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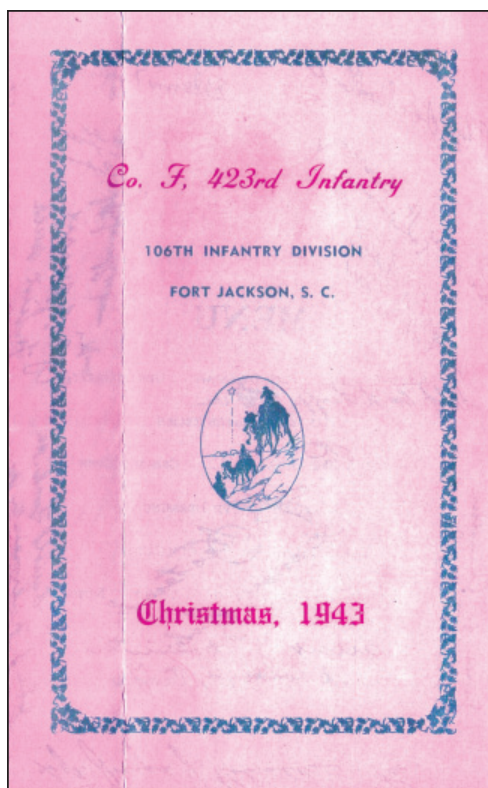
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Christmas Dinner 1943 with Company F 423rd Infantry at Fort Jackson, SC

Read why the Editor of
The CUB of the Golden Lion
selected this story for the cover and
see the menu's inside pages and
back cover starting on page 16.

The Christmas Dinner menu cover for
Company F, 423rd Infantry Regiment.



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President's View . . .

Imagine my surprise when reading the Atlanta paper this morning (6/7/10), I came upon a picture of "One of Our Own." There on a page concerning the celebrating of D-Day was a picture of William Duane Bush in his World War II jacket with the 106th Infantry Division Patch on the shoulder! It is great to know that we have 106th brothers who are still able to journey back to a ceremony such as this.

As we get ever closer to our 64th Reunion, I am certain that most of you are counting the days when we can all celebrate the times we had together in our youth as members of our 106th Infantry Division. I realize, again, how indebted we are to our fellow 106th brothers who brought our Association into being so long ago. This extends, also, to those fine brothers who have worked so diligently over the years to make it the fine Association that we have enjoyed over the years. If I began to include names I am certain that I would miss some who should be included. Therefore I leave it to each of you to call to mind who they were.

So many of us who survived the Battle of the Bulge and those who survived as POWs realize just how much we have been blessed. We have enjoyed loving wives, children, grand-children and for many great-



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grandchildren, etc. We have led full lives in chosen professions. We have established great friendships with old and new friends. Now in our 80s and 90s we can still come together yearly to celebrate and enjoy one-another.

I hope each has enjoyed a great summer and I look forward to greeting each of you and your loved ones in Minneapolis in September.

Ewell



President's View . . .

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)

Acting Chaplain's Message . . .

I share with you these words from the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 53 selected verses.

“For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or comeliness that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hid their faces and he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”

“Surely he has borne our grieves and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we

like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, he was stricken for the transgression of my people?”

This is the Old Testament description of what the Messiah would look like! Yet the picture that we carry of Him, done by European artists is of a tall handsome white man with long blond hair.

Rev. Ewell C. Black Jr.

The Adjutant's Message . . .

My Brothers,

We will be meeting for our 64th Reunion, shortly after you receive this issue of *The CUB*! Seems like yesterday, we were preparing to enjoy our 63rd Reunion in Camp Atterbury. What a marvelous experience for all of us who were there! As for Reunion 2011, our Board of Directors has decided to discuss a couple of sites, when we meet in Minnesota at our Business Meeting, Friday, September 24, 2010.

A 106th Infantry Division Chaplain (424th Reg.), Reverend Ronald A. Mosley, was honored on the occasion of his 90th Birthday in Nova Scotia, Canada in September 2009. Our Board of Directors approved a beautifully-worded plaque, to be presented at the event. A copy of Reverend Mosley's letter of appreciation is printed in this issue of *The CUB*.

At our 2009 Reunion in Indianapolis, Barbara and I had the good fortune to meet an outstanding young man, Mr. Tom Roberts, son of our past President Mr. Jack Roberts. Keeping in touch with Tom, we became aware of the horrific ordeal he has gone thru, resulting in the amputation of his feet. Tom's unbelievable adjustment to this physical change, speaks volumes to the courage and inner strength of this young man!

In April, Barbara and I cruised from Ft. Lauderdale to England. We visited Bermuda; Glasgow, Scotland; Dublin and Cork, Ireland; Falmouth, UK; Le Havre, France and ended in Southampton, UK. We were at sea when we were informed that volcanic ash from Iceland was causing airports,



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including Heathrow in England to be closed. We attempted to make arrangements to stay on the ship, but fortunately, when we docked, we were told that our flight home was on time!

An interesting visit in Glasgow — we were shopping for gifts for our grandchildren, and mentioned to the store clerk, I landed in Glasgow 66 years ago, before we went over to France. He looked at me and said, "How Old Are You?" We had a good laugh!

My Brothers, time is not our friend now, soooo let's not waste an opportunity to spend some time together, when we can. I look forward to saying hello to my buddies, who were there with me, those many years ago!

Love ya,
Murray Stein

Historian's Message . . .

It's not a secret, guys. The word is out. If you have the campaign medal (Spam Ribbon) for European African Middle East listing service in Northern France, Southern France or Ardennes, the French Government wants to decorate you with the **Legion of Honor**. France is serious about this. Just get in touch with the nearest French Consulate (there are eleven of them in the USA) and tell them that you think you are eligible. They will send you the forms (yes, there are forms) to fill out and submit. It takes a while to process, but eventually, (in my case two years) you will get an invitation to appear at the nearest Consulate or Embassy to be awarded your medal for participating in the liberation of France. You will have to appear. They do not mail the medal.

The award ceremony is conducted at the French Embassy or at a Consulate nearest your home with the usual pomp and circumstance. Your immediate family (or close friend) is invited to attend with you. To apply you will need copies of your supporting paper work, i.e. Discharge, Service Records, and records of any other awards you may have received. Some of us have done this and it is a rewarding experience, even at this late date. It is an impressive medal, created by Napoleon in 1802 after the French Revolution to honor those who have served France. It comes with a certificate that you will be proud to frame and display. I don't consider myself any kind of hero, and it is not as much a question of what you or I did as individuals. It is the fact that we Americans, because of our collective



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force, drove out the Nazi tyranny and restored Freedom, Equality, and Liberty to the Republic of France. France wants to express their appreciation to those of us who were there. Make that telephone call.



At the ceremony in the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. on March 10, 2010.
L-R: Paul Schaffner (son), John Schaffner, Jeanne Buchanan, (daughter), Bob Schaffner (son), and Lil Schaffner.

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Historian's Message . . .

