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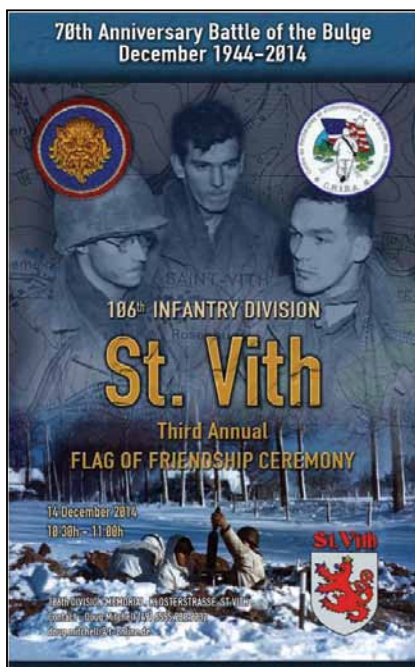
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Flash! News From Our Belgian Allies

Submitted by Carl Wouters, 106th Infantry Division Belgian Liaison



Attention Golden Lions and the Association Family! Carl Wouters is announcing the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of St. Vith and a special ceremony this December. Wouters states, “It is important to note that 2014 is a year of remembrance. For starters it’s the bicentennial of the Ghent Treaty, which put a formal end to the state of war that had existed between Great Britain and the United States of America since 1812. This year also marks the centennial of the Great War. But perhaps most important it also marks the 70th Anniversary of the largest land battle in American history: *the Battle of the Bulge*. As we approach this 70th Anniversary in December, commemorations will be plentiful at various towns and monuments across the Belgian Ardennes and Luxembourg.”

See the rest of this announcement and a story about the Second Annual Flag of Friendship ceremony at St. Vith and Vielsalm, beginning on page 24.

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Please Note: At the business meeting on Friday, September 16, 2011, at the 65th Reunion in Baltimore, MD, the 106th Association Board members approved the new By-Laws that now allow “Non-106th Veterans” [as we will now be calling the formerly named Associate members] to serve on the Board and as elected officers.

President's View . . .

While I watched the celebration of the D-Day heroic efforts, I looked ahead to the coming 70th anniversary and the celebration of the heroic actions the men of the 106th displayed during the Battle of the Bulge. The Germans had it in their mind that they could plow through the Division and push the Allies into the sea, however, they had not met the men of the 106th. Even though you were cut off from resupply for days and were running out of ammunition and food, the men of the 106th fought valiantly and with the “Heart of a Lion” against overwhelming odds. You were responsible for delaying the German advance of armor and men to their planned objectives for sufficient time to allow the rear elements to regroup and continue the fight.

A quote from an old soldier remembering the D-Day actions applies to all the men of the 106th Division **“All of you gave some — some of you gave all”** That is the basis of our 70th Anniversary Celebration of the men of the 106th. We gather to reminisce about the days of the Battle and life beyond and to remember those who gave their all. This will take place at **Norfolk, Virginia at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel September 3–7, 2014.**



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The association mailed all members a copy of the registration forms and those forms are also attached to this publication of *The CUB*. Our natural tendency is to say “I have time, I will send them in soon.” Please consider filling them out today and mailing them now. We will be able to plan better for the crowd of Veterans and families that will descend upon Norfolk this September.

When you read this *CUB*, call your Buddy from the 106th and encourage him to join you at the reunion. All members of our local chapters call each other and encourage your group to attend the national reunion as a chapter. Our new chapter from Belgium has put together a delegation to come to the annual reunion. That would be a real treat to meet you in person. It will be a real treat for all members and families to meet and visit with as many of you

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as we can from where ever you come. You will not regret the effort. Families, who have lost their Veteran, please come and bask in the light of those who fought next to your Dad or survived Prison Camp on the top bunk of your Dad's bunk. You will not regret it. All of you that have written a book about your escapades in the war, please bring them, sell them to us and sign them when you do. I encourage you that have

memorabilia that others would enjoy seeing, to bring it, display it and enjoy the admiration of others.

If you have any questions that need a quick answer, do not hesitate to write, email or call me (cell: 765-346-0690) and I will work to get you connected with the answer. Let's make this an annual reunion to remember

See you in Norfolk.

Randall

Order of the Golden Lion Committee

This award is provided in three classifications depending on the qualifications of the recipient. The most prestigious is "**Commander Class**" issued in gold finish. This award is usually provided to someone who has served the Association faithfully over an extended period of time and is a Veteran of the 106th Infantry Division.

