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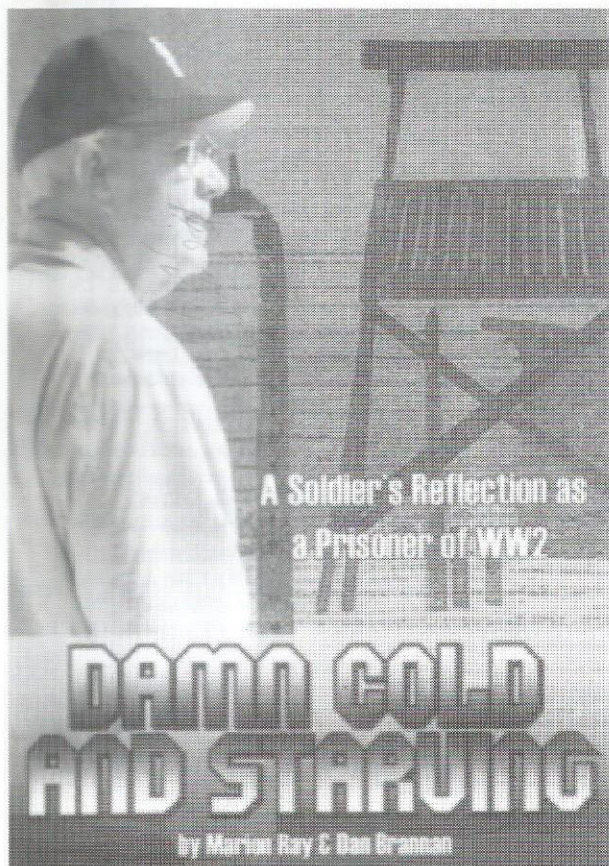
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My Brothers,

As you read this message our 60th Anniversary Reunion will have been history.

Preparing for the reunion was an exciting, and at times, a somber experience.

Our good friend, Dick Rigatti, became ill and was forced to retire from his position as our Treasurer. See his resignation letter on page three (3), with his Annual report on page 4.

He was still in the V.A. Hospital in Pittsburgh, when he completed the Annual Financial report ending June 30, 2006.

We owe him our sincerest respect and gratitude for his dedication. We will miss him as treasurer and wish him well.

We're fortunate to have found a fine 106th member, to accept the responsibility of the position of Treasurer. Mr. Lyle Beeth of Valrico, Florida. We thank him! He assumed the duties as of July 1, 2006. (See Beeth's address on the front inside cover page.)

The convention program is a vital part of the planning for a successful reunion. We are blessed with an exceptionally gifted Adjutant in Marion Ray, who has prepared the program with very little help from me.

I have also had the good fortune, of being able to call on many of our Past Presidents, for their advice and experience. My V.P. Martin "Chic" Wentz, has been my confidante all year.

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing everyone in Newark, and remember — Kansas City in 2007.

For my buddies of Co. I 423 Regiment., know that I have been in phone contact with General Collins and Colonel Wayne Moe. (We knew them as Lt. Collins and Capt. Moe.) I will expand on our conversation in the next issue of the Cub.

Our editor, John Kline was responsible for my contact with Colonel Moe.

I have been working this past year as an Acting Service officer for the Ex-POW's at the West Palm Beach, Florida Veteran's Administration. I am also on the "Speaker's Bureau" where we address high school students and other veteran's organizations.

We also offer insight as to the horrors of war and the tremendous sacrifice and achievements of the veterans of World War II

With the students I try to be motivational and let them know that they can be anything they want to be - as long as they want it bad enough.

I use many examples of our WWII veterans and their many fine accomplishments during their life. Also they knew very little, if any, about the *Battle of the Bulge*

One of our speakers flew with Jimmy Stewart. None of the students knew who Jimmy Stewart was.

Stay well and love each other.



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Murray Stein, President - 106th Infantry Division Association

### **HE RESTORETH MY SOUL... Psalm 23**

I'll call him Kevin. He returned from infantry service in Iraq. He suffers from Post Traumatic Stress and has received therapy, medication and hospitalization. He now lives at home in utter isolation, suffering greatly though quietly...except at times of acute episodes. Living at home actually means choosing to live in his barn, separated from his wife and two daughters who love him dearly, but cannot cope with or understand his problems. There seems to be no help for Kevin anywhere, not does he want any. He believes that he has lost his soul.

The loss of one's soul is a terrible loss. It's an extreme psycho spiritual condition beyond what psychologists commonly call "dissociation." It's far more than psychic numbing. It's the loss of the center of a person's experience.

When we refer to the soul we're talking about a person's very being.... the drive to create and preserve life....the awareness of oneself as a discrete entity....the intellectual power that thinks, reasons and understands....that which gives us our ethical sensibilities....one's will and individual volition....one's aesthetic sensibility....that part of us that loves and seeks intimacy....the seat of our imagination....and finally, the soul also contains what depth psychologists call "the shadow"....those aspects of us that we or our culture or our religion judge to be unacceptable.

No wonder the Scriptures do not ask what a man will take; men have taken a few paltry dollars in exchange for their soul. The Scriptures ask what a man will give in exchange for his soul. Once lost, what would a man give to retrieve his soul again? For the soul is the essential self which can be lost through our own life decisions or through destructive, traumatic events and experiences and the experience of personal combat is the greatest violator of the soul that man has ever devised.

Recognizing this, some cultural and spiritual traditions offer strategies for cleansing and healing after traumatic events. The Catholic Church offers Confession. Judaism offers "Ten Days of Repentance." Neither of these focuses principally on War. The Native American tradition does. It offers the purification lodge after warfare. Shamana tradition offers spirit journey and Buddhists embrace the Wheel of Karma. These can be focused to support war's survivor on his moral journey home.

Nowadays, after each mission, soldiers are supposed to participate in after-mission emotional debriefing (group process) to help lessen the stress and emotional pain that they have just experienced. This program is in effect because we know that combat stress can sideline a soldier. It can also predispose him to post traumatic stress disorder.



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**Chaplain's Message continued next page:**



After discharge the VA is limited in its ability to deal with spiritual aspects of this problem. But the churches and synagogues could do so, if they were tuned in

But brothers, we 106ers have had one great thing going for us. It has been the bond that has tied us so closely. The sharing of our stories which began long ago....the sharing of hurts and of pain, of shameful acts and sorrowful losses.....even though impromptu, have permitted us to tell our difficult stories again and again until we now look back and realize that there did come a time when we could at last tell them without tears.

Perhaps we don't realize that just as we cared for and ministered to each other during those memorable days of battle or imprisonment, so we have continued to minister to each other through the succeeding years. Just think ... maybe it was your compassionate listening ear that helped a comrade find his soul.

Dr. Duncan Trueman -----

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### **Resignation letter from Richard L. Rigatti, Treasurer 2003 - 2006**

Mr. Murray Stein, President  
106th Infantry Division Association  
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Dear Murray,

As my daughter, Mary Beth, has informed you, due to my deteriorating health, I feel it is appropriate to retire from the position as the Treasurer of the 106th Infantry Division Association effective June 30, 2006.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve in this position. My participation with the Division and association both as a soldier and as a civilian member has been a great source of pride in my life. Further, my children and grandchildren have enjoyed participating in Association events. The accomplishments of the Division and the Association are a testament to the men who serve and served this country so proudly. It is with regret that I am retiring, but my health prevents me from giving the position the attention it requires.

Thank you for the opportunity; it has been an honor to serve.

Sincerely  
Richard L. Rigatti

Note: My annual **"Treasurer's Report"** for the *106th Infantry Division Association* is recorded on the following page.