As I sit here writing this our Memorial Day is fast approaching. It will have come and gone again before you have this to read. For too many of our (mostly younger) citizens it will be a holiday weekend for pleasurable family activities of some kind. Many years ago the holiday was established with much more in mind. This nation had lost such a great number of its citizen soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines in order to preserve our freedom that the very least we could do was to set aside one day a year when they would be remembered. The War to End All Wars didn't end all wars. Today the

United States still has its young men and women at the far corners of the world doing what is necessary for us to live in peace back home. Be assured they would rather be here with us celebrating. Too many of them will not be coming home. It is up to us to do the remembering by participating in celebrating their contribution to our nation. I hope that where ever it is possible you will be one of those who will be paying tribute to our fighting men and women who went off to war on your behalf. Be a part of the big parade, wave the flag of our great nation, and remember, just remember.



1st Lt. Krynski of Bay Shore, L.I., N.Y. asks British MP for location of medical supply depot in Belgium as his driver waits. The officer's medical unit was caught in the German counter-offensive. They evacuated prisoners but were forced to abandon medical supplies.

***331st Medics, 106th Infantry Division
16 Jan 1945. ETO***



Deep mud in road near Losheimergraben, Germany, makes travel almost impossible for ordinary vehicles. Supplies brought in as far as possible by trucks are transferred to Weasels that can cross mud holes easier.

***2nd Battalion, 424th Infantry Regiment,
106th Infantry Division 19 Feb 1945. ETO***

Historian's Message . . .



G.I. ingenuity created this battlefield shower out of discarded pieces of wood and a patched sprinkling can. It is crude but efficient.

**591st Field Artillery
Battalion,
106th Infantry
Division,
23 February 1945. ETO**



Among high ranking Nazi officers taken with the entire Corps by the 7th Armored Division of the First U. S. Army at Menden, Germany was monocular Lt. Col. Heinz Guderian, G-3 of the Nazi 116th Panzer Division and son of Field Marshall Heinz Guderian.

16 April 1945. ETO



The war comes home to Germany as German supplies fall to the enemy. Here a train load of German equipment captured by an infantry division of the First U.S. Army sits just outside Antweiler, Germany.

9 March 1945. ETO



At a Memorial Day ceremony at Ittenbach American Military Cemetery. Pfc Donald R. Erway, Oakland, Cal. Sounds Taps. Erway is a member of the 159th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Battalion, 106th Infantry Division.

30 May 1945. ETO

Historian's Message . . .



Ten rounds... check. Brass cases will be used again. Ft. Jackson, S.C.,

*Battery B, 592nd Field Artillery Battalion,
106th Infantry Division. 28 April 1943.*



Gun crew stacks 155mm projectiles in preparation for practice firing near the post. Ft. Jackson, S.C.,

*Battery B, 592nd Field Artillery Battalion,
106th Infantry Division. 28 April 1943.*



In rendezvous area all vehicles parked there are camouflaged. Here the Instrument Section strikes ideal camouflage. Ft. Jackson, S.C.

*Battery A, 589th Field Artillery Battalion,
106th Infantry Division. 26 April 1943.*

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 gentlemen and let your tale be told.

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

Treasurer's Report . . .

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Veterans	874
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Total Members	1,235

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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 **6/30/2011**, 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.

Front & Center . . .

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. Please 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 (williammcwhorter17@gmail.com), if you do decide to send them via postal mail, if possible, please type or 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), Association Treasurer and Membership Chairman.

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 slich44@bellsouth.net and is also located on the inside cover of *The CUB*.

Just a reminder . . .

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

- 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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Editor's Notification:

Correction: In the last issue of *The CUB*, (Vol. 66, No. 1) on page 19 the photo caption should have read, "Harold Power (**422/C HQ**) of Houston, Texas receives the Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf clusters from U.S. Representative Ted Poe."

Correction: The last issue of *The CUB* (Vol. 66, No. 1) indicated on page 30 under the Southern California Mini-Reunion that Mr. Eric Vonderhorst was in the 423/M. It should have read **423/F**.

Correction: For the death notice in the Memoriam for Dorayne M. Paulson (423/HQ 2BN) in the last issue of *The CUB* (Vol. 66, No. 1). Dorayne passed away on January 4, **2010**. Reported by Betty J. Bohn, 1671 250th Avenue, Luck, Wisconsin 54853-3925.

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

Associate member Jim West has created an excellent Web page at the following address:
<http://www.indianamilitary.org/106ID/Cubs-106/InfoRequest.htm>

It is hoped that this new Web page will increase awareness of the 106th Infantry Division Association, and perhaps our membership. Check it out at your earliest convenience.



Join up with the veterans of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

No need to be a veteran, all one needs is an interest in WW II and we will welcome you to become an Associate Member with all of the privileges.

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Attend our National and Local Meetings

Take an active part in the organization

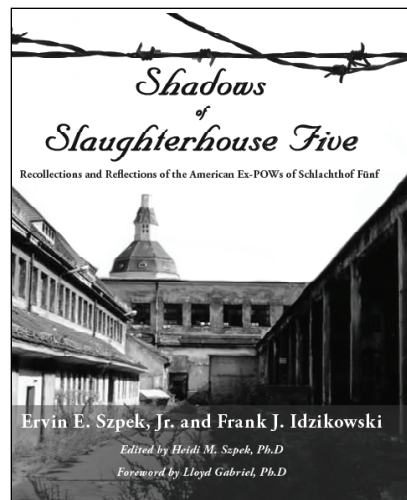
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Shadows of Slaughterhouse Five

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, the book is also available at www.amazon.com and



www.BarnesandNoble.com. With best wishes for 2010 and with appreciation for your efforts — thank you.

The Battle for Bleialf

by Carl Wouters, Associate Member

Today, Bleialf seems like a small picturesque town. It lies just across the Belgian border into Germany at the base of the Alf creek, in the shadow of the Schnee Eifel ridge. In December 1944 a hard-fought battle engulfed the town and the rest of the Ardennes region during the last desperate stand of the German army.

The town of Bleialf was considered as a vital target by the Germans as it was the key to one of two vital road networks joining up at Schönberg. Holding the Southern end of the Schnee Eifel was the 423rd Infantry Regiment, with its 1st and 3rd Battalions on the line in the bunkers of the Siegfried Line atop the ridge. After the intense artillery barrage, announcing Hitler's last offensive, German troops of the 293rd Regiment of the 18th Volksgrenadier Division began to pound Bleialf from the South in force, driving the Antitank Company back, house by



Troops of the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division enter Bleialf on September 14, 1944. The region would later be occupied by units of the 2nd Infantry Division before the 106th Infantry Division took over in December 1944.

house. Antitank Company repulsed several enemy attacks and aided by the Cannon and Service Companies, a provisional battalion was formed. Also on the first day, men of the 81st Engineers and the 423rd Regimental HQ Company joined the fight and were successful in driving the German forces out of Bleialf. Around noon Lt. Colonel Frederick W. Nagle, the Regimental XO, took command of the composite group. The group held out till noon the next day, December 17, when the Germans assaulted the town and succeeded in capturing it. That same day, the pincers of the enemy column that had taken Bleialf met up in Schönberg with another column that had broken through in the sector of the 14th Cavalry, North of the area held by the 422nd Infantry Regiment. The trap had been set.

