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Camp Atterbury Chapel, one of  
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from 1942.



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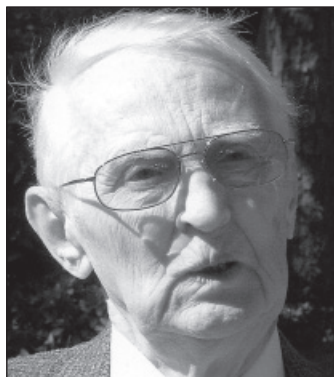
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You, our 106th Division Association, honored me greatly by making me our Association president for the 2009–2010 year. Although I have been a member of the Association for some 40 years, never in my wildest dreams did I expect to be our president. As I step into the “big shoes” of so many who have come before me, I realize how great is the challenge.

During my years as a member of our Association, it has been my good fortune to have been our Chaplain for almost 14 years. I have also had the opportunity to serve as a member of our Board and as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. All of this in addition to knowing and counting as friends a goodly number of our members.

I realize as I step into this position that it is by no means a “one man show.” I look forward to having the guidance and help of such men as Murray Stein our Adjutant, Lyle Beeth our Treasurer and the other officers who will serve with me.

Those of you who were unable to be with us in Indianapolis, missed another one of our great Reunions. Though our ranks have thinned since my first Reunion in Columbia, SC, the enthusiasm has not! Great trips to Camp Atterbury, Indianapolis and a trip where we enjoyed a good meal and the show



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“Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.”

Next year could be a very decisive year for our Association! Our committee concerning the future of our Association is to make its report at the 64<sup>th</sup> Reunion. More information concerning this is found on the following page.

May each of you have a great year! If you have any suggestions for me, please let me know.

Your President,  
Rev. Ewell



## **Committee for the Future of our 106th Infantry Division Association**

At its Board Meeting in Indianapolis the Board of Directors set up a Committee to study the future of our Association and report back to the Board at our 2010 Reunion. This committee asks each member to express their feelings concerning our future. The discussion is whether to allow our Association to end when the last Veterans are unable to attend, or to allow our Associates to continue the 106th Division Association.

I have appointed the following Committee to gather this information:

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Please contact one of the members of the Committee as soon as you have made your decision on this important matter concerning the future of our 106th Division Association.

Rev. Ewell C. Black Jr., President (422/A)

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## **New Atterbury Memorial Representative**

After long and faithful service as our Atterbury Memorial Representative, Philip Cox has had to resign due to health problems. We are most grateful to Philip for his representation for our

Association at Camp Atterbury. Frank Trautman has agreed to be our Atterbury Memorial Representative. We wish to thank Frank for his willingness to accept this office.

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## **Just a reminder . . .**

If you have pictures and information you would like included in a future *CUB*, the due dates are as follows:

- For the edition coming out in APRIL 2010 all material is due by FEB. 15
- For the edition coming out in AUGUST 2010 all material is due by JUNE 15
- For the edition coming out in DECEMBER 2010 — to include pictures from the 2010 reunion, all material is due by OCTOBER 9

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### **Dr. Duncan Truman to continue as 106th Infantry Division Association Chaplain**

*Although you read in the last The CUB of Dr. Truman's resignation, he will continue to serve! I talked with Dr. Truman during our convention, his health has improved to the extent that he will be able to continue as our Chaplain. His continued valuable service to our Association is greatly appreciated. I am pleased that he will be able to resume his most important service as Chaplain of our 106th Division Association.*

*Rev. Ewell C. Black, Jr., President*



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### **From the formerly retired, now current Chaplain, Dr. Duncan Truman**

Modern Israel has some striking architecture. One of the most impressive buildings is the Shrine of the Book. Built to house the Dead Sea Scrolls, it has a brilliant white, dome top shaped like the lid of the jars in which the scrolls were discovered. One must stoop to enter as through a cave. The whole of the building is subterranean. The entranceway is guarded by a high basalt wall-pitch black in obvious contrast to the dome. Here is black and white, light and dark, a reminder of the Essenes community that copied the scrolls and hid them.

They called themselves the children of light, and all others the children of darkness. It is an unusual term in Jewish thought. We could spend time cataloguing all the meanings of this symbol, but they are all caught up in the words of the Psalmist: "My soul longs for thee more than they that watch for the morning." We all know what that

means ... standing watch in the darkness, imagining sounds that weren't there, seeing shadows that seemed to threaten. We longed for the morning, dawn, light, the watch that ends the night. Those who have seen "Cats" will also know what powerful feelings are evoked by the words and music of songs that carry these emotions of longing and hope:

"daylight ... must wait for the  
sunrise ... the new life ...  
mustn't give in ... when dawn  
comes ... tonight's memory ...  
a new day begins."

Walk in the light of God's hope.  
"Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil." Sometimes we all meet folks, saints of God perhaps, whose faces light up by the inner glow of God's presence. We could all be like that. The Essenes kept their light in their own small corner and among themselves. We, of all faiths, are called to share it with the world.

Chaplain, Duncan Trueman



## ***The Adjutant's Message . . .***

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My Brothers,

Our 63rd Annual Reunion was a great success, highlighted by the presentation of our 106th Flag to Col. Todd Townsend, Camp Commander of Camp Atterbury. He was especially impressed when we told him we had trained in Camp Atterbury 65 years ago. Col. Townsend was extremely courteous in taking pictures with anyone who asked. We enjoyed the lunch with the service people, and appreciated the tour they took us on to see the type of training that is going on. Most of us couldn't recognize the camp — It WAS 65 YEARS AGO!!

