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**59th Annual Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division
Association August 31 - September 4, 2005
Doubletree Hotel, New Orleans**

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President's View . . .

The 106th Infantry Division Association's 59th Annual Reunion will be held in the Doubletree Hotel, New Orleans, La. Early Arrivals will begin Wednesday, August 31, 2005. Registration will commence Thursday, September 1, 2005 with activities concluding with breakfast Sunday, Sept. 4.

Registration forms - schedules of tours, program events and other information will be mailed to each member in mid-Summer.

Reunions have a special meaning for us. You may have many types of reunions. Let me tell you about my "Coffee Club." Originally this was a time to take a 20 minute coffee break at 3:00 PM at our favorite restaurant, "The Bright Star." Just after WWII around 30 attended. Now we average four. We still keep abreast of events in the city, families and breaking news.

Since our family has grown up and scattered to different parts of the South East we have gathered annually for a family reunion. Meeting mostly in and around our home in Hueytown, AL. Once we were joined by my brother-in-law and his family from Oregon and California at a resort on the

Tennessee River and a couple of years we traveled to Sun River, Oregon, to join their family for another reunion. Why do we go to the expense and time? Except at our Reunions our family members lose the closeness of family. These reunions get us back in touch. For about 3 days we are all together catching up on news events, getting acquainted with new members of the family and reliving memories of our history.

Now, we come to our 106th Reunion. I ask you collectively and individually—have you written down your war experiences or have you discussed them with your children, grandchildren or maybe even great grandchildren? Consider bringing one or more of them to the reunion. Some of us may even need their hands to steady our walking.

We veterans of the 106th know our history of training, war games and finally the war itself. These are events we experienced and need to pass on to our children and grandchildren. We are a special group of veterans. We had common causes with millions of Americans to rid Europe of a tyrannical regime, punish Japan for that day of infamy on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor and free the peoples in the Pacific theater.

Our Mini-Reunions fill the need for those who cannot attend the Annual Reunions. There are many reports of this year's Mini-Reunions in this issue of the CUB. Under the direction of the Mini Reunion Committee chaired by Harry Martin, Jr. the movement has grown.

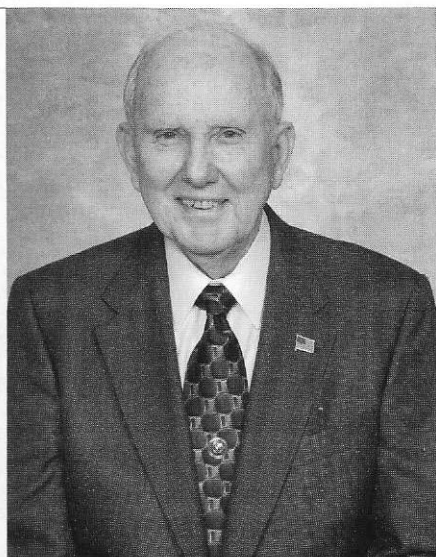
Congratulations to all of you who hold a Mini Reunion in you area. Be sure to attend the next one that is near you. Should you not live close enough attend one or if there is not one in your area, organize one.

At the 59th annual Reunion, talk with Harry Martin or contact him by mail, email or USPS mail. His address appears in the "New Jersey Mini-Reunion" report in this CUB.

Should you be planning to attend the 59th Annual Reunion in New Orleans and need more information, please contact me. Remember, we will be mailing reunion registration papers and information in mid-Summer. We expect a good turnout.

I look forward to spending time with you there.

Walter G. Bridges, President 106th Infantry Division Association



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Memorial Day rapidly approaches, a day for remembrance. It's the poets who write most memorably about the pity of war and the duty to remember:

In **Psalm 137** the sorrow of the people of Israel is expressed.

Captive far from their homes, their heavy hearts would not allow for joy:

"By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Zion, As for our harps , we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein, For they that led us away captive required of us then a song, and melody, in our heaviness, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land ?

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth."

Before World War I, Kipling wrote:

***"The tumult and the shouting dies,
The Captain and the Kings depart;
Still stands the ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget. Lest we forget."***

Just two examples, but poets from many different times and contexts bring the admonition that we must not forget, we must never forget. On the other hand, especially among those who had no personal experience of warfare, comes the instruction to let go of the past, give up clinging to memories of past glory or past tragedy. As if those who "were there" could ever let go of the past. It is a part of us. We, too, say to our countrymen, "*Never forget !*"

We do not live in the past; we live very much in the present. But the past does live in us. The memories live in us. By honoring the memories of those who died we strengthen our own resolve to work for a world in which all they considered sacred can flourish. And we have learned as few others have learned, that we must rely upon God to "*be with us yet,*" just as He has been with us always.

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his command." - Deut. 7:9

LIFE PLUS CLUB REPORT

I must thank each of you personally at the next reunion.

You have been gracious and very complimentary of both John Kline and me with your notes accompanying the donations you sent.

We now have a total of 80 members who have contributed over \$5,000 and they should be proud of that. I still haven't heard from about 600 other LIFE MEMBERS, so get out your checkbook and help the CUB.

Our average contribution is \$68.00.

Let's try to improve that average. Again thanks for your contributions.

Dick Rigatti, Association Treasurer

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Assoc Membership 05/01/2005

Life Members (Vets)	691
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Total Vets	1266
Life Associate Members	168
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GRAND TOTAL	1,588

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MAGAZINES AVAILABLE**

I have many past issues of *The CUB* magazine that were donated by members, or widows of members. If you would like "past Issues" a donation of \$1.50 each - to cover handling and postage - per magazine - will bring you copies of the editor's random choice.

Or you can specify any period of time going back to the 40's - on a first come - first served basis. I usually throw in a few extras. J Kline

"106th Inf. Div. Assoc."

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RE: **Mini - Reunions**

A considerable portion of this issue is filled with reports of Mini-Reunions held in various parts of the country.

It is wonderful to see that these "reunions" continue to draw many comrades and families together..

As we get older travel gets more difficult and we must keep these local reunions alive. If you have not attended one, please consider doing so. You will go home feeling great that you met with those that you laid your life on the line with 60 years ago. Contact the organizer of your local reunion. Their name and address appear under the caption of each Mini-Reunion report.

If there are none nearby, consider sponsoring one. Call or write the editor of this magazine and he will send you mailing labels for your invitations.

Harry F. Martin,

Mini-Reunion Chairman

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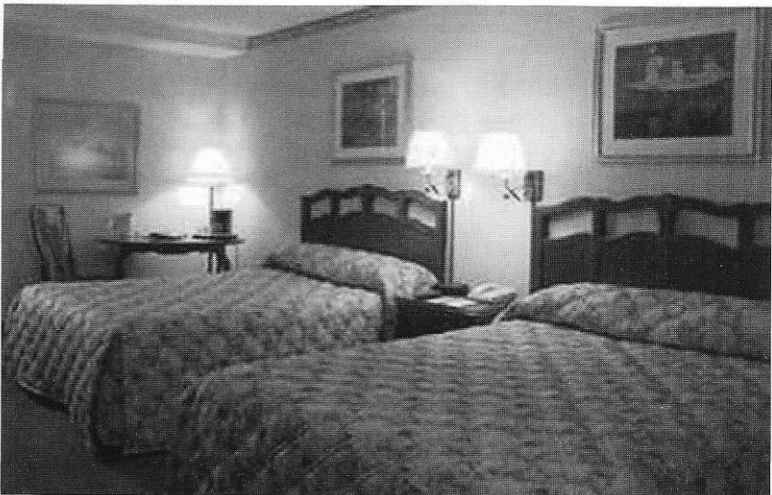
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August 31 - September 4, 2005
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Invitations, registration papers and program schedules were mailed "Direct" to all 106th Infantry Division Association members on Friday, April 29, 2005.



