

“Grandfather, did you Fear the Bad Guys in the Forest?”

Submitted by Stanley M. Bachmurski

This photo was taken as Franny and I were leaving the club. She tugged on my sleeve and asked, “Grandfather, did you fear the bad guys in the forest?”

The rest of the article may be read on page 16.

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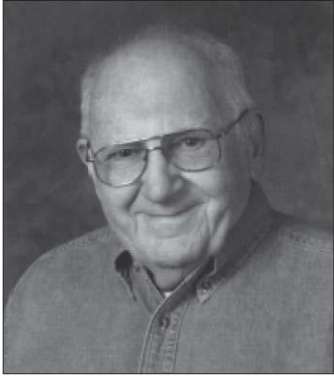
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All of our functions will be located in the same wing of the hotel. I hope you will plan to attend with your families, as they are the future of our association. On a different topic, I've finally gotten around to reading "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw. The book explains why we are the greatest and why we should be proud of this label. After our numerous experiences in military, many of us returned to civilian life, prospered, raised families and moved into the mainstream. Since we *are* resilient and energetic—part of the "greatest generation"—I hope to see you in Baltimore in September. NEWT



'The
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Tom
Brokaw

coined to describe the generation who grew up in the United States during the deprivation of the Great Depression, and then went on to fight in World War II, as well as those whose productivity within the war's home front made a decisive material contribution to the war effort.

Wikipedia—http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greatest_Generation

My Brothers,

Our reunion this year in Baltimore, Maryland promises to be one of the most important gatherings of our Association in many years. We will be **voting on new By-Laws**, directing the future of the 106th Association membership. One of the basic changes is to allow Associate members, to serve on the Board and eventually as Officers of the Organization. Further, is the change, that all members are now Considered Life Members! That means that there will no longer be Annual dues. We will be asking *All* members in the future, to consider donations via our Life Plus program, as well as Memorial Donations (all voluntary). Our Associate Member Group, headed by their acting Chairman, Mr. Randall Wood, met at the last Reunion (2010) and requested this change in our By-Laws. Mr. Tom Huff is acting as their liaison to our Board, and will be reporting, at our reunion in Baltimore this September.

As we have indicated in our last

CUB, “let’s make an effort to bring our *sons and daughters and grandchildren* to our 2011 Reunion.” Reunion dates are **September 13 through 18, 2011**. This will be a terrific opportunity to have them meet each other, and us “Old Timers” as well. We are planning some interesting tours in Baltimore, such as a visit to Annapolis, the Baltimore Harbor, A dinner theatre and a city tour! Start making your plans now!

This past November on Veterans Day, I was invited to act as a Grand Marshall in the West Palm Beach City Parade. The streets were lined with hundreds of Men, Women and Children on both sides. Waving, saluting and throwing kisses to everyone. It was a marvelous experience, and I know that Our America is Live and Well!

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I'm writing this, the day after the Memorial at Tucson Arizona, and I pray people can find it in their Hearts to be kind to each other and respect each other, as we do in our 106th Association. We certainly are a role model. Our 106th Association has demonstrated that, these men are 60+ years. How Blessed we have been. Every so often, I see a picture in *The CUB* of one of us as a soldier. I thought it would be fun to have as many of our soldier photos as are available, to be published in the Cub. I have already asked members of the Board to send in their pictures to our Editor, Mr. W. McWhorter, who has agreed to my request. ***Look for the photos following this report.*** And keep them in!



Murray Stein (424/I) in 1944 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

The past issue of the Sept/Dec 2010 *CUB* was a terrific combination of pictures and stories. Those great “Front and Center” articles, such as John Gatens and Jim Forsythe’s story; Frederick Smallwood and Jim West; the “Burton Phaffs Honor Flight” submitted by his daughter Sandra, were all well received. Especially, the Veterans Day at Ford Field football game, honoring our own Tony Rand, Francis Cook, Jack Roberts, and Ellsworth Schanerberger. We owe so much to our Volunteer Associate

My Brothers,

At the 106th Infantry Division Association’s Annual Reunion this fall in Baltimore, the Association will host a POW/MIA Recognition Day Program, to include a Dinner and a POW Guest Speaker on Friday September 16, 2011 at 6.00 p.m. at the reunion hotel. Program to start at 6.00 p.m. followed by dinner. Our Association will pick up the Tab For the Dinner. This year, we will all enjoy dinner together, Thursday, Friday and the Banquet Saturday.

Mississippi.



William H. McCary (423/H) in 1944.

members—Editor, William McWhorter and our Publisher, Susan Weiss. How fortunate we are, to have them as part of our family. Finally, have a marvelous summer and make early plans to join with us at the reunion, and stay well!

Love ya-
Murray Stein

****Please Note This Special
Adjutant Announcement****

Murray Stein, Adjutant



The Adjutant's Message . . .



John P. Kline (423/M) in 1944. He served as a Heavy Machine Gun Squad Leader.

Jack Roberts (592/C) in 1945.



Walter C. Bridges was a Machine Gun 1st Gunner, 1st Platoon, D Company, 1st Battalion and was taken prisoner on December 17, 1944. The photo is not dated, but believed to have been taken shortly after he was repatriated and back home in Concord, Hueytown, Alabama.



The Adjutant's Message . . .

Edward L. Christianson

The photo was taken during Basic Training on April 23, 1943. On the left is Edward Christianson (331 Med Bn/C) on the right is George H. Coffin (81st Eng. Medic)

Newt Weiss, President

The photo was taken at Monte Via, France, 1945. I was in the 58-Convelencent Hospital rehab clinic after spending two months in a Pais hospital wiyh trench foot. I then joined the 242/M company.

Look for three additional Golden Lions that submitted their World War II-era photos later in this issue of *The CUB of the Golden Lion*:

Herb Sheaner and Frank Chirumbole

Don Henricks (posthumously in the Memoriam)



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At 86 I know not what the future holds, but I do know that God is in My our God Bless and Keep you in these days and throughout your lives. AMEN. *Editor's Note: It deep regret that we announce that this will be Rev. Black's last column for The CUB as he will no longer fill the Association's Chaplain. We hope that he is feeling better soon.*

Living In Scarey Times

Live under the protection of God Most High and stay in the shadow of God All-Powerful.

Then you will say to the Lord, "You are my fortress, my place of safety; you are my God and I trust you."

Psalm 91: 1 and 2

As I write this, we are living in the days following all that has taken place in Japan. How-ever that is only a part of what is happening in our World. We have seen our World racked by other similar events. Earthquakes in other places and flooding in may areas and the upheavels in the Middle East.

As we experience all of these things, the Word of God in these first two verses of Psalm 91 reassure us that neither man nor the elements are in control. Those of us who experienced combat, being POWs and the many trials of living our lives are constantly aware of the fact that God still exercises fi nal control.

During my experience as a

POW starving, being deathly ill, being bombed and shelled by the American Army, the one thing that kept me going was my faith and prayer. I feel cer-tain that many of you experienced things much the same as I. In our civilian lives we have lived thru times that have tried us, also. Yet in all of these we have known that we are not alone.

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pumexim2@verizon.net popular recreational area with hiking, biking, and short rides on a replicated c
boat. Baltimore also provided a militia that participated in the Revolutionary War in the Battle at N
York City. The Maryland Militia became known as the Maryland Line and helped to defeat the Br
that notable battle. The Line held after repeated attacks by British troops. The first monument to G
Washington was erected here and stands on a high site in the older section of downtown. During th
of 1812 at the Battle of Fort McHenry, the poem was written by Francis Scott Key that became ou
National Anthem, the *Star Spangled Banner*. This was another crucial time for the young nation's
Coincident with the Battle continues on page 8

Congratulations, with bouquets, to our buddy, Ellsworth Schanerberger. It took a lot of determination and I am sure, lots of salesmanship. But, he got it done. Note the story on pages 31–32 of the last issue of *The CUB*. The 106th Division, and four of its veterans were honored on Veteran's Day November 7, 2010 at Ford Field by the Detroit Lions NFL football team. Nice going Ellsworth!!! Great publicity!!!

