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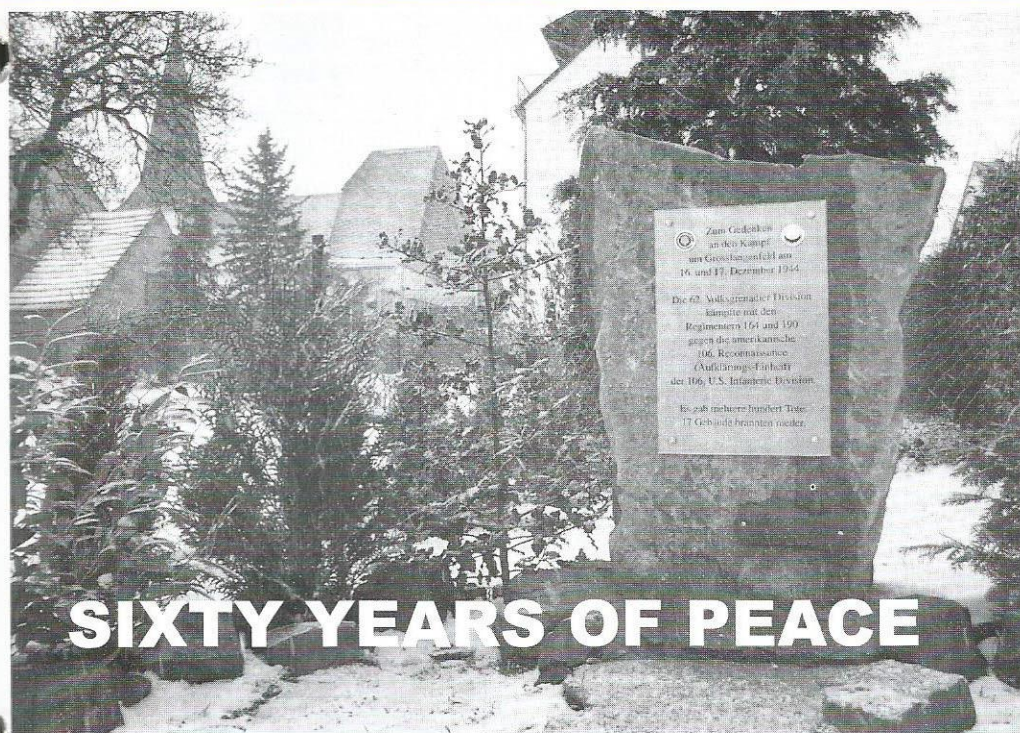
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In remembrance of the battle fought over Grosslangenfeld, Germany on 16 and 17 December, 1944. The 62nd Volksgrenadierdivision's 164th and 190th Regiments fought against the 106th Inf Division Reconnaissance Troop.

Erected/dedicated by Associate Josef Reusch, Grosslangenfeld.

Note the 106th and 62nd Volksgrenadierdivision emblems. (See story inside Page 17)

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Happy New Year to you!

We are now four months into our 106th Infantry Division's year and eight months from the 59th Annual Reunion. Plans are going well and I hope all of you are planning to attend that Reunion in New Orleans.

The phrase "*The Greatest Generation*" has caused me to tear up a whole tablet of paper. I am now convinced that our Generation truly is the **Greatest**.

Not bragging, just facts.

Let me tell you about my feeling regarding the 106th Infantry Division.

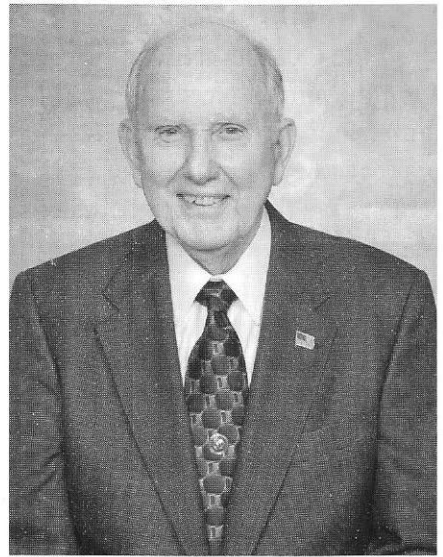
As we travel through life sometimes we miss opportunities to tell others about our generation's accomplishments. Tom Brokaw, in his book "*The Greatest Generation*" stressed those facts. What sets us apart to be called the Greatest Generation?

Have we missed the opportunities to tell others, including our own families about our experiences? Most of us have relied on others to tell our part in the events which brought us to where we are today physically, mentally and spiritually.

We have been taught to let others brag on our accomplishments and/ or failures. But, each of us needs to relate those events which shaped our lives. Each of us had mentors (people who encouraged and uplifted us) whose statements to and about us spurred us to live according to their praise and sometimes constructive criticism.

Our editor shared his feelings about the effect a book, "*Death of a Division*" which caused him to go "underground" for a long time. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude for surviving the book's effects on him and telling about them. By John Kline, and others, revealing their reaction to the book has caused many of us survivors to realize we were really involved in the conclusion of our war.

We too have the opportunity to tell others, especially to those close to us, about our experiences in life in particular our military experiences. Not only will you help all those you tell, but also make you realize that we in the 106th Infantry Division collectively played our roles which caused the allies to win the *Battle of the Bulge*. Then, just a few months later our Division's actions in cooperation with millions of other Allied Forces caused the German forces to unconditionally surrender.



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In the October, November, December 1970 issue of *The Cub of the Golden Lion* the surrender terms are set out as follows: (Only this text in English is authoritative)

ACT OF MILITARY SURRENDER

1. We the undersigned, acting by authority of the German High Command, hereby surrender unconditionally to the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command all forces on land, sea, and in the air who are at this date under German control.
2. The German High Command will at once issue orders to all German military, naval and air authorities and to all forces under German control to cease active operations at 2301 hours Central European time on 8 May and to remain in the positions occupied at that time. No ship, vessel, or aircraft is to be scuttled, or any damage done to their hull, machinery or equipment.
3. The German High Command will at once issue to the appropriate commanders, and ensure the carrying out of any further orders issued by the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force and by the Soviet High Command.
4. This act of military surrender is without prejudice to, and will be superseded by any general instrument of surrender imposed by, or on behalf of the United Nations and applicable to GERMANY and the German armed forces as a whole.
5. In the event of the German High Command or any of the forces under their control failing to act in accordance with this Act of Surrender, the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force and the Soviet High Command will take such punitive or other action as they deem appropriate.

Signed at Reims (France) at 0241 on the 7th day of May, 1945.

On behalf of the Soviet High Command—Jodl

In the Presence of

On behalf of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force—W. B. Smith

On behalf of the Soviet High Command—Sousloparov

Major General F. Sevez, French Army—Witness

Reprint from "Facsimiles of the Documents"

By our 106th Infantry Division participating in the events leading up to that surrender is just one part of our being called "The Greatest Generation"

—No brag, just fact.