At our Board meeting we established an Honorary Membership Title, and awarded the first membership to Mr. Jim West, for all his work on behalf of the 106th at the Atterbury Museum. He was presented with a fine plaque at the banquet by



***Jim West (left) receiving the first Honorary Membership award from John Schaffner at the reunion banquet.***

John Schaffner. Our Memorial Chairman Dr. Robb, requested donations be made to Andersonville POW museum, Camp Atterbury, and Flags for the St. Vith Memorial site. All were approved. The



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board approved the 2010 Reunion site, in Minneapolis, MN, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, September 21 to 26. We'll discuss details in a later issue — the Good Lord willing, we'll meet again in 2010!

The Board asked the incoming President, Rev. Black, to form a committee to review the plausibility of a By-Law change, that would allow Associate members to take a more active position in our Association. We did have a few Associate members at the reunion who indicated that they would appreciate the opportunity to have the 106th Association maintain its life. The committee will report back at the 2010 Reunion.

The Banquet will be remembered, not only for the fine food and music, the installing of our new President and Officers, but more so for the remarks of our outgoing President Harry Martin. Harry's unbelievable comic remarks had the Ballroom rocking with laughter! A

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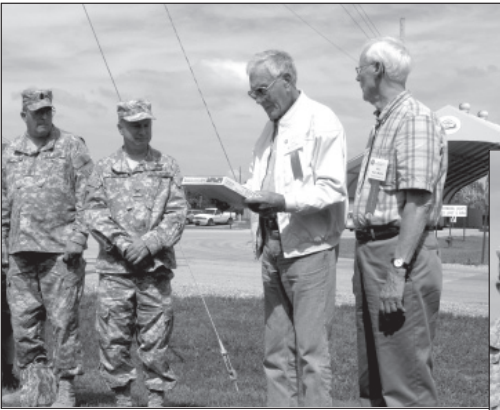
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professional script writer couldn't have written better material. We thank Harry for helping make our Banquet night a most pleasurable evening. We thank his lady Jackie, for her chairing the Ladies Luncheon.

We sent \$250 to Mr. Hans Wijers, our good friend in Belgium, who will provide the Wreath for our monument in St. Vith at the ceremony on

December 16, commemorating the Battle of the Bulge. He has been doing this for many years and we thanked him for his service to our Association. The holiday season will soon be with us and I wish to take this opportunity to wish all, a Healthy and Happy Holiday season.

Love ya,  
Murray Stein



***Murray Stein presents Colonel Todd Townsend, Camp Commander, Camp Atterbury with the 106th Flag flown over the Indiana State Capitol in honor of the reunion.***

***Photo from Edward Christianson (331st Med Bn)***

## Historian's Message . . .

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Our good friend and Associate member of the 106th Association, John D. Bowen, has provided me with some photos of men of the 106th in training and in action. These were found in the National Archives at College Park, MD and some probably have never before been published anywhere. Some are from the days of training in the USA and a few are from the days during the Battle of the Bulge and after, including the reconstitution ceremony at the bivouac near Rennes, France on 14 April 1945.



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**#245 -**  
*This photo shows two processed buddies examining a war souvenir. Pvt. Samuel P. Archino, rifleman and PFC Arthur B. Jebens, BAR man. The two worked together at*

*the Department of Agriculture, fought together in the 106th Infantry Division, and were prisoners in the same German prison camp. (Photo Source—National Archive)*



**#213 - High winds whip drifts against hedgerows and buildings in Wanne, Belgium, south of Stavelot, held by the 424th Inf. Reg., 106th Inf. Div. on 19 January 1945**



**#179 - March order is given and the 105mm howitzer is leveled and backed into the hitch of the 2&1/2 ton prime mover. 26 April 1943, Battery A, 589th FABn, Fort Jackson, SC.**



**#185 - Battery A, 590th FABn, 105mm howitzer crew adjusts rounds for firing. Fort Jackson, SC, 28 April 1943.**



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**#187 - 590th FABn 105mm howitzer crew preparing rounds for firing. Fort Jackson, SC, 29 April 1943.**



**#175 - Firing smoke shells from 81mm mortars supporting infantrymen of the 1st U.S. Army as they advance on a pillbox. 28 Feb. 1945, 424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division.**



**#166 - Starving American soldiers released from Nazi prison camps. Part of a group of 350 American soldiers taken prisoner by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge, 63 inmates of a German hospital received badly needed medical care from U.S. Army Medical Corps men after their release by 3rd U.S. Army troops in the German town of Fuchsmuhl. When found by the men of the 357th Inf. Reg. the hospitalized men were too weak to walk. These pictures show the result of a 35-mile forced march from Bad Orb, Germany, lack of proper medical attention, forced labor in a rock mine, and a starvation diet**



**#229 - 1st. Lt. Graham H. Cassibry, Richmond, VA, right, is congratulated by B.G. Gen. McMahon, left, following his receipt of the Air Medal at a ceremony in Stavelot, Belgium. Lt. Cassibry, a member of the 589th Field Artillery Battalion, 106th Inf. Div. 1st U.S. Army, received the award for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in Belgium on 18 December 1944. (Editor note: An L-4 aircraft had no pilot available to fly it to safety as the Germans were advancing on the field. Cassibry had no pilot rating, but climbed in the plane and took off, landing successfully near Bastogne.)**



**#153 - Weary soldiers in Belgium find some relaxation as they listen to the 106th Infantry Division Band and drink coffee served by Red Cross workers, 3 March 1945, 2nd Bn, 424 Reg, 106th Division at Losheim, Belgium, U.S. 1st Army.**



**#249 - Men of the 589th and 590th Field Artillery Battalions, 106th Division, 1st U.S. Army, stand at attention during a ceremony for presentation of colors and guidons to reconstituted members of the 106th Infantry Division. These few men are all that were left of their outfits after the Battle of the Bulge, 14 April 1945**

My heart is bursting with pride because I am included as a member of this 106th Division organization. Are we the "Greatest Generation," a term that has become popular? Maybe, maybe not. We performed well under the

circumstance we were thrust into. And, some, no, many, gave all. I feel sure that my father, and his generation, would have done the same under the same circumstances. Just read your history.

