consumed by this hatred of what he calls a "shadowy image." A shadowy image of evil. And he illustrates the truth that the farther we are from actual contact with this image, the more we are consumed by it. So, "a civilian far removed from the battle area is nearly certain to be more bloodthirsty than the front-line soldier."

Why? Because, says Dr. Gray, the soldier's hatred has to be responsible, which means that, unlike the civilian, he has to respond to it...to answer it with action. I wonder how many soldiers received letters from home-town folks saying "kill a couple for me." Soldiers kill in response to necessity, and most do so with reluctance, never actually pulling the trigger because of hatred. Distance makes hatred easier.

The difference is that, despite the danger that the enemy represents, only the front-line soldier comes to know the enemy as a human being - especially after that crucial experience when he takes his first prisoner. That's when the prisoner reveals to his opponent his own humanity. Most captors respond humanly unless sociopathic or terribly stressed or under extreme pressure exerted by peers and leaders (as in the S.S.).

Surely there are lessons for all of life in these combat reflections. Time can heal much hatred, but the most efficacious therapy has to do with distance, or should I say closeness? The closer we become to any other, the more we get to perceive that person's humanness. It's that perception that has the power to dissolve hatred.

*"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you. Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you A tough order in a tough world. But that's God's way!"*



## Front & Center . . .

This has been an unusual "personal" Spring. I'd rather not make excuses for the lateness, or the size of this magazine, but it was unavoidable.

I tried to catch all the important messages to include - on a timely basis in this issue, even though it was very late.

I know there will be many photos and messages about the WWII Memorial in the next issue. There will be many duplications of photos - so whatever I use will represent everyone.

Will try to get back on track again for the July-Aug-Sept Publication.

Be sure to get your "Reservations" in for the 58th Annual Reunion.

If you did not get "Reunion Registration" papers - write or call and I will send a packet for you. J Kline, editor.



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For those of you who are planning to drive to the 58th Annual Reunion from the East or Southeast - listen up!

**Ellsworth Schanerberger**, Livonia, MI **331 MED/D** took the time to publish a very good display and instruction sheet that could save you "driving miles" as well as an interesting "**Lake Crossing**" experience.

Thanks Ellsworth. We appreciate the time it took you to construct this display.

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#### ATTENTION: Annual Dues Paying Members

Annual dues expire on June 30, 2004. To continue membership in the 106th Infantry Division Association and to continue receiving the CUB magazine, quarterly

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### Will you be driving to the 106<sup>th</sup> Reunion in Milwaukee ?

If you are; you might want to add a little twist to your travel plans, save some driving time and a drive through Chicago traffic. You can relax and enjoy the scenery while someone else takes over the helm.

For those of you that do not know; there are two ferries that cross Lake Michigan. One from Ludington, Mi. and the other from Muskegon, Mi. The ferry out of Muskegon is a catamaran, 192 ft. long by 57 ft. wide, that crosses lake Michigan from Muskegon to downtown Milwaukee at 30 knots in about 2 ½ hours. The ferry from Ludington, the Badger, 410 ft. long by 59 ft. wide., crosses from Ludington to Manitowoc, WI. at 15 knots in about 4 hours. Both can be reached by driving west on I-96 from Detroit to Grand Rapids and north on US 31 to Muskegon or Ludington. Detroit to Muskegon is about 240 miles, and Muskegon to Ludington an additional 75 miles.

( US 31 will end at US 10 in Ludington. West on US 10 will take you to the Ludington ferry.)

There are some important points you should know about the two ferries;

- Both leave on time
- Both have food on board
- Both require reservations
- The Muskegon ferry limits vehicle size ( 8ft. wide by 8 ft. high )
- Both require you arrive 45min. early to board vehicles
- The Muskegon ferry reservation office is very difficult to contact
- Both require a deposit at time of booking

The management of the Lake Michigan Ferry, the SS Badger out of Ludington, has agreed to offer a special discount to all 106 Infantry Division Reunion attendees who sail aboard the SS Badger between Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. and Sep. 12<sup>th</sup>. 2004 (including round trips). Reservations can be made together or individually and require a \$25 deposit. Reservations must be made as soon as possible to be sure of availability by calling 1-800) 841-4243. When making the reservations, you must give our group code" 106<sup>th</sup> to receive the discounted passenger fares.

To be on time for the early morning sailing out of Ludington, it may be necessary to stay over night in Ludington, Mi.. You should know that there are five small motels, a Motel 8 and a Holiday Inn Express in Ludington. The small motels are rated 2 stars, Motel 8 not known and the Holiday Inn Express a 3 star.

The management of the Holiday Inn Express has also agreed to set aside a block of rooms for all attendees of the 106 Infantry Division Reunion at a special rate between Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>. and Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. Reservations can be made together or individually . Reservations must be made as soon as possible to be sure of availability by calling 1- 866) 523- 2217. When making the reservations, you must give our group code" 106<sup>th</sup> to receive the discounted room rates .

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	10:30 pm	MidNt.		7:55 pm	before Aug 30
Lv. Wi.		Ar.Mi	Lv.Wi.		Ar. Mi.
	6:30 am	10 am		1:15 pm	before Aug 30
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	6:30 pm	10 pm			7 pm

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Note: Discount rates are available only on the Ludington ferry and at the Holiday Inn

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# Front & Center . . .

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Donna Blonda	25
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Hanke, Arthur	10
Idstein, Richard L.	10
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## Head Count 02/15/2004

Life Members (Vets)	703
Annual Members (Vets)	595

### Total Vets

1,298

Life Associate Members	152
Annual Assoc Members	122

### Total Associates 274

Comp Members	10
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GRAND TOTAL 1,582

## In Memory of Sherod Collins 423/SV

Alford, Nancy B.	25
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Black, Rev Ewell	25
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DeFeo, Fred	100
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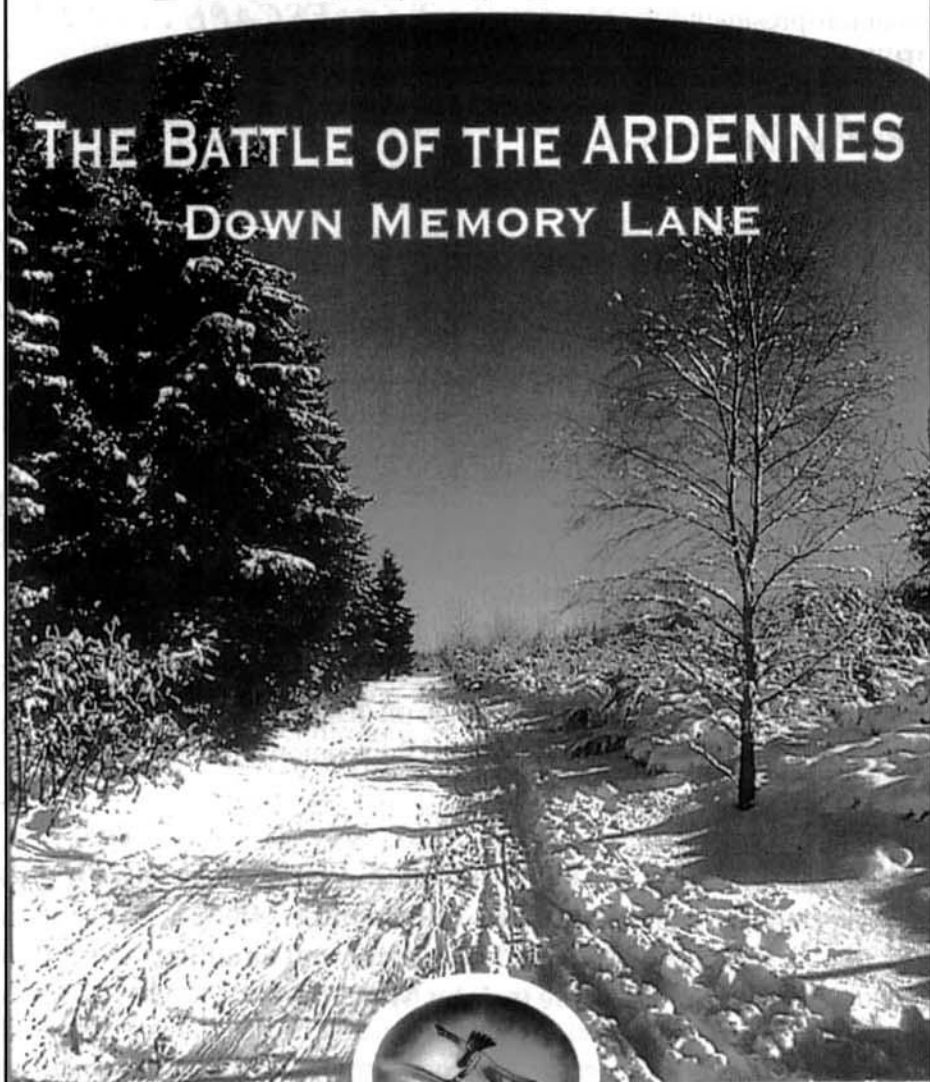
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## BOOKS

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Association president John M. "Jack" Roberts, "C" Battery, 592nd Field Artillery Battalion, recently published a book about his experiences during the "*Battle of the Bulge*" in December 1944 where he was ambushed and captured by the Germans.