Against overwhelming forces, the units surrounded in the Schnee Eifel-Schönberg area continued the fight for two more days. Out of ammo, food and water, the surrounded units were forced



Although nearly 66 years have passed, the view remains amazingly similar. This is the Auwer Straße, the main street.

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to surrender. Many men of the 106th Infantry Division captured that day were forced into the churchyard at Bleialf on the evening of December 19th. The Pfarrkirche St. Marien (Saint Mary's church) has a history dating back to the 12th Century. The men spent their first night as prisoners of the Third Reich in the shadow of the monumental 134 foot tower, before continuing on further into Germany towards the railway station at Gerolstein and the Stalags.



At the beginning of February 1945, Bleialf again exchanged hands as it was recaptured by the 4th Infantry Division during the drive on Prüm. The 106th Infantry Division was still in the game: at the exact same time the 424th Regimental Combat Team was tackling the Germans North of St Vith. When the guns were silent, finally, peace had come to the area...



**From the Printing Press
of *The Boston Globe*:
January 22, 1945**

Carl Wouters, Associate member of the 106th Infantry Division sent the following war correspondent's article about the fate of the 422nd and 423rd Infantry Regiments of the 106th Infantry Division, carried in *The Boston Globe* on January 22, 1945. Thanks to John Schaffner as well for this submission.

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What Were the Russians Doing?

by Francis X. Parkinson

The following is an open letter from Francis X. Parkinson (Former S/SGT 423/B) asking for information. Mr. Parkinson's mailing address is below the letter should you wish to write to him.

To Whom This May Concern:

I was captured December 19, 1944, and after about two weeks, was shipped to Stalag IV-B at Muhlenberg, Germany. The stalag was 10 kilometers east of the Elba River. On May 8, 1945 the war came to a halt. The Germans left the stalag the night before. The Russians came in to take control. There were about 15,000 people in the stalag. The Russians allowed any or all [to leave] but Americans and British prisoners.

I and all of the GIs went to Riesa, Germany and were put in a military camp. They put armed guards in the guard towers as well as the one gate. Two days later a GI truck came to the gate, no one was released then and after about 10 days they stopped coming. One truck was allowed in every morning with a driver, Chaplain and a Red Cross person. The truck was loaded with food and a tarp was put on the bed of the truck.

After seeing this routine, which lasted about 10 days, I tried and succeeded in hiding under the tarp. I got lucky. I met an Ex-GI here, who was there at that time. He told me he was there another two weeks before the Russians allowed them to get in the trucks and returned to freedom. Can ANYONE please explain to me what the heck that was all about? I tried the War Department [Department of Defense] and they didn't even answer my request.

Thank you for any effort,

*Francis X. Parkinson
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106th Infantry Division Bolo Ties

A mix-up on a recent order for Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge [VBOB] bolo ties resulted in the VBOB's supplier sending them 50 (fifty) 106th Infantry Division bolo ties. The supplier now has these on hand and the VBOB would like to help him move them. He has been a faithful supplier to them for over 20 years and the VBOB wants to help.

If you would like to purchase a 106th I.D. Bolo Tie contact Mr. Leslie L. Brown at (918) 742-7133. You can then send check payments to him at 4132 East 36th Place, Tulsa, OK 74135.

Yet, Another Fine Example of How the Dutch Have Not Forgotten the U.S. Army

The following is an article submitted by John Schaffner (589/A FA)

The 106th Infantry Division Association has more than one friend in Europe who values their freedoms probably as much as anyone can. Mr. Pieter Schlebaum lives in Holland and has a serious interest in World War II history, the 106th Infantry Division, and especially those Americans who were about his age when their lives were lost in the act of restoring freedom to Europe. The graves of American soldiers are regularly “adopted” by families and individuals who live near the American Military Cemeteries in Europe. John Schaffner ventures to say, “all of the American graves have been adopted.” Please enjoy the associated photos for this article and the words of Mr. Pieter Schlebaum.



The three crosses (grave markers) are men who served in the 589th FA.



Far Right: Mr. Pieter Schlebaum in front of the Waal Bridge at Nijmegen.



According to Mr. Schlebaum, the Waal Bridge was captured during a daring raid by soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division during Operation Market Garden. They crossed the Waal a couple of hundred meters downstream to attack the bridge from the other side, while tanks from the British XXX Corps tried to break through the German defenses at the bridge end in the city center at the same time. You may know this raid from the movie *A Bridge Too Far*.

In addition to the visit to the Waal Bridge at Nijmegen, Mr. Schlebaum visited the American Cemetery at Margraten, Holland. Pieter stated, “I have adopted the grave of an American pilot there. I also took a moment to visit the graves of 2nd Lieutenant Francis O’Toole, 1st Lieutenant Ewing McClelland and Private John Simcox. I have attached pictures of the gravestones.”

From the editor of The CUB of the Golden Lion, I say to Mr. Pieter Schlebaum, thank you for remembering America’s war dead, and the veterans who served alongside these heroes.