Regards, John Schaffner

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### **A follow-up on the von Manteuffel letter from our member and Past President, Jack Sulser.**

Dear John,

"The May-August issue of *The CUB* reached me just about the time you and, hopefully, many other veterans of the 106th would have been departing for the Indianapolis Reunion. I particularly enjoyed the 1970 letter from Hasso von Manteuffel to Bob Ringer which you supplied. He states he couldn't make the 1970 Reunion at St. Vith but made other visits to the U.S. As far as I'm aware, he never attended one of our reunions. I wouldn't agree with him that Whiting's "Decision at St. Vith" was "the best report about St. Vith and about the 106th Infantry Division." Actually, it made the 106th sound as though it had fled in panic in the face of the German assault. While I was President (1992-3), Whiting undertook to write another book, putting in better perspective our achievement in throwing von Manteuffel's timetable off by five days, as the General mentions. In my opinion, the best book by far on the 106th and the entire Bulge is Charles MacDonald's "A Time for Trumpets," but it wasn't published until 1984.

The main reason for this message is to tell you that I may be the only vet of the 106th who met von Manteuffel personally and spent several hours with him in my office pouring over detailed

maps of the battle area that he brought to our meeting. When I became Political Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Duesseldorf in 1954, my German assistant was Freiherr (the lowest rank of German aristocracy, equivalent of "Sir" in Britain) Egenolf von Berckheim, who had been a Captain in the German Army and was staff aide to von Manteuffel when the latter was commander of the German Armored School. When he learned that I had been in the Bulge, he arranged for his old boss — who was then a member of the German Parliament (Bundestag) and lived across the Rhine from D'dorf in Neuss — to call on me to discuss "our common experience." As though the 4-star General who commanded an entire army could have anything in common with a former buck sergeant who commanded a light machine gun squad and never knew from one minute to the next where the hell he was during those hectic few days of battle.

In any case, the ex-Gen was very cordial and friendly, bringing with him much better maps than I had gotten earlier from the U.S. Defense Attaché at the embassy in Bonn. We spent a couple of hours going over his maps in

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a minute-by-minute review of where each of us had been. Often, he had a better idea of where I probably was at a given moment than I had. Unlike U.S. generals, he was generally at the front, observing the action and making adjustments as the battle progressed. He told me that, prior to the German attack on December 16, he had donned a Colonel's uniform (so, if he were captured, we would not have known what a prize we had) and personally reconnoitered the American positions, noting the large gaps in our lines and the weakness of our positions. As a result, he decided to

minimize the frontal assault on the two forward regiments, instead concentrating on piercing the flanks and surrounding them.

Whenever I recall the meeting with von Manteuffel, I marvel again at the oddity of the situation where one of the most senior and respected German generals would be willing to take the time to call on a very junior U.S. foreign service officer for a personal review of one of the largest battles of WW II in which our roles could hardly be more opposite."

Best regards, Jack

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### **Jim West and *www.IndianaMilitary.org* Web site**

Jim West is slowly beginning to add all the issues of Camp Atterbury's *CAMP CRIER*, the weekly newspaper of the World War II era to *www.IndianaMilitary.org*. They contain tons of references to the 30th, 83rd, 92nd and 106th Infantry Divisions. All of 1942 issues are there now, and about half of 1943.

Jim stated that, "this is a major undertaking and will take time to complete. Should you find any errors,

please let me know. I will continue to add issues almost daily, so check back if the dates you want are not there yet. The copies are from much-used original microfilms. It is obvious that the person making the copies wasn't too interested in doing a good job. While most are decent copies, some are pretty hard to read. Plus many contain scratches from viewing in a microfilm viewer over the years. But, having said all that, I believe these are the best copies available."

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### **NEW CD #5 due out Next Year**

Jim West and John Schaffner are once again undertaking the huge task of putting together another CD containing more of the history and stories of the 106th Infantry Division.

If you still have a story to tell, contact either of these gentleman and let your tale be told.

Please see the inside back cover of this *CUB* for the current CDs available.

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## ***Treasurer's Report . . .***

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## **YOUR DUES MAY BE DUE**

If you are an ANNUAL member (not a LIFE member), your annual dues may be due. Our fiscal year ends on June 30 of each year. That is when you should pay \$10 for the next year. Please look at the first line of the address label on this issue of *The CUB*, it shows your "Paid To Date" date. If it is less than 6/30/2010, PLEASE send the proper amount to the following:

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If you would like an electronic list of the members' addresses, please contact Lyle Beeth, Membership Chair and Treasurer, at the address above or by e-mail at [beeth2@hotmail.com](mailto:beeth2@hotmail.com).

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### ***Announcements from the editor of The CUB of the Golden Lion***

Hello, my name is William A. McWhorter and I am the editor of *The CUB of the Golden Lion (The CUB)*. I am an admirer of your outfit and hope that I can assist in keeping open the lines of communication for our Association. With John Kline's retirement, he is graciously no longer accepting news items for publication in *The CUB*. Please, however, send news items that you would like reviewed for potential inclusion in upcoming issues of *The CUB* to me. Whenever possible please send them to my e-mail address (located

on the inside cover of this issue), if you do decide to send them via postal mail, if possible, please **print** your messages (it helps me get names spelled correctly). Thank you.

**Please report all changes of address and deaths to Lyle Beeth (424/AT) Treasurer and Membership Chairman.**

Finally, Sy Lichtenfeld (422/I) would like you to contact him if you are interested in serving on future Boards of the 106th Infantry Division Association. Sy's contact information is on the inside cover of *The CUB*.