The book, 237 pages, with a colorful cover, gives a detailed account of his harrowing experiences telling how he was able to escape his German captors,

while behind enemy lines, before reaching a POW compound. Early chapters in the book gives the reader an overview of his youth, including his military training leading up to his capture. The book then concludes with his adjustment to civilian life with it's rewards after discharge from the Army.

Jack's books were on sale in the "*Hospitality Room*" during the 57th Annual Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association at Fort Mitchell, Kentucky where many members purchased the books that were on display.

For those of you who were unable to attend the reunion, you may purchase the book directly from Jack as follows:

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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

168th Combat Engineer Battalion, was attached to the 106th Inf Division at St. Vith. Their three line companies were defending the Prumerberg. A battalion of 600 men suffered 335 casualties, 33 KIA, the others wounded, POWs or MIA. The 168th is credited with Normandy Invasion, Northern France, Rhineland, assault crossing of the Rhine River, Central Europe. Ending up near Czechoslovakia..



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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.

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**Editor's Note:**

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Our representation of "any book" in The CUB Magazine does not express acceptance of or an official opinion by the "106th Infantry Division Association, or it's officer's or Board of Director's or Editor."

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**Helen von Erck's**

**THE WARMTH OF A SONG**

**A Love Story About Freedom Set  
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World War II**

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Almost as if torn from today's headlines comes the riveting story of patriotism and courage, love and comradeship, as told in *The Warmth of a Song*. Set against WWII's The Battle of the Bulge, this adventurous tale is inspired by actual eye-witness accounts. As Hawk Clarke fights for God and country, when the platoon he leads narrowly escapes from the German Panzer battalion that has them surrounded, he also learns the greatest freedom of all -the courage it takes to free the human spirit. Returning to Boston after a sniper's bullet penetrated his spine, Hawk mourns the loss of his once strong legs. Can he break free from the cage he feels his life has become in time to help an old woman release a miracle?

**Helen von Erck:** [helenve@cs.com](mailto:helenve@cs.com)

Helen von Erck lives in Atlanta, Georgia with her daughter, Hayley. While growing up in South County, Rhode Island, she began cultivating a lifelong fascination with history. She has turned that interest into a passion, and has conducted in-depth research into the life and times of the 1940's and World War II. She attended the University of Rhode Island and the University of Denver where she studied Business Management with a minor in Creative Writing. As a child, Helen started cultivating her storyteller skills, while she entertained the other kids on the playground with her stories. She later began her professional writing career as a restaurant reviewer writing for an entertainment newspaper in New Hampshire. This is her debut novel. [warmthofasong@yahoo.com](mailto:warmthofasong@yahoo.com).

**From James West, Associate  
Reference "Open Hours"  
CAMP ATTERBURY POST MUSEUM**

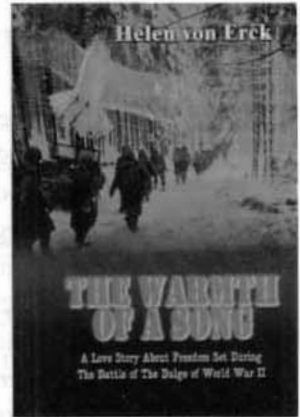
Jim says, "The Museum is not open a great deal and it is hard to expect all to comply with the hours. In a recent communique I received this information:

In cases like this, have the GATE HOUSE call me at 526-1112, or LTC Barrineau and we would be happy to show you the Museum.

I am forwarding this message to Major Potts, Directorate of Military Police and he will inform his soldiers of our need to allow visitors to be met at the gate and escorted to the museum.

Thanks again for your help.

James West.



### SOLDIER BOY

*A Chronicle of Life and Death and Survival During World War II* By George K. Zak, 422/M

This book is available from the author for \$13.00 (includes shipping cost). 6159 Brookside Lane, Apt A, Willowbrook, IL 60527. Copies are also available from [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) for \$10.95 plus S & H.

This is a fascinating, eloquent account of a 19-year old trying to grow to manhood in the middle of a deadly world war. After briefly describing his rigorous training as an infantry soldier, including some semi-comic events while learning to drive a jeep, he and his buddies were finally off to war in Europe as well-trained, confident members of the 106" Infantry Division.

Shortly after arriving at the battle front in December, 1944 during a bone-chilling, bitter cold winter, the majority of the Division was surrounded and finally overwhelmed in a bloody battle by a much larger, more powerful German force. This was part of a massive surprise attack marking the beginning of the *Battle of the Bulge*. Thousands of young soldiers, including Zak, were forced to surrender.

The rest of the book describes his life in three different camps as a prisoner of war. He gives a gripping account of the fear, the misery and the many dangers he often faced. As a prisoner he escaped death from bombs, machine gun fire, and a German guard's rifle bullet shot at him. He was hungry all the time, always under guard and powerless, and unsure of his ultimate fate. And he mourned the death of many of his fellow soldiers during the battle, some at his side. And he constantly worried whether his parents knew if he was alive or dead. He didn't find out until weeks after the Germans surrendered.

Zak ends the book with his description of the arrival of the Russian army and the surprising and disappointing beginning of the Cold War with the Russians. A well-told, remarkable story.



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#### *Personal Note from the Mail Bag:*

John, Greetings from Rhode Island - Can't recall if you still want the "Old CUBs" but I am sending them - "regardless." I only know the 106th through POW camp - Bad Orb IX B. I've attended a few regional meetings and am considered an "Associate." I served with the 28th Infantry Division. For an old guy you are doing a great job as Major Domo behind "The CUB." I am sure the other old guys appreciate reading about their buddies from years ago. *Avedision "KRACKER" Kachador, 103rd Engineers, 28th Infantry Division. 84 Armington Street, Cranston, RI 02905.*

Thanks Kracker, I'll put the old CUBs to Good Use. John Kline, Editor The CUB.



## **The Order of the Golden Lion**

On 25 May 1947, the Board of Directors of the 106th Infantry Division Association founded the Order of the Golden Lion to honor, render homage and thanks to fiercely faithful friends and to those who have rendered outstanding service to the DIVISION in peacetime.

The Order consists of three classes:

### **Commander, Officer, Companion.**

The class of Commander is conferred only by unanimous vote of the entire Board of Directors. It is evidenced by presentation of a citation scroll enumerating the reasons whereon the award is based and the presentation of a golden bas relief of a medallion of a lion's head to be suspended from the neck by a red, white and blue ribbon.

The Class of Officer is conferred only by three quarters vote of the entire Board of Directors. It is evidenced by presentation of a citation scroll enumerating the reasons whereon the award is based and the presentation of a silver bas relief medallion of a lion's head to be suspended from the neck by a ribbon of infantry blue. The

Class of Companion is conferred by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. It is evidenced by presentation of a citation scroll enumerating the reasons whereon the award is based and the presentation of a bronze bas relief medallion of a lion's head suspended from an artillery red ribbon with invisible pin.

September 1947: The Board of Directors in meeting assembled the Twenty Fifth Day of May in the Year Nineteen Hundred and Forty Seven:

### **To All to Whom These Presents May Come**

Whereas, during the brief but glorious life of the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, its friends were legion, and Whereas, those friends contributed greatly to the health, happiness, and morale of the soldiers of the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION, and

Whereas, during the dark, terrible days of the BATTLE OF THE ARDENNES, when the insidious propaganda of the enemy cast aspersions upon the loyalty and valor of the members of the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION when it could not protect itself because of security regulations, yet its friends remained fiercely loyal in the face of dark despair, and

Whereas, after the dawn of Peace, the loyalty of it's friends continued and expanded and new friends were added, and

Whereas, many of these new friends have rendered outstanding devotion and service to the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION, and its ASSOCIATION which was born in the citadel of the arrogant enemy who would have ruled the world for a thousand years, after having conquered the enemy by the will of God and with the thought of loved ones and hearths defended, though on shores far distant from them, and

Whereas, the loyalty of those friends will continue so long as one wearer of the honored insignia of the GOLDEN LION shall live, and

Whereas, the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, representing the Golden Lions both living, and those, who have answered the last roll call, wishes to honor



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those fiercely faithful friends and those who have rendered outstanding service to the DIVISION in peacetime, now therefore, be it Resolved, that pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution and By Laws, the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ordains, and does hereby ORDAIN, that there shall be established **The Order of the Golden Lion** whereby to render homage and thanks to those friends, and orders, and does hereby ORDER the establishment of the following rules and regulations:

**Order One.** The **ORDER OF THE GOLDEN LION** shall consist of three classes: Commander, Officer, and Companion.

**Order Two.** The class of Commander of the Golden Lion may be conferred only by unanimous vote of the entire Board of Directors. At the first reunion of the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION not to exceed five Commanders may be elected, and thereafter only one per annum, which number may be cumulative. The Commander class award shall be evidenced by a citation scroll enumerating the reasons whereon the award is based, and by the presentation of a golden bas relief medallion of a lion's head, with a diameter not to exceed two and one half inches, to be suspended from the neck by a ribbon of one and one half inches width, of equal stripes of red, white, and blue, the colors of the DIVISION as well as of our Country. The reverse side of the medallion shall bear the legend ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE and the name of the recipient engraved thereon.