# ***Treasurer's Report July 1, 2005 - 2006 . . .***

## **106th Infantry Division Association, Inc.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006**

Associate Dues		1,030.00
Auxiliary Dues		184.00
Life Dues		3,500.00
Member Dues		<u>8,280.00</u>
<b>Total Dues</b>		<b>12,994.00</b>
Donations		1,424.00
Interest and Dividends		846.44
Sale of Cub		640.93
Sale of Merchandise		<u>30.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>15,935.37</b>
59th Reunion Expenses	1,310.04	
Less 59' Reunion Surplus	<u>403.94</u>	<b>906.10</b>
60 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Expenses		734.56
60 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Deposit		3,400.00
Bank Charges		289.93
Computer Repair		330.25
Computer Supplies		590.05
Cub	11,729.30	
Less Life Plus Club	<u>6,260.00</u>	<b>5,469.30</b>
Delinquents		693.04
Liability Insurance		500.00
Officer's Bond		233.89
Mailing and Messages		5,828.00
Camp Atterbury Memorial	250.00	
St Vith Memorial	189.71	
WWII Memorial	100.00	
Anderson Foundation	<u>100.00</u>	
<b>Total Memorials</b>		<b>639.71</b>
Office Expenses and Supplies		137.75
ADA Representative		50.00
Condolences		<u>78.98</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>19,881.56</b>

### **Bank Reconciliations**

	Checking Account	Savings Account
Beginning Balance July 1, 2005	5,965.17	59,043.91
Receipts	15,088.93	846.44
Expenditures	19,881.56	
Balance June 30, 2006	<b>1,172.54</b>	<b>59,890.35</b>

Respectfully submitted by: *Richard L. Rigatti*

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### Association Membership

**08/27/2006**

Life Members (Vets)	694
Annual Members (Vets)	473
<b>Total Vets</b>	<b>1167</b>
Life Associate Members	204
Annual Associate Members	132
<b>Total Associates</b>	<b>336</b>
Comp Members	4
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1507</b>

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memory of husband Wilbert - Div Arty

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March 12, 2006



### THE LAST ADVANCE OF THE 424<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY By Arthur W. Potts (Bill's identical twin)

In the early days of Battle of the Bulge the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division lost two regiments, the 422 and 423. The remaining 424<sup>th</sup> regiment fought on. By January 25, 1945 the front was restored to the original line of December 16, 1944 and the Battle of the Bulge was over. The remnant 424<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment held a position at the southern most pivot of the restored front line for the remainder of January through February and into early March 1945. According to the memoirs of Pfc. William McCrea Potts, his story of the final advance follows.

"In early March the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion moved out by night to establish a new line. The next night Company K sent a strong patrol that penetrated ridges for a long way. It was near dark when I returned with a detail sent to collect the extra guns from previous positions. They intended to send me out with the patrol as machine gunner but they substituted another gunner. When I showed up they loaded me down with an 03 and scope, two bandoleers, and two canisters (240 rounds each) of machine gun ammunition. The personal gear on my pistol belt included: colt 45 and ammunition, trench knife, aid kit, canteen, and entrenching tool. Thus loaded down they sent me out alone, in the inky blackness, to catch up to the patrol. Now it was dark and icy. I slipped at every frozen stream, up a hill then down a hill and another frozen stream.

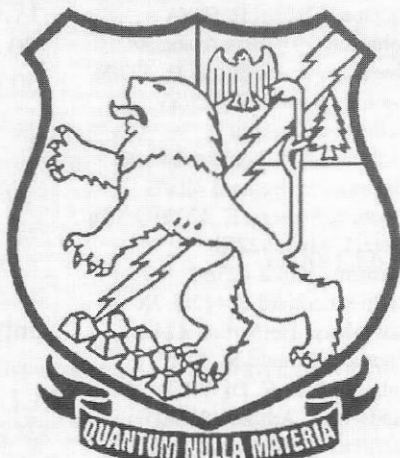
It was not easy in the darkness with ice and snow. Each time I lost my balance the whole world knew I was coming. Finally the handle of one canister broke. I carried it under my armpit as

long as I could, but 240 rounds in heavy. I had no idea what they had in mind for the 03, but with no free hands I could not protect it. – Slung across my back.

I got to the patrol strung up a long hill. I had worked my way half way up to find the gunner and everyone stopped and reversed direction. It was the wrong hill. We continued the rest of the night. Mines, abominable snowy conditions, darkness and some small arms fire were the only obstacles. It was just getting light when we returned. The Krauts had mostly decamped.

That morning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion moved out fast across hills for miles. I heard a G.I. say "We will all get Bronze Stars for this." I did not think so. It was too easy. Then we stopped. We had been pinched out. With five of us in a bunker I had a good sleep. We stayed beyond Berk for a couple of weeks in some kind of log huts. It was good and the sun started to shine. The date was March 7, 1945.

*From memoirs of Pfc. William Potts,  
424/K (1925-2006)*



424th Combat Infantry Regiment

It seems like a long time between issues of *The Cub* (unless you talk to John Kline) so I am assuming that you have forgotten what I wrote in the last issue about the U.S. Military Cemeteries in Europe. It was about the disrespectful behavior of some civilians in those neighborhoods where our cemeteries are located. Remember now? There were reports of vandalism, skate boarding, picnics over the graves, and other activities that detracted from the tranquility of the site. Good news now, those local municipalities have stepped up their policing and surveillance at the cemeteries and conditions are improving. That's the latest word from our Dutch friend, Ron van Rijt. Also, I have had several requests for the complete speech delivered in May 2005 by our good Belgian friend, Mathilda Schmetz. One from Don Houseman, 423/D, who is passing it along to a friend of his who is a representative member of the American Battle Monuments Commission. This gentleman, (at the time of this writing) is planning a visit to Belgium to look into the matter in connection with his official duties. By the time you are reading this we hope that the matter will be well in hand.

Dear Mr. Schaffner:

I am the American Battle Monuments Commission director of public affairs. Your column on security at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery that appeared in *The CUB* of the Golden Lion was sent to us by Jim Francis, one of our commissioners. I wanted to take this opportunity to address the issues you raised. It is important that your members understand those issues and what we have done in response to them.

The activities highlighted in Mathilde Schmetz's speech last year occurred at or near the overlook that is across the public road from the Henri-Chapelle cemetery plot area. We have absolutely no evidence that vandals or miscreants are desecrating the graves of our Honored War Dead at Henri-Chapelle or at Netherlands American Cemetery. Nor do we have motorcycles driving through the rows of headstones or other offensive behavior occurring on gravesites, as some believe.

Many believe that Henri-Chapelle is the only American Battle Monuments Commission cemetery not secured by fencing and gates at night. That is not so. Our Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery near Verdun has a public road running through it that makes the cemetery accessible to the public 24 hours a day and our Normandy American Cemetery is accessible from Omaha Beach 24 hours a day. Walls or hedges less than four feet high that are easily crossed surround many of our other cemeteries. Yes, we experience occasional incidents of vandalism and inappropriate behavior in our cemeteries, but they are extremely rare. Our cemetery Superintendents work closely with local authorities to address those incidents immediately when they occur-which leads to another misperception many have about the land on which our cemeteries sit. That land is not sovereign U.S. soil. Host nations granted use of the cemetery lands to the U.S. in perpetuity and free of rent and taxation, but law enforcement remains the responsibility of local authorities. The key is frequent and close coordination between our cemetery staffs and those authorities. The ABMC Superintendent at Henri-Chapelle was successful in soliciting more frequent police

patrols of the public road running through the cemetery property, which dramatically reduced the presence of undesirable elements at the overlook area.