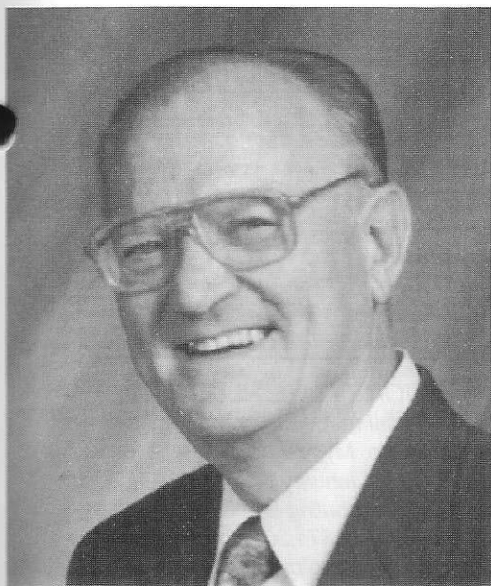
Walter Bridges, President, 106th Infantry Division Association 2004 - 2005

ATTENTION MINI-REUNION CHAIRMEN AND PARTICIPANTS !

Photographs and Reports of the *MINI-REUNIONS* will appear in the
Apr - May - Jun 2005 edition of *The CUB Magazine*.

For those of you who have reported - Thank You.

If you have a Mini-Reunion report that you want posted in next CUB get it to me
before April 15, 2005. John Kline, editor



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The kid from Iraq spent sleepless nights reliving too many bad experiences. When he did sleep, the nightmares often awakened him and left him shaking. Therapy was helping him some, a slow process. But one problem that prevailed was.... the thought of the men (enemy) for whose death he was responsible.

Guilt! Remember it? Some of you surely do!

This is a boy who was nurtured in a strong religious environment. But all of us, believers or nonbelievers, were nurtured in Judeo-Christian culture which honors the sixth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

So how do we reply to a troubled kid like this? After all, one might show up at your next VFW meeting. It's not just an emotional, but also a religious or spiritual problem, isn't it?

Then let's examine the Scriptures which are the source of this young Soldier's moral teaching. Take note that in the original Hebrew language the word "ratsach" means not just kill, but more accurately to "murder."

Therefore the true rendering of the sixth commandment is '**THOU SHALT NOT MURDER.**'

Both the old revered King James translation and the highly respected NIV, and many, many others translate the word in this way... "murder." And in the New Testament in Matthew 15:18 Jesus himself quotes the sixth commandment using the word murder instead of kill.

Do you know the difference between murder and kill? If you do, then God probably does also.

The English word "kill" is also misused in the story of how Cain slew Abel to get his inheritance. The original Hebrew word here is also the word for "murder."

If you have to kill in warfare or as a policeman or in self-defense, is that murder? No! The Bible's stories of warfare mention many warriors who killed, but none who ever murdered. Not until David, the warrior king, slaughtered Uriah to get at his wife, was David ever accused of murder.

Can you tell the difference between killing in tragic but lawful combat, and murdering to get someone's wife or inheritance or for revenge or whatever? If you can, maybe God can too.

Yes, young veteran (or old), the Bible uses powerful words that apply to all warriors simply because they willingly put their lives on the line day after day. It says that no one has greater love than he who is willing to lay down his life for another. All combat requires that commitment to self-sacrifice.

So, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was right when he said "The Soldier, above all others, is required to practice the greatest religious concept ever known - Sacrifice."

The necessities of war require that a Soldier be willing not only to defend himself, his comrades, his country and to take life, but also that he be willing to give his own life as well. It is sad and tragic that we have had wars as long as man existed. There is no glory in warfare. But day by day, in every battle, there are deeds of necessity; deeds of excess, and also deeds that Soldiers do that are close to holiness. It is the very nature of warfare that many of these deeds involve the death of self or the death of another.

We can all help in the healing of those who return home in grief and in pain. And while we pray for a peaceful world, we can give thanks for those who offer their very lives to defend and protect us.

"Praise *be to the Lord*, my *Rock*, who trains *my hands for war*, *my fingers for battle* (that) *there will be no breaching of walls*, *no going into captivity*, *no cries of distress in our streets*." Psalm 144:1,14

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FEATURE STORY

in This CUB Magazine

New Memorial dedicated in Grosslangenfeld, Germany

Josef Reusch, Associate Member, a resident of Grosslangenfeld, Germany designed, purchased and dedicated a monument to the battle in and around his home village, Grosslangenfeld, Germany. Our 106th Recon Troop was in position in his village in December 1944.

The story of this dedication, with photographs, appears in this issue.

In addition to that story is a statement and a map furnished by 106th Trooper Paul Thompson showing the 106th Recon Troop's resistance being recognized by an officer of the 62nd VG Division.

The monument, erected in a public area near Josef Reusch's home, recognizes both sides of that battle, the German 62nd Volksgrenadierdivision and the 106th Reconnaissance Troop and for the loss of many soldiers, as well as the loss of lives and property in Grosslangengelfeld. ‡

Assoc Membership 02/03/2005

Life Members (Vets)	693
Annual Members (Vets)	580
Total Vets	1273
Life Associate Members	163
Annual Assoc Members	125
Total Associates	288
Comp Members	16
GRAND TOTAL	1,577

Donations since Oct-Nov-Dec 2004 Cub

Hanke, Arthur K. 106 MP	20
HUBERT, André CRIBA, Belgium	20
Jacelon, Charles 589/A	10
Mosley, Rev Ronald A. 424/HQ	25
Tennant, Richard W. 422/K	50
Young, Damon F. 423/D	5

IN MEMORY OF:

Boyd Rutledge, 422/D by Flora, Wife	650
Scalzo Salvatore, 422/MED by Grace, Wife	100
Dr. Richard Peterson 423/I	
by Dr. Duncan Trueman, 424/AT	100

DONATIONS - LIFE PLUS

The initial response from members was fantastic. My first deposit was for \$1,000. As of January 30 we had 27 members contributing \$1,925.00, or an average of \$71.30 with a high of \$250 dollars by two members. Please continue this and let us hear from all the members who have been LIFE Members for years. Richard Rigatti.

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**Andre Hubert, Past-President
CRIBA Belgium, wrote, with his
Donation on page 4:**

*"December is a time to remember the
bloody Winter of 1944-45.*

*I think of all the brave men of the
106th who were fighting during one of
the coldest Winters of the century, far
away from their loved ones.*

*I express my gratitude to all of them. I
wish you all the best for year 2005."*

**André HUBERT,
Past-President CRIBA**

*Thank You Andre'
We the 106th veterans and families,
salute CRIBA and the people of Belgium for
all they have done for The 106th soldiers
and veterans in 44/45 and in the wonderful
years afterwards. JK*

CUB MAGAZINE DONATIONS

Thanks to Ewell Black, 422/A and
George Peros 590/A for donating their old
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Re-submitted from Oct-Nov-Dec 2004 CUB - page 16 -because of alignment problems. - Richard L. Rigatti, Treasurer.