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### **Letter to the Editor**

To the Editor and Publisher  
of *The CUB* magazine,

I have been told that I may have inadvertently forgotten to acknowledge our distinguished editor, William McWhorter and publisher, Susan Weiss, during my remarks at the banquet dinner at the last 106th Division Reunion in Indianapolis. Those of you who were present during my "closing remarks" may have noticed that I was slightly

nervous, somewhat bewildered yet amusing, but perhaps on the forgetful side. In my calmer state as past president, I want to be sure that these two people are immensely thanked for their tremendous contribution to our organization. *The CUB* is our past, our present, and, with their continued contributions, will be our future. To William and Susan, my apologies and my thanks.

Harry Martin

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### **Jim West of the *www.IndianaMilitary.org* Web site**

I just wanted to thank you all once again for the beautiful plaque presented me last night (at the annual reunion banquet) in Indianapolis. It is most appreciated and most humbling. To have been presented this, before a room full of true American Heroes was simply overwhelming. Perhaps the best part

of the evening, was to hear John Schaffner close his presentation with "He can share my foxhole anytime."

It was also wonderful to see some of the faces that have shared their stories with me and the Web site.

From James D. West  
Indiana Military

## **Darrell “Shifty” Powers (101st Airborne Division) passed away on Wednesday, 6.17.2009**

*Article from Hal Taylor 423/Cannon (via Murray Stein)*

We’re hearing a lot today about big splashy memorial services. Shifty volunteered for the airborne in WWII and served with Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, part of the 101st Airborne Division Infantry. If you’ve seen *Band of Brothers* on HBO or the History Channel, you know Shifty. His character appears in all 10 episodes, and Shifty himself is interviewed in several of them.

I met Shifty in the Philadelphia airport several years ago. I didn’t know who he was at the time. I just saw an elderly gentleman having trouble reading his ticket. I offered to help, assured him that he was at the right gate, and noticed the “Screaming Eagle,” the symbol of the 101st Airborne, on his hat. Making conversation, I asked him if he’d been in the 101st Airborne or if his son was serving. He said quietly that he had been in the 101st. I thanked him for his service, then asked him when he served, and how many jumps he made. Quietly and humbly, he said “Well, I guess I signed up in 1941 or so, and was in until sometime in 1945 . . .,” at which point my heart skipped. At that point, again, very humbly, he said “I made the five training jumps at Toccoa, and then jumped into Normandy . . . do you know where Normandy is?” At this point my heart stopped. I told him yes, I know exactly where Normandy was, and I know what D-Day was. At that

point he said “I also made a second jump into Holland, into Arnhem.” I was standing with a genuine war hero . . . and then I realized that it was June, just after the anniversary of D-Day.

I asked Shifty if he was on his way back from France, and he said “Yes. And it’s real sad because these days so few of the guys are left, and those that are, lots of them can’t make the trip.” My heart was in my throat and I didn’t know what to say. I helped Shifty get onto the plane and then realized he was back in coach, while I was in first-class. I sent the flight attendant back to get him and said that I wanted to switch seats. When Shifty came forward, I got up out of the seat and told him I wanted him to have it, that I’d take his in coach. He said “No, son, you enjoy that seat. Just knowing that there are still some who remember what we did and still care is enough to make an old man very happy.” His eyes were filling up as he said it. And mine are brimming up now as I write this.

Shifty died on June 17, 2009 after fighting cancer. There was no parade. No big event in the Staples Center (Los Angeles). No wall-to-wall, back-to-back 24x7 news coverage. No weeping fans on television. And that’s not right. Let’s give Shifty his own Memorial Service, in our own quiet away.

Rest in peace, Shifty.

## **New Bulge Monument Dedicated in Florida**

*This article was published in The Bulge Bugle, the National Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge Quarterly.*

*From Mr. Harry Kirby, Past President, VBOB Chapter 48*

On Veterans' Day 2008, Florida Golden Triangle Chapter 48 dedicated a new monument to the Battle of the Bulge in Eustis, FL. It is in beautiful lakefront Ferran Park and takes its place next to an impressive obelisk, erected in 1992, honoring all Lake County, FL veterans.

Assisted by VFW Post 8087, the dedication ceremony included a fly-over by vintage military aircraft and the Lake Concert Band. Wreaths were placed by numerous patriotic organizations. The principal speaker was the Chapter's Past President, Harry Kirby. More than 500 people attended the program.

When Kirby sought permission from the Eustis City Council to place a Battle of the Bulge monument in the city park, a newspaper reporter was present. He phoned Kirby the next day for more



information, resulting in a fine write-up in the paper with a front-page photo of current President, Fred Parks. Two days later checks started coming in, many with touching letters about relatives who had been in the battle. In about ten days, when added to the Chapter's own contributions, the Chapter had more than enough money to pay for the project. They then returned checks, with a note of thanks, suggesting the money be donated to other veterans' organizations.

This is the second BOB monument put in place by this VBOB Chapter. The first one, in Veterans Park, Ocala, FL, was funded by selling engraved bricks. It was dedicated on Veterans' Day 2003.

Two members, who live in Ocala, Kirby and Clarence Buckman, recently appeared on an hour-long radio program in which they told of the Battle of the Bulge experience. They also speak to local school history classes. Chapter 48 is now planning a Web site.



**Golden Triangle Chapter 48 Battle of the Bulge Monument, Chapter President, Fred Parks and Sgt Busier.**

## **Greetings from Belgium and Carl Wouters**

Chuck, Mary and Pat Lowery took a trip to Belgium and Germany recently and met up with Associate member, and a great friend of the 106th Infantry Division Association — Carl Wouters. These are two photos from their trip.