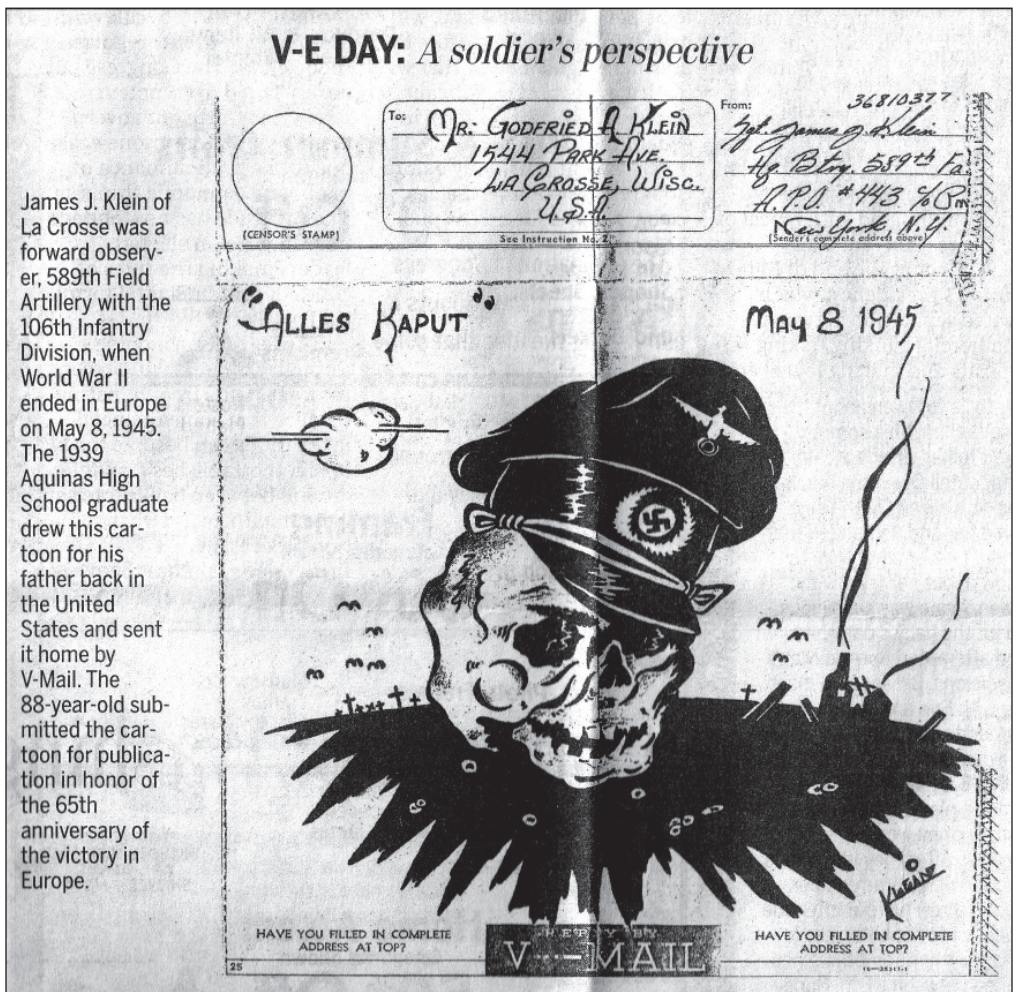
V-E Day: A Soldier's Perspective

by James J. Klein

106th Infantry Division Veteran James J. Klein (589th FA) drew the following cartoon on the day he and his buddies learned that the war in Europe was over (May 8, 1945). Mr. Klein's cartoon was recently published (May 9, 2010) in the La Crosse Tribune (WI) and appears below.

The article reads, "James J. Klein of La Crosse was a forward observer,

589th Field Artillery with the 106th Infantry Division, when World War II ended in Europe on May 8, 1945. The 1939 Aquinas High School graduate drew this cartoon for his father back in the United States and sent it home by V-Mail. The 88-year old submitted the cartoon for publication in honor of the 65th anniversary of the victory in Europe."



On the Cover:

Why I Chose This Image for the Front Cover

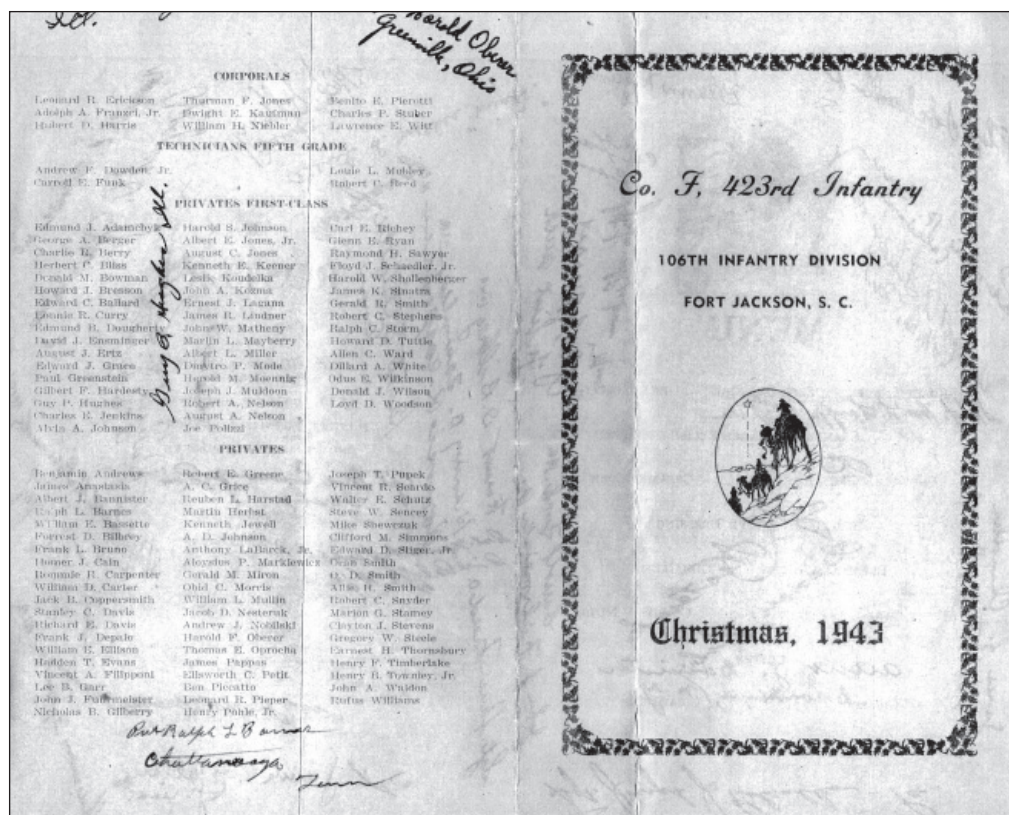
As Editor of *The CUB of the Golden Lion*, I choose this article for the cover for two reasons:

First of all to thank you, the many veterans of the 106th Infantry Division who continually send in articles to the officers of the 106th Infantry Division Association for publication in the Association's tri-yearly *CUB of the Golden Lion*.

The second reason was to pay tribute to the many Golden Lions who started off their U.S. Army careers with the 106th Infantry Division, but due to illness, promotion, transfer as a

replacement due to overseas unit losses, or for whatever reason, where not with the Division when it landed en mass in Northern Europe in late 1944. As well as, the Golden Lions who joined the Division after the Battle of the Bulge in early 1945. Whether you were with the 106th Infantry Division from start to finish, or for a short while, to me, you are all Golden Lions and I thank you for your service.

The above image was submitted via Lyle Beeth, from I believe Mr. Glynn Raby of Memphis, Tennessee.



Two Golden Lions Riding In Style



Pictured in the back seat are: Ex POWs Marion Ray and John Rain

Golden Lion John C. Rain (589th FA/B) provided this terrific photo and article of himself and fellow Golden Lion Mr. Marion Ray. The photo was taken at the Alton, Illinois Memorial Day Parade. According to Mr. Rain, this is the oldest continual Memorial Day commemoration in the U.S., dating back 143 years. Mr. Ray and Mr. Rain are chauffeured by Mr. Rain's granddaughter Rachael and great-grandson Noah.

The Lion's Path

By C.J. Kelly



In December 1944, a raw American infantry division has its baptism of fire in the Battle of the Bulge. Caught up in this maelstrom of death and destruction are two very different Americans. Trapped behind enemy lines, they experience the horror of war and a humanity borne of sacrifice.

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Ronald A. Mosley (424/Chaplain) Celebrated 90 Years Young in 2009

106th Infantry Division Association Adjutant, Murray Stein (423/I) submitted the following article, a thank you letter from Reverend Ronald A. Mosley (424/Chaplain) to the 106th Infantry Division Association.

Dear Comrade Murray:

What a wonderful surprise I received on September 13th [2009], 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, Nova Scotia, 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 in 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's 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. I am.

*Sincerely,
Ronald A. Mosley,
late Chaplain 424th Inf Regt*

**Ron Mosley's 90th Birthday,
September 13, 2009**



The 106th Infantry Division Association Wreath at Camp Atterbury

Many of you will no doubt remember the article and photo below from last year's *May-August 2009, Volume 65, No. 2 issue of The CUB*. In that article, Golden Lion veteran Damon F. Young (423/D) is joined by Golden Lion James W. Gardner (422/2nd BN/HQ) in a photo from the August 2008 annual memorial services held at Camp Atterbury.