**Order Three.** The class of Officer of the Golden Lion may be conferred only by three quarters vote of the entire Board of Directors. At the first reunion of the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION not to exceed five Officers may be elected and thereafter not to exceed two per annum which number shall not be cumulative. The Officer class award shall be evidenced by a citation scroll enumerating the reasons whereon the award is based, and by the presentation of a silver bas relief medallion of a lion's head with a diameter not to exceed two and one half inches, to be suspended from the neck by a ribbon of one inch width of the color infantry blue. The reverse side of the medallion shall bear the legend ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE and the name of the recipient engraved thereon.

**Order Four.** The class of Companion of the Golden Lion may be conferred by majority vote of the Board of Directors. At the first Re-union of the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION not to exceed ten Companions may be elected and thereafter not to exceed five per annum which number shall not be cumulative. The Companion class award shall be evidenced by a citation scroll enumerating the reasons whereon the award is based, and the presentation of a bronze bas relief medallion of a lion's head with a diameter not to exceed two and one half inches, to be suspended from an artillery red ribbon with invisible pin. The reverse side of the medallion shall bear the legend ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE and the name of the recipient engraved thereon.

**Order Five.** No officer, enlisted man, or civilian under War Department orders, as-signed or attached to the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION during any part of the period twenty ninth of November nineteen hundred forty two and second October nineteen hundred and forty five, shall be eligible for membership in the ORDER OF THE GOLDEN LION for service of any nature whatsoever during that period, but may become eligible through outstanding and devoted services rendered after that period.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, this Twenty Fifth day of May in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Seven.

**Attested**

For the Board of Directors - *Herbert B. Livesey, Jr. - Secretary* — *David S. Price President*

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Commander Class		Officer Class	Companion Class
(Gold)		(Silver)	(Bronze)
Asterisk before name denotes "Non-Veteran"			
1947	* Cedric Foster	Fran Henly*	Joe E. Brown
	* Howard Frampton	Herbert Livesey, Jr.	Marjorie Rathbone
	* Annette Frampton		*George Denny
	* William Simpson		*Ralph F. Gates
	* Florence Simpson		*Howard Maxwell
1948	David Price		*Robert Tyndall
			*Ben Watt
			*BG Elmer Sherwood
1962	Douglas Coffey	Dr. Maurice DeLaval	
1964	Richard DeHeer		Majorie DeHeer
1966	John Loveless Jr.		Kay Loveless
1972	Leo McMahon		Wilda McMahon
1973	Sherod Collins		
1974	John Gallagher		
1975	James Wells		Maydeen Wells
1978		Robert Scranton	
1986	Walter Bandurak		
	Robert Pierce, Jr.		
1987	Russell Villwock		Jackie Villwock
	Robert A. Gilder		Jean Gilder
1990		Sam Cariano	
1991		John Kline	
1993		Boyd Rutledge	
		Gill Helwig	
1994	Roger Rutland		Mattie Rutland
	John Gilliland		Lee Gilliland
1995	John Kline	O. Paul Merz	Dan Bied
	Jack Sulser	T. Wayne Black	
	Ewell Black Jr.	Dr. Richard Peterson	
	John Robb		
	Kenneth Bradfield		
1996	Edward A. Prewett	Duward Frampton, Jr.	Reddie Prewett
		Pete House	
1997	Richard Rigatti		
	Thomas J. Riggs		
	Michael Thome		
1998	Pete House		Joanne House
	Joseph A. Massey		Hazel M. Massey
1999	Ben Britton		Avis Britton
		Herbert Meagher Jr.	Luella Meagher
2000	Joseph Matthews		
	Robert Walker		June Walker
2001	Walter Bridges		Barbara Bridges
	Duncan Trueman	Dale Carver	
2002	Marion Ray		
	John Swett		
	John Gregory		Shirley Gregory
	Gus Agostini		
2003	Joe Maloney		Vivian Maloney
	*Adda RIKKEN (Be)		
	*Willy RIKKEN		



### **FROM THE MAIL BAG:**

From Bob Ringer, 81st Engineers, Combat Battalion, Company "C"

### **A Salute to Captain James Wells, 81st Engineers.**

John,

Recently took a trip South to see places that I always wanted to visit, but had not been able to. While in Georgia, I talked with Jim Wells, former Captain of "C" Company, 81st Engineers. He asked that you inform the troops that his wife "Maydean" passed away in May 2003. I remember Maydean as a beautiful and gracious person and a friend to all. Jim has had some recent health problems, a hip replacement and amputation of his left leg. The leg on which he lost part of his foot on a land mine when we were in the "Losheim Gap."

106ers may wish to send him a friendship card. His address is James E. Wells, 1979 McBean Road, Hephzibah, GA 30815 "706-592-4573."

I met Jim on the Wakefield out of Boston on November 10, 1944 (my 28th birthday) - he was the trash officer and I was his assistant. Since most of his men were "seasick" he and I shoved huge crates of trash off the fantail at dusk. We had to be careful not to go overboard with the trash!

Jim was a hero on many occasions and in 1974 I went to Europe with he and Maydean and other 106ers for a grand three weeks. Excuse my typing errors, John, but at age 87 my handwriting is worse. -----

*Hey Bob, you did great - Thanks for filling us in on Captain Wells. He was well liked by his men, and he and Maydean contributed "greatly" to the 106th Infantry Division Association. I see that they were "Hosts" for the 11th Annual Reunion, Savannah, Georgia, in 1957, and then the 14th in 1960 at Savannah, Georgia and the 19th Annual Reunion in 1965 at Augusta, Georgia.*

*They received the "Order of the Golden Lion" in 1975 - for services that they had - over the many years - rendered to the 106th Infantry Division Association.*

*Then again they helped as cohosts, with Al Oelschig and Gus Agostini at the 1984 Reunion in Savannah, Georgia.*

*Thanks Bob.*

**Great People** - John Kline, editor.

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### **DICK RIGATTI, ASSOCIATION TREASURER, ANNOUNCES TV SHOWINGS IN THE HOSPITALTY ROOM DURING THE 58TH ANNUAL REUNION**

**The Milwaukee Hyatt Regency Hotel - during the  
58th Annual Reunion - September 1-5 2004 will furnish us with a  
TV monitor that will enable us to show "Cassettes."**

**Dick says, - "I will bring along three years of  
The Battle of the Bulge Reenactments photos (170 Photos)**

**Ten hours of the "Band of Brothers" and hopefully a tape of  
"When Trumpets Fade" which is about the 28th Infantry Division.**

**If you have "Cassette tapes" of interest - for example - of past  
Reunions - bring them along.**



*Stalag XII A - near Limburg am Lahn. A permanent camp for British and Italian prisoners. In November 1944, there were 1,500 Americans in the camp. Later, this figure increased to 3,026. The total population at that time was 20,357. A new type of Kriegsgefangenen-postkart appeared for the first time from this camp. It was mailed by a soldier captured during the Ardennes Campaign.*

### ***Listen UP, You ex-POWs - This is for you.***

There are new regulations pertaining to benefits available to former Prisoners of War.

I know there are some of you ex-POWs who, for one reason or another - have not taken benefit of the existing programs furnished by the VA System. Forget your beefs and complaints about the VA system. I know for a fact that the VA system is working, and it will work for you, whether you were fortunate enough not to be captured or fall into the Ex-POW classification.

The modern VA System has a new awareness of the injuries and types of disabilities suffered by ALL combat veterans. You owe it to yourself and your loved ones to take advantage of the existing services. If you have any doubts about it - give me a call.

My email address, my home address and telephone number are listed under my photo in this FRONT & CENTER Section.

I am not authorized by the VA, I can only give you my personal experiences with the VA.

I will tell you that I am thankful that they are there for our use.

So read the following and get with it.

Get in touch with POW Coordinator in the nearest VA facility nearest you.

If you were not a POW, get in touch with one of the Service Organizations, like the DAV, or whatever national service organization you belong to.

John Kline Editor, The CUB

### **Who are former prisoners of war?**

Since World War I, more than 142,000 Americans, including 85 women, have been captured and interned as POWs. Not included in this figure are nearly 93,000 Americans who were lost or never recovered. Only one third of America's former POWs since World War I are still living (about 36,500). More than 90% of living former

POWs were captured and interned during World War II. Over 21,000 former POWs are in receipt of compensation for service-connected injuries, diseases, or illnesses.