Our next reunion is rapidly approaching. It's like counting the shopping days to Christmas for me since I am "on site" and can't help but be involved. Newt and Ruth Weiss came to town and we all went to the Sheraton Hotel. Both the Business Manager and the Convention Services Manager met with us. We were shown the guest rooms and the meeting rooms as well. There will also be a display room for our use and that of the local WW II Re-enactors, who will need a secure room for their hardware. The hotel is centrally located downtown and a great many attractions are within walking distance, (at least, it used to be walking distance.)

The city of Baltimore goes back a long way in the history of our country. The B & O Railroad originated here and

there is now a very elaborate Museum that utilizes the renovated Roundhouse and original B & O buildings adjacent. A train nut will be amazed at the collection of rolling stock and other historical items. About the same time that the railroad began operation the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal was being constructed to follow the Potomac River from Washington, D. C. to Cumberland, MD. Of course we all know what won that race. The C & O Canal today is a

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Division Reunion in Baltimore (yes, the same Baltimore). While the Lord Baltimore Hotel no longer exists as such, the staff at *The CUB* wish you all a safe journey to the 2011 Reunion later this year in Baltimore.

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of Fort McHenry the British landed with a strong ground force at a place known as North Point, and began the march toward Baltimore. They were again repulsed before they reached the city and Baltimore was saved from the same fate delivered to the City of Washington. When the Civil War began the State of Maryland was split in its sympathies, thus there were many incidents involving locals and troops of both sides. Early on in the conflict there was a train loaded with Federal troops passing through Baltimore on their way south. The troops had to leave their train at one station and march several blocks through town to another station, as the lines did not connect. Some of the first shots fired during the war occurred here when both

Federal troops and rioting civilians met in the streets.

Men and women from Maryland fought and suffered though all of our wars and their history is duly recorded at The 5th Regiment Armory located downtown in Baltimore. The Armory is Headquarters for the 29th Infantry Division. This division was involved in WW II from D-Day through to the end. The casualties suffered outnumbered the original population of the division by almost double. The museum in the Armory houses memorabilia from the Revolutionary War on through to the present time. A military history buff would surely enjoy a visit here.

The 1952 Baltimore Reunion

by John Schaffner (589 FA)

Golden Lion John Schaffner recently came across this postcard that was sent out to Association members in 1952. This is the invitation to attend the 106th Infantry

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YOUR Annual Dues Are NO Longer DUE

If you are an ANNUAL member (not a LIFE member), your annual dues are no longer due. At the last Board of Directors meeting held during the 2010 Reunion, the board voted to dispense with the annual dues payments. We are asking for donations, whatever you can give, to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the *CUBs*, which go out to you three times a year. We will also continue to collect *Memorial* and *Life Plus* donations. Please make all checks payable to “*106th Infantry Division Association*” and mail them to the new treasurer listed below :

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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 that comes out in AUGUST each year all material is due by JUNE 15
- For the edition that comes out in DECEMBER each year — to include pictures from the reunion — all material is due by OCTOBER 9
- For the edition that comes out in APRIL each year all material is due by FEBRUARY 15

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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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Announcements from the editor of The CUB of the Golden Lion

Hello, my name is William A. potential inclusion in upcoming issues McWhorter and I am the editor of *The of The CUB* to me. Whenever possible *CUB of the Golden Lion (The CUB)*. please send them to my e-mail address I am an admirer of your outfit and hope (williammcwhorter17@gmail.com), that I can assist in keeping open the if you do decide to send them via postal lines of communication for our mail, if possible, please **TYPE OR PRINT** Association. Please send news items your messages (it helps me get names that you would like reviewed for spelled correctly). Thank you.

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Special Note to the Readership of The CUB of the Goldenlion

Mr. Francis X. Parkinson (423/B) wishes to thank the many individuals that read his article, "What Were the Russians Doing?" in *The CUB*, issue Vol. 66 No. 2 and responded to his request for information.

Golden Lion Lenni Krenski has identified himself in the photo (right) from the last issue of *The CUB* (Vol. 66. No. 3, p. 29), "1947: The 1st Reunion ..." article." He is in the front row; third from the right (you can see his white sock on his left foot).

(Back Row, Left to Right): General Perrin, General McMann, News Commentator Cedric Foster, (friend and protector of the 106th), John Gallagher, Don Henricks and Marion Ray. (Front Row, Left to Right): General Jones, unknown, Jack Rain, LENNI KRENSKI, unknown and unknown.



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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](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.

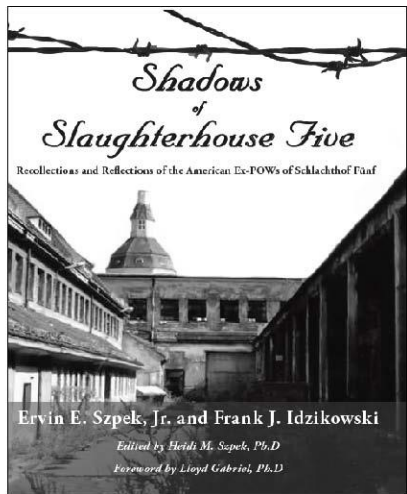
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Shadows of Slaughterhouse Five

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.



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Order of the Golden Lion Committee has a New Chairman

Joseph P. Maloney (424/HQ CO) was one of the original Golden Lions activated in March 1943 at Fort Jackson, SC. He has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Order of the Golden Lion Committee. Mr. Maloney invites all Golden Lion Recipients to send any nominations to him at the following:

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Mr. Maloney wanted to say the following: "John Swett has done a fantastic job of handling this opportunity over the years and he has felt it is time to pass the responsibility of collecting the nominations to someone else. I have been asked by the Adjutant and the President if I would handle the program for the present time. This I gladly so do. I have been permitted to do various positions in the Association and willing lend my hand to this position."

LETTER TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

To our Associates,

At last year's Board of Directors meeting in Minneapolis/St. Paul on September 22, 2010, it was approved to change the By-Laws to allow Associates full membership

privileges. Upon approval of the By-Law changes at the 2011 reunion in Baltimore, Associates will be eligible to be nominated to the Board and then to elected Officer positions. The Board of Directors would appreciate any comments and ideas on this change. Mr. Randall Wood, acting as Chairman, asks that your comments should be mailed to Mr. Tom Hoff at e-mail tjhoff@milesaheadmedia.com or Thomas Hoff, P.O. Box 298, Warrington Pa. 18976. P.O. Box 298, Warrington PA 18976.

“Roll Tide for the Golden Lions”

Submitted by David H. Bludworth

This article was submitted by Mr. David Bludworth, son of Golden Lion John Frank Bludworth, Sr. (422). The following are excerpts from a chapter of the book *When Winning Was Everything*, a book about University of Alabama athletes that served in World War II. “By the time the Battle

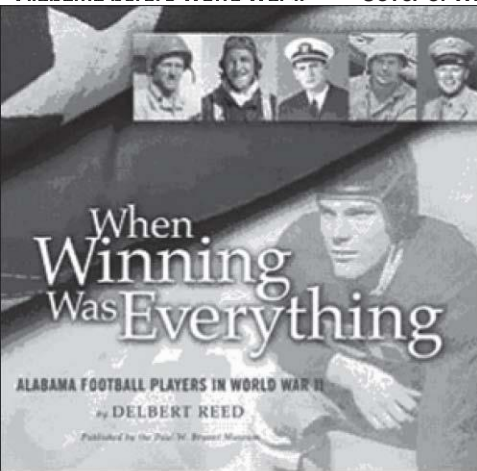
of the Bulge officially ended more than a month later, 19,000 Americans had been killed and 47,500 were wounded and 23,000 were reported missing according to the official record. Bludworth was one of those missing. ‘After being marched about 200 miles, during which time it seemed that they made every town to show us off, we were finally placed in a barn,’ Bludworth later said of his ordeal. ‘We stayed there for five days waiting for box cars. Because of the cold and practically nothing to eat, 12 men died. We were the last placed on the train and sent to Stalag IV B.’ Bludworth was later liberated by Russian troops at the end of the war. Bludworth, speaking later about his war experience, said his football training helped him survive the difficult times.”