The second is "**Officer Class**" issued in silver finish. This award is usually provided to someone who has served the Association faithfully over an extended period of time and is not necessarily a Veteran of the 106th Infantry Division.

The third is "**Companion Class**" issued in bronze finish. This award is usually provided to someone who has served the Association faithfully in the capacity of assistance in the operation of the Association.

The specifications for making the award are intended to fit many instances where an individual is deemed worthy. *The award should be determined by the recipient's contributions to the Association.*

The Chairman of the Order of the

Golden Lion committee will poll the members of the Board of Directors for recommendations for the OGL awards. The President or Chairman may select additional members to the committee.

Nominations will be submitted in a format suitable for composing a formal citation to accompany the award of the medal. This must be done in ample time prior to the next Reunion in order for the manufacturer to produce the medal(s) on time.

All citations should be kept confidential between the nominator and the Committee Chairman prior to the actual awarding ceremony.

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A Life of Gratitude

Ever think about the simple things in life? Things like mirrors. Mirrors are so helpful in our everyday lives. We have mirrors in our homes that provide us with an unbiased opinion of our appearance. We have mirrors in our cars to help us see in areas where we would otherwise have a hard time seeing. The one thing about mirrors is that they do not lie. If we look a mess in front of a mirror then that is exactly what the mirror tells us. Mirrors help us see what really is. They reflect truth and help us in areas of our lives such as getting dressed, putting make-up on and driving. The idea of reflecting, like mirrors do, is a great attribute for people to utilize. Since we are within the time frame of Memorial Day and the 4th of July, and as a way of expressing my thanks to all of the men and women who have and continue to defend this great nation, I think it is fitting for us to take a moment and reflect upon the virtue of gratitude.

People use phrases such as "Thank God" or "Thank a Vet" in vain. These phrases have become habitual statements that we say in order to fulfill an oral obligation. I would like to propose two actions we can take in order to learn to develop an attitude of gratitude that will, by default, spread to the younger generations.

First, I think it is important for us to: Go back before going forward. I am reminded of the one leper out of the ten who came back to say thank you to Jesus for healing him. Why did he come back and the others didn't? I believe that his actions reflect a true



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heart of gratitude. Our holidays such as Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veteran's Day are important reminders for us to stop and look back and go back to the people who made that day possible. Holidays like these remind us to reflect upon the people who paid the ultimate sacrifice. This is not to say that the only important people are the ones who died in combat. I truly believe that the men and women who made it home are still suffering the effects of the war. In some ways we are all guilty of acting like the other nine lepers who never went back to thank Jesus. We pray to God, asking Him to provide for our physical, emotional and financial needs and because God is faithful and just He provides, NOT because we deserve it or are entitled to it. Then we forget to go back and thank Him for what He has done for us! God provides and we move forward without going back!

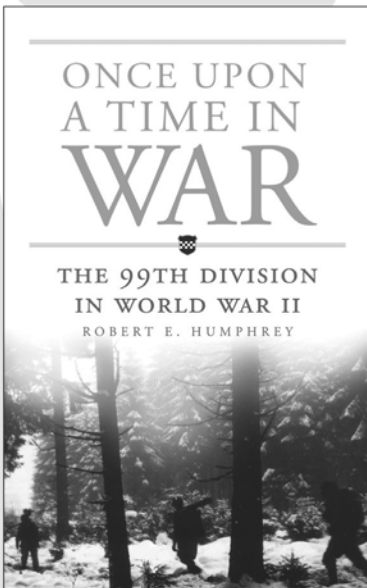
Chaplain's Message . . .

Second, I think it is important to: Cultivate a habit of gratitude. When the statement, “Habits become second nature” is made, it means that we have taught ourselves the habit, we have taken on a new way of thinking. We need to make gratitude part of our second nature. We can do this by creating a culture of gratitude.

How do we cultivate a habit of gratitude with our veterans? Everybody has three things they can give of — Time, Treasures and Talents. Spend time with a veteran and just listen, whether they are in your neighborhood or if you visit a local hospital. Consider giving to some sort of veteran’s association or spend a little money on a veteran who lives in your neighborhood.