In 1981, Congress passed Public Law 97-37 entitled "**Former Prisoners of War Benefit Act.**" This law accomplished several things. It established an Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War and mandated medical and dental care. It also identified certain diagnoses as presumptive service connected conditions for former POWs. Subsequent public laws and policy decisions by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs have added additional diagnoses to the list of presumptive conditions.

### **What are the presumptive conditions for former POWs?**

Today, former POWs are generally entitled to a presumption of service-connection for five diseases, regardless of the length of captivity, if manifested to a degree of 10 percent or more after discharge or release from active military, naval or air service. These diseases are:

Psychosis - Any of the Anxiety States; Dysthymic disorder, or depressive neurosis; Cold Injury; Post-traumatic osteoarthritis

If a former POW was interned for 30 days or more, the following additional diseases are presumed to be service-connected;

Avitaminosis; Beriberi; Chronic Dysentery; Cirrhosis of the Liver; Helminthiasis; Irritable Bowel Syndrome; Malnutrition, including associated Optic Atrophy; Pellagra and any other nutritional deficiency; Peptic Ulcer Disease; Peripheral Neuropathy, except where directly related to infectious causes; Ischemic Heart Disease\*

\* *Ischemic Heart Disease (coronary artery disease), applies to former POWs who suffered from edema (swelling of the legs or feet) during captivity, also known as "wet" beriberi.*

### **How should a former POW apply for VA Compensation?**

Former POWs can apply for Compensation for their service-connected injuries, diseases or illnesses by completing VA Form 21-526 (Veterans Application for Compensation or Pension), and submitting it to the VA regional office serving their.

They can also apply on the Internet at  
<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

### **Are there medical (benefits for POWs?**

The VA health care system affords priority treatment for former POWs. Those who have a service connected disability are eligible for VA health care. This includes hospital, nursing home, and outpatient treatment. Former POWs who do not have a service-connected disability are eligible for VA hospital and nursing home care - without regard to their ability to pay. They are also eligible for outpatient care on a priority basis - second only to veterans with service-connected disabilities. While former POWs are receiving treatment in an approved outpatient treatment program, they are eligible for needed medicines, glasses, hearing aids, or prostheses. They are also eligible for all needed dental care. There is no co-payment requirement for former POWs at VA pharmacies.

## **Are there benefits for survivors of former POWs?**

Yes. The major benefit is Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) which is a monthly benefit payable to the surviving spouse (and the former POW's children and parents in some cases) when the former POW:

- was a service member who died on active duty; *or*
- died from service-related disabilities; *or*
- died on or before September 30, 1999 *and* was continuously rated totally disabled for a service connected condition (including individual unemployability) for at least 10 years immediately preceding death; *or*
- died after September 30, 1999, *and* was continuously rated totally disabled for a service connected condition (including individual unemployability) for at least 1 year immediately preceding death.

DIC is terminated for a surviving spouse who remarries, but can be resumed if the remarriage ends in death, divorce or annulment.

Also, a surviving spouse who remarries *on or after* attaining age 57, and *on or after* December 16, 2003, can continue to receive DIC.

*However*, a surviving spouse who remarried before December 16, 2003, *and on or after* attaining age 57, must apply no later than December 15, 2004, to have DIC restored. VA must deny applications received after that date.

## **Are there related benefits for former POWs and their dependents/survivors?**

The following are other significant VA benefits to which certain veterans may be entitled: disability pension, medical care, education and training, home loan guaranty, and burial benefits.

Certain disabled veterans may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation and employment services, insurance, clothing allowance, special adapted housing assistance, and specially adapted automobile equipment. Certain dependents/survivors may be entitled to health care, death pension, education and training, home loan guaranty, and burial in a national cemetery.

Contact your VA for more information.

## **Is special assistance available to former POWs?**

Each VA Regional Office has a coordinator for former POWs. Any former POW who needs special assistance should ask to speak to the POW Coordinator.

Additional POW information is available at  
<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW/index.htm>.



## New Members . . .

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### **ANDREWS, JOHN C. 592/A**

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Please sign me in as a LIFE Member.

*Editor's note: My apologies to John. I had him listed as 589/A and the address as "Canyon Dr." The system works, you were getting calls from the 589th Vets. It's nice to see you join your buddies in the Association.*  
J Kline, editor

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### **BASNIK, GILBERT B. 423/C**

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My service name was "Zbasnik."

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Judge of Superior Court - Retired

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### **HIRSCH, RUDOLPH 589/HQ**

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My name is Rudy Hirsch, and out of 28 months in the Army, I served 22 months in the HQ Battery of the 589<sup>th</sup> FAB, where I was mainly known by my nickname, "Frenchy."

From April, 1944, in Camp Atterbury to its deactivation. Off the boat in October, 1945, at Camp Patrick Henry, VA, I was one of the few survivors of that outfit.

With sadness, I am thinking back of our dear comrades, who we lost up there in the snow of the "Bulge," and all those who have departed in the following 60 years. May they all rest in peace.

Thinking back of my time in the 589<sup>th</sup>, the same feelings are coming back again and again into my thoughts, that I served with the finest, nicest, and best friends, that I have known within my 85 years on several continents.

Outstanding among my memories are two gentlemen, my two CO's, Major Parker and Major Goldstein (both later Colonels.) These two officers had been so extremely understanding and good to me that I just have to tell the world about them.

Here, I have to give a miniature resume' of my background: As a German-Jewish refugee, I was living with my parents in the South-West of France. The Nazis then took over France. In order to save my life I had to escape from France to Spain, where after six months in prison as an illegal alien, I was lucky enough to be able to continue my way to the good old USA. Some wonderful French people had supplied me with false papers, and my parents were hidden for the rest of the war in the center of France where a Protestant clergyman, "Pasteur Trockme" (a Saint) had hidden and saved 5000 Jew's lives.

When we, the remaining 589er's moved from the Ardennes to St. Quentin (90 miles north of Paris) into an empty schoolhouse, four of us were called to the orderly room. We were ordered to be ready at 0400 the next morning. The other three got four-day passes to "Gay Paree'." For me however, orders were being prepared for a ten-day pass to visit my parents, about 300 miles south of Paris.

You could have knocked me down with a feather. To whom did I owe this generosity? To the goodness and understanding of my two wonderful CO's.

After the liberation of that particular region, about the time when we had boarded the ship (USCGS Wakefield) for Liverpool, I had heard sparse news from my parents, but it was an improvement of what I had before.

After about 18 hours on trains and busses, I was finally able to embrace my

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beloved parents. I was carrying a heavy duffle bag with presents from my buddies, with candy, cigarettes, soap, and also food from that good Mess-Sgt. Webb.

It all added up to an unforgettable reunion that my parents and myself owed to those two gentlemen, Colonels Parker and Goldstein.

Rudy (Frenchy) Hirsch

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### **IDSTEIN, DONALD ASSOC**

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Son of Richard Idstein, 424/C

Richard wrote: "I would like to enroll my son, Donald as an Associate member. He has been very interested in WWII with his focus on the *Battle of the Bulge*, over the past five years. He wants to attend our 58th Annual reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this September.

Don is a ceramic engineer with I.S.G Steel Company in Northern Indiana. He has received many of my souvenirs and will receive the remainder, plus my medals, when I die. Thanks

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### **KREBS, JR., W. GUY 423/K**

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Service Record listed me as William G. Krebs, Jr. Staff Sergeant. I have been known as "W. Guy Krebs, Jr. locally. My wife's name is Mimi.

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### **KLINE, WALTER J. ASSOC.**

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### **MASON, TROY**

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My Grandfather was Russell Enlow. He was in "D" Company, 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment. In later life he was an

active member of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

He and I were very close.

I went to two reunions with him in 1982 and 1985. My Grandma and I attended another in 1988 after his death.

Since my grandfather's passing, I have become very interested in his time in the Army and as a POW. I would very much like to correspond with those that served with my grandpa.

I look forward to receiving The CUB and hearing from those the knew him.

*Editor's Note: Come on guys, here is a wonderful Grandson who wants to learn. Even if you were not in his "exact" unit I am sure Troy would be pleased to hear from you. Show him how responsive the 106th can be - when it comes to helping the grandson and granddaughters of their buddies. Those Grandchildren are what we fought and died for. JKline Editor*

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### **ROBINSON, GEORGE M. ASSOC.**

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My brother was in 422/C and died as a POW

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### **SCRIBNER, JR. EMERY L. 424/E**

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I entered the Army on 8 August 1944 at age 18. Took my Basic in Camp Blanding, FL. I sailed to Europe on 8 January 1945 - joined the 424th. I was with 424/E until the Division was disbanded at Rennes, France.