**Chuck Lowery and Carl Wouters  
at the Hotel Stadt Kreuznach.**



***A then and now comparison of "Hotel Stadt Kreuznach" (1944 and 2009). The back part of the hotel burned down after the war and was not rebuilt. The rest of the building has been updated over the years but still bears a striking resemblance 65 years later. The photo of the old hotel was from a brochure brought back by Chuck.***





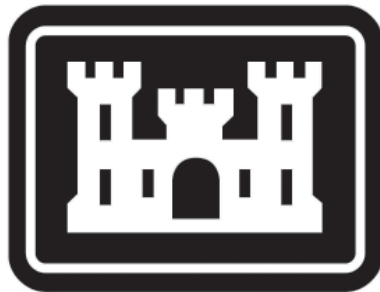
## **From U.S. Army Air Forces Cadet to U.S. Army Ground Forces Engineer**

*by Ralph Grooten 81st Engineers/Co. C*

I was sent to the 106th after being let out from pilot training with the air force in 1944. What a blow to a 19-year old who couldn't wait to fly a bomber and drop bombs on Hitler's home territory. The air force training came to a halt much to my despair and through no fault of mine; and then I was off to the 106th for additional training as an engineer. Picking up mines and placing charges on bridges to blow them up if necessary or remove the ones the Germans had placed in their hasty retreat. One Saturday, while we were at Atterbury, a group from Ft. Benning came in and showed a film at the theatre on how to be a paratrooper and the extra \$50 a month jump pay. That more than doubled my take home each month so off I went. While in training at Ft. Benning I married my sweetheart from Columbus, Ohio who I met while I was an aviation cadet at Lockbourne air base in Ohio.

Once the Battle of the Bulge got under way they came through Ft. Benning with a vacuum sweeper and had us on our way to Belgium. While in a chow line at a repo depot in Belgium I spotted a trooper with the 106th patch on his overcoat and a bandage on his head. I started a conversation with him and asked if the 106th was over here. His reply to me was, "I think I am all that is left of 106th." Only later did I meet some more 106th men when I was sent to the front.

After finding out about your organization I discovered one of my former employees Alton Litzenberger of Delaware was also a 106th Vet. We later joined the 106th Association. Some of the engineers may remember me as the accordion player. I dragged one of them around for years and played a lot, especially after a few beers.



## **A letter from Ronald A. Mosley** *(former Chaplain of the 424)*

*Submitted by Murray Stein*

Dear Comrade Murray:

“What a wonderful surprise I received on Sept. 13th at the open house for my 90th birthday! It was an emotional experience to receive the good wishes, not only for my birthday but also recognition from our beloved 106th Combat Infantry Division. This was engineered by my wife, Priscilla, working with Dan Hennessey, the Public Relations Chair of Branch No. 24 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Bridgewater, NS, and over 300 family and friends were present. What started out to be a local reception bloomed to be a community event. Ten family members came here for the weekend

from all over Canada and the USA. Dan Hennessey had been in touch with many people, and there were certificates and messages from our Governor-General on behalf of the Queen, the Prime Minister and Parliament, Nova Scotia’s Premier, and I even received the Key to the Town of Bridgewater.

The birthday cake was piped in by our bag piper. Nothing, I repeat nothing, was so unexpected than receiving the gorgeous plaque from the 106th. Of the 14 chaplains who entered combat with the 106th in the Ardennes, I am probably the only survivor as I was the youngest when I entered active duty

back in September 1943. I thoroughly enjoyed the time I was the Association Chaplain. I could not continue due to distance and health reasons. I moved back to Nova Scotia in 1972 when I had to take retirement for health reasons and have been active in the community and the province of Nova Scotia. For 30 years I wrote a weekly “peace and justice” column for local newspapers and served on several government and community boards and was President of UNICEF Nova Scotia.

Please extend my thanks, appreciation and good wishes to all our 106th-ers. Our band of brothers is unique and strong.”



## **Prisoner of War Pledge of Allegiance**

*Submitted by Murray Stein*

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG...

I am an American. I was a POW. I have served my country, I need no one to tell me what allegiance I owe to my flag...to my home...

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...

This is my country, I have fought for it. I have been imprisoned for it. I have died for it...

AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS...

This flag stands for me, for love. My love for my family. My love for my friends. I did not forsake it when I was beaten, when I was starved, when I was killed...

ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE...

I am one man. I have one country. I worship one God. Under God I was saved. Under God I have no fear...

WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL...

My allegiance is to Liberty, to Justice. My flag represents the best of myself, my effort, my home, my country, I will pledge allegiance to the flag, I will pledge under the love of God. It is my right, My privilege, My duty. I have earned it. Tell me not how! I have given you much. I am an EX-POW. Take nothing more from me.

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG...



## **106th Infantry Division Association's 2009 Reunion Indianapolis, IN**



*Camp Atterbury 1942 — Photo Courtesy of John Kline*



*Camp Atterbury 2009 — Photo by Susan Weiss*



*Those who took the bus tour to Camp Atterbury saw the Training facilities and the original Chapel — Photos by Janet Wood*



*The Wood Family at the 2009 Reunion Banquet — Photo courtesy of Wilma Wood*



## Front & Center . . .

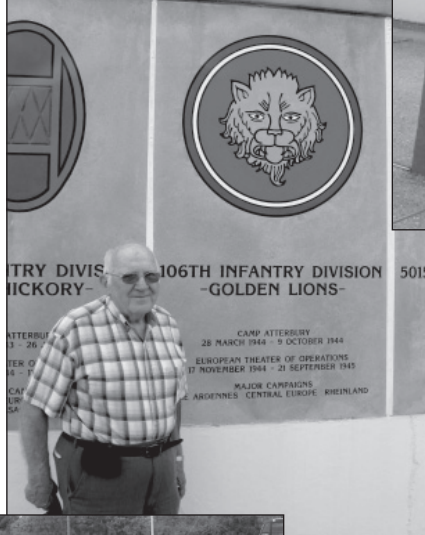


*(Above) John Schaffner in front of the items he's donated to the museum at Camp Atterbury*



*Memorial Wall of Honor Statue*

*Photo Courtesy of Edward Christianson (331st Med Bn)*



*(Right) Newt Weiss standing in front of the Memorial Wall of Honor at the 106th plaque at Camp Atterbury*