Our experience elsewhere demonstrates that fencing is not the solution to controlling behavior at the cemetery. Those so inclined can easily scale the walls and fences that surround most of our cemeteries. Those walls and fences delineate and architecturally accent the cemetery property, but they are not vandal-proof security barriers. We absolutely do not want to create a fortress appearance. The Commission is embarked on an effort to increase visits to our cemeteries by American and foreign citizens. We want the public to feel welcome to visit, not deterred. The basis for a solution is building bridges of understanding and strong relationships between our cemeteries and the communities that surround them. The active engagement of Mr. and Mrs. Schmetz and others is evidence that such relationships exist around Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery. Partners in this bridge building effort are the local government authorities including the police. Our embassy in Brussels is also engaged in insuring the safety of our personnel who live and work on the cemetery. With their help, and with input from local authorities, we are taking all appropriate actions. We added motion sensitive lighting and we are deterring unwanted behavior through the use of signs and landscaping features. Specifically, we

- § Installed gates at both parking lot entries to keep the parking area in front of the superintendent quarters closed when visitation is low. The parking area that is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. is next to our external toilets and the point of handicap access to the cemetery and should provide sufficient parking other than on days of special events.

- § Installed barrier posts with chains across the two entrances to the overlook. Center posts are removable to allow access for tour buses or during ceremonies.

- § Installed signs to direct vehicles to authorized parking areas.

- § Installed signs at various entry points to the cemetery and at the overlook giving general information on the site, prohibited activities, and directions to the visitor building, toilets, and handicapped access.

- § Planted hedges to discourage access around the gates and barriers.

Enclosing the cemetery with a fence-architectural or otherwise-is not warranted by the nature of the problem, which unfortunately has been unintentionally overstated by well-meaning individuals.

I assure you that we all take as an honored trust our responsibility to care for America's War Dead buried overseas and to continue to honor their competence, courage, and sacrifice. These sites are shrines to those we honor there and to our national values. People worldwide respect our commemorative sites as being among the best-maintained facilities of their kind, and we will not allow those standards to slip. We are confident that reinforcing existing security measures combined with the increased law enforcement efforts at Henri-Chapelle reported by our Superintendent will reduce inappropriate behavior at the cemetery.

We would greatly appreciate you printing this information in the next issue of *The CUB* for the benefit of your members.

Sincerely, Michael G. Conley, Director of Public Affairs



History is something that we never seem to run out of - every day we add another page. Some days are more important than others, but when it comes to those days near the end of one's life, all of them are important. The American Legion is currently participating with The Library of Congress to record and collect documents and oral histories from those veterans willing to cooperate. This is another opportunity for you to contribute your experience as a veteran of WW II to a facility for preservation and research. The very existence today of our great country was made possible by those who faced our enemies and defended our way of life. Cooperate with your local American Legion Post to contribute to the *Veteran's History Project*. You do not have to be a member, just willing. Contact your local post.

By now I would have thought that I had saturated the market for the CD sets containing the past issues of *The Cub*. Not quite, since I continue to receive orders. As of this date 256 sets have been distributed. Thanks to all of you that have participated in this project to preserve our history. Next on my agenda is to produce the CDs that will contain more than 150 memoirs and stories that have been contributed, and also the issues of *The Cub* that have come along since March 2005. When I sent out the request for memoirs I thought that just maybe we would have a dozen or so come in. Again my wildest expectations were exceeded. Those received after this cutoff date will be collected for the next production. We will be using them all. In addition to the above, the profits are going to the Association's treasury.

*"They also serve, those who are waiting at home."* In this case it was two 15 year old high school students. The year was 1944, and even at that young age, and far removed from the violence of war, they had a concept of what was happening in the world. They composed this poem. One of these ladies is still a close friend and has given me permission to use it in my column in *The Cub*.

### *Christmas 1944*

The birthday of Christ again draws near,  
A kind of different Christmas this year. Many of our boys are now far away  
They won't have much joy on Christmas day.  
They're fighting for us - God bless each one,  
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And think of the Christ child born in a manger.  
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Of sweet apple cider and nut fruit cake.  
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By Mary Lyons and Betty Hartman, 1944

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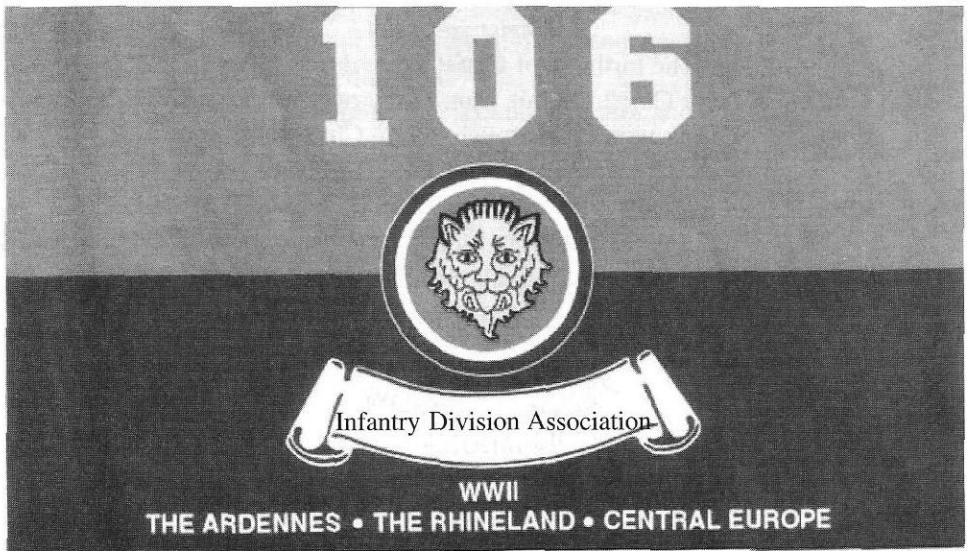


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### **BIRTH OF THE GOLDEN LIONS**

Convention edition 1958

It is noon of Monday, March 15, 1943. A limousine comes to a stop at the entrance to Outdoor Theatre #2 of Camp Jackson, South Carolina. From its radiator flies a blue flag with a white crescent in its upper flagstaff corner and a white Palmetto palm in its center. The rear door opens and the Honorable Olin D. Johnston, Governor of South Carolina, steps forth. He is greeted by the ruffles and flourishes of his rank and, to the music of a military march, escorted to the stage of the theatre. A truly notable and distinguished assemblage awaits him, for there, among others, are Major General Wm. H. Simpson, Commanding the XII Corps, with his General Staff; Brig. Gen. Royden E. Beebe, the Post Commander; Brig. Gen. Jas. C. Dozier, Adjutant General of South Carolina; the Hon. Edgar A. Brown, President Pro-Tempore of the State Senate; Major General Withers A. Burress, accompanied by Brig. Gens. Maurice E. Miller and Theodore E. Buechler, all of the 100th Infantry Division, now in the final stages of its training at Camp Jackson; and General Alan W. Jones, with his General Staff, of the Division which is soon to be brought into being.

In the body of the theatre, and facing the stage, are formed the massed units of the embryonic Division. At this moment they consist only of the cadres furnished by the parent organization, the 80th Infantry Division- amplified by such recruits as have arrived during the past three days.

As the Governor takes his place upon the stage the massed units are brought to "Present Arms" by the Commanding Officer of Troops and formally presented. When they return to the "Order" the Division Chaplain, Major John A. Dunn, steps to the lectern to pronounce the Invocation. He is followed by the Division Adjutant General, Lt. Col. Frank I. Agule, who reads the official birth certificate – the War Department order for the activation of the 106th Infantry Division.

As Col. Agule resumes his seat, an event occurs which, in its symbolism, stirs the emotions of all present. Coming to the microphone, Master Sergeant Jay G. Bower - acting as the representative of the parent 80th Infantry Division -summons from the ranks of the 422nd Infantry Regiment, Private Francis A. Younkin, one of the youngest of the new recruits. To this fledgling soldier Sgt. Bower delivers the National Colors formally entrusting their keeping to the personnel of the Division.

When he has accepted the Colors and delivered them to the Color Guard, Private Younkin takes the seat which Sgt Bower has vacated on the stage while the sergeant goes to the private's place in the ranks.