Mr. Gardner wrote the staff at *The CUB* this follow-up article to the one pictured below. Sadly, Damon Young can no longer make the trip from West Virginia to Camp Atterbury. Mr. Gardner, a Purple Heart recipient

and former prisoner of war, informed *The CUB* staff that he has helped lay a wreath at the memorial service for several years. Last year a wreath was laid, and as long as Mr. Gardner can continue to make the trip over from Shelbyville, IN a wreath will be laid this August at the annual memorial services held at Camp Atterbury. Mr. Gardner specifically mentioned that he certainly does miss Phil Cox and his contribution to this endeavor. Please join the staff of *The CUB* in wishing Mr. Gardner well as he continues to carry out this truly respectful mission to the men of the 106th Infantry Division.

Laying the wreath at Camp Atterbury

Golden Lion veteran Damon F. Young (423/D) submitted the following photo of the August 2008 annual memorial services held at Camp Atterbury. Young has participated in this ceremony every year from 1992 to 2006, as well as last year. Young knows the importance of this year's memorial service and hopes that the Association will

be able to lay a wreath under the 106th Infantry Division crest at the memorial wall at Camp Atterbury.

Pictured left to right are James Gardner (HQ 2BN/422), Phil Cox (423/B) and Damon F. Young (423/D) representing the 106th I.D. at the 2006 memorial services at Camp Atterbury.

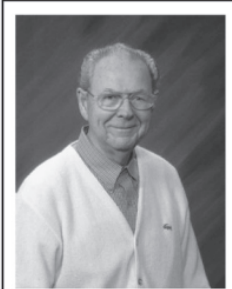


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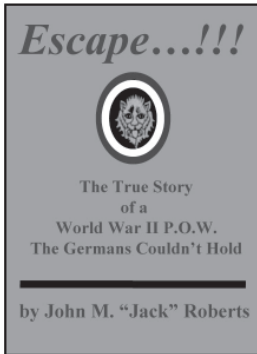
Announcing

. . . the arrival of the book
YOU CAN'T PUT DOWN!!!

This book was written about the experiences Jack Roberts had while in combat when serving with the 106th Infantry Division during WWII which highlights being ambushed and captured by the Germans on the first day of the Battle of the Bulge in December, 1944.



John M. "Jack" Roberts



He goes into a detailed account of his harrowing escape while being marched behind enemy lines as a Prisoner of War. Early chapters let you learn about Jack's youth including military training leading up to his capture and finishes with his adjustment to civilian life with its rewards.



BOOK MAILING INFORMATION

QUESTIONS? Contact Jack at jmr810@aol.com or telephone (248) 338-2667

Price of book ("**ESCAPE....!!!**") is \$23.95 (plus \$4 for shipping and handling) = \$27.95

Number of books _____ @ \$27.95 = _____

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Make check payable to **John M. Roberts** and return the bottom of this form to him with your check to :

John M. Roberts
1059 Alter Road
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304

(Please print)

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your City: _____ Your State: _____ Your ZIP: _____

Veterans and Family of the 106th Infantry Division TATTOO Requests

With space in *The CUB* at a premium, yet Reunited Buddies and Their Families an important commodity, the editor of *The CUB of the Golden Lion* created the following list [In Their Own Words, most often] of inquires submitted to me 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. *The Cub* staff has 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 Baseman, 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 messages like these below, along with other searches on the 106th Message Board at the following Web address: <http://106thdivision.proboards.com/index.cgi>

424th, Company E, Where Are You?

Ernest E. Nevins, a Battle of the Bulge Veteran and member of the 106th Infantry Division Association would like to make contact with any members of his old unit. If you are a member of the 424/E please give Mr. Nevins a call at 931/231-6797.

Information about James R. Blauch, Co. A/423rd Infantry Regiment

Mr. Blauch's son (Joe Blauch) writes that his deceased father (2005) was a BAR gunner while serving with the Golden Lions. Wounded on both 12/17 and 12/19 during the Battle of the Bulge, Mr. Blauch did not wish to speak much about the war. Joe Blauch is trying to piece together Mr. Blauch's wartime service history. He has the names of some of the men who were PWs with Mr. Blauch in Stalag XI-B (January 5–15) and at Stalag II-A on January 19 and later moved to "Arbeit" work camp on March 3, 1945.

Joe Blauch presumes that most of the men listed below were from Stalag II-A. Joe Blauch would be interested in speaking with anyone who knew his father or can give him any connecting information about his father's fellow PWs:

John Barry, Lewisburg, WV; William Beale, Joplin, MO; James R. Blauch, Lebanon, PA; Richard Bock, Colorado Springs, CO; Tom Culley, Cleveland, OH; Coles W Dutcher, Bronx, NY; Barney A Frost, Waterville, ME; Julian Gorski, Chicago, IL; Ed Groghan, Brooklyn, NY; Fred Harrison, Portland, OR; Robert Hooker, Roxbury, MA; Wilbern Lavghlin, Houston TX; Kenneth Loverin, Edin Mills, VT; Robert Ludwig, Canton, OH; Francis McElliott, Louisville, KY; Richard McRoberts, Greene, IA; Stanley Malecki, Cleveland, OH; Robert Martin, Palo Alto, CA; William K Millar, Melrose, MA (84th Infantry Division); Gilbert Pachao, San Leandro, CA; Joe Pane, Danbury, CT; Robert Theyer, Tumwater, WA; and Joseph Vukman, Blairsville, PA.

Mr. Joe Blauch can be reached at the e-mail address blauchie@comcast.net

US-POW-Transit Camp (POWTE2) Ludwigshafen-Rheingönheim

Wolfgang Lauenstein in Germany for the past five years has worked to reconstruct the history of the former US-POW-Transit Camp (POWTE2) at Ludwigshafen-Rheingönheim. Twenty years ago an old friend of Mr. Lauenstein's started research on the camp, but he could only find a few former prisoners to give him information about the site. The camp was established in 1945 about 400 meters away from Mr. Lauenstein's home.

Mr. Lauenstein's wants to find out which [American] units built the camp and had been responsible for the 90,000 PWs there. Mr. Lauenstein's would like to know if an association exists where he can find former soldiers who might have served at the camp? One notable lead he has uncovered is that Forrest G. Towns (Gold Medal winner of the 110m hurdles of the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin) was responsible for the camp's Military Police. If you have information that might help Mr. Lauenstein, please contact him at the following address or e-mail address.