Associate Dues	\$1,010.00
Auxiliary Dues	442.00
Member Dues	8,540.00
Life Dues	<u>3,510.00</u>

TOTAL DUES **\$13,502.00**

Reunion Surplus	7,261.57
Donations	1,550.00
Interest and Dividends	892.42
Sale of Books	70.00
Sale of Merchandise	118.00
Sherod Collins Memorial Fund	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$23,743.39

ADA Representative	\$25.00
Andersonville Memorial	(340.00)
Bank Charges	157.28
Collections	459.60
Computer Repair	227.37
Computer Software	901.34
Computer Supplies	567.00

CUB Magazine

Assembly	857.00
Covers	2,012.00
Envelopes	782.00
Insides	3,017.00
Layout	1,044.00
Mail Service	4,278.18
Poly Plates	462.00
Printing	4,064.00

TOTAL CUB **\$ 16,516.18**

Liability Insurance	304.00
Mailing and Messages	3,013.78

MEMORIALS:

Sherod Collins	146.07
Camp Atterbury	200.00
World War II	1,628.00
Various Overseas	200.00
St Vith	30.80

TOTAL MEMORIALS **\$2,204.87**

Office Expense	501.85
Office Supplies	336.50
Officers' Bond	170.00
OGL Medals	397.31
56th Reunion Expenses	1,207.79
57th Reunion Mailing	1,462.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$28,112.73
Need of Funds from Savings	4,368.74

	Main Street Bank	Edward Jones
Beginning Balance	\$3,414.61	\$65,965.38
Transfers	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Receipts	22,851.57	892.42
Disbursements	28,112.73	
Balance June 30, 2004	\$ 3,153.45	1,857.80

History of Needed Funds: (2004) 4,368.74 (2003) 4,764.44 (2002) 2,670.94
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The CUB of the *Golden Lion*

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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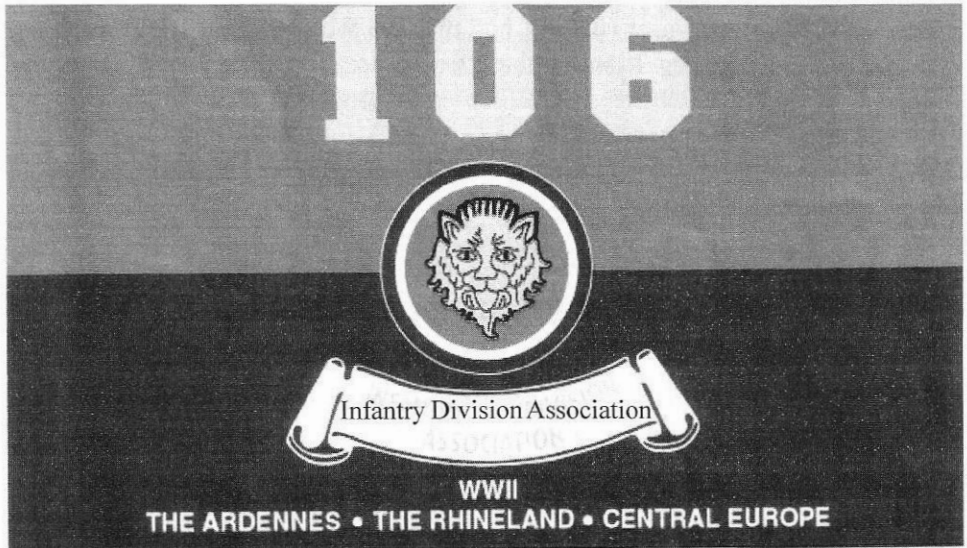
Cap, ball, adjustable, 106th	10.00 each + \$5.00 S&H
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Flag will be delivered on or about July 1, 2005



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"Lion's Patch" in Red, White, Blue with Golden Lion Head

"The words "Infantry Division Association" below Lion's Patch is curved to follow the contour of the scroll (It is Gold in color and did not reproduce well here)

From the Association Historian

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Since I am new to this job I thought that I would look in the dictionary to see how the word *Historian* is defined. It reads, "*A writer of history; sometimes, one versed in history*" Well, before someone brings it up, I will admit that I hardly fit that definition. However, let's consider me to be the "*Collector of History*" for the Association. As such, I will accept, organize, and preserve, all, and any material coming to me that concerns our 106th Division.

In an earlier issue of *The Cub* I announced that I was working with Associate Member, Jim West, to copy all of the issues of *The Cub* onto CD disks. Of course you must be equipped with a computer to take advantage of this media. (Or, have a grandchild to help you.)

That portion of the project is now completed. I hope to be able to announce the availability of these CDs in the next issue of *The Cub*. Every past *Cub* issue will be available through this media, which can be viewed on your computer or printed.

As the old emcee used to say, "*It's only the beginning folks!*" This will be an ongoing project as long as *The Cub* is produced.

Jim is copying all memoirs - personal diaries and narratives, that are presently in our hands, to CD disks also. These stories will be made available in the same manner. If you have written your personal history and want to see it not only preserved, but distributed, you are invited to send it along to me. I will make a record of it and pass it to Jim for the hard part of the job. The originals will be returned to me. Do it now, it's later than you think!

Once these tasks are completed we will contribute this material to the *U. S. Army Heritage and Educational Center* at Carlisle, Pa.

If you are a computer user you will find that Jim West has a terrific website at www.indianamilitary.org Many of these stories are already there for you to read.

If you find that this website gives a lot of attention to the 106th Infantry Division, it is intentional. When you access the website, look for "106th Infantry Division," then click on that tab. A drop down menu will give you several subject choices. Most recent addition is POW Camps. JRS

106th Reconnaissance Troop Reunion

Our 106th Reconnaissance Troop annual Reunion is scheduled for May 31, 2005 through June 3, 2005. It is being held at the Clearwater Holiday Inn, SunSpree Resort at Clearwater, Florida. If you are interested contact Robert Fisher, 1293 Lindenwood Dr, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688 or by email at RWF63023@aol.com

Thank you: R. W Fisher

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The True Story of a World War II P.O.W. The Germans Couldn't Hold
by John M. "Jack" Roberts, Association Past-President

"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.

Order from and make payable to: John M. Roberts, 1059 Alter Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Email: jmr810@aol.com Telephone: 1-248-338-2667 Price: \$27.95 includes Shipping

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Author Dean F. Jewett 168th Combat Engineers, PO Box 148, Saco ME 04072

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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Here is the story of a young draftee in World War II who experienced life in the Armored Force, the Army Air Force pilot training program and the reality of combat in an Infantry Division. On line with the 106th in a quiet sector of the Ardennes, these foot soldiers were in the direct path of the massive German offensive that became known as *The Battle of the Bulge*. Overwhelmed by the sheer might of numbers and firepower arrayed against them, they managed to upset the enemy timetable until forced to surrender on the fourth day of what has been called the greatest battle of the war in terms of men and machines. This book is about an individual and his experiences under fire and as a prisoner of war; liberation by the Russian Army and his adventures on a hike across country to rejoin the American Army. Here, an attempt has been made to create the feeling of the times in addition the problems of the moment. It is a book about real people in a tragic period of history.

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Helen von Erck:

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. This is her debut novel. warmthofasong@yahoo.com

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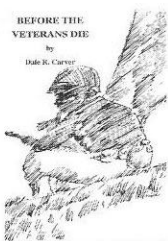
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Dale was awarded the Silver Star for Valor. He disabled German mines, while under attack, that had been placed under a bridge.

For that he received a battle field promotion (from 2nd to 1st Lt.) and was awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry under fire." He told me, during one reunion, that he thought it, the Silver Star, should have been for another time when he led a group of soldiers through a live mine field to safety. The soldiers had walked into the mine field and were "frozen in fear."

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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Dr. Richard Peterson (deceased) was a former 106th Infantry Weapons Platoon Sergeant 423/I and was a prisoner of war.