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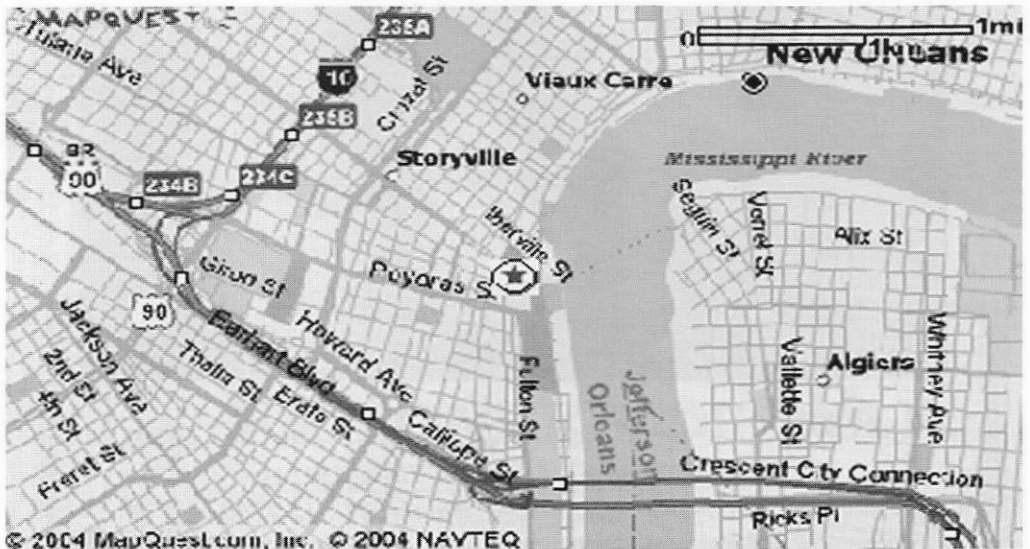
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For those of you with computers:
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***Then in the "Search Box" on the lower left -
Look for "New Orleans"***

See ya all in New Orleans

Front & Center . . .

Special NOTICE - 106th Infantry Division Association PX

John Gilliland PX Manager, announced that he will have several items for sale at the 59th Annual Reunion in New Orleans next September

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Patch, Shoulder, 106th Infry 3.00 each+ .50 S&H



Windbreaker, Blue, lined with 106th logo on left breast Med and Large \$25; Extra Large \$28.; XXL Large \$30 Shipping and Handling \$7.50 each

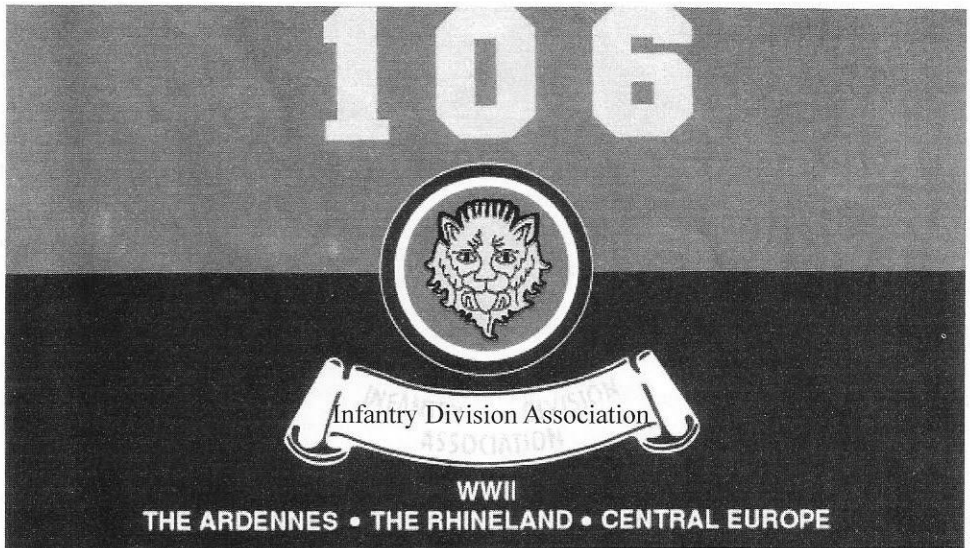


T-Shirts short sleeve w/106th logo - left breast

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The CUB of the *Golden Lion*

HEY - GOLDEN LIONS!

A Message from your Adjutant

You have a wonderful opportunity to leave something very nice to your children or grandchildren or you can be buried with one!

John Gilliland, our Post Exchange Officer and "Man On The Lookout" has come up with a beautiful **106th Division "Golden Lions" flag.**

Purchase one of these flags and proudly fly in outside your home on any and all holidays and special occasions. John in the past has provided us with those beautiful coverlets and wall decorations as well as the T-shirts and pins for each reunion. **Only \$25.00**

Having one of these beautiful flags for your children and grand children will provide them with a proud decoration for future holidays.

Time is running out!

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From the Association Historian

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From the Historian : Some years ago I had been heard to say, “*I was never interested in history until I became a part of it.*”

Well, now at age 80, I consider *myself* as history, and my interest in the subject has at last developed. A good number of you veterans reading this have now acquired, and are using, personal computers. I dare say that your children, and most assuredly, your grandchildren, find the personal computer (PC) an integral part of their everyday life. Let us say, indispensable. This brings me to the subject for this issue of *The Cub*.

Jim West (Associate Member) has succeeded in copying all of the previously issued *Cub* magazines to compact disks (CDs.) Once we examine the preliminary production, and make sure all is well, the disks will be offered for sale at a nominal price yet to be determined. As you all realize, the *Cub* magazine is the history of the 106th Infantry Division. Anyone owning these disks (and a capable PC) will be able to access any issue and read *The Cub* (or print it) from his computer screen. This is a real simple way for you to pass on the history of our Division to your family. If you are not “*computer literate*,” you can bet the farm that your grandkids are.

So often we hear from someone’s child or grandchild, “He never talked about it and now we just don’t know . . .” This will be your chance to pass it on without actually “talking about it.”

Stay tuned, that’s not all. If we are successful with this project we will be offering a CD or CDs containing those personal memoirs that your Historian has collected. Many of these stories are already available to a PC user by accessing them on the World Wide Web at the 106th infantry Division’s website, <http://www.mm.com/user/jpk> maintained by John Kline, *Cub* Editor, and the website maintained by Associate Jim West, www.indianamilitary.org.

All of you PC users should be familiar with this source of our Division’s history. Let’s all work to keep it alive. JRS (Editor’s Note)

*“If you have a written “Personal War Diary” send a copy to John for the “Archives.”
(see his address above) John Kline - editor*

Thanks for the Old CUBs

They will put to good use. I have many requests for past issues of the CUB magazine.

Special Thanks to the following for their donations of old CUB magazines

**Henry P. Hein (424/F) Dean F. Jewett (168TH Engineers/B
and
Kachdor Avedisian 28th Infantry Division**

New Members . . .

Editor's Note:

For you new members that have joined and did not give us a little history -. Please feel free to send us a short story about your history and/ or experiences.

We will publish it in the next CUB

John Kline, editor

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James wrote "My background is quite complicated prior to the 106th and afterwards."

He wrote an extensive history of his life. Born June 1925. Married 52 years, two sons Jim and Robert, both married.

Military status: US Army 1944-1946 106th Infantry Division. Remained in U.S. Army Reserves with a total of 21.5 years - retired with the rank of Sergeant 1st Class (E-7), Staff and Command School, Akron, Ohio.

Basic Training Camp Fanning Texas, sent to Fort Meade for deployment to the European Theatre - via USS George Washington April 12, 1945 - total three troop ships w/destroyer escorts to LeHavre, France 26 April 1945. The via French troop train. Boarded a 40&8, spent seven days and 6 nights to front lines (no knowledge of where we were). Ended up near Aachen, Germany in the Black Forest, assigned to the 3rd Regiment, Co F (attached to the 106th 422nd Regiment). Assigned to guard POW's.

James wrote an extensive paper on his education and life after the war.