Wolfgang Lauenstein, Gänsweidestrasse 6, 67065 Ludwigshafen, Germany
E-mail: wola43@t-online.de

Information about S/Sgt. Daniel J. Kiely, Co. L/424th Infantry Regiment

Casey Coyle is looking for information on his grandfather, S/Sgt. Daniel J. Kiely 424th Infantry/Company L. Mr. Kiely was from Rhode Island, and was wounded twice (the second time seriously enough to eventually be evacuated to the US) around Schönberg. Casey Coyle stated that Mr. Kiely never talked about the war. "I always knew he was in WWII, but never any specifics. It wasn't until I enlisted in the Army that my uncle shared some of Mr. Kiely's history with me. Unfortunately my Grandfather fought his last battle with cancer during my last tour in Iraq." Casey Coyle can be reached at the e-mail address casey.d.coyle@us.army.mil

Information about George J. Hammond, 81st Engineers/C

Golden Lion George J. Hammond's son, Mr. Rich Hammond of Peru, New York is a life member of the Association and is trying to located more information about his father's service during the Battle of the Bulge. Sadly, Mr. George Hammond, formerly of Braunt Lake, NY is deceased, and although he did share some details with his son he never truly talked at length about his service. Mr. Rich Hammond remembers his father stating the following details that may help jog a memory or two: 1) his father served with Fred A. Carr and Lt. Riggs and spoke highly of each, 2) his father demolished bridges during the battle and may have served in and around St. Vith.

Mr. Rich Hammond may be reached at 518/643-6764 or 1 Valley View Dr., Peru, NY 12972-3843

Information about James Francis Stocks, 424th

Mr. Ben Stocks, grandson of the late James Francis Stocks sent in the following request. "I never knew my grandfather, but I recently was digging in an old box of mine and found all his WWII stuff. I was fascinated. After some research I found out that my grandfather served in the 424th Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division. Could any one point me in the right direction as to the history of his unit and any personal records relating to him during the war? Any help you guys can provide me is deeply appreciated."

Mr. Ben Stocks may be reached at dangerdoom1@gmail.com

The Importance of a Mini Reunion

by Ed Christianson 331st MedBn/C
Mini-Reunion Chairman

The previous issue of *The CUB* (Sept-Dec '09 pg.2) included an article by Rev. Ewell Black Jr., President of the 106th Infantry Division Association, whereby a Committee has been established to determine the future of the 106th Reunion Association. YOUR COMMENTS were solicited. If you sent in your input, we thank you. If not, please do so soon, all voices need to be heard.

Of corollary importance to the Annual Reunion are the individual “mini-reunions” which are held throughout the year in various locations around the country. In the past, a reunion provided a social event whereby men of the 106th and their ladies gather close to that infamous date of 16 December to remember fellow men with whom they served.

A dozen or more years ago *The CUB* would be filled with pictures and stories of men proudly gathered under a banner of the “Golden Lion.” I am sad to report that for the year 2009 only 14 mini-reunions were reported. For these groups I am thankful and I encourage you to keep it up. For others whose interests may have dwindled, or haven’t gotten around to hosting a reunion yet, I invite you to do so this year. I assure you that it will be a satisfying experience for you. If you need further encouragement please contact me. My contact information is on the inside cover of this *CUB*.

Fraternal Regards,
Ed



Chicago Ex-POWs of Stalag 4B, Muhlberg Mini-Reunion (names not provided)

Mini-Reunions . . .

Chicago Ex-POWs of Stalag 4B, Muhlberg Mini-Reunion

On Friday, April 23, 2010, veterans, family and friends met for a reunion in Chicago for the Ex-POWs of Stalag 4B, Muhlberg. I am chairman of the 4B Association and have hosted the reunions in Chicago for the past 10 years. The reunion was the 23rd annual reunion of the group. It was started by the late Larry Falstein, Ex-POW and veteran of the 28th Infantry Division. Many of our members and attendees over the years have been Golden Lions. The reunion is a celebration of surviving Stalag 4B, one of the largest German PW camps with a population of 25,000 Allied PWs when liberated by the Russian Army on April 23, 1945.

I ran two PowerPoint slideshows (our 4B group's story that I update and run each year plus a new one on Stalag IV-A, Hohnstein). Once PWs were shipped out from 4B to area work camps there was a good chance they were technically under the jurisdiction of 4A. Stalag 4A was located in a castle dating back to 1200 A.D. in the town of Hohnstein, about 30 miles southeast of Dresden. Typically high risk PWs were sent there. One of our members, John Blazarini, a Golden Lion was sent there from Slaughterhouse Five after nearly meeting the end at a firing squad in Dresden. John attends the reunion each year with his son-in-law and made the Golden Lion reunion last year. In 1997 I visited Stalag 4B and Slaughterhouse Five, Dresden. I was close to Hohnstein when sightseeing in the Saxony Switzerland area but was not able to visit

the castle. I did tour with my German friends the Konigstein Fortress on the Elbe which dates to 1241 A.D. and was never conquered, not even in World War II. That fortress also served as a PW camp known as Oflag IVB for the highest ranking commanders. At the start of the war it held top commanders of the Polish military who were later transferred elsewhere to be replaced by the top French commanders. At war's end American forces launched a series of daring raids into Russian controlled territory to rescue these commanders. I included this castle in the same slide-show since it was close to 4A and so added another interesting dimension to PW life in the area.

Then we watched a tape I just received from Gordon Hoffman 14th Armored Division, Ex-POW of 4B who lives in Onalaska, WI. Gordon attended reunions years ago in the 1990s and hoped to attend the one this year but it did not work out. He holds the distinction of being the first American Ex-POW to visit 4B and that was in 1989 prior to the reunification of Germany and the fall of the Soviet Union. Quite the feat that he accomplished with a German friend from Hamburg. He relied on local farmers and residents to locate the site of 4B which was very overgrown and took on the appearance of a forest. When I toured 4B in '97 the site was protected and designated a historic site under the watchful eye of the Muhlberg Museum. We also watched the DVD segment from our visit in '97. The comparison of the two tapes demonstrated how far the site has improved with preservation efforts.

Mini-Reunions . . .

Traditionally our reunion luncheon ends with an open floor discussion. Some of the most memorable moments of the reunions happen at this time when the men reflect on those PWs days long ago. George Zak 422/M, author of *Soldier Boy*, concluded this year's reunion with a very touching story that happened on the prison boxcars at Limburg/Diez on the night of December 23, 1944. George recalled in his boxcar someone with a beautiful voice began to sing "Silent Night." For a moment it lifted everyone from their despair and made them think of the holiday season and home. Soon others joined in the singing but before the song could be finished they saw a red glow shine through the vent which was a marking flare from the British Pathfinders. You know the rest. His boxcar was evacuated and in hindsight they should have stayed in the boxcar where at least there was some cover. Eight from their group died. When they were loaded and locked back in they watched through the slats a horse and wagon arrive and load the bodies. Someone in the group wanted to break the silence to ask the PW with the beautiful voice to sing again but no one answered. He had died in the bombing. For George this was his saddest memory of the war, this poor fellow singing with his heart and soul to lift the spirit of his fellow PWs and then losing his life.

George took over as chairman of the group and passed on the honored role to me which I truly enjoy and look forward to each year. Attached is a group photo from the reunion. When I first became involved with the group back in 1996 they had over 200 members of which about 60 attended the reunion. Much like the reunions of the Golden Lions, taps

have lessened the numbers of Ex-POWs of Stalag IVB but not in spirit. We now have about 40 on our mailing list with about a dozen in attendance that is more than doubled with family and friends to carry on the history.