Presented to the troops by his Chief of Staff, General Jones introduces, in turn, Governor Johnston and General Simpson. The former extends a brief, but cordial greeting to the personnel of the Division from the citizens of South Carolina, while General Simpson officially welcomes the new Division to membership in the XII Corps. General Jones then delivers a brief message to his command concluding with the statement, "In your hands is held the opportunity to fashion an instrument which will demonstrate to the world that our way of life develops men superior to any other." With these words, followed by the Benediction, the ceremony comes to an end.

## **A HISTORY OF THE 106TH UNDER GENERAL JONES' COMMAND**

By ALAN W. JONES, Major General, USA, Retired

The Division was activated 15 March 1943 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Brigadier General Alan W. Jones was named Commander and promoted to Major General 18 March.

Basic Training began 29 March, followed by unit training and regimental tactical exercises. Combined training followed 3 October 1943 to 8 January 1944.

The Division went through Tennessee Maneuvers in the rain, sleet and snow, along with three other divisions from 20 January to 26 March 1944.

The troops moved to Camp Atterbury, Indiana 27 Mar and trained there through 8 October 1944.

On 9 Oct a move began to Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts and the units sailed beginning 18 Oct to England from Boston, NYC and Brooklyn aboard the *Aquitania*, *Queen Elizabeth* and the *Wakefield*, to land at Liverpool and Greenock, Scotland.

Billets were in the Midlands of England from 25 Oct to 30 November. The Division sailed from England 1 Dec and landed at Le Havre and Rouen, France, moving by convoy between 2nd and 9th December to St. Vith, Belgium.

First Army moved the troops into the front lines to replace the 2nd Division, man for man and gun for gun. On 16 December enemy troops attacked along the entire front of twenty seven miles.

On 19 December the 423rd and the 422nd were surrendered by their commanders, having run out of food, ammo, being surrounded and having received no help from General Bruce Clarke and his 7th Armored Division, nor from the Army Air Force because of bad weather.

23 December the survivors of the defense of St. Vith under command of Lt. Col. Thomas J. Riggs, and the 424th Infantry retired behind the lines of the 82nd Airborne Division.

After further combat the 424th was relieved by a regiment of the 75th Inf. Div. 30 December 1944. On 13 January 1945 the abbreviated 106th went back into the fight and were pinched out by the 75th Division on 17 January 1945.

On 3 February the 106th was alerted for its last combat assignment. On 7 February Major General Donald Stroh assumed command and on 9 February the Division was in action again. After almost continuous fighting through 7 March, the 106th was pinched out by the 69th Division and their combat role ended.

On 14 March, the Division traveled to St. Quentin, France on its way to reorganization, rehabilitation and training, passing to 15th Army Command. The troops moved to Rennes, France on 6 April, bivouacking on the airport there. Here replacements came to reconstitute the missing units and also came two attached regiments and field artillery battalions. During this period the reconstituted 423rd and 590th were in support of the 66th Infantry Division in the Nazi pocket at St. Nazaire, France. The whole division was in tactical reserve for the 66th Division who were containing St. Nazaire on the Brittany Coast.

Late in April the Division was tapped for a new assignment, to guard, administer, transfer and release a million German POWs up and down the Rhine River. Leaving the reconstituted units attached to the 66th, the Division including its attached two

combat teams moved to Germany closing in by 25 April. This monumental task lasted until approximately 10 July 1945.

In the midst of all this the reconstituted units moved up from Brittany by motor following the surrender of the Nazi pockets and closed in at Nachtsheim, west of Mayen, Germany to continue their training under Division control.

On 12 July the whole Division moved on to Karlsruhe under the command of Seventh Army for occupation duty. The troops combed the area for forbidden items such as firearms, transmitters, vehicles and other war material and black market operations.

On 1 September the Division was alerted for overseas shipment to the United States. On 10 September the 422nd Infantry leading, the Division started the long trek home, spending time at Camp Lucky Strike near Le Havre and onto different ships to arrive between 1 and 2 October 1945 at Eastern United States.

Division headquarters was formally inactivated on 2 October 1945 at Camp Shanks, New York.

The total number of men assigned to the Division was 63,000 during its history, 59,000 enlisted men and 4,000 officers.

The 106th Infantry Division Association was formed at Camp Lucky Strike by order of the Commanding general and in May 1991 has strength of 1,506 members.

### ***Outstanding Dates and Command Locations***

12 December 1942 Division staff ordered to report for 10th New Divisions Course Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth

4 January 1943 Division staff at Ft. Leavenworth

4 February 1943 Staff and cadre report to Ft. Jackson, South Carolina

15 March 1943 Division activated Ft. Jackson, South Carolina

29 March 1943 Basic training starts

12 July 1943 Unit training starts

3 October 1943 Combined training, Regimental and Division exercises

22 January 1944 Tennessee maneuvers

30 March 1944 Camp Atterbury for advanced training

October 1944 to November 1944 Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts, P.O.E. and overseas to Liverpool and Greenock, then to Batsford Park in the South Midlands

06 December 1944 LeHavre and Limesey, France

11 December 1944 St. Vith, Belgium and into position on the Schnee Eifel

16 December 1944 Start of the Battle of the Bulge

19 December 1944 Vielsalm

22 December 1944 General Perrin assumes command

23 December 1944 Ernonheid

25 December 1944 Awan-Aywaille and Sprimont

28 December 1944 Anthisnes (Chateau Ouhar)

10 January 1945 Spa (Chateau Havette)

12 January 1945 Moulin de Ruy

15 January 1945 Stavelot

24 January 1945 Heuchenee

07 February 1945 Hunningen — General Stroh takes over.

15 March 1945 St. Quentin, pulled back for rest and rehabilitation

3 February 1948

When Colonel Livesey suggested to me that I tell the story of the first two years of the Division's existence, and that I do it in fifteen min-utes, three years vanished and I saw again the demon staff officer at his skillful distribution of work. Then I sat down and made a list of topic headings, only to find that it took more than fifteen minutes to read them. So, my work con-sists almost entirely of elimination, and I present to you the framework of the story of my time with the Division, together with an account of certain happenings and decisions that had their effect on the lives of most of us.

Although the official date of activation of the Division was March 15, 1943, work on organi-zation, securing of equipment and supplies, and all the many hundreds of re-training details was completed in January and February, 1943. On March 8th personnel from every state in the Union, except those of the Pacific Coast, began to arrive at our first station, Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. By March 15th we officially started on a program which was to take us through the mid-west and eastern portions of the United States, England, France, Belgium and finally into Germany.

Of the time we spent at Fort Jackson, I shall make only a few statements. Like our own early life, it was extremely important to us at that time, but in view of later events it is difficult to recall in sharp definition. We received upon activation a grand total of 16,009 individuals, which included an over-strength of about 10% to take care of anticipated losses. Our average age at this time was about 21 years, including all the officers and the older age group of the cadre of some 1,800 from the 80th Division. The re-sults of intelligence tests given these men showed an exceptionally high score, and our courts-martial and number of men AWOL were correspondingly low. At the time of our basic training tests, given exactly four years ago today, everything seemed to be going our way and the world looked bright and cheery. So, we started with enthusiasm and pride into the most productive of our advanced training when, in early August, the blow fell. We were ordered to send 3,000 of our trained infantry to the 28th and 31st Divisions so that they might replace their losses and go overseas. This was followed by a continuous infantry, artillery and signal, until we felt the effects of acute anemia. By late September, in spite of replacements, we were down to less than 12,000 persons.