I graduated from Youngstown State University in 1967 (under the GI Bill) with a degree in Industrial Management.

Held positions with Martin Marietta Magnesia Speciaties, Sutherland and Associates (a refractory company), APC Corp (Contact purchasing of major steel firms); Shenango Refractories; Corhart Refractories and USS Ohio Works.

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NEW LIFE VETERAN listed in last CUB.
This is address correction from last CUB.
Wife's Name Joanne

My apologies Alfred. - John Kline, editor

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John Schaffner 589/A family friend,
Interested in WWII history.

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I was a member of the 969th FAB that survived "Bastogne." I communicate with an associate member of your organization from the 333rd FAB. I was a member of the 969th FAB who survived "Bastogne."

I am communicating with another member of your organization who was a POW from the 333rd FAB.

(See next page for a nice letter from Bastogne. J Kline, editor)

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Daughter of 106th Vet -81st Combat Engineers, "C" Company.

I would like to send "Special Thanks" to John Kline, 106th Infantry Division Association and Gus Agostini, 81st Combat Engineers Battalion, "A: Company for helping to get my research started. Thanks also to Fred Carr, Robert Flick, Frank Sziber and John Gallagher all of 81/C for their assistance. Special appreciation is extended to Mrs. Nell LeTellier, wife of Louis LeTellier [81/C] for her thoughtfulness and direction. These people have been so kind and invaluable in my search to locate information my father's military service. Dad's military records were, like many others, destroyed in a fire at St. Louis over thirty years ago and all I had to start

with were a few old photos. I didn't ask dad many questions about WWII before he passed away – and I deeply regret that!

Dad was inducted 29 January 1943. Basic Training at Camp Swift, Texas, ASTP at Vanderbilt University from July 43 – Mar 44. He was transferred to "C" Company, 81st Combat Engineers at Camp Atterbury on 28 March 1944. With the help of those already mentioned, and others, I've learned so much about when and how they made their way to Europe and the "Battle of the Bulge" in the Ardennes.

Dad left the Army in November 1945 and returned to Kansas City, Missouri. He worked for John Deer for 45 years and retired as a Warehouse Superintendent. He is, today, survived by the love of his life, his wife Judith, two daughters and three grandchildren (two who were born after his death). Dad went home to the lord in 1991 following a terrible fight with lung cancer.

As an old newspaper clipping from Columbia, South Carolina said – regarding the inactivation of the 106th

"We pay tribute to this division's valor, say a silent prayer for those of its number who gave their all, and think of those who so long as they live shall bear wounds and suffer from the effects of the fury of battle. The 106th shall not be forgotten. It's record is a glorious page in American history."

My family and I can only echo those sentiments.

We thank you (and your families) for the service, dedication to duty, and devotion to each other. May God bless each of you. (If you have any additional information regarding my father, I would like to hear from you.) Sincerely Jean Norris Key.

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THE HAND NOT GIVEN

by Robert Niner, 590 FAB/HQ

A personal accounting of the English bombing of the POW trains in the Diez/Limburg Rail Yards outside Stalag 12-A on the 23 December, 1944

The mists of memory now shroud my experiences in the last days of the battle and what followed.

Only later did I learn that my personal disaster was called "*The Battle of the Bulge*". What remains of this early scar, inflicted in the young days of life, overlaid now with other hurts as severe and deep, acquired in the subsequent thirty-five years of living and surviving.

My division—the 106th—was at the very point of the massive enemy assault in the Ardennes Forest. Retreat or withdrawal was cut off. A break-through effort by our infantry was tried and failed. We then went forward in the direction of the West Wall to escape enemy pressure. Once again, we tried going back towards our lines.

At one moment, our artillery vehicles were drawn up in a circle, frontier style.

We proceeded to move out. Going through a valley, shells began to pour in on us. A brave 105 mm gun crew set up, tried to reply, and was silenced by a hit.

After half an hour of mortar fire and shelling by 88mm anti-aircraft by the Germans, there was a shattering cry. "'Every man for himself' still echoes chillingly, carrying the message of aloneness and abandonment in the face of imminent destruction. A panoramic view flashes before me as I see hundreds of us, trapped, bewildered, defenseless...the release of captured German prisoners running back to their lines screaming for a halt in the firing until they were safe...my helmet flying from my head as face and body are pressed into the earth, seeking safety as shrapnel pours merci-

less hell, sharing the very ground sought as a haven...

"Medic! Medic!" is screamed out from those unfortunates already hit, and their pitiful cries still reverberate and chill me!

There was a brief respite from the shelling. White rags appear from nowhere...a panicked oozing of a line of our men, growing from a trickle into a heavy flow, moving towards the enemy lines. The invisible foe loosens briefly the ring of steel to gather the harvest of the stampeded and defeated American troops.

We were set down in a field, grouped then into long lines, and sent on a wandering, interminable march. We passed the Dragon's Teeth and anti-tank traps and block houses that were part of the Siegfried Line. We marched through Pruem, a dead city, battered and broken. Even now, incredibly, I recall the beauty of the hills and streams. Warily putting one foot in front of the other, exhausted, we continued on. There could be no dropping out.

Fantasy and reality interchanged places, and I still see the image of a German soldier, dead and frozen, sitting upright on his motorcycle.

At the railroad siding, a long train of cattle cars awaited. The loading of the dispirited prisoners began. Willie calls out, "Let's get on this box car". Dan says, "Let's get on the next one!"

Still I see short Willie.

Clearer is the earlier image of him with a bandage around his head. Willie had been waylaid in Scully Square in Boston while on our last leave from the port of embarkation, Camp Myles Standish.

He had been beaten and concussed, and he missed sailing with us on the USS Wakefield, our troop ship. He joined us later in England.

Dan was tall, spare, quiet spoken. For whatever reason—or none—I walked to the next cattle car, separating from Willie, accompanying Dan.

The stench of the manure-laden straw on the floor of the cattle car is smelled no more. Did we really pass three days without water or food? At last, relief!

The delight of swallowing the icy cold wetness when the locked door opened at a siding! Our thirst-tortured bodies this slight but needed succor. The damp and metallic feel of the helmet full of water as it was passed from hand to hand! The urgent press of others' demands on the lucky ones who had first received the helmet! "*That's enough! Pass it on!*" was the repeated cry. Our thirst unsatisfied, take one more swallow, and the precious gift was handed on. The drink was not nearly enough, not nearly long enough, but the container was given up to be fairly shared. Each of us received a couple of hard crackers, barely chewable, inadequate—but savored nonetheless.

Once more, the boxcar was locked and the high piercing, sound of the locomotive cut through the winter air. The boxcars smashed and jerked as other cars were added or taken off the train. There was the slow pull; halt; pull; halt; then forward once more until, finally, there was an established rhythm as the freight train won its freedom to continue its slow and weary pace. The quiet clacking of the wheels filled the air until progress was halted at another railway siding. Again and again this pattern was repeated. For us, crowded together, we had hours and hours of simply standing or sitting, waiting on the louse-ridden, foul-smelling straw.

The night! That night! Halted in a freight yard—it was a rail yard outside Stalag 12-A Limburg. There was the sudden wailing of air raid sirens that cut through the stillness with their fearsome message. There was hysterical shouting by the soldiers guarding us as airplanes were heard passing over. Then, the shriek of bombs as one explosive followed another in the midnight rain of hell and terror. The bombs were coming closer and closer to our boxcar, destroying the boxcars and killing the helpless, hapless prisoners who could only listen as death crept up, nearer, nearer, nearer...

And now there is a scene that is indelibly branded in my mind. It cannot have been imagined because it is so clear and so well remembered. We did believe that we were in the last moments of our lives. I, the Jewish prisoner, was told "We are going to pray!" "I will, too," I remember saying. Men were on their knees. "Hail Mary, Mother of God"..., and a chorus of voices!

Only once since have I had occasion to be in a church, yet the prayer is part of me. How could this not have occurred?