Our reunion has always been in conjunction with our British counterparts across the pond who also meet on the same day to celebrate freedom from Stalag 4B. For many years they held a three-day reunion in Petersborough, England but have switched to a reunion luncheon like the Chicago group. Best wishes, messages and toasts are shared between the groups. One of our members periodically attended the UK reunion with his wife as our good will ambassadors. The Brits have turned their reunion over to the next generation. For the first time the UK group had to cancel their reunion this year. They had planned a 65th anniversary celebration at the site of Stalag 4B. Unfortunately the volcano in Iceland put a damper on travel plans. They have postponed it until the fall although the mayoress of Muhlberg saved the day by placing a wreath at Stalag 4B on April 23, 2010 in memory of all who were PWs at the camp.

A couple of years ago *The CUB* featured the book by Stalag 4B Ex-POW Tony Vercoe, a veteran of the New Zealand army. *Survival at Stalag IVB* is the first and only comprehensive historical account of Stalag IVB. Both the UK and Chicago groups contributed to the project and consider Tony to be the official historian of Stalag IVB and he always receives hearty reunion greetings from both groups.

Warmest regards, Erv Szpek Jr.
Son of Ervin Szpek 423/I
Waukesha WI 262/424-1345

Mini-Reunions . . .

Dallas Mini-Reunion

Herbert "Mike" Sheaner (422/G), joined by his son, Mike and daughter, Kelly, met with three fellow Golden Lions Don Houseman (Lt.) 423rd, Jack Dale 423rd and Hugh Colbert 423rd for the second [Dallas area] mini-106th veterans luncheon of the year. Mr. Sheaner stated, "We 106th men were all POWs and our mini-reunions are always full of tales and we are always humbly thankful for making it to this point and being alive. We care about each other! We have been there." Mr. Sheaner invited another guest, from another outfit, a full colonel who was also a POW in Europe. When Mr. Sheaner inquired into his three fellow 106th PWs' interest in joining our Associa-

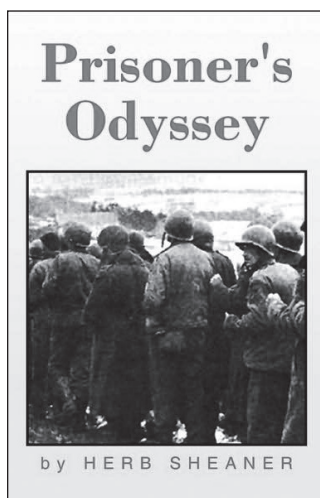
tion, he found out that they were already life members of the Association. Mr. Sheaner added, "My son and daughter listened in awe as we veterans talked."

Mr. Sheaner went on to state that, "As an aged World War II Veteran, on July 4th, different friends invited me and Gloria, my wife, to a patriotic band concert downtown, to a Fourth of July neighborhood street parade, one afternoon lawn celebration party, and another night lawn celebration party. The friend that invited Gloria and me to the downtown concert here in Dallas is the father of Commander Pat Walsh who is in charge of the Navy's Pacific Fleet. You can't say that we are not appreciated. People do "thank you" and "honor you" for your service of which we can be proud of. See you in Minneapolis."

Prisoner's Odyssey

by Herb Sheaner (422/G)

Prisoner's Odyssey is a story of survival, hunger and reflection from a teenaged prisoner of war inside Germany near the end of WWII. From capture at the Battle of The Bulge to the final escape from his German guards, Herb Sheaner allows us a glimpse into the despair and agony of being a prisoner in a foreign land. During World War II, Herb Sheaner served as a private first class in Company G, 422nd Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division. After receiving ASTP training at University of Alabama he joined the 106th at Camp Atterbury in Indiana where he earned Expert Rifleman honors and was designated Co. G Sniper and Regimental Scout. Fifty years later he recalls his experience.



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Memoriam . . .

Abriel, William E. 424/Hq 3bn
—Date of Death: September 10, 2009

Becker, Donald 422nd
—Date of Death: March 9, 2010
Donald W. Becker of San Antonio, Texas, passed away at the age of 85. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri on Dec. 22, 1924. After graduation from high school in 1943, he began attending Stanford University under a U.S. Army deferred enlistment program. When the shortage of able-bodied men to fight in the war became dire, his program was cancelled and he was sent to France and served as a combat infantryman with the 106th Infantry Division, 422nd Regiment. Captured during the Battle of the Bulge, he was held prisoner in Germany's Bad Orb Prison Camp from January 1945 until he was liberated by General Patton's forces on Easter Sunday, April 1945.

Bilskemper, Robert H. 423/L
—Date of Death: 2009

Butler, Harry W. "Bill", Jr.
424/Hq 1bn

—Date of Death: June 25, 2010
Mr. Butler passed away at his home in Winchester, Virginia.

*Reported, at the request of his family by
Ed Christianson 331st Med Bn/C*

Butterfield, Wallace 423/C
—Date of Death: Not Provided

Cox, Philip D. 423/B
—Date of Death: April 8, 2010

For many years Phil was the Association's link to Camp Atterbury. Each year he sent a thorough report of the Camp Atterbury activities to the memorial committee.

Reported by Dr. John G. Robb

Cram, James V. 422/E
—Date of Death: March 16, 2010
845 D. Macharen Dr., N., Palm Harbor, Florida, 34684

Mr. Cram was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and later escaped. He received three Purple Hearts and three Bronze Stars. He is survived by his wife, two children, seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

*Reported by widow Carol Cram,
through Dr. John G. Robb*

Eason, Lanier 422/I
—Date of Death: Not Provided

Garn, Charles S. 424/H
—Date of Death: May 21, 2010

Grantham, Gordon 423/M
—Date of Death: April 29, 2010

Mills, Robert W. 423/A
—Date of Death: May 13, 2010

Memoriam . . .

Olecki, Edward Joseph 422/D

—Date of Death: April 25, 2010

Mr. Olecki died in Scranton, PA. He served during the Battle of the Bulge as a First Sergeant and was taken prisoner. He is survived by his wife Arline, step-daughter-in-law, three grandchildren and many good friends.

Reported by Dr. John G. Robb.

Pewewardy Jr., Samuel 423/G

—Date of Death: February 23, 2009

Schneider, Jack B. 422nd

—Date of Death: 2008

Stamm, James H. 424/F

—Date of Death: Not Provided

Swack, Dr. Myron J. 422/Hq 1bn

—Date of Death: February 3, 2010

Troutman, Martin E. 424/B

—Date of Death: February 10, 2010

Twinn, James “Jim” H. 589/Fa

—Date of Death: February 21, 2010

James Twinn of Belen, NM died in Pleasanton, California this February. He was born in San Francisco on June 4, 1913 and is survived by his wife Marte, two daughters, two sons, two brothers and a sister. He served in the 106th Infantry Division during World War II and was captured by the German SS in the Battle of the Bulge. He was among the very few living members of the Zittau Survivors who were held for more than one hundred days in a slave labor camp in Nazi occupied Poland. Following his liberation and the war’s

end his work included being a professional horse jockey and later as a member of the U.S. Postal Service.