On January 18, 1950 I enlisted in the Army Reserve (Active). I was assigned to Company D, 304th Infantry, 76th Infantry Division. I was discharged as a

Platoon Sergeant on 8 February 1963. I had 15 years in - mostly in the Infantry. It's an honor for me to be accepted into the 106th Infantry Division Association.

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### **SQUILLA Sr., PAUL 423/G**

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Squilla wrote;  
John Kline, I was happy and surprised to receive your letter. My older brother John, a WWII veteran, did forward your letter to me. Thank you very much for writing.

I often have thought about what happened to the veterans of the 106th.

I was in the 423rd Infantry, G Company and later in the 13th Tank Battalion, 1st Armored Division. I am sending a copy of a letter that I wrote.

It appeared in the Democratic Chronicle. It is entitled "**Soldiers risked lives to save Holocaust victims.**"

*(Editor's note: Paul's article, he wrote as "Guest Essayist" was accompanied with a Dec 2002 Chronicle story about Yankee's manager Joe Torre. I can only judge by that Paul is a "YANKEE's FAN. Thanks Paul.*

*It is apparent that you have other talents. I will run the whole "Holocaust Essay" - it follows:*

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### **SOLDIER'S RISK LIVES TO SAVE HOLOCAUST VICTIMS**

Paul Squilla Sr. Guest Essayist

The Speaking Out essay "**Study Holocaust to examine essence of horror, heroism**" brought to light issues of human moral failure as well as strength and courage.

However, in my opinion, it omitted the most important truth concerning the "heroism" aspect of the Holocaust, namely, that U.S. serviceman fought and died liberating the surviving victims of the Holocaust.

Without their heroism and, for some, their ultimate sacrifice, there would be no survivors to tell the story. If not for the United States military - especially the Army Infantry - it is uncertain what the fate of the Jewish people would have been.

As a combat veteran who served with the 106th Infantry Division and later with the 3rd Armored Division, I was sent to "pockets" of German resistance - from St. Nazaire to Lorch, Germany.

We encountered two death camps where Jews had been executed. I thank God that Gen. Eisenhower, with his insight, wisdom and sense of justice ordered that all the German citizens in the towns of these crematoriums be brought to see the crematoriums and survivors of the Third Reich's death camps so that the truth would not be denied, and that history would not be forgotten.

The essay says, "most people stood by while millions of innocent people were murdered" and that many people from every culture, race and religion "were paralyzed with fear, intimidated by power and terror."

However, this cannot be said of the millions of soldiers who fought in Europe in World War II, and whose story is often disassociated from the Holocaust and not mentioned in connection with rescue when, in fact, rescue is their legacy.

I am sure that there are no college courses which include a test on how many young men, including many of my own buddies, were killed as they destroyed the scourge of Naziism and ultimately, liberated millions of Jewish people who might have otherwise been sent to the gas chambers.

If any professors or students are serious about revealing the whole truth of the Holocaust, I might suggest talking to one of the veterans who fought and were

there. However, there are not many left. It may be more enlightening and educational than a college course on the subject.

Remember, some facts never make the history books; some stories are never told. It would be a great injustice if the story of the Holocaust did not include the fact that Adolph Hitler's evil plan of genocide was destroyed by the ultimate sacrifices and heroism of U.S. soldiers.

The Holocaust will never be forgotten. And when the story is told, and retold, let us ensure, that those who ended it are not forgotten, not left out of the final and finest chapter:

**"Liberation"** by the United States Army.

*Squilla lives in Rochester*

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### **WALZER, STUART 424/CN**

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I enclose a check for ten dollars for a membership in the One Hundred and Sixth Infantry Division Association.

A recently published book *The Girl Watchers Club* published by Harper & Collins is about the war experiences and post war adjustments of six of eleven men who meet for lunch weekly to chat about anything and everything. I will try to get a copy to you in the hope that you may get it some publicity for the book on television or in the newsprint.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the commencement of the Battle of the Bulge is coming up on December 16<sup>th</sup> of this year. This would be an opportune time to call the attention of the American public to this historic Battle.

The Girl Watchers Club is an informal group. Our ages range from seventy three on the low end to age ninety. Most of the men have taught at one time or another at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey.

Two of the men in the Girl Watchers Club were in the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Boyd Huff and I. Boyd was in "B" Company - 423 Infantry Regiment. He was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge. Boyd has a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

I was a Pfc in Cannon Company 424<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. We lost our cannons on December 16, 1944 and spent the rest of the war as Infantrymen, first in the Bulge and then in other theaters of action. I have two Bronze Stars. One of them is for my Regimental Citation for bravery in action.

Another of our group, Harry Handler was an Infantry Lieutenant in the Pacific and fought on Okinawa. Another member, Earl Godfrey, was a career Naval Aviator and ended his career in Vietnam as Captain of the Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier.

I enclose articles from the San Francisco Chronicle, The Monterey County Herald, and AARP Magazine about the book and the people in it.

*Editor's note: I checked the Internet for this book. It is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and I am sure at some of you favorite book stores.*

Following is an excerpt from one of the advertisements on the book.

I've been a Harry Stein fan for 25 years. Its (unfortunately) kind of a cult thing. I read his Ethics columns in Esquire for years. Hoopla is on my top ten most re-read novels. I call myself a writer but Hoopla is one of those amazing books you read now and again which makes you want to take up another preoccupation like, say, finger painting. Since, I've read every novel or non-fiction



## New Members . . .

book he has written and was entertained, educated and/or moved each time.

This being said, when recently given *The Girl Watchers Club* by a friend, I confess the subject matter didn't raise the customary excitement. Yeah, yeah, the Greatest Generation, saved humanity in the last crystal-clear good guys-bad guys war. I know this already, I honor them and know, deep-down, that their generation evinced a whole lot more character and courage than my 60s one ever did, or, more to the point, continues to do.

A few nights later, late but wide-awake, I picked the book up expecting to be lulled to sleep soon enough. Well I wasn't.

Instead, I got hooked and couldn't put it down until around 4 AM. Sometimes funny, sometimes sad, these WWII vets had all led amazing if mostly quiet lives.

Harry Stein cost me two more relatively sleepless nights as I couldn't wait to get back to the *Girl Watchers Club* each evening.

It is a book which highlights Steins' strengths when he's wearing his journalist hat—a truly conversational tone.

The sort of conversation you have with a good, trusted friend who happens to be incredibly smart and insightful in the bargain but possessed with the sort of genuine modesty and self-doubt you hope you too possess.

In short, these men, veterans of a horror I can only try to imagine, went on to lead full lives without anger and personify everything that is great about America and ought to be conserved and honored.

We are a nation of quirky, industrious, funny, generous and basically good people. Reading this fine book reminds us of this truth. It makes you want to be as life-affirming as Moe and Boyd and Harry, to emulate their positive attitudes in the face of an increasingly baffling and dangerous world. §§§



**SOLDIER BOYS** Five good buddies, as they looked during the war years. From left: Earl Godfrey, Stuart Walzer, John Turner, Jr., Boyd Huff, and Harry Handler. And the same five (in order) today.



**Girls Watcher's Club:** L/R Earl Godfrey; John "Moe" Turner; Harry Handler, Stuart Walzer and Boyd Huff  
photo compliments of AARP

# NOTE !

## Annual dues paying Members

"Annual Association Dues"

\$10 a year  
\$2 for Auxiliary  
are due and payable  
by July 1, each year

Annual Members not paid  
by July 1, 2004  
will be removed from  
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Richard Rigatti, Treasurer  
113 Woodshire Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15215



**Washington Mini-Reunion 2004**

Myrton Dickerson 424/D - 2500 S 370th Street - Sp 209 Federal Way, WA 98003

We had a good turn out this year. Two new members that had not attended. Some brought photos taken in Germany and surrounding country..

**Men Backrow L/R:** Jack Waters 423/G; George Strong 423/HQ; Alvin (Bud) Powers 422/HQ; Charles Corrigan 591/SV; Fred Pilkington 422/HQ

**Ladies L/R:** Beatrice Dickerson; Brigatti Leonard; Leali Fusco; Mary Pilkington; Betty Coorigan and Dorothy Powers





### ***Texas Mini-Reunion 2004***

**Ted Jones, 424/A 4646 Mill Creek Road Dallas, Texas 75244-6914**

Men (L/R) Standing: John Dale (423/B); Ted Jones (424/A); John Miller (423/E);  
Hugh H. Colbert (422/B); Dan Rhoades (424/G); Aubrey D. Morgan (424/G); James S. Nicol (424/HQ  
2Bn); Seated John D. Zahn (424/L) and Don Houseman (423/D)

Ladies (L/R) Joanne Zahn; Carol Nicol; Jean Miller; Waneta Morgan and bath Jones.

Aubrey D. Morgan will conduct the next Mini-Reunion.