Bludworth as a Fullback at Alabama before World War II



*Bludworth as a Fullback at
Alabama before World War II*

Cover of When Winning Was Everything by Delbert Reed



*Cover of When Winning Was Everything by
Delbert Reed*

MY WAR



FREDRICK SMALLWOOD
IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE
DURING WWII



The Arthur Mayou Bridge

Submitted by Sharon West

Golden Lion and former prisoner of war Arthur J. Mayou had a bridge named after him in Clinton, MA at a ceremony held at the Clinton Town Hall. Mr. Mayou's service was honored with the naming of the Arthur Mayou Bridge on Routes 62 and 70 over the Nashua River near the Wachusett Reservoir dam in Worcester County, MA.

Arthur B. Mayou, Mr. Mayou's son, spoke to those attending in his father's honor stating that his father (who was 37 years old and a father

"Arthur B. Mayou gets emotional as he speaks about his father, Arthur J. Mayou, a World War II veteran and prisoner of war, at Clinton Town Hall yesterday. Listening behind Mr. Mayou is state Rep. Harold P. Naughton Jr., D-Clinton. (T&G Staff Photos/RICK CINCLAIR)

Photo from a Worcester Telegram & Gazette article by George Barnes, titled, "History Reconstructed," accessible at <http://www.telegram.com/article/20101028/NEWS/10280786/-1/NEWS04>

of two when he went to war) would be grew up and lived much of his life, pleased to have the bridge honoring his with the rest of Clinton. The bridge service. The bridge connects The Acre, will include signs indicating it honors a section of Clinton where Mr. Mayou Mr. Mayou.

MY WAR

by Fredrick Smallwood

This is the story of my experiences as a young boy from a small town in south Georgia with the 106th Infantry Division during World War II. I was initially in the A&P Platoon of 1 Bn. Hq. Co. of the 423rd Regiment. I was one of the few who made my way through the German lines back to the Allied lines at St. Vith.

Books are \$15 plus \$4 for shipping. You can contact me at fsjs@mchsi.com or P.O. Box 1923, Bainbridge, GA 39818.



Identification Needed of a 106th Soldier

Submitted by Carl Wouters

Greetings from Belgium. 106th Association Member Carl Wouters needs your help identifying a Golden Lion (apparently a recently liberated X-POW of the 106th). Here are two pictures of an unknown soldier of the 106th taken on 27 April, 1945 at Camp Lucky



Strike near Le Havre, France. The photos are stills of a newsreel depicting the visit of U.S. Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, in 1945 a member of the Congressional Nazi War Crimes Committee. He later served as the 35th Vice President of the United States under President Harry S. Truman. If you can identify the soldier in the photos please e-mail Mr. Wouters at carl_wouters@hotmail.com

From the cover of this issue:

“Grandfather, did you Fear the Bad Guys in the Forest”

Submitted by Stanley M. Bachmurski

The following is an article that Golden Lion Stanley Bachmurski wrote after a visit to the Battle of the Bulge commemorative luncheon held at Fort Meade, Maryland. “On December 16, 2009 at the Fort George G. Meade Club, a gathering was held for WWII veterans in honor of the 65th anniversary of the great “Battle of the Bulge” in the Ardennes Forest. The assembled troopers came to pay tribute to the memories of those men of XVIII Airborne Corps and the 106th Infantry Division that did not leave the forest alive.

I endeavor to have one or more of my children, grandchildren, and/ or a great grandchild accompany my wife and I to each military association meeting. Invited to this particular luncheon were my great granddaughter Francesca Keech, her parents Jason and Sarah, and my daughter Anne Marie. After the meal, the veterans gathered about the table to chat and reminisce. Some told tales of experiencing stark terror in the forest. Little Franny was mesmerized by many of those stories of a long ago battle fought in the snow. Noticing the rapt attention paid by such wee little ears, many held back and spoke something less than the full measure of the truth about what happened during those dark days.

A Special Reunion for Two Former POWs and their Children

Submitted by Mike Sheaner, (422/G)

Golden Lion Mike Sheaner (422/G) traveled to Orville, Ohio late last year for a special reunion. While in Ohio he visited with his “o’le POW Buddy Frank Chirumbole.” The two Golden Lions had not seen one another since April 26, 1945. Mr. Sheaner and Mr. Chirumbole (423/M) were “real buddies,” in a POW work prison where they were paired-up — sharing together, eating together, and looking out for each other. “We didn’t know each other until the Germans put us in a house next to a sugar beet factory.” Mr. Sheaner went on to state, “we were starved by the Germans and had to keep our food from being stolen.

Frank Chirumbole (left) and Mike Sheaner (right)



Frank Chirumbole (left) and Mike Sheaner (right) From December 18, 1944 to April 26, 1945 we went with breakfast and a noon meal. Finally, one day we escaped and met a jeep patrol from the 69th Infantry Division. The next day I was sent to a field hospital and later flown home on a stretcher while Frank to Camp Lucky Strike, from there Frank was shipped to the USA.” Mr. Sheaner’s son Mike located Mr. Chirumbole’s sons and set up the long overdue “Great Reunion” for **Herb Sheaner (422/G), 1944 in**

Children



Herb Sheaner (422/G), 1944 in Dallas



Frank Chirumbole, (423/M), 1943 in Camp Wheeler, GA. two 106th

Infantrymen. Their reunion consisted of Mr. Sheaner and his son, and Mr. Chirumbole and his four children and a daughter that traveled from Ohio, New Jersey and Tennessee. The reunion motivated Tom Chirumbole and his siblings to write down the history and personal stories they heard from the two veterans. **(Left to right) Mike Sheaner III, Frank Chirumbole’s daughter, Kelly Rashedi, and sons, Jim Chirumbole, and Dan Chirumbole. Seated left to right, Frank Chirumbole and Herb (Mike) Sheaner**



(Left to right) Mike Sheaner III, Frank Chirumbole’s daughter, Kelly Rashedi, and sons, Jim Chirumbole, and Dan Chirumbole. Seated left to right, Frank Chirumbole and Herb (Mike) Sheaner



The First American POW to Receive a Formal Military Funeral in Nazi-Germany

Submitted by Carl Wouters

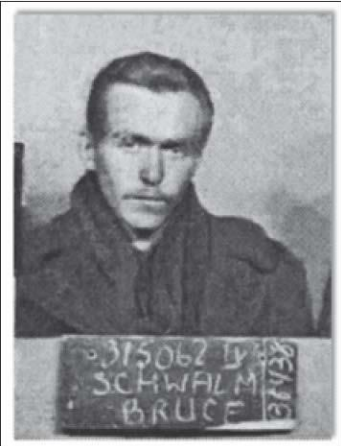
On an ice-cold Wednesday morning in January 1945 a group of eighteen American POW's, under German guard arrived at the old civilian cemetery of Görlitz, Germany. All these men had moved out earlier that morning for the funeral of their comrade, Technical Sergeant Fifth Grade Bruce F. Schwalm, Jr. (422/ HQ Co) of the 106th Division. Bruce Schwalm originated from the borough of Swartmore, a small town just West of Philadelphia. In March 1943 he enlisted in the US Army right after his 18th birthday. On the 15th of March 1943 he reported to Fort Jackson, SC where he was embodied in the 106th division which was activated a few days later. In December 1944 he was in the Ardennes along with his unit and served as the mail clerk for the HQ company of the 3rd Battalion, 422nd Infantry Regiment. He was nick-named 'Red' by his friends due to the color of his hair.