### ***Maneuvers***

We completed our training of the smaller units in November and the Division went into the field for the remainder of the winter. A series of maneuvers under direction of XII Corps started on December 13th and continued until the middle of January, 1944. These were held in central South Carolina and for the first time we learned about living in deep mud and freezing rain. The short days of late January saw us moving, by motor, to the Tennessee maneuver area which comprised most of the central part of that State. Here, we participated with units of all kinds, including three other divisions, in daily maneuvers until the end of March. The weather almost duplicated that which we were to find a year later in the Ardennes. These months were extremely beneficial to us and we came out of Tennessee a trained division, with much experience and great promise. We learned how to get our trucks through mud and country roads, how to make the most of supper eaten at night in the rain without light, how to wear mosquito head-nets in a snow storm; we learned through days and nights of discomfort how best to take care of ourselves and, best of all, we learned that, as a



fighting division, we were better than most. Looking back, I think you who were there will agree that Tennessee was probably the hardest work we experienced in the States, and that definitely it separated the men from the boys, and I do not mean on a basis of age.

### ***Camp Atterbury***

After finishing the maneuver program, we were fortunate enough to be ordered to Camp Atterbury and Indianapolis to make our final preparations for overseas. We expected to get new equipment and be on our way at once. But the poor planning for training and forwarding replacements to other units overseas threw us for another loss. Immediately upon our arrival at Camp Atterbury in the first week of April, 1944, we commenced shipment of 2,800 infantrymen and 800 artillerymen to replacement centers. Men to replace these people were received slowly. We were placed in the first state of alert for over-seas early in June, the second stage in July and were given our month's advance notice on August 15th. During these last hurrying weeks of preparation for embarkation we lost, to my amazement which lasts to this day, practically all of our in-fantry lieutenants, privates first class and privates, a total of 500 officers and 3,000 men. These with losses in April totaled 600 officers and 6,600 men, all out of a division strength of about 14,000. To keep the record straight, our replacements consisted of: from ASTP, 1,200; from air cadets, 1,100; from other divisions, 1,500 and from miscellaneous sources such as disbanded military police units, special training battalions and various service commands, 2,800. These people were of the highest type, mentally and physically. We could not have received better material, but we had one foot on the gangplank. In spite of this sad story, our tour at At-terbury was an exceptionally pleasant one. Many of the people here went out of their way to be nice to us. With them, life-long friendships have grown. There is one family I have especially in mind. You know them, the Simpsons. They had the major part in assuring the success of this reunion.

### ***Overseas Movement***

After receiving our advance movement order, we received new equipment, turned in motor vehicles and did what training we could at odd intervals. Finally, in September we moved by rail to Camp Myles Standish at Taunton, Mass. This place was known as a staging area where life reached the maximum of not letting anyone know anything at all. As a matter of fact we existed on a monotonous routine of rumors until the day we redoubled on our tracks, returned to New York and sailed in October 1944 for various ports in England. The 423d Infantry with various attached units arrived October 21, the 422d and 424th regiments arrived October 28th with the artillery and some special units delayed until November 17th. We were deployed in one of the most interesting and certainly the most beautiful midlands. The 422d Infantry was stationed some 12 miles west and northwest of Oxford, the 424th Infantry near Banbury of Banbury Cross fame and the 423d Infantry and Division Artillery near Cheltenham and Gloucester respectively. Division headquarters and special units were located centrally in this 200 square mile area. We remained in England until the last days of November, preparing for an expected early crossing of the Channel.

The Division embarked on the last day of November and first days of December for the long slow fifty mile trip from Southampton to Le Havre at the mouth of the

Seine River. We disembarked at Le Havre and at Rouen, a town about one-third of the way up the Seine toward Paris, and went into bivouac in deep mud in the open fields in a cold drizzling rain, between the 1st and 8th of December. During these days liai-son officers from First US Army headquarters arrived at odd intervals with conflicting and inconsistent sets of orders, so that during a 48 hour period we were assigned to three different corps in as many separate locations. Fortunately, troops and staffs were arriving in unrelated groups as the weather and the Navy allowed them ashore, so that no damage was done except to my disposition. The final messenger appeared on December 6 with instructions for us to leave for the St. Vith area, the first combat team move on the 8th followed by the others as rapidly as possible. Upon arrival we were to relieve the 2d Infantry Division, then in a defensive position, as part of the VIII Corps whose headquarters was then at Bastogne. Troops being in the throes of landing after a rough winter crossing, staffs only partly present and maps few and far between, our move to the battlefield was a rather remarkable one and highly successful in spite of its discomfort. The route carried us nearly 300 miles through Amiens, Cambrai and Maubeuge in France to Philippeville in Belgium. After an overnight bivouac in extra deep mud near the latter town, we passed through Marche and the villages of eastern Belgium to the vicinity of St. Vith, arriving during the period December 9th to 11th. The relief of the 2d Division commenced on the 11th and was completed on the 13th, responsibility for the defense of the sector passing to me on the 12th.

### ***Schnee Eifel Positions***

Partly in Belgium and partly in Germany, with the south flank of our southern-most regiment, the 424th, at the junction of the Luxembourg-Belgium-Germany borders. We joined there with the 28th Inf Div. Our left flank lay 27 miles to the north where we were supposed to have contact with the 99th Inf Div through the 14th Cavalry Group, an organization neither trained nor equipped for defensive action. Some 20 miles to the east of St. Vith lay a fifteen mile stretch of the German West Wall or Siegfried Line on the high, heavily wooded ridge known as the Schnee Eifel, and appropriately named it was. From left to right, or north to south, on this extended salient into German-held terrain were the 422d Combat Team and the 423d Combat Team. The roadnet throughout the sector was entirely inadequate for our purposes, one two-lane hard surfaced road which would have been classified as a "farm to market" road in this country led from the rear to both the 422d and the 423d areas. The 424th was no better served. Reserves in the VIII Corps 90 mile sector consisted of one combat company of the 9th Armored Div. As was later so well demonstrated at our expense, reserves from other areas could not arrive in time to be of use to us.

I have taken the time to fill in to a limited extent some of the lights and shadows on the picture of the St. Vith area and of our move-ment to it, in order to provide a background for the crystal-clear truth that the Division was in a situation which not only was tactically unsound but which left us no choice as to our own location of men and weapons — a situation that was tactically impossible should the Germans attack with even as few as two or three good divisions. They did, with that and more, and the Commanding General, US First Army was impelled to write to the Division later "No troops in the world, disposed as your division had to be, could have withstood the impact of the German attack which had its greatest weight in your sector. Please tell

these men for me what a grand job they did. By the delay they effected, they definitely upset von Rundstedt's time table."

### ***The Attack***

It is not my purpose here to recount in detail the action of separate units following the attack starting at 0530 on the morning of December 16.

Much has been written of this, and a great deal more will appear in the future. It is sufficient to recall now that the Germans sent four divisions, two infantry and two panzer, to "take us out" so that their way could be opened through Liege and Namur to Brussels and Antwerp. During the day of the 16th they penetrated deeply into the wooded hills just to the north of the Division sector and into the ground held by re-connaissance units in an attempt to swing south behind the Schnee Eifel and so into our unde-fended rear areas. Engineers, hastily assembled, artillery and the northern units of the 422d blocked this move by nightfall. Further south in the 423d sector a strong attack penetrated our lines but was thrown back by a counterattack made up largely of service units, clerks, cooks and head-quarters personnel. Similarly, in the 424th area, a series of counterattacks were necessary to re-store our lines to their original locations by night.