*Photos by Susan Weiss*

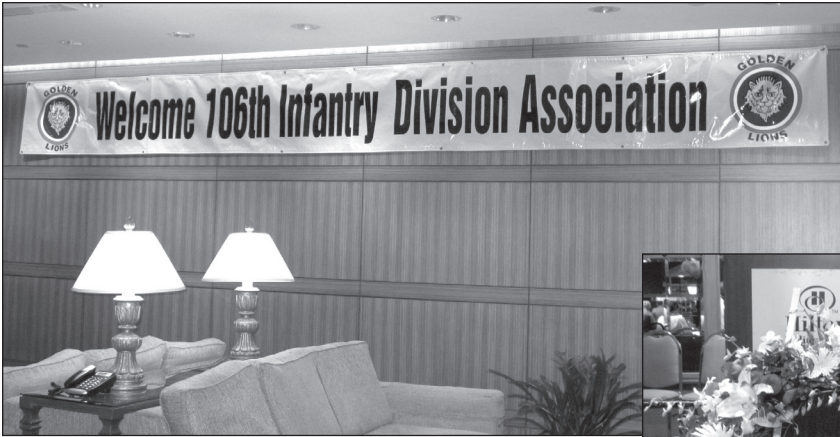


*(Left) John Schaffner taking a picture of the engraved brick that his contribution of \$25 got him on the Walk of Honor around the reflecting pool in front of the Memorial Wall of Honor at Camp Atterbury*

*Photos by Susan Weiss*



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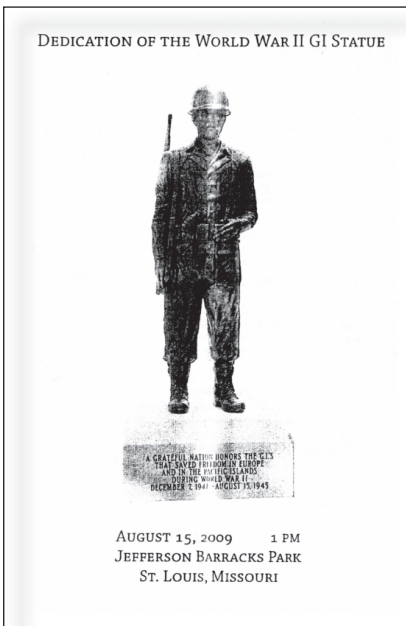


**Members of the 106th were greeted in the lobby of the Hilton by this great banner**

*Photos by Susan Weiss*



**The wreath dedicated at the Memorial service**



## Dedication of the World War II GI Statue

*August 15, 2009*

*Jefferson Barracks Park, St. Louis, MO*

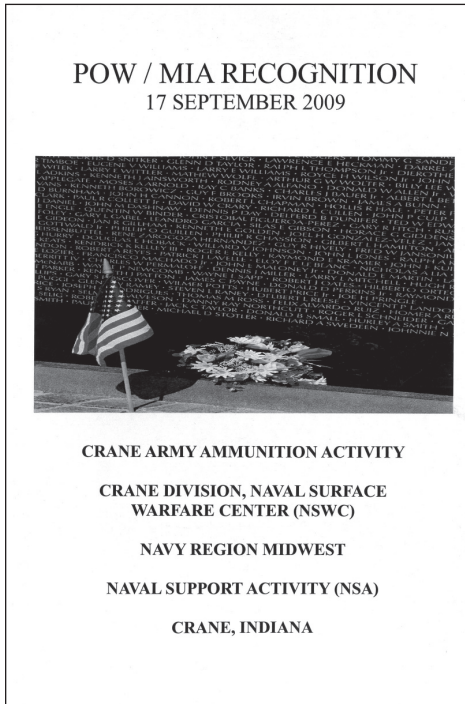
Emil Perko represented the 106th when he attended the dedication ceremony for the WWII GI Statue sponsored by the St. Louis Gateway Chapter Veterans, Battle of the Bulge.

The statue was made possible by generous donations to the project.

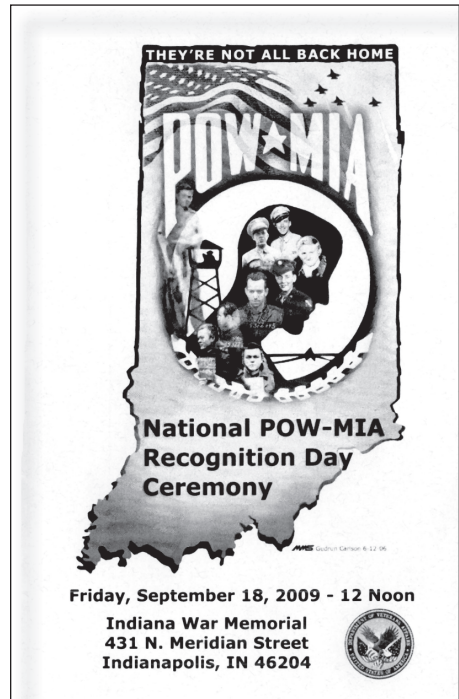
## Remembering America's Prisoners of War

*Submitted by Frank Trautman (422/D)*

Two recent events honored America's Prisoners of War and Golden Lions were there to represent their division and servicemen "brothers-in-arms."



Represented and honored at the September 17, 2009 "POW/MIA Recognition" event at Crane, Indiana were, Eugene Saucerman (422/D), Frank Trautman (422/D) and Paul Wagner (423/B).



Represented and honored at the September 18, 2009 "National POW-MIA Recognition Day Ceremony" in Indianapolis, Indiana were James W. Gardner (422/HQ 2nd BN), Frank Trautman (422/D) and Paul Wagner (423/B).

## Veterans and Family of the 106th Infantry Division's TATTOO Requests

Editor's Note: With space in *The CUB* at a premium, yet **Reunited Buddies and their Families** being an **Important Commodity**, I have created the following list [*in their own words*, if you will] of inquires submitted to me (indirectly) in hopes of helping people get in touch with the 106th I.D. Association family. The following are requests for information; feel free to contact them if you believe you can be of assistance. I have received permission from all listed below to print their inquiry and their contact e-mail (phone and address when available).