After the surrender of the regiment on the 19th of December 1944, the men walked to Prüm where they spent the night. For what remained of the month of December the men were marched further into Germany, forced into freezing boxcars and strafed by friendly planes. Marched from Koblenz, they arrived at Stalag XII-A in Limburg where the men stayed in captured American medical

tents. The stay at Limburg was limited and Schwalm and the rest of the POW's were once again departed in boxcars which would bring them to Stalag IV-B at Mühlberg on the Elbe. This would prove to be another freezing, uncomfortable journey. By now, due to poor sanitary conditions and the lack of (real) food, many men had contracted some sort of intestinal virus that initiated diarrhea, or as the men would nickname it 'the GI's'. Schwalm and his buddy from the A&P platoon, Paul Wannamaker were also on the slop can (usually a steel helmet passed around), one after another and they were getting weaker fast. The men in the boxcars took turns standing up as there wasn't enough room for everyone to lie down or sleep.

On January 6th, the prisoners arrived at Stalag IV-B where they were deloused, fingerprinted and photographed. The Germans would use the data to inform the International Red Cross, which would in turn provide the War Department with the information so the families of the captured men would be notified by a dreaded Western Union telegram. Since their arrival at IV-B, Bruce Schwalm's condition continued to deteriorate and he complained of severe back and neck pains. Schwalm's friend Sgt. Leo

Leisse noted in his secret diary:



“Bruce feeling worse today. He spent another horrible night. I sure hope he gets better. He’s a mighty fine lad.”

A few days later Schwalm had to be excused for role call. On the 12th of January 1945, the Germans issued orders to transfer a number of prisoners to another camp. The men, including Schwalm, were again confined to boxcars and arrived at the town of Görlitz the next day. After a march of about a mile and a half to the camp, Stalag VIII-A, they were warmly welcomed by other POW’s of various nationalities: Czechs, French, Belgians, Canadians and English soldiers who had been captured as far back as 1940. Schwalm, in failing health, and about 256 other men were crammed into Barracks 11-B. His friends and fellow soldiers cared for him as best as they could and covered him in a bunk with all of their blankets and overcoats when they were not using them. Several of his friends pleaded with him to answer sick call but he refused. He insisted there were others who needed more care than him even though his situation wasn’t looking too bright. All tempers were on edge and he became sore of the insisting. Eventually the next day he agreed to be taken to the medics in the next barracks and they took him to the sick bay.

Schwalm’s friend Leo Leisse checked with him on the 16th of December

1945, and found that he wasn’t eating because of his back and bowel pains. The fellow next to him was gladly accepting his rations. The English major in charge of the sick bay was asked to check Schwalm and all agreed he was getting worse, especially since he wasn’t eating. The only thing that did improve was his foot. Schwalm had been hit in the heel of the right foot during the attack on Schönberg the day of his capture. All agreed something had to be done about his situation and later that evening it was announced that Bruce had been brought to the camp hospital. German doctors there diagnosed Schwalm with an acute case of Meningitis, a life threatening condition which affects the brain and the spinal cord. They also saw that he had contracted Enterocolitis, an inflammation of the colon and the small intestine. It was clear that he was seriously ill. Bruce Schwalm passed away in the evening of the 19th of January 1945 at the lazarett. His barracks was informed of his death the next day. Earlier four Canadian soldiers had passed away due to similar conditions. Preparations were made for Schwalm’s funeral and the soldiers who would attend the funeral had borrowed the necessary clothes from other POW’s to make a uniformed

appearance at the service. All men were
equally dressed in combat boots,
overcoats and overseas caps.

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On the 24th of January, the men assembled for the funeral service. The procession included several of Schwalm's friends from HQ Company, 3rd Battalion, 422nd Infantry. The following men were present at the service: Sgt John C Alexander, T/5 Varallo and T/5 Robert B Rockwell (both cooks of 3BN HQ), SSgt Robert R Lancaster, T/5 Albert J Macaluso, PFC Robert E Leary, CPL Joseph T Dillon, Sgt Fred G Hargrove, CPL James E Ashley, Ssgt Carl J Zadroga, (422/L), Sgt Thomas W Pitts, (422/D), SSgt Leo Lisse (422/3BN A&P) and six others. The acting chaplain was Robert J. Hopkins, a sergeant with the 38th Field Artillery Battalion of the 2nd Division who had been captured during the battle for the twin villages of Krinkelt-Rocherath in December 1944. Pallbearers for the occasion were James Ashley, Fred Hargrove, Leo Lisse and another [unidentified] soldier.

For the occasion, the Germans had gone beyond the normal operation procedure and had placed the body of the deceased Bruce Schwalm in a makeshift coffin made of wooden boards that were bound together with wire. Unusual,

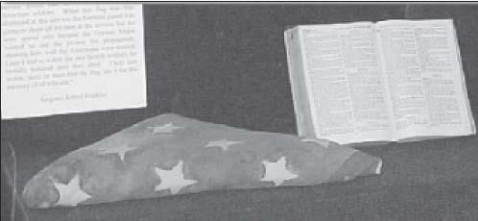
because normally the Germans would strip the prisoners and toss them in an open pit. While waiting for the order to move out of the Stalag, the men stood out in the cold at the front gate. After nearly freezing to death the soldiers were allowed to warm up in a nearby building. A German guard party assembled and the GI's formed a column of three's and moved out. The cemetery was about two miles from the Stalag. After surviving the past month on a POW diet the prisoners were almost too weak to walk and had little body heat to stand the freezing temperatures. Most of the men felt happy to be wearing an overcoat for the occasion, as most of them had abandoned them during the Ardennes breakthrough. Despite of their weak physique, the men walked proudly through the German countryside and held their heads high when they passed German troops or an occasional civilian. The old civilian cemetery in Görlitz was designated as the POW cemetery. The terrain was divided by two main roads interconnected with another path. There were four different sites of which two were used by the civil authorities for the burial of locals. Two additional plots were used for the prisoners of the

The picture that started my quest for the story of Bruce Schwalm. This photo was in an album I acquired from one of Schwalm's friends from the 422nd. It was taken in March 1943 at Fort Jackson, SC. The handwritten caption read: "Bruce 'Red' Schwalm, the mail clerk. Died February 1945"

nearby Stalag. Most of the men buried there were Russian soldiers which received subhuman treatment. Schwalm was to be buried in a plot for Russian, French and Italian soldiers. When the funeral procession, under armed guard, arrived at the cemetery they were led to a small stone building, adjacent to the morgue, which had been used as a tool depository. The men were taken into the basement to prepare for the service. Chaplain Hopkins had a surprise ready. Some of the British POW's at Görlitz had fashioned a Stars and Stripes flag from two stolen sugar bags. They had colored the canvas using blue ink and red dye, which was mixed with blood. There it was, an illegal Star Spangled Banner. The soldiers quickly unraveled the flag and draped it over Schwalm's coffin. Then they marched out proudly, expecting the Germans to confiscate the illegal flag at first sight. To their great surprise, the Germans did not take the flag, but the officer in command of the funeral guard called his soldiers to attention, which were lined up on both sides of the path. While the pallbearers passed them with Schwalm's flag draped coffin, the German guards gave a rifle salute. Schwalm's grave had already been dug. Apparently the Germans had seen a propaganda opportunity as they had a photographer present. He gladly snapped away when the German officer saluted the coffin and rendered full military honors. Bruce Schwalm had been given the dubious honor to be the first American POW to be given a formal military funeral by the Germans. After the ceremony the POW's present were ordered to cover the grave. They did not refuse because that would mean leaving their fallen comrade uncovered. Although they were very weak they worked the ground, which was frozen solid. Schwalm's grave was marked with a wood cross with his name engraved. Afterwards the prisoners were marched back to the camp and surprisingly were still allowed to keep the funeral flag. As Leo Leisse remarked in his diary: "*The Nazi officer must have been an exception, probably not mean enough for the front lines.*" A few days after Schwalm's funeral, another American soldier died at the camp. Sergeant Clarkson Russell, who had been captured at St. Vith as a member of the 7th Armored, was buried beside Schwalm on the 30th of January. The prisoners remained at Görlitz until mid-February 1945 when the Germans evacuated the Stalag because the Russian Army was moving in too close. Two British soldiers were executed by the Germans because they refused to give up the flag and the propaganda pictures of Schwalm's funeral, which they had stolen from the commandant's office. Chaplain Hopkins kept the flag, which he would use for the burial ceremony of 700 other American POW's during the remainder of his time as a prisoner of the Germans.