Information reached our CP that afternoon that one combat command of the 9th Armd Div and the entire 7th Armored Div would be available in our area the next morning. Accordingly, the only division reserves, one battalion of the 423d Inf and one battalion of the 424th Inf were committed that afternoon of the 16th. Plans were drawn up for the employment of the armored divisions to block the rush of Krauts past and around our north flank and, if there were an penetrations the next day to eject or destroy them. The plans were good ones. I am sure they would have been successful. The only unfortunate development was the failure of the 7th Armored Division to arrive at the time we had been told to expect them. In fairness to them, it must be stated that their move was made extremely difficult by jammed roads and snarled traffic. Probably an early arrival was not practical and higher headquarters had been more hopeful than sure. In any event, on the 17th, penetrations around our north flank and from the southeast were made, and although they were contested with every means we had, by dark such large German forces had reached and gotten behind our lines that hope for a large scale counterattack with forces which had not even arrived looked not too good. Late on the 18th the expected armor did reach us, but by then it took their every effort to prevent the occupation of the town of St. Vith itself, which our 81st Eng Bn was engaged in holding against overwhelming German forces. On the 18th too, the 424th, on my orders, reached a position further to the west along the Our River, and the 422d and 423d were ordered to attack in the direction of Schönberg to the west, in an attempt to break out of the German encirclement.

After a brilliantly executed move, both regiments attacked early on the morning of the 19th. But it was too late, the door of Schönberg was closed by powerful German panzer forces. Without armor, with but little artillery, ammunition fast running out and no resupply of food and water for four days, they nevertheless fought through the day, until finally in late afternoon they were forced, by sheer weight of number and artillery, to commit to capture.

You have probably noted the lack of mention of Air Corps during this narrative. They have not been mentioned for the reason that the weather did not permit their presence.

The 112th Inf of the 28th Inf Div, having become separated from that division was attached to us on the 20th and, with the 424th Inf and Combat Command "B" of the 9th Armd Div held, with the 7th Armd Div to our north, St. Vith and the high ground to the south and southeast, constituting an island of resistance which has been credited with the all-important delay of the Sixth SS Panzer Army.

On the night of the 21st under heavy enemy pressure, withdrawal of all forces in this general area was made to the west for a distance of five to ten miles. St. Vith was evacuated at 11:00 P.M.

The following night, December 22, saw the Division and other troops withdrawn by Corps orders to the west of the Salm River, and our weary men for a few short hours took their first rest after eight days of cold and wet and sudden death.

I have tried to set down the facts as they appeared to me at the time of which I speak, and I have heard or seen nothing since to change my mind.

### ***Official Comments***

Now, having seen our side of the picture, we shall take a look at the German side and see some of the more immediate result of the action in, and around St. Vith as written in official War Department documents. The following I have taken from the First US Army Report of Operations:

The failure of the Sixth SS Panzer Army to live up to the high hopes of its commander, could be attributed to three factors: First, the failure of the II SS Panzer Corps to break through; secondly, the equally dismal failure of the 1st SS Panzer Division; lastly, but of at least equal importance, the failure to reduce in time the island of resistance at St. Vith, and on the high ground to the south and southeast. Without the communications center of St. Vith, focal point of five highways and three rail lines, the enemy's armored infantry and supply columns were all practically immobilized."

The initial phase of the German winter offensive ended December 22nd . . . The elimination of the St. Vith salient was of prime importance to the (German) C in C West. Because of the delay imposed here the offensive was already three days behind schedule. In retrospect, it can be said that almost from the second day of the offensive, von Rundstedt's plans began to go wrong."

The salient at St. Vith not only threatened the whole of Fifth Panzer Army's north flank, but continued to hold and prevent the westward movement of Sixth SS Panzer Army. This afforded First US Army sufficient time to bring up reinforcements to a new defensive line." This ends my quotations from the Operations Report of the First Army.

The facts are consistent and incontestable; The road through St. Vith did not become an open way to the German Army until the 22nd of December, six days after the attack was launched.



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Ken Warkocki (Norbert's son - a new  
Associate member listed in Jan-Feb-Mar  
2006 CUB) sent news clips from 1945  
which mentioned that his father, Norbert  
423/E, was in Stalag 4-B, Muhlberg,  
where many, many of our 106th soldiers  
were held. and later Stalag 4-D near  
Annaburg. Ken also wrote, "I also proud  
to add another *Life Member Plus* to your  
rolls (a generous check was enclosed).

Ken continued,  
"My father did not talk about his war  
experinces, except in breif snipets, which  
remained etched in my memory.  
Recently, on his 80th birthday, he began to  
relate some of the stories to his grandchil-  
dren,. They heard more in ten minutes  
that I had heard in a lifetime. My father,  
who is in failing health, said he would like  
to become a member." Stalag 4-D was  
apparently used as a repatriation center.  
These Stalags were mentioned in a 1945  
news clipping when Norbert was inter-  
viewed right after he came home.

Apparently his group were on the road as the Russians came toward them.

Eighteen soldiers, including Warkocki, stepped out of line and fled to a home where they were befriended by some Polish people. (The 19 year old had learned to speak the Polish language at St Valetine's Grade and Holy Trinity High School. He left school four months before graduation, but earned a diploma).

They were housed in a barn for four days before the 104th Infantry Division found them on April 20, 1945.

This same news clip stated (in part), "Captured 19 December while in the Ardennes the Private First Class was imprisoned in Stalag 4-B and 4-D. On the day of his capture Wakocki was wounded by a piece of shrapnel which entered his right knee. The Germans removed the shrapnel, using one shot of morphine to deaden the pain.

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### **YEATON, ALVIN 422/K LIFE MEMBER**

140 Eastern Avenue  
Keene NH 03431  
603-352-1422

Alvin, If you have anything you would like to see placed in The CUB, please send it - I will include it in the next issue.

### **ZIMBELMAN, HAROLD FRANK ASSOCIATE**

735 South Miller Street  
Lakewood, CO 80226  
303-890-8955

Harold Frank Zimbelman is the son of 106th veteran, Harold Zimbelman (deceased) who was in "I" Company, 423rd Combat Infantry Regiment.

**Darrell Zimbelman**, son of Harold noted, "This membership is a "Father's Day" gift to my father and in memory of my Grandfather. He and I are very much interested in WWII history and my grandfather's experience in WWII.

I would appreciate a copy of the 423/I photo that appeared in the Camp Atterbury Album. My **Grandfather, Harold 423/I**, died October 18, 2005 at the age of 87. I have included the obituary of my Grandfather.

(Darrel - see parts of your grandfather's obituary that I have listed in our "Memoriam Section" for the benefit of "I" Company, 423rd Infantry veterans and members of our 106th Infantry Division Association.)

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by John M. "Jack" Roberts, Association Past-President

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Order from and make payable to: John M. Roberts, 1059 Alter Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Email: jmr81024@aol.com Telephone: 1-248-338-2667 Price: \$27.95 includes Shipping

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

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Author Earl S. Parker 423/E

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## **"PRO DEO ET PATRIA" (FOR GOD AND COUNTRY)**

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## **A TEENS WAR ... TRAINING, COMBAT, CAPTURE**

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

**[hal1271@bresnan.net](mailto:hal1271@bresnan.net) 970-245-7807**

Available <http://www.1stbooks.com> as a hard copy or electronic transfer.

*A Teen's War* describes the experiences of a small town boy in the latter stages of World War II. Portions originated from letters written home about induction, training, and time overseas with the 423rd Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division and that unit's short period of combat in the Battle of the Bulge.