In addition, Associate member Connie Pratt Baesman, daughter of Lt. Gerald Pratt (Field Artillery) has been one of three people helping to manage the 106th's online 'message board' (set up by Jim West) for people to write an inquiry looking for comrades or for people who might have known a relative who is now gone. Sadly, some inquires sit unanswered when the answers may be out there with a reader of *The CUB* who doesn't use a computer. The list has gotten quite long and she has asked that whenever there is room in *The CUB* that we add a few of the requests.

You can find the following message and other searches on the 106th Message Board at the following web address: <http://106thdivision.proboards.com/index.cgi>

Eva Cram (niece of Albert L'Heureux) wrote the following: **Albert E. L'Heureux, CPL – 423/K** was my uncle. His youngest brother was only 14 during the war and remembers hearing that the POWs were in a rail yard when it was strafed and then taken by rail to a camp SSE of Berlin near Furstenberg (possibly Stalag III-B) close to the Polish border on the Oder River. He remembers

Albert saying that Russians released them, and about seven guys were able to start a German fire truck and used that to get back to France. We are putting Uncle Albert's WWII history together for a L'Heureux family reunion and hope to find soldiers that were with him who could help fill in the blanks.

Thank you so much! [evacram@charter.net](mailto:evacram@charter.net)



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## The Lion's Path

*By C.J. Kelly*

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## Where my brother served: The Battle of Manhay

*The following article is from John Mikalauskis (424/H); it is a letter sent to him by Mike Ciquero, Joseph Ciquero's brother. (Editor's Note: Although longer than a traditional Tattoo Request, I chose to place this article here, in the Tattoo Requests of The CUB, because of its similarity to requests and available space in this issue.)*

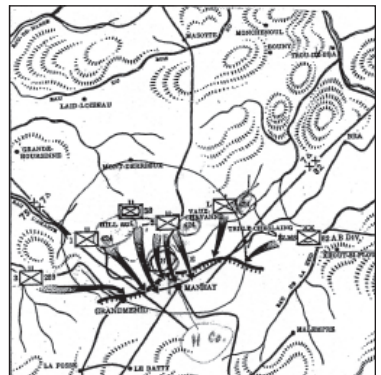
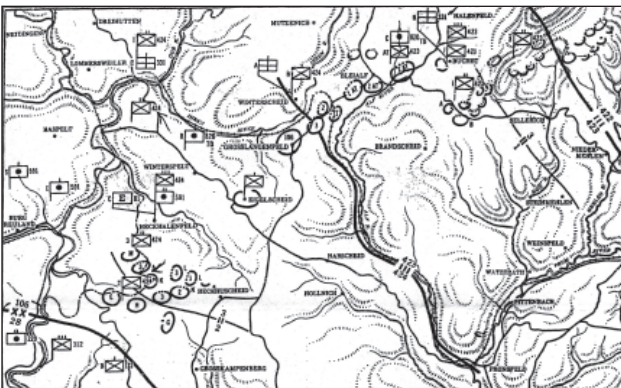
My name is Michael Ciquero and I have enclosed a letter that I give to every veteran I meet, the letter is self explanatory. I'm a WWII Navy Seabee yet I have a special reason for contacting you. I am now the only surviving veteran in my family. Since my brother Joseph's death, I have documented the military history of our family. I had also attempted to find out EXACTLY during which battle my brother was wounded on December 27, 1944. I might mention also that three months ago I became an associate member of the Veteran of the Battle of the Bulge's (VBOB) Delaware Valley Chapter of PA in honor of my brother. The guys here are great and have helped me gather information about The Battle of the Bulge.

Three months ago I met Chuck Laphan a VBOB who I met only because I spotted his "BOB" cap. After speaking with Chuck he invited me to one of their meetings and that's when I really started to get the help I needed,

I had done much searching in an attempt to gather as much information as possible so that I could learn more about these battles and hopefully I could eventually determine during which battle my brother was wounded. One of the guys gave me a list with all of the men of H Company who were with the 424th and you were one of the men whose name appeared on that list. This is why I have taken the opportunity to contact you and at the same time I am asking if you will also add your name to my list of veterans I personally meet.

If you knew my brother Joe, please tell me as much as you can about him? Based on the information I have accumulated, I am of the belief that Joe was wounded during the Battle of Manhay. I have enclosed a map of the Battle of Manhay. Again, any information that you can supply me with would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Mike Ciquero, a VBOB Associate



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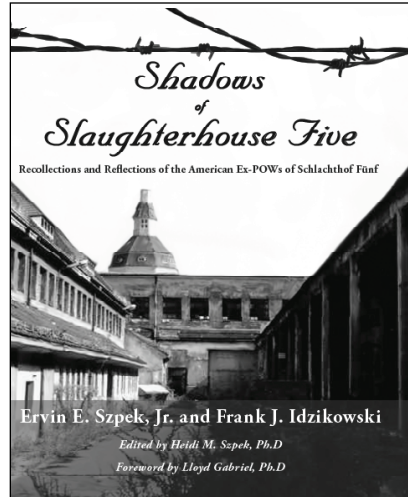
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## Shadows of Slaughterhouse Five

from Ervin Szpek Jr., Associate Member

Ervin Szpek Jr. (Associate Member) is pleased to announce after many years of research that his and his colleagues' book on the infamous *Arbeitskommando Slaughterhouse Five* has been released. Nearly every man of this POW work camp (near Dresden, Germany) originated from the 106th Infantry Division including former 106th Association President, Gifford Doxsee. The book is their story, in their words, and accounts for nearly every POW at the camp; it also chronicles the recollections and reflections of the 150 American Ex-POWs, many of whom are members of the Association. Newly released by iUniverse press at [www.iUniverse.com](http://www.iUniverse.com), the book is also available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and



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### 424/A Mini-Reunion

*Submitted by Ruth Stokes*

The third annual reunion of members of Company A, 424 Regiment, was held at the lake home of Hugh and June Shearin in North Carolina on September 13–16, 2009. Attending were Hugh and June, their daughters, Jan and Gaye with their husbands, Brad and Ray, J.D. Forsythe and daughter Deanna, Jesse Hight and daughter, Susan with her husband, Mike, as well as Dwight and Ruth Stokes and their son, Greg.