On the 14 of February 1945 the War Department received confirmation of Schwalm's death and his parents were notified. But their lost son was not home yet. In 1945 Görlitz lay in German lebensraum territory stolen by the Germans. Due to the fear of the advancing Russians, the city was abandoned by its original population and after the liberation it became inhabited

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by Polish refugees who resettled there. Now it is a border city divided in a German (Görlitz) and a Polish part (Zgorzelec). Three years later, in March 1948, an American GRS (Graves Registration Service) detail arrived at Görlitz to look for the remains of American boys who lost their lives at the Stalag. At the town cemetery they found two graves, numbered 113 and 114 of what appeared to be American servicemen. Both remains were evacuated but remained unidentified. No locals knew who the men were or what had happened there. The men were temporarily laid to rest at the American Military Cemetery of Neuville-En-Condroz in Belgium. Schwalm's grave was engraved X-7242, unknown soldier number 7242. Now began the process of identifying the remains. After retrieving German documents, the Army matched the number on the POW ID tag they found with the remains, nr. 315062, with Bruce Schwalm. After making contact with his father, dental records were

compared. X-7242 was T/5 Bruce F. Schwalm Jr. Four years after his unfortunate death in a German prison camp hospital, a train rolled into the Philadelphia station. Bruce Schwalm was home. He was buried for the third and last time at Whitemarsh Memorial Park under a bronze military Grave marker.

Epilogue

Today, Sgt. Clarkson A. Russell of the 7th Armored still lies among his fallen brothers-in-arms at the Neuville-En-Condroz cemetery at Neupré, Belgium. He is buried at Plot D, Row 5, Grave 8. Chaplain Sgt. Robert Hopkins donated Schwalm's funeral flag to the 2nd Infantry Division Museum in 1979. It is on display at Camp Red Cloud in Korea. Hopkins became a Methodist Minister in Virginia after the war. When he passed away in 2004, his coffin was draped with the very same flag he used for the burial of Bruce Schwalm and others, 60 years back.

Waiting to Have a Conversation for 67 Years

Submitted by Joe Cucarola

Golden Lion Burt Pfaff's Washington D.C. Honor Flight article submitted by his daughter for the last issue of *The CUB* (Vol. 66. No. 3) led to a way over due conversation, *67 years overdue* to be more precise.

After reading the article, Mr. Cucarola called the publisher of *The CUB* and requested Mr. Pfaff's phone number. They served together in the 106th Infantry Division and were separated during the Battle of the Bulge. Learning 67 years later that his buddy was still alive, a quick phone call to Ms. Patricia Brach (Burt Pfaff's daughter) has resulted in these two vets enjoying the opportunity to catch up.

The Division's Campaign Stars

By Carl Wouters and John Schaffner (589 FA)

The question of Campaign Stars/Credits for the 106th Infantry Division has often been asked. Our good friend and Associate Member in Belgium, Carl Wouters, has done the research and provided us with answers. Carl's research appears in the *www.indianamilitary.org* Web site in the Message Board in its entirety. John Schaffner has boil it down for *The CUB*.

First of all, the process of eligibility for a campaign credit are as follows; according to army regulations an organization is given campaign participation credit if it actually engaged the enemy in combat, was stationed in the combat zone, or performed duties either in the air or on the ground in any part of the combat zone during the time limitations of the campaign. Service Stars (the bronze campaign stars) are worn on the service and campaign medals to denote participation in campaigns. The second thing to know is that all army campaigns were limited in time and in place. The following is a breakdown of the U.S. Army's campaigns from the summer of 1944 to the end of the war.

25 July 1944 till 14 September 1944

(ETO excl UK and Iceland):

Northern France Campaign

15 September 1944 till 21 March 1945

(Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg, Germany and France excl area of the Ardennes Breakthrough):

Rhineland Campaign

16 December 1944 till 25 January 1945

(Ardennes Forest in Belgium and Luxemburg and Alsace region of France): ***Ardennes-Alsace Campaign***

22 March 1945 till 11 May 1945

(starting area ten miles west of Rhine): ***Central European Campaign***

Carl Wouters searched the official US Army Citation and Campaign register for (the largest) units of the 106th including some of the units that reconstructed the division after the Ardennes.

The division itself is credited with only three campaigns, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. All of the main units of the division participated in the Rhineland Campaign (one week prior to the Bulge). Those who didn't were units like the 3rd and 159th Infantry Regiments which reconstructed the division after the Ardennes and didn't arrive in the ETO till 1945. Looking at individual units, there are some that were credited with a certain campaign as others were not. For instance, there are only five units that are credited for all four campaigns. These are the 331st Medical, the 81st Engineers, the 591st and 592nd Artillery Battalions and the 806th Ordnance Company. All three original infantry regiments and the 589th and 590th artillery battalions are credited for three campaigns (Ardennes, Rhineland and Northern France).

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Out of 22 researched units (all main units including some of the replacement units such as the 159th Infantry, the 401st Artillery and an attached unit the 168th Engineers), 18 participated in the Rhineland and Ardennes Campaign, 15 in the Northern France Campaign and 14 in the Central European Campaign. Keeping everything in mind I think it is fair to state that the 106th Infantry Division as a whole can also be credited for the Central European Campaign. But, campaign stars are issued on an individual unit basis. Since I (John Schaffner) served with the 589th FA prior to the Bulge and the 592nd FA after the Bulge, and after the reconstitution was back in the 589th FA, which participated with the 66th Infantry Division in the action at Lorient (Northern France) I qualified for the four bronze campaign stars on the ETO ribbon.

Help me Plan a Trip to Belgium

By Tim Blixt

Associate Member Tim Blixt has begun an effort to organize a tour of the Bulge battlefields to take place in mid to late May of 2012. His group is working with Patrick Hinchy, the Director of European Programs for Milspec Tours (www.gomilspec.com) to organize a custom designed tour. The group hopes to interest as many returning Bulge veterans as possible to get involved in planning the itinerary for this tour. Patrick will need our requests in by Thanksgiving of this year in order to

begin planning the ground logistics. The hope is to create a tour with as much veteran participation as possible, and one which will take in those sites the veterans most want to visit. This will be an opportunity to go back to the places that meant the most to the veterans and have them tell us what happened at each location. The tour is envisioned as about a week in duration, but will last longer if there are enough participants and an itinerary that requires more than a week. At this time, Tim is dispensing what information is available, and keeping track of names of those interested in learning more about the tour. He can be contacted at 973-616-0853. His e-mail address is timandlori@cabinconcerts.com and his mailing address is 60 Hawthorne Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470. We look forward to hearing from YOU!

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. They cost between \$16 and \$25. He has been a faithful supplier 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 4132 East 36th Place, Tulsa, OK 74135.

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James Garrett Thul during a February 12th, 2011 game against the University of Massachusetts. The ID patch is visible on his right shoulder.

Golden Lions Honored by U.S. Army Cadet's Lacrosse Uniform

By Jim Thul

Golden Lion Fred Thul and the 106th Infantry Division was recently honored by Mr. Thul's Grandson James Garrett Thul a cadet at West Point. Mr. Fred Thul passed away on May 1, 2010 at the age of 88. Last year as a freshman or Plebe, James Garrett Thul was selected by Inside Lacrosse Magazine as the National Freshman Player of the Year and is a preseason All-America selection for this season. Mr. Thul died the day before his grandson's conference championship game which Army won against Navy and never got to watch his grandson take the field for Army. Mr. Thul was a strong influence on his grandson James Garrett and was instrumental in his choice to pursue a military career even during a time of war.