Dick, as you know was very active in our Association. He had served on the Association Board, had been recognized by the French for his work in connection with research on Stalag IX-A, Ziegenhain. He attended several joint meetings with the French - after the war. It was after this research and many returns to Ziegenhain that he wrote CHILD WARRIORS, (see below) which many of you have read..

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Please feel free to send us a short story about your history and/ or experiences.

John Kline, editor

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My father, Robert Beauchamp was in "A" Company, 423rd Infantry Regiment. From that I have an interest in "The Battle of the Bulge. My husbands name is Tom.

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My friend Charles Schroer (a current member) was in "F" Company, 422nd Infantry Regiment.

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Peter said he took his basic outside of Paris, was sent to the 106th after the two regiments were overrun. Couldn't remember which unit.

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Gregor is a student of the history and writer of the "Cigarette Camps." He has assisted your editor several times with needed information. A couple years ago, there was an article in The CUB where he had furnished photographs (including an overhead view showing the "Tent City, runways etc) and other information about Camp Lucky Strike

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Russell Hoff 422/M wrote: Sign my son in as a Life Associate. My four sons and I were ten days in Belgium as guests of Willy and Adda RIKKEN.

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Listed in JUL-AUG-SEP 2004 with no story. Marolyn, my wife joins as Auxiliary.

My father, Myron Johnstone passed away in 1987 at 64 years of age. I didn't know a lot about his career. I didn't know he was wounded and captured in the *Battle of the Bulge*. He was 6' 2" and came out of POW camp weighing 120 pounds.

I didn't recall a guidon that my father gave me. I was too young to appreciate it but remembered it said 106 RECON.

A few months ago my wife entered my father's name into the computer and came up with the Joseph Haines accounting of the "106 Calvary Reconnaissance troop in the *Battle of the Bulge*.

Imagine my feelings when I ran across my father's name in this story and found out he was the 3rd Platoon Leader of the 106th RECON Troop. We contacted John Kline who gave us the names and phone numbers of the 106th RECON members of the 106th Infantry Division Association. I contacted several of them and some widows and have heard a lot of stories.

All in all, I feel I know him better now than I ever did and I'm quit proud of him. He went ahead and made a career of the Army, serving two hitches in Korea, back to Germany, etc. He attained the rank of Major and retired in 1962.

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Membership application sent by daughter, Ruth Barnes, Canton, GA.

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Editor's Note: Listen Up Orlando members: I tried to call Marsh to confirm some data. His phone number came up with a message "disconnected." Can anyone confirm a new address or telephone number?

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LIFE ASSOCIATE

Letter from Rev. Ronald Mosley, 424th Infantry Regiment HQ Company.

Enclosed is a check for \$100 for a LIFE Membership for my Grandson Jeremiah P. Mitchell. Please apply the extra \$25.00 to the General Expense Fund.

Jeremiah is a student of history, is a member of the Civil War reenactment

unit and has expressed interest in the story of the 106th Infantry Division. He will carry on our traditions and legacy.

I served as a chaplain with the 424th Infantry Regiment from December 1943 to January 1944 (From Fort Jackson to the Ardennes). My usual address is: RR4, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia B4V 2W3, Canada.

May you and yours experience a Merry Christmas. I'm sure you are as grateful as I am that our personal surrounding, today, are much different that they were sixty years ago, May Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father be upon you and your loved ones.

Rev. Ronald A. Mosley, HQ 424th Combat Infantry Regiment

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Roger was listed, without any details in the last CUB magazine Oct-Nov-Dec 2004. He wrote the following:

Re: **Sergeant William Myers - 36631815**

Nearly a year ago I read "The Greatest Generation" and began to try to fully comprehend the commitment and sacrifice that men like you, members of the 106th and my father made to the world and this country. Since I had never really talked to my father about his military service, I decided to try to find out as much as I could on my own.

My goal is to assemble all the information I can and leave it as part of my father's legacy to my children.

My father died when my daughter was 10 and before my son was born. I had little to go on when I started. His Infantry Division patch, a few photographs and newspaper clippings were in his personal effects. discharge papers (which seem incomplete), medals, a Combat Infantry Badge, an 89th Infantry Division patch, a 106th

His uniform, which I have, has sergeant stripes, overseas bars and a patch commonly worn by the Engineers Special Brigade.

My father was discharged as Sergeant, 69th Amphibian Tractor Battalion. The only information I have about this unit was that it formed at Ettersberg Germany July 1945 and deactivated March 1946. My father was discharged August 1946. He was unattached/unassigned at that time.

My search discovered that my father entered the Illinois Reserve Militia in June 1942 (Company H, 4th Infantry Regiment) and was inducted into active service December 1942.

I have traced him into the Army Air Force from Jefferson Barracks to Camp Kearns to Santa Maria AAF Base in May 1943. His discharge papers indicate he left the U.S. for Scotland in October 1943. I have pinpointed him at Burtonwood Base, England until early 1945.

My interest has turned to the 106th Infantry Division because I have a photo of my father in front of a building Infantry identified as the 6951 PWTE (Prisoner War Temporary Enclosure) Motor Pool.

In addition to my father in the photo is a Lt. Woolsey, ? Kielert, ? Knutson and 2 German POWs Infantry Division identified as Georg Wippel and Karl Zander. The sign in the photo was lettered "Doomsday Green".

I obtained declassified archives about the 6951 PWTE (Prisoner War Temporary Enclosure) and found that it was a "prisoner of war temporary enclosure" located at/near Remagen Germany from April to July 1945.

The Daily Journal for the 6951 PWTE (Prisoner War Temporary Enclosure) mentioned Lt. Woolsey and the 2 POWs by name, and referenced Doomsday Green, Doomsday C.P., Doomsday Dispensary and Doomsday Pool!

The Daily Journal also noted that the camp was initially assigned to the 159th Infantry Regiment and then the 106th Infantry Division.

Research has been limited mostly to internet searches as there are no family members left to interview. I have dim memories of family stories about my father participating in blowing up a bridge, escorting a number of German POWs to a camp somewhere in France, billeting with German families and being part of liberating a German concentration camp. I have no idea where or when these events occurred. I distinctly remember him commenting about a "guard" action... which would have been at the 6951 PWTE (Prisoner War Temporary Enclosure). .

I am hopeful that I will find something or someone connected to the 106th Infantry Division that can provide more information. I would appreciate any thoughts or direction you or the membership might have for me in my endeavor.

My thanks and eternal appreciation to you and the thousands of other military service personnel who gave of themselves without hesitation or expecting personal gain or glory to preserve the freedom that we so often take for granted. I am proud to be the son o a WW II veteran, and an Associate Member of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

Roger Myers

(Editor's Note: If you can help Roger, please contact him. His name, address, telephone number and email address are at the top of this story.) John Kline, editor)

New Members . . .

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I went into the Army in April 1943. I was sent to Camp Wheeler, GA, where I was put into the first ASTP unit for three months training. On completion of training I was sent the University of Alabama. The ASTP program was terminated in March 1944 and I was sent, along with about 600 others, to the 106th Infantry Division, Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

We departed Camp Atterbury about 9 October 1944, heading for Boston. While on the train I became very ill.

A doctor on the train diagnosed me with having acute appendicitis. The train stooped in Pittsburgh, PA and I was dropped off and taken to a military hospital. They removed my appendix three hours after I arrived. Because my records were not with me, they kept me almost two months.

I never saw the 106th again. I ended up as a replacement in a Combat Engineer Battalion..