As if in answer to the imploring cry of the trapped men, there was a scrabbling noise at the box car door. The lock was removed, and the door was pushed open. We jumped out of the wooden boxcar and ran, ran, ran, seeking safety wherever that might be. I sighted an embankment about six feet high some fifty or more feet away. Quickly, I covered that distance. On top of the wall was an enemy soldier. Foolishly, trying to get away from the terror behind, I reached out my hand to be lifted up on the wall.

He looked. He moved away. Just like that. He moved away. No statement. It fills my memory. Man on man.

I was Naïve then, still today.

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Had he been low and I high, would I have acted differently? A desperate hand extended and no help given!

Sadly, I seem to have had the same experience several times since, in other contexts, surely the same empty act.

The hand not given....

The bombing airplanes passed overhead and left. Stillness returned and the raid ended. Voices were again heard as the guards returned. They were excited and shouting and rounding up the prisoners.

Who remembers Willie today?

I do. For as long as I shall live, he will be remembered. For a few brief years, I am his eternity. I am alive because I did not accept his camaraderie and enter the same boxcar with him. Willie is long gone, and when I think of him, I realize that I have had those years of life that he lost that dark and terrible night. What would he have done with those lost years?

What have I?



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English airmen bombed the Limburg rail yard in Germany on the night of December 23, 1944. Unknowing, they did their duty and they hit their target—the freight yard, the train—and us.

Willie Warmuth died that night, killed only a few feet away. He died where I might have been if I had accompanied him. Would it have been me rather than Willie? And here he died in captivity, buried under tons of German dirt in that freight yard. Willie was going to be a journalist in Ohio. He uncle owned a newspaper there.

And I think often of that hand not given. It is a memory of a foolish hurt.

Unreasonable, yes, but lingering nonetheless.

In the years that have followed there have been many wounds, some as rasping and deep, but these were some of my first; and they have endured, as I have, to this day.

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HELL FROZEN OVER

Author Marilyn Estes Quigley (This was a popular book - shown and sold at the 58th Annual reunion). Marilyn, associate professor of English at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, teacher composition, literature and creative writing. The current Evangel campus was O'Reilly General Hospital during WWII, a medical facility for soldiers. Quigley's office, still in an original barracks, was formerly an operating room. She published fiction, a children's musical, poetry, and articles. Her husband Ed designed and painted the cover of *Hell Frozen Over*. Author's email: edmarquig@wmconnect.com

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Birmingham, Alabama - December 10, 2004

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Our Mini-Reunion was held on December 10, 2004 at *The Club* atop Red Mountain, which has a spectacular view of the City of Birmingham, Alabama. It was combined with the annual dinner meeting of the *Battle of the Bulge*. Governor Bob Riley spoke about our age being "The Greatest Generation." Without notes he spoke, directly and to each of us so that we felt that we were "indeed" part of the events of that era. He spoke factually about of the many facets of those living in our generation. VBOB installed Officers for the coming year. Among those installed was Will Temple, 422/D, 106th Infantry Division.

Southern California June 2004

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This was the 18th Annual Southern California "Bulge Commemorative" event. We started by reading "My First Reunion" by Dale Carver and the "heroics of Americans who fought in W.W.II from John McCain's book "Worth Fighting For." I read a prayer for Joe Litman 423/D from the prayer book I carried through the Bulge. Twenty-seven attended including nine 106th Vets who each gave a brief summary of their experiences in the "*Battle of the Bulge*." The 2005 event will be held December 11, 2005. Please write or call me to be added to the mail list. See my address above.

See Southern California Photos on next page.

Mini-Reunions . . .

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The Arizona Mini-Reunion was held on December 17, 2004 in Mesa at the home of Dean and Eleanor Childs. We had several new attendees. Our program was "Show and Tell" with all participating. We were minus two of our regular veterans, Toby Anderson, due to illness, and Richard Behr having another commitment. The veteran coming the furthest was Milton Weiner from California; he came with his son Bernard, an Associate, living in Arizona. He contributed greatly to the program.



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Northern California - December 17, 2004

Michael N. Thome, 422/HQ 1st Bn - 1712 40th Street, Sacramento, CA 95819

Thirty-seven invitations were sent to Northern California members. In addition to those attendees, two responded as to their inability to attend. Next year we plan a meeting place more in the area between San Francisco and Sacramento with the hope that attendance will be larger.

As you know we lost our National Past-President Ed Prewett during the year, a great lose to the 106th Infantry Division Association and his many friends.

John Gregory, an Association Past-President has been ill. We all wish him the very best.



L/R: Norma Quattrim; Mrs John Kinney; June McMullen; Reddie Prewett; Jean Barrick;
Shirley Gregory and Jo Tennant (Prewett's daughter)



1st Row L/R: Boris Stern; Jack Schneider; Bill Mangold; Fred Parks; Charles Fehnel

2nd Row L/R: David Ford; Ray Twardzik; Len Turgeon; Bob Snovel; John Fritz

3rd Row L/R: Jim Edwards; Ken Smith; Bob Eldridge; Dick Brokaw; Les Helmich; Sid Auerbach

West Coast of Florida - December 16, 2004

Ray Twardzik, 106th Signal, 5518 Garden Lakes Oak, Bradenton, FL 34203 946-756-34203 raytwar@msn.com

There were thirty-five (35) attending the Dutch Heritage Restaurant in Sarasota. After a great luncheon, David Ford, Associate, told about his recent trip to the Ardennes, followed by Xmas games (with prizes) conducted by Bill Mangold. As usual, stories about our experiences were exchanged.



1st Row L/R: Margery Stern; Lael Snovel; Evelyn Turgeon; Isabel Twardzik; Marie Parks, Vickie McCall

2nd Row L/R: Jodi Brokaw; Mary Ruth Kimsey; Mary Smith; Jill Blaufox; Arlene Ford; Martha Fritz; Pauline Fehnel; Frankie Burkes and Brenda Schneider



Men Back Row L/R: Lee Darby; Jeremiah Mitchell; Stanwood Paxtnoy; Carl Froehbrodt; David Black.

Middle Row: Rev Ewell Black; Bill Jenkins; Albert Asher; Morris Piha; George Spence.

Front Row: Rev Ron Mosley; Carl Canup and Bob Howell. Not in photo: Woody Harriman and Randy White.

Atlanta, Georgia - December 12, 2004

Frankie Burkes, Associate 7114 Forest Lane, Union City, GA 30291 770-774-9745 FCB0619@webtv.net

The Atlanta area Mini-Reunion was held at the Steak & Ale Restaurant in College Park, GA on December 12, 2004. All Georgia 106th vets were invited. We had twenty-nine (29) people attending. Each 106th vet was asked to give a two-minute presentation, naming their unit and any important events during his tour of duty with the 106th Infantry Division.



Women Back Row L/R : Frankie Burkes; Sue Canup; Cathy White; Sue Asher; Jean Shirley. **Second Row:** Martha Brocato; Peggy Harriman; Louie Howell; Elaine Darby, Joe Spence. **Front Row:** Dorothy Stanwood; Sara Piha and Sylvia Mosely. Not in photo: Mary Ruth Kimsey

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Alton, Illinois - St Louis, MO - Dec 16, 2004

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The Sixtieth Anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge was celebrated at the Banquet Hall in Wood River, Illinois by the area's 106th Infantry Division "Golden Lions." Ten *Golden Lion* veterans, one Associate and two visiting *Battle of the Bulge* veterans, one each from the 99th Infantry Division and the Ninth Armored Division enjoyed the relationship.

Since it was the sixtieth anniversary, each individual was asked to spend a few minutes discussing any subject the desired, past or present. It was a friendly atmosphere which the ladies enjoyed. Everyone enjoyed an outstanding meal and promised "The Good Lord Willing," they would return next year.