It is traditional for the athletes at the Academy to wear military patches on their uniforms in honor of the different branches of the Army. To Jim Thul's

knowledge they are all active duty units. However, Jim Thul acquired several Golden Lion 'vintage patches,' and James Garrett Thul received permission to sew a 106th Infantry Division patch on his home and away jersey, as well as the uniform reserved for games against

James Garrett Thul during a February 12th, 2011 game against the University of Massachusetts. The ID patch is visible on his right shoulder.

the other Academies. James Garrett Thul is excited and proud to have the opportunity to wear the insignia, not only to honor his grandfather, but to remind anyone who sees the patches of the proud tradition of the 106th Infantry Division's service in World War II. Army opened their season on February 12th, 2011 against the University of Massachusetts.

106th Re-enactment of the Battle of the Bulge

(Indiantown Gap, PA)

Submitted by
Al Iannuzzi (590/Btry C)

Golden Lion Al Iannuzzi of Carlstadt, NJ wanted to share a brief article and photos of a Battle of the Bulge re-enactment he attended on January 29, 2011. Mr. Iannuzzi stated, "there was a large group of people there to see the re-enactment of the battle and the weather was similar to what it was like at the Bulge 66 years ago. My family was thrilled with the battle re-enactment and the old authentic equipment. I was disappointed in being the only 106th member there. This is a yearly event which we will try to observe every year."

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Reliving history



As snowflakes fell peacefully around them Saturday morning, a medic tends to a 'fallen' comrade during a re-enactment of the Battle of the Bulge at Fort Indiantown Gap. The combat and wounds may have been make-believe, but the cold was just as real as it was in 1945.

Once again, Allies are victorious

A steady snowfall gave the Battle of the Bulge re-enactment a greater sense of realism.

By BARBARA WEST
For The Daily News

PORT INDIANTOWN GAP — A steady snow began to fall as the Allied soldiers inched their way through the dense forest. German troops, shielded behind fallen logs and snipers, watched and waited with rifles at the ready.

When fired the first shot, we'll be stillness was with the silent machine fire and for a medic.

lanned victory

on the snow-covered Fort Indiantown Gap battlefield Saturday morning. The 60th re-enactment of the Battle of the Bulge, re-enacted by Allied and Axis living historians of the World War II Federation, was one of two battles held for the general public on Saturday.

It was, according to several spectators in attendance, one of the best re-enactments of the pivotal World War II battle they had

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Outgunned, a German soldier surrenders to a trio of Allied troops, including a medic, during Saturday's Battle of the Bulge re-enactment.



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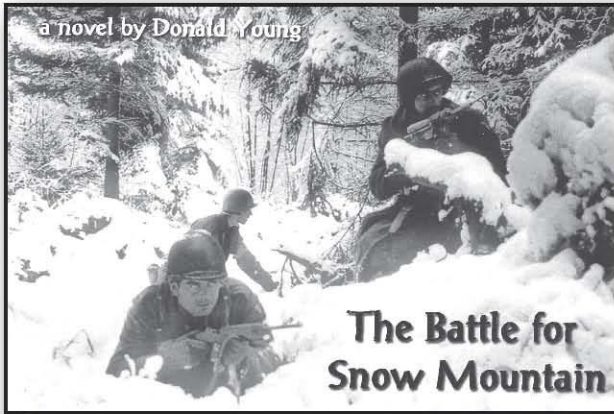
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THE BATTLE FOR SNOW MOUNTAIN

by Donald Young

The Battle for Snow Mountain is a comic novel — based on Young's experience — which gives a surreal picture of the German attack on the 106th Division in the winter of 1944.



The story deals with two soldiers, their odd love affairs at home, their war experience in the Battle of the Bulge, their accidental capture, escape from POW camp, and return to freedom.

“I’ve never read a more powerful WWII novel than
The Battle for Snow Mountain.”

JOHN DIZIKES, FORMERLY PROFESSOR
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

“Young’s novel is an instant war classic, much like
Vonnegut’s *Slaughter House Five* and Heller’s *Catch 22.*”

WALLACE WOOD, BOOK REVIEWER

The Battle for Snow Mountain by Donald Young
can be purchased by April 1, from Pocol Press, 6023 Pocol Drive,
Clifton, VA 20124, 1-703-830-5862.

It can also be ordered at *Amazon.com*, \$17.95, ISBN 978-1-929763-48-1

Jeep Patrol: Guarding Enemy Prisoner of War

The following pictures were submitted by Edward J. Wilks, of Bloomingdale, OH.

In May or June 1945 in Langenloshem, Germany when their company was part of the unit that guarded thousands of German Prisoners of War. If anyone would like to call Mr. Wilks at 740-543-3725 he would welcome you call.

Pictured (right to left): Sgt. T Ladda, PFC Wilson and Co. driver Willis Bircher (all in 424/L)



1st Sgt. Jerry Shaef (424/L)



*PFC Edward Wilks (424/L)
Company Driver*



*Capt. Ben Bartell, C.O.
(424/L), Driver: Ed
Wilks, (424/L), with a
POW Stockade Fence
in Background*



*Lt. O.H. Bauer,
C.O. (424/L)*

Front & Center . . .

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>

Sgt Fay Bradley, 423/E — Michelle Chambers has the following question, "I'm wondering if anyone remembers Sgt Fay Bradley, 423/E? He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and was in three different POW camps — IVB Muhlberg, IIIB Furstenberg, IIIA Luckenwalde. He was part of the Brat March from Furstenberg to Luckenwalde. I've gathered most of his official paperwork, but would love to hear from anyone who remembers him or experienced any of these places. I have some photos from his time in Indiana before being shipped out and would love to gather more. I can be reached at michelle.m.chambers@gmail.com" Ms. Chambers is Mr. Bradley's granddaughter.

Milton W. Owen, 422 — Mr. Dave Fagersten at 4212 Prestwick Court, Saint Charles, IL and dave_fagersten@comcast.net has submitted the following request for information. "My uncle Milton W. Owen was a member of the 106 Infantry Division, 422nd Infantry Regiment. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and died in captivity. I found the following entries in the roster section of the www.IndianaMilitary.org Web site.

- Owen, Milton W. 32771541422nd/ IV-BPH Executed, Shot While Attempting Escape
- Owen, Melton W.T/532771541422 INF/GKIA 03/30/1945 CIB, PH AR A-37-17

The ASN is the same for both entries. The SN also matches the information I found related to where he is buried in the Ardennes American cemetery in Neupre, Belgium. The far right column of the roster database indicates a source. The first entry above the Source is 59. For the second the source is 27, AMBC (American Battle Monuments Commission the government list of all KIAs. <http://www.abmc.gov/search/wwii.php>). Where can I find these sources? If possible I would like to find more information related to his death. Perhaps there are some eye witness accounts. Any information you can provide regarding my uncle is very much appreciated.

Prisoner's Odyssey



by HERB SHEANER

Matthew K. Rozen, 423/I, - Mr. Rozen was a Polish musician from Schenectady NY, who was drafted in May 1943. He took his basic training in Camp Breckinridge, KY. On December 16, 1944, he was in a foxhole on the Schnee Eifel with Wayman Troxel, Cliff Arnold and Adam Billek. Taken prisoner he was sent to Stalag IX-B in Barracks #31. If you have any information on Golden Lion Matthew Rozen please send it to Susan Englert (granddaughter) at senglert@roadrunner.com

Mr. Merrit Drucker is a retired U.S. Army Officer who served in Rheinberg, Germany from 1987 to 1990. He thanks the 106th Infantry Division for its great service. He is conducting historical research on the Rheinberg and Buderich camps where German POWs were held during World War II. If you or someone you know served near these towns or the camps during the war, please consider contacting him at the following: Merrit Drucker, 7507 12th Street NW, Washington DC 20012 or by phone at 202 494 0374 or 202.722.6716 or by e-mail at druckersloss@aol.com

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Prisoner's Odyssey

by Herb Sheaner (422/G)

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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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18 December Saturday

Meet the Vets 1 PM to 2:30
The Battle at Rockerath & Krinkelt 1 PM to 1:45
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19 December Sunday

The First German Breakthrough 1 to 1:45 PM
The US Army's 291st Engineer Combat Battalion vs. Waffen SS Panzergruppe Leibstandarte SS Adolf Hitler(aka Kampfgruppe Peiper). Two people dressed as Lieutenant Colonel David E. Pergrin and SS Obersturmbannführer Joachim Peiper will describe the battle.