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## **THE WARMTH OF A SONG:**

**A LOVE STORY ABOUT FREEDOM SET DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE - WORLD WAR II AUTHOR HELEN VON ERCK; [helenve@netscape.com](mailto:helenve@netscape.com)**

**Available at [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)**

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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](mailto:warmthofasong@yahoo.com)

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## **SOLDIER BOY A CHRONICLE OF LIFE AND DEATH AND SURVIVAL DURING WORLD WAR II BY GEORGE K. ZAK, 422/M**

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

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

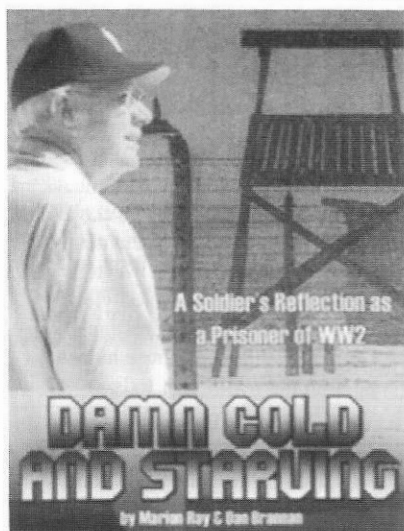
Shortly after arriving at the battle front in December, 1944 during a bone-chilling, bitter cold winter, the majority of the Division was surrounded and finally overwhelmed in a bloody battle, by a much larger, more powerful German force during the beginning of the *Battle of the Bulge*. *Thousands* of young soldiers, including Zak, were forced to surrender. The rest of the book describes his life in three different camps as a prisoner of war. He gives a gripping account of the fear, the misery and the many dangers he often faced. As a prisoner he escaped death from bombs, machine gun fire, and a German guard's rifle bullet shot at him. He was hungry all the time, always under guard and powerless, and unsure of his ultimate fate. He mourned the death of many of his fellow soldiers during the battle, some at his side, and constantly worried whether his parents knew if he was alive or dead.

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

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# World War II and Battle of the Bulge Books . . .



Pre-orders of Marion Ray's "*Damn Cold and Starving*," a book about his "Nazi Prisoner of War experiences" in 1944-45 are now being accepted.

The book written by Marion in conjunction with Dan Brannan, Executive Editor of the "Alton, Illinois Telegraph" will be released in November 2006. It contains detailed information about the events leading up to the "*Battle of the Bulge*," Ray's capture, then his incarceration from December 1944 until Spring 1945. He also writes of his return to Germany in 1999. It is a personal, gripping account of the inhumanity of the Nazi prison camps and his fight for survival during WWII. There is a collection of photos of that era, plus drawings by Alton, Illinois artist, Erin McAfoos. Ray kept a diary during the entire time of his captivity and much of the book is based on those memories.

The book will sell normally for \$19.95 but is being sold until October 31, 2006 for the discounted price of \$15.95.

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**HQs Co., 3Bn A&P Platoon Leader**

**424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division**



Dale, died in 2001. He had written poetic memories of the War. His poems appeared in "The CUB" for several years. They all bring back memories and visions of the times.

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](mailto:edmarquig@wmconnect.com)

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*Hell Frozen Over* describes the personal experiences of sixteen 106th soldiers who were caught in Hitler's final grasp to strangle the continent. More than half of these men were among the 7,001 in the Division who were taken as prisoners of war. Scattered in camps throughout Germany, they willed themselves to survive as deprivation and even slave labor threatened their lives and sanity. Their comrades-in-arms who escaped capture and remained to fight in foxholes and tanks had other hells to endure, as did the civilians of every town in the area. There are nearly 30 WWII photos of 106th servicemen along with accountings their personal stories.



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# Memoriam . . .

*Memoriam notices are limited to Association members. Many obituaries received include a life time of accomplishments, education, occupations and extended lists of relatives. This Association MEMORIAM report will be limited to Association members and list the member's name, last known address, unit and membership status, the date of death, names of the immediate family and information relative to his/their participation in the Association and credit for any memorials accruing to the Association.*

*May our Comrades Rest in Peace ...*

## **Benforado, Joseph A. 423/AT**

*108 Trailview Drive, Cary, NC 27513*

Reunion information returned in sent envelope, marked Deceased - no other information available.

## **Capshaw, Clifton 423/K**

*1203 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando , FL 32803*

Date of death: June 10, 2006: Richard Sparks, 423 Headquarters sent an obituary from the Orlando Sentinel 6/14/2006. Clifton retired from the Orlando Sentinel after 40 years as a Press Operator. An Ex-POW . Survived by his wife, Frances and a large family of sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## **Chatfield, Arthur L. 424/E**

*24 Rambler Road, Attleboro, MA 02703*

Date of death: July 4, 2006 No details. Joyce, his wife will continue as an Associate member.

## **Clarke, Lillian G. Associate**

*c/o Karen Moore, 2108 Bertha Street, Kannapolis, NC 28083*

Date of death: June 19, 2006 Dr. and Mrs. Dan English Sr. (591/SV), Methuen MA reported Lillian's death. Lillian's husband Walter C. Clarke, 591st Service Company died February 15, 2005

## **Hawkins, Harold W. 423/D**

*4935 South 129th Street, Omaha, NE 68137*

Date of death: June 18, 2006 Harold was a replacement having trained in the 17th Airborne Glider Infantry. He transferred to the Army Air Corps and then was transferred to the 106th Infantry Division. He was held POW at Stalags 4B Muhlberg and 8A Gorlitz From Gorlitz, where he along with hundreds of 106th non-coms (including this editor) were put on a 425 mile death march. On Friday April 13th this column was liberated by the 2nd Armored Division. Harold worked 40 years at Western Electric/ AT&T in Lincoln and Omaha, retiring in 1987. Survived by his wife Lorraine, three sons and seven grandchildren. Elaine continued, "Thanks to you and the officers of the 106th Infantry Division. As you know I am continuing as Associate member."

## **Kingsley, Karl 591/SV**

*1251 Creekview Drive, Muskegon MI 49441*

Date of death: August 10, 2006. Karl's son Bob Kingsley notified us of the death. He said, "He loved his Golden lions and was proud of his service to our nation in the *Battle of the Bulge*. He earned four bronze stars and during his entire life remained a credit to his family, his Nation and the Army division he so proudly served. The membership of our nation's "Greatest Generation" is being depleted at a rapid rate. Fortunately, I was able to learn much from my father regarding how to live and at the end ... how to die. His wife, Gladys, is still with us and has the flag and spent shell casings from his final salute given to him by the American Legion.

## **Lewis, Edwin D, 423/CN**

*3730 Cadbury CR, Venice, FL 34298*

Date of death: 01/20/2006 Wife's name on record: Dorothy. No other details reported.

## **Luoma, Edwin O. 422/HQ**

*3842 Kaleva Drive, Eveleth, MN 55374*

Date of death: April 6, 2006 as reported in the Ax-POW magazine. Survived by 2 daughters, 2 Sons, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

## **Matthews, Joseph N. 423/D**

*2621 Western Hills Drive, Nashville, TN 37214*

Date of death: 11/25/2005 a note returned stating "Joe Matthews died Nov 21, 2005 . He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Edna, a daughter Anne, a son Steve and three grandsons. Joseph graduated from UT Knoxville and retired from the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service. A member of the Presbyterian Church for 52 years, serving as a teacher and on several church committees.

## **Morrison Jr., John L. 422/M**

*10106 Ferndale Road, Dallas, TX 75238*

Date of death: February 25, 2006 Confirmed by a letter from his wife Ruth - asking to be dropped from the roster. He served in the Army in WWII and was held prisoner in Stalag 9-B. Survivors include his wife Ruth, 3 children, 3 stepchildren and 7 grandchildren.

## **Murphy, John J. 423/AT**

*425 Sparrow Hawk Court, Greer, SC 29560*

Date of death: June 5, 2006 An email from his son said, "On June 5, 2006 my father lost his fight and died from complications from a triple bypass. He was a Life members. This world will miss a very special person.

## **Philipson, Herman L. 423/H**

*9100 Rockbrook Drive, Dallas, TX 75220*

Date of death: March 7, 2006 An email from Julie Philipson Boren stated; "My father, Herman L. Philipson, Jr. passed away last Spring and my mother, Sonia Philipson asked that I notify his friends in the 106th of the sad news." Julie sent along a very comprehensive diary that had been written by her father. She was notified to send a copy of the diary to James West, Associate member, who has hundreds of the 106th veteran's "War Diaries" on his website. Herman is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sonia, four daughters Cynthia, Leslie, Nancy and Julie. Three sons-in-law; eight grandchildren; a sister and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law.