A highlight of the event was a visit from Bill and Sandra Cashion and Hugh Cashion. Bill is the son of Captain Cashion and Hugh is his nephew. Captain Cashion, Company A Commander, was captured on December 17, 1944, and died in a P.O.W. facility which was bombed by mistake in a British raid on a power plant on December 23, 1944. Harold and Caroline Johnson were also special guests. Harold's brother, Kenneth, was a member of Company A and was killed in Winterspeldt on December 17, 1944.

We all enjoyed good conversation, memories, good food, hikes, pontoon boat rides, jet ski rides, cards, etc. A good time was had by all. We plan to meet again next year if possible.



Veterans J.D. Forsythe,  
Hugh Shearin, Jesse Hight  
and Dwight Stokes.



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### 424/M Regiment – California Mini-reunion announcement

Milton Weiner — of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA — has sent out a letter asking members to RSVP for the December 13, 2009 mini-reunion for Company M of the 424th Regiment. Milton stated, “It is now time to remember the Bulge and express our thankfulness for survival. This will be our 23rd annual get-together.” Milton Weiner may be reached at the following: 310/544-0470.



## Memoriam . . .

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**Bauswell, Victor D.** 422/B  
—Date of Death: October 3, 2009  
429 Washington Ave., East Alton, IL  
62024-1319

*Victor Dean Bauswell a former member of Company B, 422 Infantry Regiment passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2009. While serving with the 106th Infantry Division, he was taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge. His wife Neida preceded him passing away on April 5, 2009. Victor was a consistent attendee at the local Mini-Reunions.*

**Behr, Richard H.** 423/SV  
—Date of Death: August 21, 2009  
11484 W Kansas Ave., Youngtown,  
AZ 85363-1653

*Mr. Behr was 90 when he passed away this year. He was a mechanic in the 106th Infantry Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was taken prisoner and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. After the war, he was a member of the Prisoner of War Chapter, and the DAV Chapter #1 in Phoenix. He leaves behind his wife (of 67 years) and widow Bernelia and his son Keith.*

**Datte, Charles** 591/SV  
—Date of Death: November 3, 2009  
231 Davis Ave., Clifton Heights, PA  
19018-1420  
*Widow, Nancy*

**Facey, Kenneth** 106/MP  
—Date of Death: 10/24/2009  
4200 Smithfield Ct., Evans, GA  
30809-4096

**Goldstein, Elliott** 589/Hq  
—Date of Death: September 10, 2009  
1201 W Peachtree St. NW FL 14,  
Atlanta, GA 30309-3488

*Elliott Goldstein, a leader of the American corporate bar, died at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, GA. An Atlanta native, he was a partner in the law firm of Bryan Cave Powell Goldstein which he joined in 1939. He was a nationally prominent corporate and securities lawyer and founded the firm's Washington, DC office in 1977. In addition, Mr. Goldstein was a decorated World War II veteran and active in Atlanta community and cultural affairs. He was married to Harriet (Weinberg) Goldstein until her death in December, 2004. He is survived by his daughters, Lily Friedlander and Ellen Goldstein; his grandson Jesse Friedlander; his wife Shelly, and great grandson Adin Zachry.*



## Memoriam . . .

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**Grivetti, Louis G** 423/K

—Date of Death: January 20, 2009

*After a short illness, Mr. Grivetti died from Cruetzfeld Jakob Disease. SSGT Louis Grivetti was retired from the U.S. Army after spending 22 years all over the world. He is also retired from Corning Glass Works after working 22 years. He was a Boy Scout Leader and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award from President Ronald Regan. Louis was active in the American Ex Prisoners of War and was an active member of the OKI Chapter in Cincinnati, OH. Louis helped establish the Daniel Boone Chapter in Lexington, KY and also served as Kentucky State Commander. As a POW he was held in Stalag 4-B. He spoke at numerous schools and universities on his POW experience. He is survived by a daughter Louise Grivetti and two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Robert.*

**Hillstrom, Jack L.** 423/C

—Date of Death: November 14, 2009

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*Widow, Soontaree*

**Justice, Gilbert W.** 592/SV

—Date of Death: June 2008

1990 Neptune Rd., Ashland City, TN 37015-6172  
*Widow, Marilyn*

**Kane, Roger M.** 423/AT

—Date of Death: July 2, 2009

5805 W. Greenfield Ave.,  
Milwaukee, WI 53214  
*Widow, Patricia*

**McManamon, Hugh T.** 423/MED

—Date of Death: July 2, 2009

6211 Mariana Dr., Parma Heights, OH 44130-2837  
*Widow, Margaret*

**Sziber, Frank V.** 81st ENG/C

—Date of Death: November 14, 2009

12 Bunnvale Rd., Califon, NJ 07830-4137

**Weber, Robert D.** 422/H

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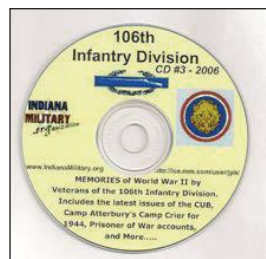
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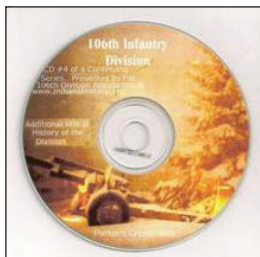
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