Men Back Row l/r: Carl Goering, Associate; George Foster 423/HQ; John Mikalauski 424/H; Gilbert DeGerlia 422/HQ; Paul Boschert 590/HQ; William Kronmueller 423/E; Marion Ray 424/D

Front Row l/r: Jim Crafton 99th Inf Div; Jack Rain 589/HQ; Victor Bauswell 422/B; Clifford Penrose 9th Armored Div; Ken Bryan 423/HQ 1Bn; Donald Hinrichs 81st Eng/C

Ladies Back Row l/r: Debra Bryan Hensley; Dolores Mikalauski; Barabara Foster; Pat Hinrichs; LeDon Adams

Front Row, l/r: Marge Bryan; Fran Ray; Helen Kronmueller; Betty Rain; Emma Jane Boschert



The CUB of the *Golden Lion*

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Men Back row l/r: Ronald M. Gray and Dr. Hobart Boles, guests - both are Bulge vets; Glen Rolfs 424/D; Bill Stahl 422/K; Martin Jones 423/G; Richard Schoeck 106 Signal;
Front row l/r: Rinard Davis 422/HQ; Arlene Rolfs; Juanita McCall (widow of Theodore "Bud" 81st Eng/ A) Phyliss Jones and Mary Lou Stahl

Kansas - December 16, 2004

William F. Stahl Esq., 422/K, 211 Arapahoe Ct., Junction City, KS 66441 785-238- 66441 mimistal@nqks.com

Held at the Coyote Canyon, with hosts Bill Stahl 422/K and Mary Lou, his wife. The 2004 tenth annual Mini-Reunion of the Kansas members of the 106th Infantry Division was held to celebrate our participation in the "Battle of the Bulge." That day will always be remembered as a day of destiny for us, our families and friends - a day that changed our lives and future.

Thirteen 106th Vets attended as well as wives and guests. Local TV Channel 27 recorded the group for a later telecast. The VFW Post 1650 and it's auxiliary presented flowers to all the ladies. A 1942 Harley Davidson and a 1942 Ford Jeep military display by the local Military Vehicle Preservation group added to the reminiscing and sharing of stories. Photos by Mark Brown, son of Dean.



Back row l/r: Tom Ballowe 423/K; Ralph Wyss 424/L; Max Dillar 423/I; Dennis Wright 424/A; John Mock 422/I and John Stewart 422/SV.

Front Row l/r: Mary Ballowe; Margie Wyss; Vivian Dillar; Mary Ellen Mock; Arleta Stewart.

Not pictured: Walter and Delores Porter 423/G; Dean 424/D and Joan Brown -new members

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MD, VA & DC Mini-Reunion - Dec 16, 2004

John Schaffner, 589/A, 1811 Miller Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030 410-584-2754 pumexim2@bcpl.net

"Dang me, dang me, they oughta take a rope and hang me," So sang Roger Miller, and I guess that could apply to me since I don't have many photos to show you. However the weatherman cooperated on December 16, so we did have a very successful turnout. Eighty-four (84) showed up for a nice luncheon served by the Club Meade at Fort G. G. Meade, MD, and to hear our speaker, Bill Everett, a veteran of the 36th Infantry Division, 141st Infantry Regiment, C Company.

If you ever wonder how I draw so many, well, I'll tell you.

Just line up a good place, engage a speaker, keep the price down, and tell everybody and his uncle. This is my way of getting the word out about the 106th Infantry Division.

106th Vets attending included Stanley Bachmurski; Ralph (Ken) Barnes; Grayson Bishop; Edward Christianson; Clark Dovell; John Gatens; Phil Hannon; Bill Hemelt; Alan Jones, Jr.; Edward McGinty; Donald Regier; John Schaffner; Jack Schoelkopf; Jack Sulser; Richard Tennant and Earle Valenstein. That is only sixteen, but if you count all the family, friends, Associates and a large group from the Baltimore Round Table of military History - it all adds up to a crowd.

The two photos show only a part of the group. Wait till next year!





Front l/r: Harold Ortwine 592/C; Gene Timm 423/D; Bob Scranton 424/K;
Bill Keeber 424/G and William Martin 424/C

Back Row l/r: Jack Roberts 592/C; Herb Eidelman 424/SV; John Plotkowski (422 HQ/1Bn;
Chuck Reeber 423/D; Harold Kuizema 589/B; Rudy Aittama 106 RECON and Willis Bouma 422/D

Michigan - November 7, 2004

Jack Roberts, 592/C 1059 Alter Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 jmr810@aol.com

The 106th Michigan veterans group held their mini-reunion at the Embassy Suites in Novi, Michigan. There were 36 in attendance. The guest speaker was Col. Richard A. Stone, Commander of the 452nd Combat Support Hospital in Milwaukee, who spent 18 months in Afghanistan. Col. Stone was chosen by the Dept of Army to set up all the field hospitals to treat trauma cases for civilians as well as soldiers wounded during the operation Enduring FREEDOM. His talk was accompanied by a slide presentation about the trauma care as well as conditions in Afghanistan including its disease rate among civilians. He told the group about many great things that the USA were doing that was not reported by the press. Another highlight was an invitation to tour the US Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command in Warren, MI. That visit was delayed from Dec 16 2004 to May 26, 2005. The Michigan group are invited to take a tour of the facility to view production of vehicles used in Iraq.



Ladies Front Row l/r: Jeane Schutte; Norma Aittama; Joan Grant; Marlene Martin; Mary Lou Roberts
Back Row: Bea Keeber; Jessica Kuizema; Christa Thomasma; Mildred Scranton;
Gloria Plotkowski; Mary Reeber; Julie Roberts



Nebraska - Western Iowa - 2004

Dean and Della Sandahl, 3041 North 62nd Street, Lincoln, NE 68507-2406 402-466-3564 sandyandd@juno.com

We met at 11:00 AM Monday October 18, 2004 at the USA Steak Buffet, Lincoln, Nebraska on a beautiful autumn day. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation, remembering our parted ones and praying for our servicemen and women in search of the terrorists who would take our freedom from us.

I read two poems by Dale Carver, our deceased 106th Infantry Division Association "Poet Laureate." They were titled "*For Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge*" (originally titled "My First reunion - 1989) and "*The Soldiers of World War II*" written December 16, 1999.

We had a private room and enjoyed a delicious steak/chicken buffet. Our memories took us back to the "Ardennes" 60 years ago this winter. As always we ran out of time to visit and catch up.

We plan to host again next year, same place, same time - Monday October 17, 2005. We hope to see more of our neighbors and renew old friendships.

Men L/R: Dean and Della Sandahl 422/B (Hosts) Lincoln; Harold and Lorraine Hawkins 423/D Omaha; Charles and Jane Henning 424/B Peru; Leonard and Evelyn Tyser 423/I Wilbur, NE.

Ladies L/R: Janet Brice; Betty Simmons; Ruth-Alice Potts and Anne Christian

Great photo Dean. Exposed outside with great lighting.
Nice not to have to depend on the little "twinkle bulb" flash.
A few minutes outside, good light, then back to the tables
to enjoy all the Camaraderie ...



New Jersey Mini-Reunion December 10, 2004

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First Row l/r: Dr. Duncan Trueman 424/AT' Newton Parker; John Gatens 589/A; George Call 424/B; Floyd Elston 589/A; Henry Krajewski 424/L and William Blaher 422/I

Second Row: Kenneth Schuetz DIV/HQ; Salvatore Scalzo 422/MED; Joseph DeSantis 422/HQ 1BN; Vince Sziber 81st ENG/C; Ralph Richter 332 Med/D; Josef Krafchik 332 MED/HQ; Glen Lockenvitz 106 RECON; Henry Rosenthal; Harry Martin 424/L Jerry Mount, who played Santa Claus, was not available for the photo.