***Birmingham Alabama Min-Reunion 2003***

Walter Bridges, 1st Vice Pres; 225 Laird Ave, Hueytown, AL 35023 205-491-3409

Back Row Men L/R: - Lawrence Williams; Judge Walter Bridges; Davie Lacey; Joe Massey; John Racster; Will Templeton; Hugh Kingery;

Front Row Women L/R: Barbara Bridges; Frances Lacey; Norma Rempleton; Nina Kingery



*Al Iannuzzi, 590/C Guest Speaker at the Washington School, Carlstadt, NJ*

February 2004. Granddaughter Jordan at his side. Mrs. Henderson, Teacher.

The children asked many questions. Al said, "They are a credit to our country." He brought along a 106th Roster booklet Photo Album. The kids liked it so much he left it for a few days for them. Al said, "I think I got more out of the lecture than the children. My wife helped me present the talk to the children." Al Iannuzzi 590/C

### **From Past-President, Jack Sulser 423/F**

You have probably seen the latest issue of *Bulge Bugle*, especially the extremely interesting article/letter featured on the front page about the 114th Signal Radio Intelligence Company.

McDonald's *Time for Trumpets* disclosed for the first time the negative role the Ultra decoding program played in the failure of our intelligence to anticipate the German offensive. Those few scraps of information that reached our higher headquarters indicating that a major German buildup was underway were discounted because (a) our leaders were convinced Germany was incapable of any serious counter offensive and (b) Ultra would have revealed any such plan and the consequent troop movements. That Ultra offered no confirming evidence was attributed to the fact that Hitler had ordered radio silence, so there were no high-level messages for Ultra to intercept and decode.

Now, thanks to this new member of VBOB, we learn that the 6th Panzer Army - the strongest enemy formation and spearhead of the attack - had found it necessary to break radio silence in order to get its units into position and that there was a signal intelligence unit on our side to intercept and decode those messages!! As a result of the timidity of the unit's officers, who did not want to risk being laughed at by higher ups for submitting information that was contrary to official judgment, this critical bit of intelligence - available nearly a week before the German attack began - was never forwarded to anybody. As the author states, there can be no guarantee the message would have been believed and acted upon, but it seems to me there should have been a reasonable chance it would have been accorded more credence than the other contrary indicators, such as front-line combat patrols, prisoner interrogations, civilian border crossers, the rare overflight, etc.

VERY, VERY INTERESTING (as they used to say on "Laugh In.")

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### **From Internet email: Dear Mr. Kline,**

It has been some time since I contacted you, but I have recently learned that information you had given me at the time would help me in securing the Bronze Star for my grandfather, 1LT Woodrow Kramer, of the 424th INF REG, L Co, 3rd Plt. His discharge papers do not reflect his Combat Infantry Badge, but an E-mail you sent me several months ago did, in fact, contain a scanned image of his CIB orders. Those orders, if you still possess them, would be just what I needed to apply for his Bronze Star. According to AR 600-8-2, sect. 3-3, "a soldier who has been cited in orders or awarded a certificate for exemplary conduct in ground combat against an armed enemy...is eligible for the medal," and further adds, "an award of the Combat Infantry Badge...is considered as a citation of orders." That said, I wonder if you might forward me an attached copy of those orders. Some of these guys actually remembered my grandfather, and Grayson Bishop, one hell of a guy and a platoon-mate of Woody, actually mailed me a typed biography of the 424th that he said was published in the *Cub Magazine* a number of years ago. My grandfather was mentioned four times.....what a media hound, eh? I always enjoy reading your bio, Mr. Kline, and I further appreciate your efforts to preserve the history of the 106th ID. I, too, enlisted in the Army, serving in the 3ID, 2ID, and am currently deployed at CENTCOM in Qatar. Lt. Kramer isn't the only veteran of a foreign war, but this Kramer, SGT Jared Kramer, hasn't endured even a fraction of the hardship that you and your comrades did at the Ardennes. Thanks for any help that you might be able to give me, Sir.

All the best, SGT Jared Kramer

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## Foy American Temporary Cemetery

On February 6, 1945, the American Army decided to open a military cemetery near the village of Foy, Bastogne, Belgium. This cemetery was to receive the bodies of the American victims of the Battle of the Bulge (Dec. 1944 – Jan. 1945) and the increasing number of casualties made its opening necessary.

But it was soon decided that this cemetery would only be temporary and in 1947, the transfer of the corpses to other permanent cemetery began. The corpses were transferred to other American Cemeteries in Belgium. The Netherlands and Hamm, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

In the year 1948, after having 2,701 heroes buried in its resting fields, the Foy American Temporary Cemetery was permanently closed.

In 2003, a group of Bastogne citizens, still frustrated by the fact that no American cemetery was still built in their area, decided to have a Memorial dedicated to the memory of those 2,701 Americans who died on their soil for their freedom.

They created a **Committee of Organizations of Bastogne "Remember Americans" (COBRA)**. The acronym COBRA was also chosen in reference to the nickname of the first tank to ever penetrate the encircled city on December 26, 1944 (Name: COBRA KING).

The City of Bastogne decided immediately to support COBRA and to include the building and the dedication of the Memorial into the official schedule of the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. The monument's construction is still in process, but its name was chosen:

**"FOY AMERICAN MEMORIAL."** It will be made of: A 1.80 meter X 2 meters wall made of local gray stone. In the middle of the wall, a three part sign made of black marble and engraved with a bi-lingual text, a design and a poem by an American veteran.

On the left (when facing the wall), a Latin Cross made of white marble of Carrare.

This cross is the same as the ones found in all American Cemeteries across Europe.

On the right, a Star of David (same material) around the back of the Memorial, a half circle of evergreens will be planted. In front of the Memorial, there will be a grassy area, with a gravel path in the middle. On each side of the Memorial, there will be one flag: the American flag and the Belgian Flag.

On September 10, 2004, the FOY AMERICAN MEMORIAL will be dedicated by the highest authorities of our country, in the presence of the American representatives in Belgium, the American Color Guards, a Belgian Military Band, a Belgian Army detachment, patriotic associations of Bastogne and its area, many different city Mayors, school children, a fly over by Belgian F-16's, and more... Of course, American Veterans as well as children of men who were buried in Foy will also be attending.

On the same day, courageous walkers will arrive in Foy from the Henri Chapelle Cemetery, after a 5 day long march (a distance of +/- 65 Miles) bringing with them a little bit of soil from the HC Cemetery to pour over the new memorial grass.

The last stretch of this walk (11 Miles) will begin at Noville, Bastogne on Sept. 10 at 8:00 am and will arrive in Foy right at the time of the Memorial dedication, which is planned for 3:00 p.m. We wish to invite any of you (or groups you might know of) who are planning a trip to the area of Bastogne around the same time, to join us to attend the ceremony and / or participate in the walk's last stretch (all is free). Please contact the organizer at the address below if you are interested. If you plan to participate in the whole 5 day march or in the walk's last stretch, please contact the organizer ASAP at:

Roger Marquet Chenogne, 1D B-6640 Sibret, Belgium a 106th Associate

**"B" COMPANY, 81<sup>ST</sup> ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION**

**BY COLONEL EARLE L. VALENSTEIN, USA (RET)**

December 1944 --- "B" Company, 81<sup>st</sup> Engineers, was billeted in Schonberg, Belgium. The Company CP was in a house set back from the main road, generally facing the bridge over the Our River and with a large surrounding area. The officers and men were quartered in a number of houses in fairly close proximity to the CP.

On 16 December 1944, the company strength was 5 officers and 171 enlisted men.

Captain William J. Hynes, Commander

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William H. Gordon, Executive Officer

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Cawdry, Commander 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John Michaud, Commander 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Earle L. Valenstein, Commander 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon

In the days preceding the counterattack the Company was operating as part of the 423<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regimental Combat Team and was repairing and maintaining the roads in the regimental area. In the early morning hours of 16 December 1944, artillery rounds began to fall in the village. Approximate 7:00 A.M., a telephone call from a division HQ, G-3 Section staff officer was taken in the CP by Lt. Valenstein directing that the company be assembled and be prepared to be committed as infantry. This was done and shortly thereafter, Capt. Hynes received a call from division that ordered the company to move to the Bleialf area and support the elements of the 423<sup>rd</sup> Infantry fighting there. The Company was committed with all 5 officers and approximately 140 enlisted men. Primary weapons were M-1 rifles, carbines, and Browning, 30 cal, water-cooled, machineguns.

With Lt. Col. Riggs, the Battalion Commander, present the three line platoons of "B" Company, mounted in the company trucks, left Schonberg and moved toward Bleialf along the Schonberg - Bleialf road, which in places was more like a trail than road. Approaching the intersection at the south end of the "Skyline Drive," the company stopped and dismounted below the ridgeline to their front.

Dismounted, the Company formed with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoons forward and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon in reserve and began advancing toward Bleialf that was situated in the lower ground to the south east beyond "Skyline Drive." The trucks returned to the rear.