(Editor's note: Stephen, the copy of your application I received cut off most of the bottom line. I could not make out what Engineer unit you were attached to.

Sorry. J. Kline, editor)

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Grace, wife of our Chaplain, Dr. Duncan Trueman, decided to join as a FULL LIFE ASSOCIATE member. She wrote our Treasurer, Richard Rigatti, "Dear Dick, I thought I was a member of the Association all these years. I guess it's better late than never." Grace

(Editor's note: Grace, you have always been an Associate member, classified as an "AUXILIARY" member. (Wife of a Service Member).

Now you are a FULL Life Associate member Congratulations. Thanks! J Kline, editor)

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Sixty Years of Peace in Grosslangenfeld . . .



Dedicating the "Sixty Years of Peace in Grosslangenfeld:
A monument dedicated to the remembrance of life, sacrifice and value of Peace.
L/R: Achim Dimer (German Panzer Uniform); Stefan Diedrichs;
Trumpeter Alfred Rollman; Bruno Jänen (US Tank uniform) and Joachim Henker

Silent footprints in the falling snow betray a grim column of ghosts, bleeding west through the low southern neck of the narrow Alf valley and slowly blanketing the southwestern corner of the "Schnee Eifel." Still dark at this early December hour — just past fifty degrees northern latitude — German artillery punctuates the crisp morning air in Grosslangenfeld, a small farming village near the center of the Bulge saddling the ridge southwest of Bleialf. Several kilometers to the south, Josef "Jupp" Reusch, a native of the village and a seventeen-year-old conscript fresh from artillery training in Norway, is crossing into Luxembourg near Tintesmühle with the 560th Volksgrenadier Division...

As the mental echoes of sixty-year-old artillery fade, Josef, his daughter Anita and an American son-in-law follow the faded tracks of German 6th Panzer tanks over the Our river past Schönberg on the morning of December 16th.

Navigating icy memories and clinging fog, they join a large procession of hundreds of Belgian and German officials, soldiers and Bulge veterans with their families in Büllingen, to

commemorate the fallen soldiers whose memory endures in numerous monuments honoring their individual and collective sacrifices.

Counting several veterans of the Golden Lion - fellow survivors - comrades today, Josef was determined to act on a long-held desire in the weeks leading up to the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge: to create a monument in Grosslangenfeld offering due respect to all who perished in his village during the war.

Intended not as a memorial to war or glory, the uncomplicated “naturstein” design bears no overt symbolism, only a simple message in German explaining which units engaged and the loss of life and property sustained. Ultimately, its real value to posterity is the blunt historical reminder to current and future generations of the heavy toll war exacts on all involved.

Grosslangenfeld’s location, sandwiched between one of the most famous man-made landmarks of the war — Siegfried’s “West Wall” — and the natural barrier of the “Schwarzer Mann” on its eastern flank, also places the new stone within a vast historical context spanning over two thousand years.



December 18, 2004 in Grosslangenfeld: sixty years later the “Schnee Eifel” lives up to its name (“Snow Eifel”) the moment of the monuments unveiling.

Sixty Years of Peace in Grosslangenfeld . . .

The Eifel is a region far too familiar with war. World War II marking only the final phase of five centuries of steady conflict surging back-and-forth through the windy hills and verdant valleys of the ancient Rhenish slate plateau.

Bounded on the north, east, and south by the famous Ahr, Rhine and Mosel rivers, the Eifel first appeared in recorded history when Julius Caesar arrived in 54 B.C. with four legions, confronting the distinct Celtic culture of the “Treverer.” They and the Germanic “Eburonen” to the north were pacified and intense Romanization of the lands between Trier — “Treveres” in the roman lexicon — and Cologne began. When Franks occupied the Eifel by the middle of the 5th century most Romanized Celts fled, and with them the remains of roman culture.

The Eifel was the favorite hunting ground of Emperor Charlemagne in the 8th Century, whose empire was fragmented by his sons, triggering a long period of violent division as local lords also quarreled, raising over 140 fortresses by the 12th century. Such fragmented power offered easy prey to four large surrounding powers, Kurtrier (Trier), Luxembourg, Kurköln (Cologne) and Jülich, but the scale of battle had not yet impoverished the locals. Diverse agriculture still produced enough food for self-sufficiency. Mining of basalt, iron and lead permitted modest trade. When monk Sebastian Münster wrote a glowing description of the Eifel in 1541, he could not know he was capturing its last peaceful moments.

Beginning in 1542, internecine conflict between the predators on the perimeter turned the region into a near-permanent battleground. Armies settling in for the winter meant misery for local farmers and trade in the region eventually collapsed. Ravaged by the Thirty Years War, a starving population was nonetheless expected to provide food for every invader. In one chronicler’s telling description, agriculture had ceased to exist and once-prosperous livestock were wiped out. People fled or starved to death. Whole villages disappeared.

Originally scheduled for the afternoon of December 18th, plans for the dedication ceremony shifted abruptly after a phone call out of the blue from a representative of the US First Armored Division. Just returned to Germany from a long tour in Iraq, he bore news that five of the now-famous "Band of Brothers" were heading for Germany to take part in the Bastogne events and extending an invitation to join them.

Unfortunately, poor organization and "security concerns" put an unceremonious end to our invitation to a coffee and breakfast welcome we offered to provide for the veterans in the local community hall on the morning of the 16th, as well as rescheduling our own dedication ceremony to suit their tight schedule. Sadder still, the invitation to join them was also rescinded later due to "budget issues" and "security concerns."

What was at first a small contingent including the veterans had ballooned into bus loads of soldiers arriving at 0700, rumors of Tom Hanks' possible presence with the veterans being leaked to the global press and a developing Army public relations exercise that ran contrary to the spirit we'd intended for the event.



The local fire brigade "Freiwillige Feuerwehr" lead a small procession to the "denkmal" (monument), located near the center of town

Sixty Years of Peace in Grosslangenfeld . . .

Though disappointed by the outcome, all breathed a collective sigh of relief when the event reassumed more normal proportions no longer involving the early morning feeding of so many hungry young soldiers.

December 18th arrived cold, windy and threatening snow, not unlike its counterpart in 1944. At exactly 1500, Josef's wife Mia rang the church bells to signal the start of a short procession from the community house to the monument, including local citizens and the village's volunteer fire brigade, in which Josef served for forty years.

Several reservists from the Bundeswehr, including two in accurate period uniforms, were positioned at the monument, led by Josef's good friend Lieutenant Manfred Klein.

The procession complete, a trumpeter struck up the German national anthem as the bells rang out and the black velvet shroud covering the memorial was lifted.

The trumpeter then played a beautiful rendition of "Ich hatt' einen Kameraden," a song traditionally played in honor of fallen comrades.

(It is important to note that in German the word "comrade" doesn't carry the same linguistic baggage as it does in English, referring simply to another person to whom one is closely bonded by shared experience — like a fellow soldier.)



"Ich hatt' einen Kameraden..."

L/R Stefan Dreisbach, Alfred Rollman, Torsten Diederichs



Recounting the events of December 16th & 17th 1944 in Grosslangenfeld and the surrounding area
L/r Michel Schmidt, Josef Sohns, Rainer Grubert, Mario Ruseweg, Josef Reusch (speaking)
and Lieutenant Mafred Klein



Herr Kneissl speaks during the ceremony: Don't we know that young lady on the right with the umbrella under her arm? Of course! That is Mia Reusch, Joseph's wife.