8 January Saturday

Meet the Vets 1 to 2:30 PM
Battle demonstration 1PM
Infantry in the Ardennes 3 PM

9 January Sunday

The Second German Breakthrough 1 to 1:45 PM
The US Army's Combat Command R/3rd Armored Division vs. 58 Panzer Korps. Two people dressed as Colonel Robert Howze and General Der Panzertruppen Walter Krüger will describe the fighting between their units.

15 January Saturday

Meet the Vets 1 to 2:30 PM
Armor in the Ardennes 1 to 1:45 PM

16 January Sunday

St.Vith - The Fortified Goose Egg 1 to 1:45 PM
7th Armored Division vs. 66.Korps
Stopped the German breakthrough of the 106th Infantry Division allowing PzG LSSAH(Peiper) to be surrounded and 82nd Airborne and 3rd Armored Divisions to move up to the Ambleve River. Two people dressed as General Robert W. Hasbrouck and General der Artillerie Walter Lucht will describe the battle.

22 January Saturday

Meet the Vets 1 to 2:30 PM
The Last German attempt to breakthrough: Sadzot 1 to 1:45 PM
25th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment made the last attack to break the US lines held by elements of CCA/3rd Armor Division. Two people dressed as Brigadier General Doyle O. Hickey and SS Sturmbahnführer Siegfried Muller will describe the battle.

Everyone assisting with this event is a volunteer. All materials are on loan or donated. Would you like to assist with the display? Please leave your name and contact information.

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*The Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park's
Battle of the Bulge Exhibit Program
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Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park's Battle of the Bulge Exhibit

Submitted by Frank S. Trautman (422/D)

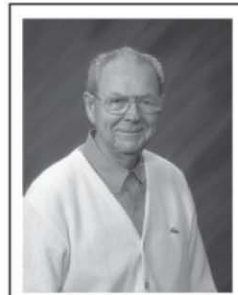
Golden Lion Frank Trautman submitted this copy of the Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park's Battle of the Bulge program regarding a new exhibit to the battle's history. Last December, Mr. Trautman attended and represented the 106th Infantry Division Association (his second time to do so). Displays have been designed to show a time line for the major events that happened each day; containing written text and photos. Visitors are able to gain a clear picture of the battle as they tour the exhibit; uniformed American and German soldiers accompany the exhibit and provide narration.

The Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park's Battle of the Bulge Exhibit Program (outside cover and inside)

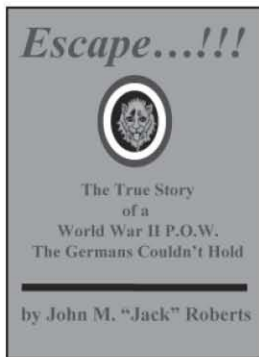
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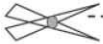
This book was written about the experiences Jack Roberts had while in combat when serving with the 106th Infantry Division during WWII which highlights being ambushed and captured by the Germans on the first day of the Battle of the Bulge in December, 1944.



John M. "Jack" Roberts



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The Importance of a Mini Reunion

by Ed Christianson 331st

MedBn/CMini-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 “minireunions” 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

Battle of the Bulge Veterans Reunion

Ralph Bozorth (Associate Member) would like everyone to know that the Battle of the Bulge Veterans will hold a reunion in Columbus, GA on September 20–25, 2011. For more information you make contact Mr. Bozorth at 608 Treaty Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462, by phone at 484-351-8844 or by e-mail

Ralph@veteransofthebattleofthebulge.org and the organization's Web site at www.veteransofthebattleofthebulge.org



Southern California Mini-Reunion

Held on December 12, 2010, Golden Lion Milton Weiner reported that, "Each veteran introduced themselves and we prayed for us and those no longer here and wished there will never be

another "Battle of the Bulge." Veterans in attendance were: Morris Chester, 422/HQ; Joe G. Mejia, 592 FA; Eric Vonderhorst, 423/F; Milton Weiner, 424/M and Leo Kreuser. Also present were Bernard Weiner, Larry Heider, great-grandson Daniel Rauda, Dave Fournier, Miriam Chester, Frances Mejia, Kent and Teresa Harter and the 106th Insignia cake. For information about reunions for 2011, please write or call Milton Weiner, 28121 Ridgethorne Court, Racho Palos Verdes, CA, 90275 and 310-544-0470.

Pictured left to right on the back row: Morris Chester, 422/HQ; Joe G. Mejia, 592 FA; Eric Vonderhorst, 423/F.
Pictured left to right on the front row: Milton Weiner, 424/M; Leo Kreuser

Mini-Reunions . . .

Georgia Mini-Reunion

Submitted by Mrs. Frankie C. Burkes

The Georgia Mini-Reunion was held at the Rafferty's Restaurant in Kennesaw, Georgia on December 12th, 2010. According to Mrs. Burkes, "everyone who attended had a great time and something happened that has never happened before. The service manager, Vice Lynn picked everyone's meal, because his

dad had been in the service also, and he wanted to do something nice for the mini-reunion attendees. Mrs. Burkes wishes to especially thank Carl Canup for his work in getting the reunion together

Pictured below, standing left to right — Woody Harriman, Tony Hamby, David Black, Carl Canup, Matthew Hamby and Deland Cochran (Frankie's son). Seated are Rev. Ewell Black and Lee Darby



Pictured above, left to right

— Peggy Harriman, Deanna Hamlin, Mrs. Darby, Cathy White, Sue Canup, Frankie Burkes, Bridgette Canup, Gienice Pearson and Susan Ridley

Pictured left, left to right — Vice Lynn (the manager who bought everyone's dinner), Rev. Ewell Black, Lee Darby, Carl Canup and another Rafferty's Manager

BEHNEY, DONALD H. 424/HQ

—Date of Death: January 31, 2011

Mr. Behney was born in Tower City, PA on November 21, 1922. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was a member of the U.S. Army Band. He held the rank of Tech Sergeant and served with HQ Company, Anti-Tank Platoon, 424th Regiment. He was taken prisoner by the Germans and held for nearly six months. He received the Bronze Star. In his later life he worked for the Pennsylvania State Museum where he was in charge of the Historical Sites.

*Reported by Col. Leo T. McMahon, Jr.
(RET)*

BROKAW, RICHARD L. 424/G

—Date of Death: August 21, 2010

Reported by his wife, Jody

CREEL, ‘EV’ ELNOMAC 590/FA

—Date of Death: October 25, 2010

Mr. Creel was a retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Living in Temple Terrace, FL when he passed away on October 25, 2010. He was a devoted husband to Isolde “Putti” Creel; loving father to Margaret (Jerry) Large, Evelyn

Reported by Chris Kelly

CROSSLAND, WILLIAM 423/G

—Date of Death: February 3, 2010

Reported by his wife, Norma Crossland

(Fernando) Cerna, Kathy (Dietmar) Vowe, and Nancy (Richard) Carpenter; and a nurturing grandfather to his seven grandchildren. Elnomac (named after an Indian Chief who saved his grandfather’s life) was born July 23, 1921 on a farm 20 miles north of Birmingham, Alabama. He attended Auburn University where he was a member of the track team. World War II interrupted his studies. He was a field artillery forward observer and was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. Stationed in Berlin after the war, El met and married “the prettiest woman in Germany,” his wife, Isolde. He served 28 years in the US Army. After retiring from the Army, Elnomac, obtained an accounting degree from the University of South Florida and, after working for the Accounting Dept at the school, became the business manager of Florida Mental Health Institute. In his later years he discovered the POW organization and cherished the friendships he developed there.