Memorial services were held at the Lefkowitz Chapel of Temple Emanuel. Rabbi Gerald Klein officiating.

## **Piha, Morris R. 106 QM**

*3520 Piedmont Rd. #7A, Atlanta, GA*

Date of death: February 2, 2006 Survived by his wife of 63 years, Sara; a son and daughter-in-law Rubin and Caroline Piha, a granddaughter, Debbie and her husband Dr. Mark Deutsch and a grandson, David. A native of Montgomery, Alabama, Morris was drafted in 1941. Sent to OCS and initially served with the 80th Infantry Division until he was transferred to the 106th at the time of it's formation. After the war he returned to Montgomery and was involved in the family business - as distributors of coin-operated amusement equipment. Morris and Sara attended several reunions and participated on a Division trip abroad that included visiting Russia and viewing the Belgium battlefield. In 2004 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award, on of his industry's greatest honors, from the American Amusement Machine Association.

## **Pratt, Gerald S. 592/A**

*c/o daughter Connie Pratt Baesman, 405 Lopez Road, Lopez Island, WA 98261*

Date of death: June 6, 2006 Lt. Pratt was in the Service Battery of the 590th when the German offensive started. In those confused December days the remnants of the 590th joined with the remnants of the 589th. Then, in January 1845 he was reassigned to A Battery, 592nd FAB. In April 1945, during efforts to rebuild units for the Pacific Theater he was once again assigned to Service Battery 590th FAB.

During his time in ETO he twice received the Purple Heart and was also awarded the Soldier's medal in an awards ceremony on June 30th, 1945 in Mayen, Germany. The award was for heroism when he worked to rescue soldiers trapped in an ammunition truck that had hit a land mine while moving to a new location in post VE Day France (May 13, 1945).

His daughter Connie Pratt Baesman has joined the association an Associate Member - See her listing in the NEW MEMBER section of this CUB magazine.



## Ringer, Robert 591/SV

*3500 Trillium Xing Apt 102, Columbus, OH 43235*

Son Michael (Life Associate) called and said his father died Sept 6 2006. He said his father became a Lt Colonel during post WWII. He and his father had been to three reunions. The son's address is: Michael Ringer, 5941 Tuckahoe Lane, Dublin, OH 43016 614-216-6896

## Smith, Edward 423/M

*29410 Hideaway Lane, Chaumont, NY 13622-2159*

Date of death: March 27, 2006 This one hits close to home; Eddie Smith was my 1st Gunner (423/M) and lost a leg as a result of wounds on 18 December 1944. I sustained a leg wound at the same time. He was always reluctant to speak of the battle and sadly we lost contact some years ago. I am sure that is not unusual but it still haunts me.

## Wood, Robert M. 423/I

*3910 Baytree Lane, Bloomington, IN 47401*

Date of death: June 22, 2006. His wife, Wilma, wrote: "I am writing to report the death of my husband. I am including the obituary from our local paper as well as a story about him from the local newspaper that appeared on July 4, 2006. Our children were proud of him. Two of them had attended reunions with us. I am sending their names to enroll them as Associate members.

Two newspaper articles were included along with a list of generous "Memorial Contributions" that Wilma donated on behalf of the family and friends of the family to the 106th Infantry Division Association Memorial Fund: Robert and Dorcas Barrow; Wilma Wood; Mead Wood Retirement Community; Freida Pitha; Clydie and Fossie Fox all of Bloomington, Indiana. Max and Pam Underwood; Jack and BeAnn Braun of Underwood Colorado; Dean and Carol Ackner, Randall Wood and Patty; Janet Wood; Beth and Ron Garrison; Vic Underwood; Mary and Milo Hope; Tom and Missy Underwood; Becky Underwood, Colorado; Nancy and Gary Raper, Spencer, Indiana; Ora and Mary Secrest, Mooresville, Indiana; Clydie and Fossie Fox, Bloomington, Indiana; Shirley and Dale Schummaker, Mary and Rick Hoffman and Jeannie Faulkner of Lancaster Ohio. Also comrade E. Russell Lang (423/I)

## Zimbelman, Harold 423/I

*c/o Harold Frank Zimbelman (Son), 735 South Miller Street, Lakewood, CO 80226*

Date of death: October 18, 2005. 106th Veteran, Harold, died at the age of 87, he was the son of German-speaking immigrants who settled in eastern Colorado. His history with the 106th was related, including facts that Zimbelman was injured during the battle. He escaped when bombs hit the Diez/Limburg/Stalag XII-A rail yards on Christmas Eve 1944. Germans recaptured him and other escapees hours later. A few days later he escaped from a camp near the Polish Border and joined Russians that were hiding from the Germans. They were captured the next day. His 200 pounds dropped to 130 pounds during captivity. Russian soldiers liberated the camp April 24, 1945. Zimbelman and three others walked out and eventually met the 30th Infantry Division, where Zimbelman's fluency in German helped negotiate a surrender agreement with Herman pilots. Survivors include son Harold Zimbelman of Lakewood CO (see the NEW MEMBER column) and Earl Zimbelman of Denver; Brother Wilbur of Lakewood; sister Lillian Ryan of Sun City West, AZ; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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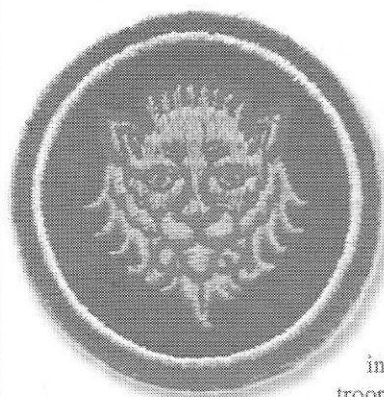
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In 1944, the 106th Infantry Division was in it's infancy. In order to keep the troops informed, and also provide a source of entertainment, a periodic publication was begun. It was known as *The Cub of The Golden Lion*. A special group of soldiers 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.

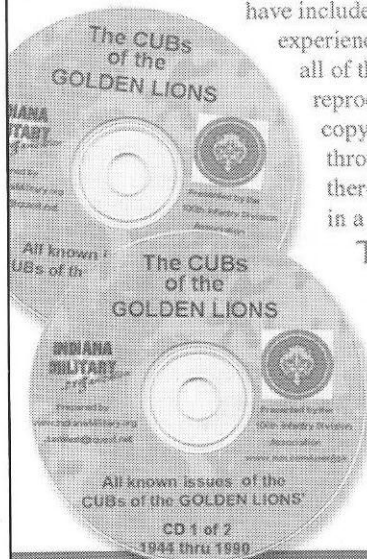
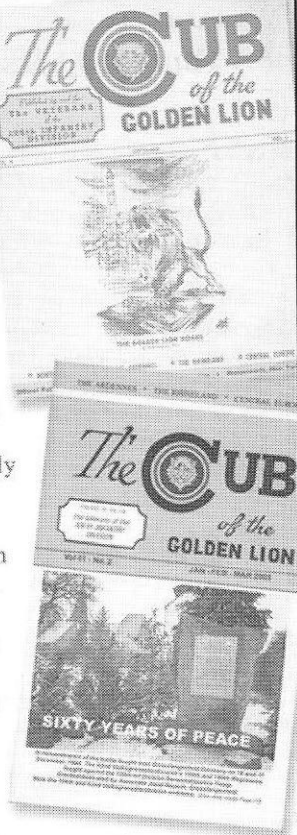
With the advent of the miracles of the electronic age, it has been possible to store every issue of *The Cub* on two small CD disks. Every issue is there, including those early newspaper types that somehow survived more than sixty years. The editors have included those memoirs and personal experiences of the veterans right along with all of the other veterans' stories. The reproduction to CD disks involved copying every page of every issue through March 2005. They are all there for the PC user to view. Each and every page is in a format that can be printed just as it was copied, if desired.

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