As the final haunting notes drifted away on the wind, Mayor Erich Kribs spoke, emphasizing the importance of such a memorial to the younger generation, as a reminder of history that should not be forgotten. Herr Karl Kneissl, parish dean, read from 2nd Isaiah, echoing an ancient call for peace exhorting mankind to beat swords into plowshares, before blessing the memorial. Josef then offered a sober recollection of the events of sixty years ago, even as the snow started falling again:

“The German charge was repelled by American defensive fire. Retreating and regrouping, they opened fire again later that morning. A part of the 164th Infantry Regiment joined in the attack from Wallerich. A second assault was successfully thwarted by the Americans, with heavy losses on the German side. The attack was relaunched from various locations and at different times in the afternoon, but the American resistance was unbeatable. The Americans sent wounded towards St. Vith in an armored vehicle, with orders to bring back ammunition. They never returned...”

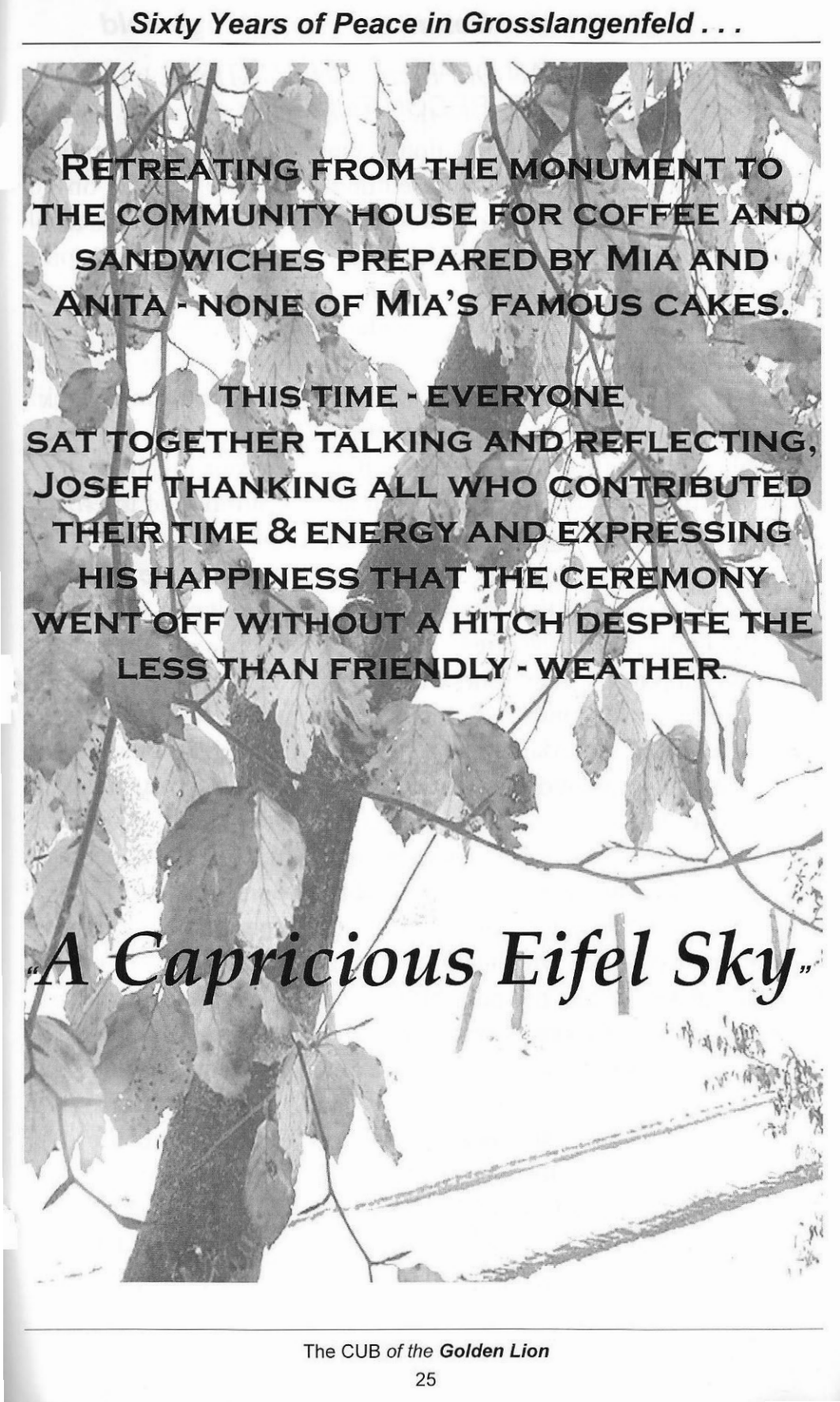
Retreating from the monument to the community house for coffee and sandwiches prepared by Mia and Anita — none of Mia’s famous cakes this time — everyone sat together talking and reflecting, Josef thanking all who had contributed their time and energy and expressing his happiness that the commemoration went off without a hitch despite the skittish weather.

Later, as the assembled friends and neighbors dispersed, a sharp ray of sun leapt through the leaden clouds and illuminated the new monument for several lingering seconds, the unexpected burst of brilliance triggering images of frozen soldiers ranging the steep wooded hillsides of the Schnee Eifel, their searching eyes turned toward a capricious Eifel sky. # # #

Credits:

Story - Photos by Doug Mitchell, Josef Reusch's Son-in-Law. English Translation by his wife, Anita Reusch (Josef's daughter).

Thanks to Doug for his cooperation with your editor, in converting his magnificent color presentation to our relatively simple format. JPK



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The Attack and Defense of Grosslangenfeld

GERMAN OFFICER VINDICATES 106TH RECON TROOP

The U.S. Army's official position is that the 106th Recon troop defending Grosslangenfeld collapsed under the first German onslaught. The fact is these troopers fought bitterly for two days and were overrun only when out of ammunition: they attempted to escape to St. Vith.

There is now on the internet an account of this battle recounted by a Lt. Gerhard Wurm who commanded a platoon of the 3rd Co. 164 Reg. 62 Volksgrenadiers. That platoon spearheaded the attack on Grosslangenfeld.

In this account Lt. Wurm describes the murderous defense put up by the 106th Recon Troop. You can also read it on the Internet at: www.62vgd.com/wurm.htm.

In his words: "Just after moving through Habscheid we received heavy fire for the first time and day. Since we received heavy fire from the north by Grosslangenfeld, a reinforced company received orders to support the regiment, which was already fighting there."

"Along the road from Eigelscheid we pushed in a northerly direction toward Grosslangenfeld and received such heavy fire from 37mm cannon, mortars, and light and heavy infantry weapons that we withdrew into the forest on the right river bed to the left. At the same time the Americans were under attack from west by parts of the Regiment 190, which stood on the tree covered Hill 508. A courier from the neighboring company sent orders to coordinate the next attack which should start at the same time in order to deny the Americans the possibility of a concentrated defense of their positions and force them to surrender. Our company should start the attack and 5 minutes later the other company should attack from Hill 508 and push into the village."

"However the attack did not go as planned. The resistance was much stronger than we had expected and coordinated very well tactically. The defendents of the town seemed to be everywhere and defend against one wave after another. We took heavy losses and there were rumors that our two companies were facing an entire battalion."