Our 106th NJ Mini-Reunion was held December 8, 2004 at Picatinny Arsenal in Wharton NJ. We held a joint meeting with the local chapter of the Battle of the Bulge. 23 members of the 106th and 33 members of the BOB attended. The theme was *"The Christmas We Never Had"*

The Arsenal served a very nice lunch with salad, roast beef, carrots, mashed potatoes with gravy and finished up with apple pie, coffee and tea. Each member brought in a gift for our grabbag for Santa Clause to distribute. He looked and sounded like the real Santa. It was only later that we found out it was actually one of our members, Jerry Mount.

Our good old Dr. Duncan Trueman was our Chaplin for the joint meeting and as always very inspiring. We had a fun filled afternoon with great camaraderie and the chance to meet some members of the 106th for the first time.

It was not until later that we heard the sad news that one of our members in attendance, Salvatore Scalzo, had died the very next day. He was a wonderful man and he will be missed. We wish to express our deep sorrow to his wife, Grace..



Ladies l/r: Marion Blaher; Joan Call; Barbra Parker; Muriel Sziber; Grace Trueman and Mary



New Mexico Mini-Reunion December 16, 2004

Dr. Ralph J. Nelson 422nd Cannon Company, 1 Acoma Lane, Los Alamos, NM 505-622-9787

The New Mexico contingent of the 106th Infantry Division Association held its annual Mini-Reunion on Thursday, December 16, 2004, for lunch at the Albuquerque V.F.W. with five veterans and four ladies in attendance. The meeting opened with a moment of silence as we remembered all of our comrades, especially the fallen ones, on this 60th anniversary of the beginning of the *Battle of the Bulge*. After a nice buffet luncheon we enjoyed our social time of fellowship.

Men l/r: Walter F. Peters 331st Med 424/B Walter has written a chapter in the book "*Chicken Soup for Veteran's Souls*;" Robert E. Soladay 422/HQ; Wendell Albaugh 424/ 1st Bn HQ, (a 1st time attendee- not yet a member) Ralph J. Nelson 422/Cannon; Louis J. Baca 422/L

Ladies l/r: Betty Skupaka, guest of the Peters - had a brother-in-law MIA in the battle - unit unknown; Helen Peters; Rhonda Nelson -guest; Adda Larsen of mansfield OH and Margeret Velasquez, widow of Armando 424/K





Long Island, New York Mini-Reunion November 14, 2004

Ephraim Goldberg, 423/C 555 Franklin Blvd, Long Beach, NY 11561 516-432-7136 edg555@juno.com

The fifth annual Long Island area mini reunion was held Sunday November 14, 2004 in Lambrous' Restaurant, Island Park, New York. In addition to our regulars who attended, we also added a few from out of state (Connecticut and Maryland) who wanted to share the day with friends who have been with us in the past. We memorialized our departed comrades. It was again hosted by Ed Goldberg, who lost his wife

Natalie during the year. Many who attended were also usual National Reunion participants.

Lyndia and Al Sussman announced they would be joining the American EX-POW group going to Belgium on 10 December for the 60th Anniversary of the *Battle of the Bulge* at the invitation of the Belgium government.

Men l/r: 1st Row: Irving Schrom 423/C; Harold Hoffman 424/CN; Ephraim (Ed) Goldberg 423/C; Charles Kortlang 106MP; John Bladen 423/C and Vernon "Chick" Wood 423/C

2nd Row: Preston Barnes Div/HQ; John Starmack 423/SV; Al Sussman 424/G; Charles Johansen 592/SV; Sal Grasso 423/SV; Charles Lane Associate and Dr. Harry Imes 423/A

Ladies 1st Row l/r: Ruth Hoffman; Lynda Sussman; Adel Johansen; Gloria Abramowitz; Neva Powell
2nd Row: Rhoda Schrom; Grace Starmack and Mary Grasso





Oklahoma Mini-Reunion December 16, 2004

Clint McClure, 423/HQ 8607 E77th Place Tulsa OK74133 74133 918-252-7777

The Oklahoma Mini-Reunion was held at the Fountains Restaurant in Tulsa Oklahoma.

Men l/r: David Deffenbaugh 423/D; Leland Turley 423/HQ; Clint McClure 423/H

Ladies l/r: Joan Herndon; Elanor Deffenbaugh; Peggy McClure and Anita Turley





Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Mini-Reunion December 16, 2004

Joseph P. Maloney, 424/HQ 1120 Warren Ave, Arnold, PA 15068 412-335-6104 maloney@salsgiver.com

The Pittsburgh Mini-Reunion was held at the Fountain Room, once again,
and we had 18 hardy souls coming together in fellowship.

All went well - after we got the hall warmed up. Jim Wiggins spoke about his correspondence
with our friends in Belgium. Dr John Robb spoke on our Memorial in Saint Vith.

Dick Rigatti spoke of our dinner as guests of the Greensburg VBOB and Ed Huminski
spoke about his memorabilia from his hospitalization in Saint Lo, France.

Humininski left our division at Camp Atterbury and went on line in France during the breakthrough.

Men 1/r: Back Row: Al Yelochan 422/HQ; Ed Huminiski 424/F; Howard Lowenberg 423/E; Dr. John
Robb 422/D; Frank Lapato 422/HQ; Zane Donaldson 590/B; Dick Rigatti 423/B; Pete Yanchik 423/A;
Joe Maloney, Host, 424/HQ and Jim Wiggins 331Med/A

Ladies 1st Row 1/r: Margaret Yalochan; Betty Huminski; Diana Yanchik; Marilyn Robb; Janice
Donaldson; Pat Rigatti; Viv Maloney, Hostess; Dorothy Lowenberg



Men Standing L/R: Charles Datte; William Crossland;
Pastor Sam Scaler "Guest;" Joe Yourkavich
Seated: Vince Sziber and John Gallagher

Temple Pennsylvania - Mini-Reunion November 12, 2004

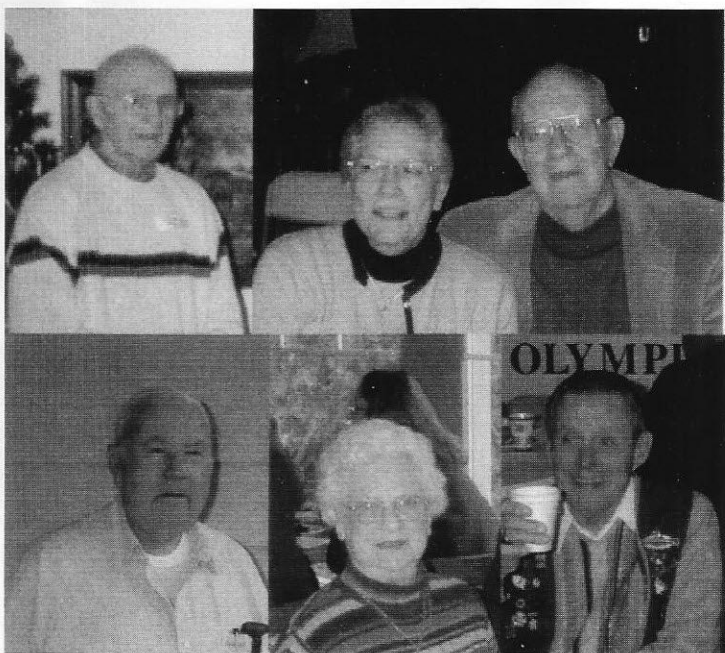
John J. Gallagher, 81st ENG/C, 4003 Francis Street, Temple, PA 19560 Tele: 610-929-2887

Members of the 106th who could not be with us for our Annual Memorial Dinner, our prayers are with you. I do hope you can join us for our next Memorial Dinner November 18, 2005.

Not able to attend were: Donald and Robbi Showalter, Fred and Betty Carr, Jack and Ami McDevitt driving problems. Ed Christianson, Rain in Va; Daniel Eisenhard in hospital; John and Connie Tarantino; Ida Frank unable to attend. Gus Agostini sent greetings from Georgia and a contribution.



Ladies L/R standing: Nancy Datte; Muriel Sziber; Wanda (Rocco) Fava; Norma Crossland
Seated: Stella Gallagher and Louise Scales "Guest."