*Reported by Clifford N. Austin,
“Jim’s Old Friend”*

Editor’s Special Notification:

Brankin, William Joseph 422/B

—Date of Death: March 8, 2002

Brankin served as a sergeant in the 422nd Infantry Regiment, Company B, and was taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge.

Reported by Jim West

Defeo, Fred W. 423rd

—Date of Death: January 3, 2010

P.O. Box 179, Eldred, NY 12732

Mr. Defeo (Tech 4) was a Battle of the Bulge veteran. He earned the Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal and the American Campaign Medal.

Reported by his widow Pamela

Roberts, Godfrey 424/K

—Date of Death: February 26, 2010

Mr. Macaluso stated, “He was a great squad leader.” Mr. Roberts served during the Battle of the Bulge, and after having been taken prisoner he was held for five months. Later in life, he became the CEO of the State Publishing Company of Pierre, SD. He was also the Mayor of the City of Pierre for a period of time. He leaves a son and a daughter and many grand children.

*Reported by August Macaluso,
former squad member*

Mail Bag . . .

**If you haven't done so, make your reservations *NOW* for the 2010 Reunion.
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***106th Infantry Division Association Reunion
September 22-26, 2010
Holiday Inn Select – Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport***

Wednesday, September 22

2:00pm - 7:00pm	Reunion Registration open
2:00pm -	Outgoing Board of Directors' Meeting
	Hospitality Room and Memorabilia Display open for the duration of the reunion

Thursday, September 23

7:00am - 8:30am	Full Breakfast Buffet (compliments of the Association)
9:00am - 9:30am	Reunion Registration open
10:00am - 3:30pm	LUNCH AND LOCK CRUISE (description follows)
4:00pm - 5:30pm	Reunion Registration open
6:00pm -	Cash Bar Reception
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Welcome Dinner

Friday, September 24

7:00am - 8:30am	Full Breakfast Buffet
9:00am - 10:00am	Reunion Registration open. Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.
12:00pm - 2:30pm	Men's Luncheon and Business Meeting
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Ladies' Luncheon and entertainment
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Banquet table reservation sheets will be collected. Instructions will be in your registration packet.
5:30pm - 11:00pm	CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATRE (description follows)

Saturday, September 25

7:00am - 8:30am	Full Breakfast Buffet
9:00am - 10:30pm	Memorial Service
1:00pm - 4:00pm	TWIN CITIES TOUR (description follows)
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Incoming Board of Directors' Meeting
6:30pm -	Cash Bar Reception
7:30pm -	Banquet begins

Sunday, September 26

7:00am - 8:30am	Farewell Breakfast Buffet
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All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 20.
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106th Infantry Division Association Tour Descriptions

Lunch and Lock Cruise — Thursday, September 23

Enjoy a special four-hour trip from Harriet Island, St. Paul, up river through Lock and Dam #1 into Minneapolis and return. Listen to lively banjo music and take in the spectacular scenery. Enjoy plenty of sightseeing, a historical narration by the captain and pass through one of America's deepest locks. Save room for a big lunch of roasted turkey with all the trimmings. In the afternoon enjoy a treat of cookies. Note: This trip requires a minimum of fifty people.

10:00am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel.

\$73/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise.

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre — Friday, September 24

Board bus for Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. Enjoy a served dinner of your choice from a menu featuring five entrees. Dinner includes coffee and tea, but cash bar items and desserts may be purchased separately. Sit back and enjoy the show after dinner. ALL SHOOK UP is an irresistible musical comedy-love story about a small town girl who dreams of hitting the open road, and the mysterious guitar-playing stranger who brings romance and rock'n'roll into her life. ALL SHOOK UP is a new romantic comedy tailored to the classic hits of Elvis Presley.

5:30pm board bus, 11:00pm back at hotel

\$98/Person includes bus, escort, dinner, and show.

Twin Cities Tour — Saturday, September 25

Board bus for a narrated tour of the Twin Cities: St. Paul, born of whiskey, and Minneapolis, born of waterpower. St. Paul resembles an Eastern city, a mix of old and new buildings along angled, hilly avenues that stop and start. See the State Capitol, Cathedral of St. Paul, Rice Park, and Millionaire's Row where Great Northern Railroad builder James J. Hill and novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald once lived. Then it's on to Minneapolis where you'll see parading sleek towers of glass, stone, and steel along straightforward streets sensibly based on flat land. See the IDS Center, Nicolet Mall, and the many cultural institutions that make Minneapolis such a city on the move.

1:00pm board bus, 4pm back at hotel

\$32/Person includes bus and guide.

Make your Travel Plans for the Reunion ASAP

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I have listed prices from several cities to Minneapolis-St.Paul (MSP). This will give you an idea of the difference in costs if you wait to get your tickets.

Also, the Web site for flight insurance is **AccessAmerica.com**. Be sure you tell them to read the insurance info before selecting the coverage. The coverage can range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The basic coverage cost about \$15 per person.

Also, the Holiday Inn Select in MSP has a free shuttle every 1/2 hour, 24/7 that is free from the airport to our hotel.

I will still try to see if I can get discounts for flights or a ferry boat ride across Lake Michigan for those driving to MSP.

I did a little more research into flight cost for the reunions. I selected the Delta Web site because Delta has about 80% of all flights leaving Detroit.

My first search was to validate the \$900 figure that I was given a few days before. I tried to get a flight for that day from Detroit to MSP. The quote was \$729 RT plus taxes, plus \$25 for one bag and \$35 for two bags. That would be about \$785 plus taxes. Then I searched using two different flight

times. One if I were flying within four days and the second, if I were not flying until late September. I also tried a few different cities to see how much that would change the cost.

Delta had prices that varied depending on where you were going and when you were going. The numbers I collected might help in future planning for reunions. Also, the numbers change almost every day.

From To MSP	Flight within four days	Flight in late September
DTW	854.40	430.60
MCI	645.40	346.99
BUF	299.00 ?	317.10
MCO	282.40	259.40
BWI	1263.40	375.56
BOS	699.40	409.40
EWR	939.30	375.40
LGA	727.40	
ORF	407.30	214.90
OKC	923.10	369.90
DAL	808.50	347.40
SDF	649.90	385.10
ATL	714.40	321.40
SEA	347.40	
PHX	341.40	

Cities:

Detroit = DTW, Minneapolis-St.Paul.= MSP, Boston = BOS, Newark = EWR, Baltimore = BWI, Orlando = MCO, Buffalo = BUF, Kansas City = MCI, Norfolk =ORF, Oklahoma City = OKC, Dallas, TX = DAL, Louisville, KY. = SDF, Atlanta GA. = ATL, Seattle = SEA, Phoenix = PHX, New York City = LGA

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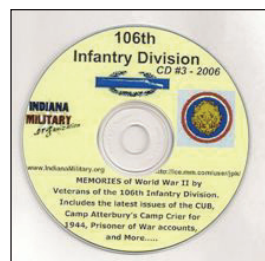
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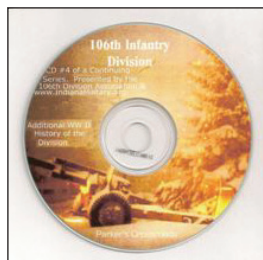


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