“Until the late evening it was not possible to penetrate the town and the fight continued relentlessly on until 10 o’clock, when an American armored car was hit by a Panzerfaust and began to burn.” Then “quiet” fell over the village, but I did not want to leave my foxhole because every movement drew direct fire and so I hoped for a break in the fire, since I would like to take a look at the rest of my platoon. I crept up and down our positions and saw a high number of wounded and dead in their foxholes. my platoon had only some 8 men still fit for action and most of their ammunition had been used up. Under these circumstances we awaited the next morning in icy cold weather.”

“With the dawn the attacks resumed. The battle now took on a gruesome form, as now we could see the bodies of our comrades who were killed the day before and during the night, which were strangely frozen, preserved in their death throes, their blood turning the surrounding snow pink. A few looked like they were only sleeping, but among others, one recognized the hideousness of death immediately.”

The lieutenant was wounded in this third attack and his account of the battle stops at this point. But in the concluding paragraph of his account he says,

“The Ardennenoffensive” did not bring the hoped-for success. Apart from me, I have only met one surviving member of the company, Josef Graf, who was captured around noon of December 17th. In conversation with other comrades of the division, I learned years after the war, that our company was up to 90% destroyed and was sent to break the toughest resistance and faced the hardest fighting in the battalion’s area. The defenders of the town were outnumbered and already shattered by our artillery fire. Nevertheless they fought bitterly and held out beating back the attack of two full companies.

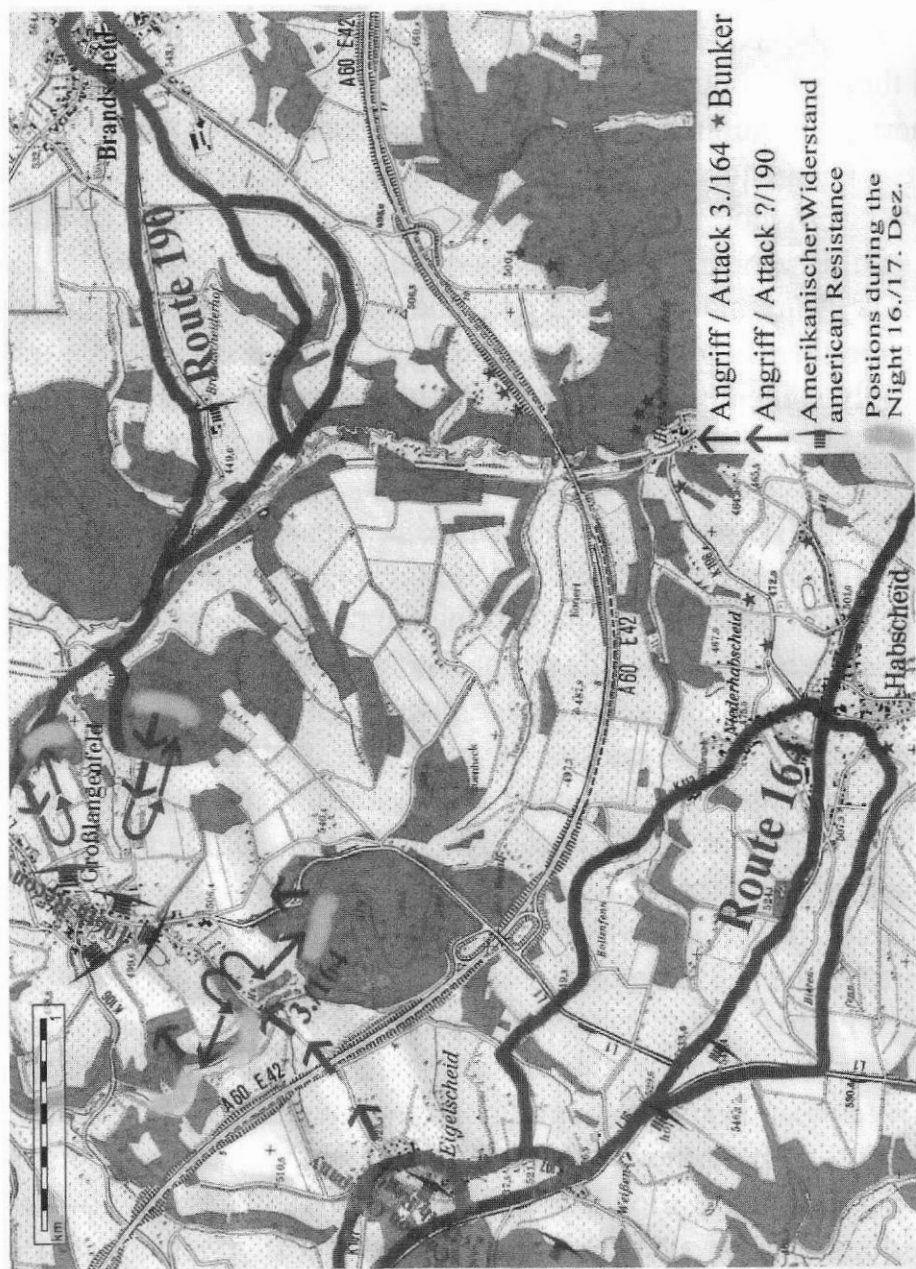
“To these American soldiers I can only pay my fullest respect.”

Note: (1) the website containing Lt. Wurm’s account plus pictures and a battle map is: www.62vgd.com/wurm.htm

Note (2) The armored car referred to was actually the halftrack containing the ReconTroop’s store of ammunition.

Submitted by *Paul Thompson, 106th Recon Troop*

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The route of two of the 62nd Volksgrenadierdivision Regiments, the 164th and the 190th. Showing the combat units breaking off to attack the 106th RECON Troop in Grosslangenfeld, and the resulting holding actions of the Troopers shown by the points being "turned back" in early stages of the battle. With such large odds on the advantage of the 62nd Volksgrenadierdivision - those defenses were eventually broken, but at great costs to the attacking Volksgrenadier forces.

Clarke, Walter C. 591/SV

318 Spring Garden, Kannapolis, NC 28081

Date of Death: Unknown

A letter received from a daughter Karen stating that he had died and her mother was placed in a nursing home. She wished our 106th Association group well. No mailing address given.

Collier, Sr., James A. 424/H

3856 Walnut Grove Rd., Memphis, TN 38111

Date of death: September, 17, 2004

My father, James E. Collier, LIFE Member, passed away 17 Sept 2004. He is loved and will be missed. James Collier Jr.

DeSoto, Philip 422/MED

22 Otis Street, Livermore Falls, ME 04254-1536

Date of death: November 15, 2004

Reported by his wife Marilyn DeSoto (mawillsd@adelphia.net). Philip was taken prisoner at the *Battle of the Bulge*. He was in Stalag 4 B. We were married 49 years and I miss him very much and will always miss him.

Ehrhardt, Roger J. 81st ENG/C

2601 Ehrhardt Rd, Liberty, IL 62347

Date of death: May 2004 No other details known.

Goldstein, Harriet - Wife of Col. Elliott Goldstein 589/HQ

191 Peachtree NE 16th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303-1740

Date of death: December 29, 2004.