HENRICKS, DON 81st ENG

—Date of Death: December 4, 2010

Mr. Henricks (86 years old) died last December in Alton, IL. Mr. Henricks was a member of the 81st Combat Engineers and fought in four of the seven major battles in Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge. In Tennessee during Ranger training under Colonel Thomas Riggs the combat engineers built a raft to cross the Cumberland River. Don, 19 years old at the time, was the next to board, but did not because there was no more room; all who boarded were drowned when the raft capsized. When Mr. Henricks and the engineers arrived at Winterspelt, Belgium in the Ardennes, close to Germany they were told they probably wouldn't see much action. In fact, to expect rest and relaxation, this of course changed on December 16, 1944. Taken prisoner during the battle, he survived and always held Colonel Riggs in high esteem. Don and his wife Pat of 61 years always enjoyed the reunions. Don and his wife had three children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Reported by his widow Pat, through Mr. Henricks' friend of 70 years John C. Rain (589/B)

KUESPERT, ART 423/F

—Date of Death: July 9, 2009

Mr. Kuespert passed away at the age of 88 in North Ft. Myers, FL. In his words, he became a guest of the German government on December 19, 1944. He was sent to Stalag IV-B, near Muhlberg for processing. At that point he became POW #311829. On January 2, 1945 he transferred to Arbeit Kommando 1000 in Grossenhain near Dresden to be used for railroad labor. Mr. Kuespert was co-author of Rainwater and Potato Peelings with Joe Kleven; a book about their POW experience. Mr. Kuespert is survived by his wife Dody of 62 years,

daughter Janet Flanigan and son Tom

Reported by Tom Kuespert, 202 Caviller Ct., N. Ft. Myers, FL 33917

LAWLER, LOY D 423/ E

—Date of Death: Not Reported

Mr. Lawler from Box 1118, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75456-1118 recently passed away.

Reported by a granddaughter through John Schaffner

LEIBOWITZ, SAMUEL 424/HQ

—Date of Death: Not Reported

Reported by Mrs. Leibowitz to Murray Stein

MCCARY, WILLIAM H. 423/H

—Date of Death: January 13, 2011

Known by his middle name Hughes most of his life, Mr. McCary was a private when transferred from Motor Mechanic School (Fort Benning, GA) as a replacement into 106th Division, assigned to Heavy Weapons Company H, to a .30cal water-cooled machine gun crew. He went over on the Queen Elizabeth, and hated English food cooked on ship; existing on Hershey's bars and Coca-Cola. During the Battle of the Bulge he was lounded and captured riding in a jeep when ordered a retreat back to St. Vith. He told his son Jim McCary that a soldier named Ted gave him his fi eld jacket before he was sent to a German hospital. He was held as a prisoner at Stalag IIA but worked on surrounding farms so he was not confined in the camps all the time.

In May 1945 a German sergeant walked his group of prisoners to the American lines. Near Schwerin his group had to unload a C-47 full of jerry cans of gasoline in return for a flight back to France. At Camp Lucky Strike he met Ted again and returned a pocket-watch that was in the field jacket loaned to him when he was captured. He married Joyce Vandiver in 1949 and was 2 weeks short of their 59th anniversary when she passed away in 2008. Hughes worked his way up from drafting designer to engineer over 35-plus years at A. B. Chance Company in Centralia, MO. He also operated a small farm raising cattle which allowed him to return to his childhood roots from a depression-era farm in Southwest Missouri. His family would enjoy any correspondence from 106th veterans or associate members at the following: Jim McCary, P. O. Box 65, Allison, IA 50602 or jimmc@netins.net

MIKALAUSKIS, JOHN 424/H

—Date of Death: December 30, 2010

Mr. Mikalauskis passed at Franklin Hospital in Benton, Illinois. He was born on January 1, 1923, in West Frankfort, Illinois, the son of Leon and Della Mikalauskis. Mr. Mikalauskis was a constant and reliable attendee of the reunions regardless of location until health problems would not allow his attendance. He spoke often, and with pride, of his service in World War II, and he served in the Korean War.

*Reported by Dolores Mikalauskis
(wife of 64 years)*

PESCHEL, LOGAN MILTON

—Date of Death: November 30, 2010
Golden Lion Logan Peschel passed away on Nov. 30, 2010 in Fort Worth, Texas. Logan was born on September 22, 1925, on a farm outside Schwertner. He turned 18 in his senior year of high school and was drafted. His love for his country was great throughout his life. Logan came to Fort Worth and began working for Convair. He worked on the wings and landing gear of the B-36, B-58, F-111 and F-16. He retired in 1992 after 43 years. Logan married Margie Barnes in Granger on April 16, 1955, and they began their life together, raising two daughters, Penny and Patti. Grandchildren Jaelyn, Blake and Emily were the joy of his life. In 1976, the 200th anniversary of the United States, Logan completed 1,776 miles in the “Spirit of ’76 Jog,” and his name is entered in the National Jogging Association Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C.

Reported by Jim West and Murray Stein

REINKOBER, JOHN H. 426/M

—Date of Death: March 9, 2011

Mr. Reinkober was born June 18, 1916 and died on March 9, 2011. He served in the 2nd Platoon, M Company, 423rd Regiment, (John Kline’s outfit). He was captured on Dec 19, 1944, and was interred at Stalag IVB. Mr. Reinkober was buried in his hometown of Chilton, WI on March 19.

*Reported by his
nephew James
Reinkober,
Associate Member*

RUSSELL, EDWARD JR. 422

—Date of Death: January 28, 2011
Mr. Russell served in the 422nd and was a POW in Bad Orb.

Reported by his son Charles Russell

SCRIBNER, EMERY L. JR, 424/E

—Date of Death: December 6, 2010

TODD, DAVID H., JR., 424/L

—Date of Death: Not Reported

Reported by Harry Martin

VAN MOORLEHEM, LUCILLE

—Date of Death: October 18, 2010

Reported by her husband Arthur Van Moorlehem (423/B)

VASQUEZ, GEORGE M.

—Date of Death: Not Reported

Reported by Harry Martin

WENTE, MARTIN (CHIC) L. 423/I

—Date of Death: August 3, 2010

An Ex POW, interred in Berga, Chic passed away at the age of 85. From California, he is survived by his wife of 50 years and a daughter and two grandsons.

Reported by his wife, Donna Wente, by phone to publisher, Susan Weiss

YELOCHAN, ALBERT P. 422/HQ

—Date of Death: January 31, 2011

Mr. Yelochan passed away at the VA Hospital in Aspinwall, PA. He lived most of his life in Cheswick, PA and was involved in many community activities

including participating in annual 106th Infantry Division mini-reunions. He was a past President of the American Slovenian Citizens Association, past commander of Post 1437 VFW, American Fraternal Union, Fraternal Order of Eagles, as well as well as a member of long standing in the Cheswick, PA Fire Company. Mr. Yelochan with many of the 422nd Regiment was taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Margaret, and their 4 daughters: Donna, Marjorie, Joyce and Lois.

Reported by Joseph P. Maloney

YINGST, JAMES 423/D

—Date of Death: December 5, 2010

Reported by his widow, Ruth, to John H. Robb

Editor's Special Notification:

HEIM, HENRY PETER

—Date of Death: unknown

Brian Kenyan called the editor of the CUB and informed him that sadly his grandfather passed away. Mr. Kenyan noted that his family would like to have Mr. Peter Heim's name listed in the next CUB. Unfortunately, the editor of the CUB was unable to return Mr. Kenyan's phone message because both the email and phone number he left did not work. That said, the editor of the CUB had decided to run this notification nevertheless.

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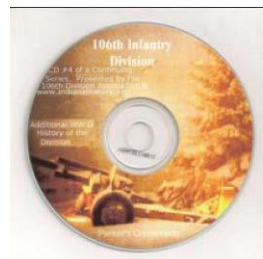
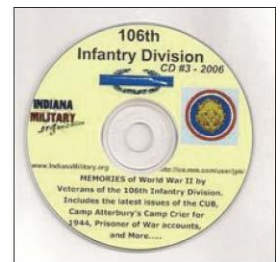
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