As the Company advanced toward Bleialf, Captain Hynes had the Company move toward the higher ground to the South with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon coming abreast on the right flank of the other two Platoons. The company continued to move toward Bleialf in this formation until deployed with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon occupying the hill to the south of the Bleialf road and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoons astride the road. That is the position the Company held during the fighting through the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of December. During the night of the 16<sup>th</sup> the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoons were heavily engaged and by the next day were decimated. The third Platoon, protecting the Company right flank, occupying the hill and away from the German advance along the road was only lightly engaged during the night and the next day during which time the German units advanced toward Schonberg. By late afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup>, nothing more was heard of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoons and Lt. Gordon who had been with them. The writer knows no details as to numbers killed or wounded. It is understood that a significant number were surrounded and captured.



## ***Mail Bag -- Etc Etc. . .***

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It was in the late afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup> that Captain Hynes, in view of the numbers of enemy moving freely toward his rear, decided to move what remained of the company, that then consisted of himself, Lt. Valenstein, and approximately 40 men of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, toward the rear in a direction generally South of Schonberg in an attempt to regain contact with the Division or other friendly units. During the entire time in the Bleialf area there was contact only with CWO Carmichael in a jeep, and a Lt. Johnson in an M-8 Scout Car from the 106<sup>th</sup> Recon Company. Otherwise there was no contact, no re-supply, and no communication for "B" Company.

The movement from the hill position was orderly and proceeded across a wide draw to the high ground to the rear. Troops were sent across the draw in small numbers at irregular times and succeeded in avoiding the German small arms fire directed at them from a wooded area to the right and up the draw. Lt. Valenstein and Platoon Sergeant Valentine Derr were the last to leave the hill.

The Company in a scattered formation, with very few rounds of ammunition left, scattered among the men, moved to the rear until dark. Having not seen or encountered any friendly elements to this point during the movement, Captain Hynes, around midnight, sent Lt. Valenstein with a patrol of six men to scout further to the rear under cover of pitch darkness to attempt to find friendly units. The patrol, after moving some distance, encountered a German strong point. A hand grenade thrown in front of Lt. Valenstein exploded, seriously wounding him with shrapnel in the legs, concussion, and blinding him with the flash and debris thrown into his face. He was recovered by other patrol members and carried back to the Company position from where they had started. The following day, 18 December, the Company, during daylight hours, continued to move to the rear with members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon carrying Lt. Valenstein on an improvised stretcher. The details of what happened later are vague to this writer who was mostly unconscious on the litter during further movements. It is understood, however, from the recounting of events by others present that, as the Our River was approached near Schonberg, the remnants of the Company, without ammunition or any means to resist, was surrendered. All were forced to ford the River with the litter held high and dry. Lt. Valenstein, unconscious on the litter, was driven, by the Germans, to a field dispensary. He was operated on and subsequently held prisoner in various POW Camp hospital units until liberated from Stalag XIB by the British 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division on 16 April 1945.

Captain Hynes and the remaining members of "B" Company began an arduous period as prisoners of war with members having horrendous experiences to relate. Lt. Gordon and Lt. Michaud were killed while prisoners. As best as is known, Captain Hynes and Lt. Cawdry were liberated and eventually left the Army and went on to other careers; the former serving in the New York Police Department and the latter as a civilian engineer. Lt. Valenstein, after release to general from the Walter Reed Army Hospital in January 1946, resumed his career in the Regular Army and retired in 1970 as a Colonel of Engineers.

Other surviving members of "B" Company, 81<sup>st</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion meet from time to time at the regular annual reunions of the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and continue the unbreakable bond they forged during difficult and self sacrificing times during the *"Battle of the Bulge."*

**BRYANT, HOWARD L. 424/F**

*309 W Ithica St, Broken Arrow OK 7410-7932*

**Date of Death March 15, 2004:**

Betty Bryant wrote: "Howard went to be with the Lord on March 15, 2004. He always enjoyed reading his CUB and talking about his buddies. He was born June 6, 1925 in Verden, Oklahoma and died in Tulsa.

**CROUCHER, NORBERT 424/B**

*216 Greenbrier Dr., Palm Springs Fl 33461-1921*

**Date of Death January 12, 2004:**

Born May 23, 1916. Services were in Royal Palm Beach, Florida.

Merle Croucher wrote: "Lt. Col. Norbert Croucher passed away January 12, 2004. Enclosed is a photo of his Memorial Service on January 17. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on May 28, 2004. He was, later, in the 4th Infantry Division and was wounded in January 1945 during the "Battle of the Bulge."

A photo, taken at the funeral home, showed the American flag folded, with a beautiful photo frame containing his photo and his medals, surrounded by floral arrangements.

**ESPOSITO, TEO D. 422/E**

*5468 Fitz Ave, Portage In 46368-1414*

**Date of Death Not known:** February CUB was returned marked "Deceased."  
Family details unknown, no contact could be made.

**FORBES, FONTAINE 423/B**

*201 May Hollow Road, Vovington, VA 24426*

Date of Death: May 22, 2004 See memorial from buddy Joe Salerno - under GILERT, Daniel - following page

**FRAMPTON JR, DUWARD B. 422/CN**

*170 N Roosevelt Ave, Columbus Oh 43209-1558*

**Date of Death April 25, 2004:**

William Wentz. 423/M reported: Pete was a member of the Ohio Chapter AXPOW. I found the following on an Obit search. "FRAMPTON Duward Belmont "Pete" Frampton, Jr, age 80 of Bexley died April 25, 2004 at the Mount Carmel East Hospital. Preceded in death by wife Nancy and daughter Deborah. Survived by children, Robert, Clint, Elizabeth and Tracey with various spouses: 6 grandchildren and a sister, Frances Eigglesworth. A private family ceremony was held on 28 April at the Culver Memorial Chapel in Culver, Indiana.

**Editor's note:** "Pete Frampton" was a prime mover in of the 106th Infantry Division Association. He was Association President in the term of 1953-54. Because of his work with the Association he was awarded "The Order of the Golden Lion - Officer's Class" in the year 1996. In my earlier research of "The CUB" his name appears frequently. His father, Howard Belmont Frampton, a Pittsburgh Industrialist and mother, Annette Payne Frampton formed the "POW AGONY GRAPEVINE." The Framptons followed the lists in newspapers and the names that were received

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over three short wave monitor stations in Connecticut, Harrisburg and Lima, Ohio. The Framptons compiled lists of those 106th soldiers that were being reported as POWs. The communications continued. A list of over 150 families had been built. Later it grew to over 400. In March of 1945 the radio Commentator, Cedric Foster was asked to speak to the Pittsburgh group and gave much information and solace. Over three hundred telegrams were sent by the group to the War Department in order to elicit information. The work of the Frampton's continued until full information was available for all. When completed this totaled more than 1500 stations on the AGONY GRAPEVINE and over 5,000 letters were received and answered by the Framptons.

For those of you who have the book I published in July 1991, *The CUB of the GOLDEN LION PASSES in REVIEW*, look on page 333 for the story on the parents of FRAMPTON. The parents of FRAMPTON, Howard Belmont Frampton and Annette Payne Frampton were awarded the "Commander Class of the Order of the Golden Lion" at the first 106th Association Reunion at Indianapolis, Indiana in September 1947.

Our "Association" is privileged to have Duward's four children and their spouses as "Associate members," P. Clinton Frampton, Robert W. Frampton, Elizabeth Frampton Wild and Tracey Frampton Williams. Our condolences to them and our thanks for supporting our organization on their father's behalf.

**GIBSON JR., CHARLES R 422/SV**

*239 S. Main Street, Lawton Mi 49065-0451*

**Date of Death October 25, 2003:** CUB was returned marked "Deceased."

**GILBERT, DANIEL W. 423/B**

*PO Box 335, Manchaug, MA 01526*

**Date of Death June 2, 2004:** From a buddy: Brothers-In-And-Beyond-Arms: Fontaine Forbes of Covington, VA and Daniel Gilbert of Manchaug, MA, members of the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association and the closest of friends passed away within days of one another. (See **Forbes** on preceding page.)

They met in the spring 1944 upon assignment to Company B-423<sup>rd</sup> Infantry when the 106<sup>th</sup> Division was in training at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. They trained, went into to town on pass and bonded together through the travail of combat, captivity as prisoners-of-war, liberation, hospitalization and regardless of distance and with the blessing of families retained a steadfast friendship for the past 60 years. They attended reunions together as well as each others special family occasions regardless of age and limited mobility due to wartime infirmity with the help of their offspring. They were truly brothers-in-and-beyond-arms.