From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (in part) and some quotes from Col. Goldstein:

"Harriet Weinberg Goldstein and I were married 62 years. She died of heart failure December 29, 2004 at the age of 85. Our initial art collection gave no clue that she would become a benefactor to the High Museum of Art for more than 40 years. "We bought art of questionable quality that we could afford," he said. "Over time she educated herself and developed a great eye for great art. As our resources improved, we were able to buy museum-quality paintings and sculpture."

"We recently enabled the High Museum of Art to buy pieces by Joseph Stella and Morris Louis. We were honorary chairmen of the High's Winslow Homer exhibit in 2001."

"Her generosity was an integral part of enabling the growth of our permanent collection to inspire future generations," said High Director Michael E. Shapiro.

Mrs. Goldstein and the Colonel were drawn to 20th Century artists. Today their home is filled with museum quality art. "They are part of our life," he said.

Her friend, Wicke Chambers of Atlanta said of her, "She had a merry spirit about her. She was just a tiny thing but had a big spirit. She was always very aware of what was going on."

Other survivors include two daughters, Lily Friedlander of Atlanta and Ellen Goldstein of San Jose, Costa Rica; a sister Sonia Schwartz of Sarasota and one grandson.

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Another note of interest from the obituary, "At the time her husband was in the the military service in World War II, Harriet took up the career of Army wife, traveling to posts in the United States and rooms near Army maneuvers. When her husband went overseas, she joined other women in Civil Defense Volunteer Corps which monitored aircraft in the Atlanta area. After his discharge from service, she devoted her considerable energies to his legal career and her role as a mother. She encouraged and supported young artists, not only with her praise for their work but also through financial support."

Keahl, Edward 591/HQ

47849 Lake View Ct, Northville, MI 48167

Date of death: October 30, 2004

No details given. Next of kin listed as Marjory J.

Kelso, Murrel E. 422/E

6930 Treymore Ct, Sarasota, FL 34243

Date of death: December 1, 2004

Murrel was a Life member and Mary L. Mary continues as an Auxiliary member. Murrel was born in Chattanooga, TN on May 19, 1924. He retired as supervisory import specialist for U.S. Customs and was a Life member of the 106th Infantry Division Association and the American Ex-Prisoners of War, American Legion and Disabled American Vets. Also the National Association of Federal and the American Association of Retired Persons. He attended the Presbyterian church.

Survivors; His wife of 28 years, Mary: Two stepdaughters, a sister, a niece, a nephew, two stepgrandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandchild. Interment is to be in Arlington National Cemetery.

Litvin, Joseph 423/D

3825 W 181st St., Torrence, CA 90504

Date of death: December 2, 2004

Born Christmas Day 1915 in Perryopolis, PA. As a WWII volunteer he saw combat and capture during the *Battle of the Bulge* with the 106th Infantry Division. Joe was a S/Sgt. Arriving in South Bay with his wife, Anne, (deceased 2002) in 1947. With their brothers and sisters in laws they owned and operated Midway Market from 1950 to 1978. Already a father and grandfather Joe recently enjoyed the welcoming of a great-grandson.

McMurray, William C. 424/M

70 East Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301

Date of death: August 10, 2004

Niece Marcia wrote, "My Uncle died of a stroke. He was living in Friendship

Scalzo, Salvatore 422/MED

712 Hudson Ave, Secucas, NJ 07094

Date of death: December 9, 2004 as reported by his wife, Grace. He was also involved with the AX-POW organization. Grace as a Life Auxiliary continues her membership two more years. She sent \$100 in his memory.

Toy, Waid S. 422/K

4605 Wade Street, Columbia, SC 29210

Date of death: January 17, 2005

Wade was on the 106th Infantry Division Association's Board of Directors. His term was finishing this year 2005.

Born in Adrian, PA, he was the son of the late Curtis and Mary Hooks Toy. He was a graduate of Kittanning High School, was a 1947 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, and later attended the University of South Carolina for graduate studies. He was a life member of PENN State alumni association.

Serving South Carolina for over 50 years, Waid Toy retired as Chief of Rural Manpower with the South Carolina Employment Security Commission. For his loyal service to the state of South Carolina, he was awarded the Order of Palmetto by Governor Carroll Campbell and presented with a Legislative Proclamation honoring his lifetime of service.

Waid was a WWII Army veteran and former Prisoner of War, captured at the *Battle of the Bulge*. He was a lifetime member of the 106th Infantry Division Association and served on it's national board of directors. He was a life member of the American Ex-Prisoners of war, and a member of the Battle of the Bulge Organization. For many years, Mr. Toy and his wife served as annual mini-reunion hosts for the 106th Infantry Division Association for the states of North and South Carolina.

He was a longtime member of Bethel Lutheran Church, Toy served in many capacities, including 26 years as church treasurer, Sunday School teacher, council member and call committee member. Waid was also honorary life member and officer of Lutheran Men in Mission and the committee of One Hundred.

A life member and past Master and Treasurer of Boyleston Lodge #123 A.F.M. In addition, Toy was a member of the York Rite Masonic order.

Surviving are his wife, Vannie Meetze; son Waid Douglas and his wife, Cylvia of Centerville, VA: two grandchildren, Allison Toy-Lee and her husband L. Wayne Lee, Jr. of Gilbert and Ashley Kathryn Toy of Philadelphia, PA, stepgranddaughter, Leah Elizabeth Lemon of Centerville, VA, and two special friends, G.O. Bone and Ken Corbett. Mr. Toy was the last surviving member of his immediate family, he was predeceased by his parents, five brothers, and three sisters.

Uveges Jr., John 424/SV

2401 Oak Street #B, Santa Monica, CA 90405-5106

Date of death: March 24, 2004

Cause of death, coronary artery disease while in long term facility in Trenton, NJ.

Survived by his brother George.

Vanderheyden, Donald 591/HQ

7802 Mallard Road SW, Huntsville, AL 35802

Date of death: December 2, 2004.

Retired Army Major Donald "Van" Vander Heyden, of Huntsville died at the age of 80. He grew up in Belle Plain, Iowa with seven brothers and sisters before enlisting at age 18. He served in the U.S. Army for 20 years.

He survived the Battle of the Bulge in WWII with the 106th Infantry Division and fought in the Korean War with the 24th Infantry Division.

After retiring as a Major he served an additional 17 years in the civil service at Redstone Arsenal in missile intelligence.

Van loved to fish and could be found at the lake every weekend. He was active in bowling and was a members of the Huntsville Bowling Association of Fame. He was active in local Post 237 of the American Legion and an active member in Parkway Fleming Hills Civic Association where he served as a past president.

Van is survived by his wife Alene -of 57 years, his son, Paul D. Vander Heyden and his wife Ginger; two grandchildren, Brian Vanderheyden and Kate Bates and her husband Andy; and four siblings, Rosalin Fowler, Ruth Ferris, Evelyn Loman and Ralph Vander Heyden and his wife Toni.

Williamson, McAdoo 422/A

4829 Sherwood Drive, Ashland KY 41101

Date of death: September 3, 2003

Held in Stalags IV B and VII A after being captured in the Battle of the Bulge. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, one son, two grandsons and two sisters.

The notice from Ernestine, whom we believe to be his wife (not on record).

Zimand, Gerald P. 422/D

3842 Windsor Drive, Bethpage, NY 11714

Notified by John Robb 422/D who was informed by Joe Sanders 422/D. No other details given.

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