Washington Mini-Reunion December 16, 2004

Myrton Dickerson 2500 S 370th Street #209, Federal Way, WA 98003-7648 253-661-9325 mytrond@aol.com

Top l/r: George Strong 423/HQ; Dorothy and Alvin (Bud) Powers 422/HQ

Bottom Row l/r: Myrton and Beatrice Dickerson 424/D and Ray Johnston 423/H

We had our reunion at the Olympia Flight Museum where they have several WWII planes.

They have all been restored and are in flying condition.

We met with the Christmas Town Chapter of the AX-POW.

We have done this before and it works out very well. We all get to exchange our War Stories.

Several of our members were sick and could not attend.

We had pot Luck Dinner and there was plenty of food (sounds like a throw back from the POW days) and every one had a great time. We hope to see them all next year.

If you haven't sponsored a Mini-Reunion in your area, give it a try.
All it takes is a little effort to invite people from your area.

Some years ago we had our Puerto Rico member
set up a table, invite his sons and called it a Mini-Reunion.
He hung up a flag and had a cake.
It was a great Mini-Reunion.

If you need an address list contact John Kline, CUB editor



Madison, Wisconsin - Mini-Reunion October 16, 2004

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The Wisconsin Annual Commemorative Meeting of the *Battle of the Bulge* was held at CJ's East in Madison, Wisconsin on October 16, 2004. We had 32 people in attendance and they were:

Mr/Mrs Howard H Jones; Mr/Mrs Jerome Miller; Mr/Mrs Edward Nagle; Mr/Mrs Raymond Kurth; Mr/Mrs Al Kurth; Mr/Mrs Edmund Podlaski; Mr/Mrs Clifford Armgard; Mr/Mrs John Hendrickson; Mr/Mrs Michael Zych; Mr/Mrs Thomas Paynter; Mr/Mrs Ms Nina Spence; Mr/Mrs Mr Fred Boussard; Mr Robert Paynter; Mr Victor Fuchs; Ms Jean Meredith; Mrs Virginia Post; Mr David Post; Mr Donal Handel; Mr Mike Cunningham; Mr Robert Geller; Mr Pete Di Benardo and Mr Charles Rieck

The group spent time in socializing in lieu of a program. David Post was the photographer. By group action the 2005 Mini-Reunion will be held on October 15, 2005 at CJ's East in Madison, Wisconsin.





Southern Wisconsin Mini-Reunion December 16, 2004

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53546 608-752-6525

We had our "*Battle of the Bulge*" Dec 16th "Southern Wisconsin" commemoration at the Janesville Elks Club, Janesville, Wisconsin. 106 people attended the breakfast at the Elks Club.

I estimate there were 37 veterans of the *Battle of the Bulge*. Most of them appear in the picture above.

The M-1 rifle I am holding was from one of the 106th
vets who passed away.

His son brought the rifle to show at the meeting.



Cuyahoga Falls, OH Mini-Reunion December 11, 2004

Charles S. Garn, 424/H 1937 Highbridge Road, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223 330-923-3370

We had annual reunion at the Holiday Inn in Elyria. Attending were Michael and Elaine Zenn 423/D; Clem and Pat Kuhman 423/M; Pat and Sylvia DiRenzo 106 SIG; Bob and Jean Gilder 424/HQ 1BN; Vivian McCullough; and myself, Chuck Garn, 424/H. No photos were submitted.

Argenzio, Francis - 424/L

30 Nicole Street, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Date of death: January 28, 2005. This death was reported by John Zahn 424/L.

Boyajian, John 106 Signal

139 Harmon Drive, Larchmont, NY 10538-1824

Date of Death: January 30, 2005 Reported by his wife, Lillian. "It is profound sadness that I must inform you of the unexpected death of my husband, John. He died in his sleep. He was very active and involved to the last day, when we were together with members of our church Outreach Committee who went to feed the men at the Volunteers of America shelter at the Winchester County Airport. He and I were lifetime members of the AxPow, Hudson Valley Chapter. We had been married 54 years. Aside from me he is survived by our son Robert, our daughter Beatrice, two grandchildren, Dr. David Boyajian and our granddaughter Diane Lama. I have enclosed a copy of his service in the Army."

Buttonow, Joseph M. - 592/?

60 Grand Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963-3524

Date of death: January 15, 2005: Reported by his brother, Tom. "Joseph was 78 years of age. Born in Sag Harbor. He was a Corporal in the 592nd FAB. When the war ended he was on a ship bound for Japan, the ship returned to the USA and he was sent home. Shortly after Christmas he was taken to the Southampton Hospital where he suffered a diabetic seizure and lost consciousness. He lived his entire life in Sag Harbor working as a gardener. According to his niece, Tara Buttonow, he was a daily fixture at Tides Beach, a sketch artist, cartoonist and photographer of nature scenes on the water. He collected vintage cameras and other antiques. Ms. Buttonow said her uncle used to take a neighbor's children to the woods to pick out a Christmas tree."

Benson, Leslie Earl 81st ENG/C

0785 HWY 35, Collins, MS 39428

Date of death: April 24, 2005 Buried at Monticello, MS.No other details given

Burnside, Julian B. 423/M

4650 Bay Blvd - Unit 1015, Port Richey, FL 34668

Date of death: April 8, 2005. Reported by his wife Lidia, along with a beautiful message, "*Don't cry for me for now I am free, I am following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.*"

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found peace at sunset this day.

Since my parting will leave a void, The fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes these things I too will miss.

My life's been full, I've savored much. Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch. Perhaps to you, my time was all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me home. He set me free.

Chase Frederick B. - 422/D

1554 Rte 9, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Date of death: January 01, 2005. Reported by his daughter, Beverly Emerick and also by Frank Trautman.

Fred died at the Saratoga Hospital after a long illness. Born in Clark Mills, New York and was the son of the late Charles and Edna Byrd Chase. He retired from the NYS Dormitory Authority where he was project manager in Delmar. Earlier he had worked for the Christenson and Nielson Construction Co. in Schenectady. A charter member of the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church in Clifton Park. An avid bowler and member of many service organizations as well as being a Life-member of the West Crescent Fire Company. Husband of the late Agnes H. Cowles Chase; the father of Mrs. Gordon C. (Beverly J.) Emerick and Betty Cowles all of Clifton Park; brother of Harvey N. Chase of Chandler, AZ, Iola J Held of Avon, CT and late Esther Hildebrandt, survived by many grand, great-grand children, nephews and nieces. Interment in Memory's Garden, Colonie.

Chinnici, Pasquale - 591/B

1801 E Walnut Road, Vineland, NJ 08361

Date of death: April 8, 2004. His wife Evelyn wrote, "I am informing you with deep regret that Pat has passed away. His Battery B group has had an annual reunion every August since 1948. He missed only one reunion in all those years. His service experiences were never far from his mind and he seized every opportunity to discuss the *Battle of the Bulge* with his sons. He even had a special auto license tag "591 FAB." His buddies became as much my friends as they were his. We even set our wedding date (August 6 1949) to coincide with his Army Reunion."

DeVaty, Raymond S. - 423/HQ 2Bn

4971 Parkvue Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Date of death: January 23, 2005. Raymond died peacefully at home. Survived by his wife Eileen, his children Raymond Jr., James and Eileen, his brother Joseph DeVaty, Viola Gates and Lorraine Jones. Ray was a medic, taken POW in the Bulge. He managed to escape and then went on to serve his country in the Korean War. In 1983 he retired from US Steel after 30 years of service. He will missed by those that loved him.

McCrery, John - 423/F

115 Lois Marie Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46214

John Boling McCrery 80, of Indianapolis, passed away May 5, 2005. He was a Teacher, Coach and Principal and had retired from Wayne Township. He was an Army veteran of WW II having served with the 106th Infantry Division in the Battle of the Bulge. He is a member of Chapel Hill United Methodist and had volunteered for many years at the veteran's hospital. He was a graduate of Ladoga High School and Oakland City College. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Funk McCrery; son, Michael J. McCrery and granddaughter, Katie J. McCrery.