I knew them well because I trained and frolicked with them while in Indiana, shared the hazards of combat in the "Bulge" and the depravity of being a "POW slave laborer" in Nazi Germany. But why I will always remember and think of them in my daily prayers is that while the Germans didn't feed us, I survived the POW forced march from Gerolstein to Limburg only because they together with fellow-member Gordon Pinney shared their stashed chocolate D-bars and K-ration cheese with me when I had none. **Joe Salerno, former 2nd platoon messenger; 423/B**

**GRANTHAM, RUFUS D. DIV/ARTY**

*1875 Pinewood Road, Andalusia Al 36420-9101*

**Date of Death January 1, 2004:**

The February CUB was returned marked "Deceased."

**HAYDEN, HENRY V. 81ST ENG/C**

*6730 N Catalina Dr, Tucson AZ 85718-1637*

**Date of Death January 11, 2004:**

Reported by Barbara, his wife. Barbara said, "Henry, born February 18, 1923 died of Cancer of the kidney It was a three year battle. We were married one month before he shipped out for overseas duty with the 106th. We formerly lived in Columbus, Ohio where we owned Hayden Electric Company. We moved to Tuscon in 1962 where we owned and operated HEMCO on Pima. Henry, enjoyed his friends and attended as many meetings as he was able to. He was preceded in death by his twin sister, Mary Gartin and sisters Ruth Hayden and Betty Clones. Survived by a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. Barbara, his wife; daughter Jane; grandchildren Carrie, Suzanne; Benjamin; Samuel; Levi Tonya

**HILL, MAJOR H. 424/B**

*2159 Black Willow Drive NE, Albuquerque NM 87122-1021*

**Date of Death - May /01/2004:**

Past-President, Year 1994 - Born July 20, 1924, in Chicago, the son of Major B. Hill and Florrie (nee Spurrier) Hildebrandt, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2004, at his current residence in Cape Coral, Fla.

Major served in the 106th Infantry Division of the Army from 1943 until 1945. He was active in many organizations, including Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Combat Infantrymen's Association.

He was most involved, however, with the 106th Infantry Division Association, traveling the country to attend reunions, and serving as president of the organization in 1994. In that capacity, he journeyed back to Belgium where he was honored to dedicate the 106th Infantry Division monument in St. Vith, 50 years after the *Battle of the Bulge*. He was awarded the *Order of the Golden Lion, Commanders Class*

Major owned and operated Major Hill Insurance Agency in Fox Lake since 1960, where he worked until his retirement in 1996. He was a long time supporter of many Fox Lake civic organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, Grant Township Athletic Association, Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Grant Township Republican Club, among others. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite, Masonic Lodge and Medinah Temple Shriners of Chicago. Subsequently, he and his wife, Evelyn moved to Florida, where they remained active in various organizations and traveled to Europe and around the country. Survivors include his children, Major T.. (Cathy) Hill of Ingleside and Barbara (Harold) DeHoff of Albuquerque, N.M.; grandchildren, Carrie Sampson, and Joseph, Nina and Mandy Hill; great-grandchild, Jordan Sampson; and brother, Robert (Mary) Hill of Ocala, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Evelyn (nee Rosenkranz) on April 19, 2003; and brothers, Ronald Hill and Richard Hill.



**JONES, ROBERT K. 423/HQ I&R Platoon**

*3142 Van Buren Place, Antioch CA 94509-5347*

**Date of Death - April 18, 2004:**

Bob (Huck) passed away due to complications of surgery. He joined the I&R Platoon at Fort Jackson and continued as squad leader of the second squad in the platoon's escape from the encirclement of December 16 - 19, 1944. Along with other members of the platoon he was reassigned to the 424th Combat Infantry Regiment for the remainder of the Battle of the Bulge. He was cadre for the reconstituted I&R Platoon after the war ended.

Bob is survived by daughters Jacquelyn Panos, Keanine Hurney, Joni Jones, Janice Goesch and son Jerry Jones. He was preceded in death by wife Vivian and a granddaughter Lellen Knight.

**KENNEDY, GLEN N 423/AT**

*14160 N \_Alysum Way, Tucson AZ 85737-7174*

**Date of Death - February 6, 2004:**

A note returned on the 58th Annual Reunion papers announced his death.

**LANGHAM, FRANCIS 422/L**

*114 Collins Ave, Uniontown PA 15401-3808*

**Date of Death: February 9, 2004:**

Reported by Clifford Austin 589/C. Francis was captured on 12/16/1944 and held as a POW at Stalag IV-B, Muhlberg, Germany, then sent to a Forced Labor Camp near Zittau for the remainder of the war. He was employed 40 year with Chemical Lemon Tank Line Company until his retirement in 1985. He was a members of AMVETS, 106th Infantry Division Association, Zittau Survivors, DAV, VFW, BOB and the American Legion. He is survived by Jean, his loving wife of 56 years, two daughters, one son, two sisters and four grandchildren.

**LOMONACO, JOHN 422/HQ 2BN**

*160 Canby Circle, Spring Hill FL 34606-6101*

**Date of Death - February 21, 2004:**

Reported by comrade Col. Lee M. Sherman USA (Ret): It is with deep regret I report the death of one of the 106th's best. Staff Sergeant John Lamonaco joined the 106th with me in March 1943. He remained with the division throughout the Battle of the Bulge and was a POW. A wonderful person, John was/always willing to help his fellow soldiers and do a commendable job in whatever capacity he found himself. John was ill with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Pat. May God bless the members of the 106th Infantry Division and may God continue to Bless America.

## **Memoriam . . .**

### **MAYES, ROSS H. 331 MED/B**

*106 Center Street, Rogersville TN 37857-5348*

**Date of Death - Not Known**

CUB returned marked "Deceased 03/29/04" No details known.

### **MEYERS SR., JOHN M. 590/B**

*Address not valid - Glen Burnie, MD 21060*

CUB Returned marked "deceased." Contacted a relative who confirmed death, but date of death was not determined in the conversation. Just that he had passed away.

### **MILLER JR., CLIFFORD 331/D**

*279 Center Street, Millersburg, PA 17061-1613*

**Date of Death - February 28, 2004:**

Reported by his wife, Betty. My husband, Clifford, a veteran of the 106th Infantry Division and *The Battle of the Bulge*, died February 28, 2004, just eleven days short of his 83rd birthday. He was a survivor of heart attacks, cancer, brain surgery and multiple strokes. The strokes finally claimed his life.. When he received his Bronze Star he remarked, "I only did what I was told." If no one had done what they were told, I do not know and cannot imagine what out country would be like today.

### **NELSON, L. WILLARD 422/B**

*209 East Main Street, Morrison, IL 61270*

**Date of Death - June 22, 2003:** Comrade Hugh Colbert, 422/B reported: Today, February 27, 2004, I received word from Willard's son, Jeff Nelson, 206 S. 34th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938 (217-234-4770) that he his father died June 22, 2003. Willard was the Supply Sergeant for 422/B, captured 19 December 1944 with the motor pool as it moved toward St. Vith. He practiced law in Morrison, Illinois, where he established his own firm in 1962. Willard's survivors include two sons and a daughter.

### **NOON, CLETUS E. 423/SERVICE**

998 Dark Hollow Road, Imler, PA 166655

**Date of Death - March 04, 2004** Cletus passed away at the VA Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA. His death was due to complications from a back operation. Sergeant Noon was a POW. He also served in the Korean War.

### **PHARO, HOWARD J. 422/HQ 3BN**

*833 Burr Oak Lane, Madison, WI 53713-1201*

**Date of Death - March, 01 2004** The February CUB returned marked "Deceased."

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## **ROSEN, SEYMOUR 423/HQ 2BN**

*1 Roger Place, White Plains, NY 10605*

**Date of Death - March 19, 200:** Comrade Irv Schrom reported; "Seymour was a Past Commander of the Hudson Valley Chapter of AX-POW." His wife Dora continues as an Association member.

## **WALSH, CHARLES S. 592/SV**

*902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ*

**Date of Death March 26, 2004:** Charles G. Laphan, 592/SV provided the following information after attending the wake of his former commanding officer.

Captain Charles S. Walsh passed away at the age of 86. Beloved husband of late Daisy (nee Myers). Survived by sister Doris Pitts, Burlington NJ and a brother Howard of Berlin NJ - with many nephews and cousins.

Charles was a dedicated Master Mason, a member of Cloud Lodge, Collingswood Excelsior, Crescent Shrine Temple, Nelson W. Craig High Twelve; Past Patron of the Eastern Star #227 and former Secretary Camden County Shrine Club. He commanded Service battery, 592nd Field Artillery Battery. Relatives and friend, including Comrade Laphan, one of his battery members, attended his wake following the Masonic Services.

## **YOUNGBLOOD, C. EDWIN 423/D**

*715 Holloway CR N , North Myrtle Beach FL 29582*

**Date of Death - April 15, 2004:**

Ewell Black, our former Chaplain, wrote: Had a call this morning from the widow of Charles E Youngblood. He died April 15, 2004. He served as South Carolina State Commander of AX-POW. He and I used to attend 106th Reunions together.

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**952-890-3155 - email [jpk@mm.com](mailto:jpk@mm.com)  
See address on page three of this CUB**

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