John was an active representative for the 106th Association at Camp Atterbury functions.

Geller, Robert E. - 424/C

2681 Country View Rd, Verona, WI 53593

Date of death: February 9, 2005. His son Dan Geller wrote, "Just a note to let you know my father died on February 9. He very much enjoyed all the information you had sent him regarding his unit and was able to talk to many of his old army buddies. He was able to make a couple of the reunions. Thanks again for sharing your information." His son, Dan Geller (whose address appears above.)

Gentry, Wallace H. - 424/L

126 McMinn Circle, Louisville, MS 39339

Date of death: March 10, 2005 Cub magazine returned marked deceased.

Green, James C.

2736 SW 60th Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

Date of death: Unknown, CUB magazine returned marked "Deceased."

Johnson, Worth M. - 423/E

7137 Styers Ferry Road, Clemmons NC 27012

Date of death: December 12, 2004. Death reported by widow Reella.

One of the first three draftees of Surry County, North Carolina. Captured in the Bulge and held as a POW in Stalag IV B. He was married to his loving wife "Ree" Bodenheimer Johnson for 62 years. A son Tony, two grandchildren Brian and his wife Evie, two grandsons Jared and Luke. He loved his family, gardening and fellowmen.

His wife Reella is now an Associate member.

Jones, Raymond L.

4685 Park Nicollet Ave SE Apt 318, Prior lake, MN 55372

Date of death: February 26, 2005 reported by his daughter Patricia Adams. Father passed away peacefully, at St. Gertrude's Rehabilitation Center in Shakopee, Minnesota, surrounded by mother and his family. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman, who spent most of his life living on the banks of the Mississippi River south of Winona, Minnesota. His favorite past time of recent years was watching the birds and wildlife that abounded around his home.. A retired field iron worker, a lifetime member of the American Legion and a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose. He is survived by his wife, Anna, of 63 years, daughter Patricia Adams, son Michael (Patricia) Jones and grandsons, Christopher (Stephanie) Adams and Curtis Jones and his special friend, Julie Cordle. Memorial were at the Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Kershner, Jesse O. 423/AT

17 Ridgewood Parkway, Newport News, VA 23608

Date of death: February 15, 2005 Notified by wife Irmgard

McCoy, Andrew J.

PO Box 760, Melbourne, FL 32902

Date of death: March 8, 1999.

No details.. A card received from that address stating, "Mr. McCoy died 3/8/99."

O'Farrell, Donald A. 424/CN

418 Bullock Street, Wittemore, MI 48770

Date of death: March 27, 2005

Born October 31, 1922 died in a Saginaw, Michigan hospital. Served as a T/4 mail carrier.. Survived by wife, Delphine.

Pearson Jr., Raleigh H. - 589/C

607 Peach Street, Chatsworth, GA 30705

Date of death: November 14, 2004. Reported in AX-POW magazine. While serving in the 106th Infantry he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. POW camps included Stalag 9B, Bad Orb. He leaves his wife Glenice, 7 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren.

Ponza, Frank - 423/B

132 Evergreen Road Rm 353, Edison, NJ 08837

Date of death: December 10, 2004. Death reported by Richard Rigatti, "Frank Ponza was in my squad, First Platoon as a Rifleman. He passed away December 10 2003. The New Jersey State Home for veterans could not give me any detail."

Reiners, John - Associate

240 Woods Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446

Date of death: February 12, 2005. Reported by Dr. Duncan Trueman, Association Chaplain. My wife's older brother John T Reiners, an Associate member, died at 85 years of age. He lived in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and served in the US Army during WW II. All of his life he was extremely active in church and community affairs. He never seemed like a brother-in-law to me... more like a brother. Jack had attended some of our reunions.

Showalter, Donald G. - 106 Band

2517 Province Road, Reading, PA 19610

Date of death; Early November 2004. Reported by John Gallagher. He was a faithful member of our Reading, Pennsylvania Memorial Dinners. Some years ago he had a stroke. He died in his doctor's office.

Vonderhorst, Freida - Life Auxiliary

1023 Guatay Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911

Date of death: February 22, 2005. Reported by husband Eric J 423/F - Life Member. Eric wrote: "My wife Freida died due to cardiac arrest at home. It was her determination that originally got us involved in the 106th Infantry Division Association, for which I am eternally grateful. Our first reunion was in Sacramento. She really enjoyed the Association. We were happily married for 34 years."

**A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LADY
TILLY KIMMES - CEBA**

Dave Ford, Associate wrote:

"Tilly Kimmes was the long time Secretary of CEBA (The Luxembourg version of CRIBA). It is actually older than CRIBA and was the model the Belgians looked toward when they started their assistance to American veterans effort (CRIBA).

She hosted many vets in her home and guided thousands of others on their "return to battlefields" excursions throughout Luxembourg.

She spoke English superbly and was dedicated to assisting vets and others interested in WW2 events in Luxembourg. Helping veterans orient themselves in relation to their wartime experiences was her way of paying back for the freedom they provided for her and her beloved Luxembourg.

She travelled often to the States to speak at veterans functions. There was a cover picture and story about her in the "*Battle of the Bulge*" newsletter about 3 or 4 years ago.

Arline and I were guests in her home on several occasions and she treated us like family. JohnSchaffner,

John Gatens and I were also in her company several times.

Tilly was a good person and loved the returning GI's. She lived just north of Luxembourg City. In the last several years she has been in a total care facility and her passing was expected.

We remember her fondly and she will be truly missed. I salute her.

She would have loved that.

Dave Ford

From our Treasurer:

You will note the cost of the Cub publishing, printing and mailing - was \$16,516.18 for a year.

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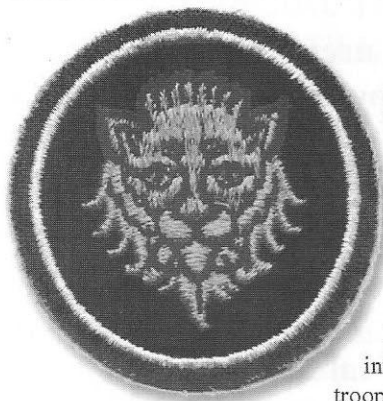
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NOTICE TO WWII HISTORY BUFFS

In 1944, the 106th
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infancy. In order to keep the
troops informed, and

also provide a source of entertainment,

a periodic publication was begun. It was known as *The Cub of The Golden Lion*. A special group of soldiers was detailed to produce the paper. When the war was finally over, and the division was on the way home a group of the 106th Division soldiers met to lay the ground work to establish an association that would be a vehicle to perpetuate the camaraderie and friendships established during this period. An essential part of this organization was a continuance of *The Cub of The Golden Lion*. An editor was chosen, and though the editor's job has been passed on a few times, *The Cub* has been published ever since and continues on as the official quarterly of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

With the advent of the miracles of the electronic age, it has been possible to store every issue of *The Cub* on two small CD disks. Every issue is there, including those early newspaper types that somehow survived more than sixty years. The editors

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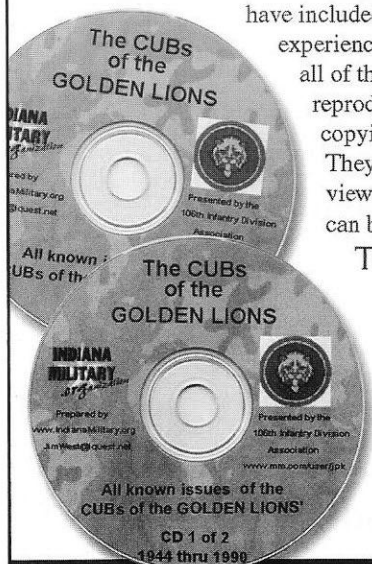
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