Lastly, everybody has some sort of talent whether it is musical, writing, traveling, listening the list goes on and on. Using just one of these three devices once in a while shows that you are thankful without even having to say it! Actions speak louder than words. So let’s remember to be grateful and appreciative for what we have as Americans and let us raise the bar of gratitude in our own lives so it will become contagious in others. Continue to have a safe and happy summer and I look forward to meeting you all at the reunion!

Forcefully Advancing ~
Vincent Charron
Matthew 11:12



Once Upon a Time in War

The 99th Division in World War II

By Robert E. Humphrey

Once Upon a Time in War presents a stirring view of combat from the perspective of the common soldier. Author Robert E. Humphrey personally retraced the path of the 99th through Belgium and Germany and conducted extensive interviews with more than three hundred surviving veterans. These narratives, seamlessly woven to create a collective biography, offer a gritty reenactment of World War II from the enlisted man’s point of view. For readers captivated by *Band of Brothers*, this book offers an often tragic, sometimes heartwarming, but always compelling read.

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The Adjutant's Message . . .

My Brothers and Sisters,

The past few months have been an emotional time in our lives. The Memorial Day ceremony was held at the Veterans Cemetery here in Lake Worth, FL. I was introduced as a surviving WWII former POW. The guest speaker was a marvelous young Soldier (U.S. Army retired) Sgt. Brian J. Mast, a double amputee (legs). His speech was directed to his two young children (4 and 2), who were there with his lovely wife. He explained why he doesn't cry and how LUCKY he and his children are to live in these wonderful United States of America. Not a dry eye amongst the more than a 1,000 people having met there that day. We sort of bonded.

I invited him to be our guest speaker at the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. Brian said "It would be an Honor." When I asked for a resume, he asked me to come to his home and have dinner with his family. How proud I am of our young servicemen and women; they truly are an extension of the GREATEST GENERATION. I am honored to know this man.

For the 70th Anniversary of D-Day I attended the ceremony at the Veterans Park here in Boynton Beach, FL. For the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge on (December 16, 1944 to December 16, 2014) we are celebrating with the Purple Heart chapter of Palm Beach, FL. To all my 106th Brothers — how Blessed we are to still be here to share these events. However, at all our speaking engagements, we never forget to honor those 18,000 men who lost their lives in the Battle of the Bulge.



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Our incoming President, Barney Mayrsohn traveled to Belgium to present a plaque and a certificate signed by Pres. Randy Wood and myself, for the installation of the 1st European Chapter of the 106th Infantry Division Association. I'm certain Barney will have much to report to us at the reunion.

An interesting story of our past President Sy Lichtenfeld. After moving to Alabama more than a year ago, Sy became very active with speaking engagements, working with the Rolling Thunder Bikers. He became so active that the Governor appointed Sy as Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Good going Sy!!

Working with Pres. Randy Wood and his lovely wife in planning for our reunion has been a distinct pleasure. My dear friends, if you haven't filled

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out your registration forms do so if at all possible, don't give up this opportunity to meet with your buddies your friends, for a handshake a hug and maybe even

a NEW STORY we haven't heard before. Looking for you in Norfolk.

Love ya,
Murray

Golden Lions During World War II — A Photo Article

Requested by Association Adjutant Murray Stein (423/I)

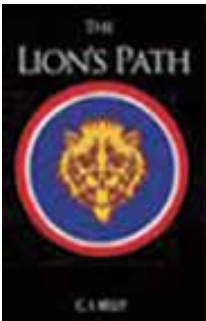
Every so often, I see a picture in *The CUB* of one of us as a young soldier. In a previous issue (Vol. 67, No. 1) I thought it would be fun to have as many of our soldiers' photos as are available, to be published in *The CUB*. Editor William McWhorter agreed to my request to continue this series in subsequent issues of *The CUB*. Look for photos throughout the magazine and keep sending them in!



"Since weapons are evident we can assume this is the first unit Ed Christianson (front row, far right) was in before becoming a medic in the 331st. Note the names are there."

*Submitted by
John Schaffner (589/A)*

Front Row: John Alexander, Tom Karpine, Wesley White, Ed Christianson. Second Row: Leo Leisse, "?" Searfoss, Al Cardini, Frank Glover, "?" Lee. Third Row: Lt. Gibson, Dick Lockhart, Charles Nier, Eric Smith, "?" L'Hote, Jim Dickerson



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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An Unexplained Tragedy of WWII

A recent meeting of the Maryland Chapter, Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB), entertained a guest speaker who is a Belgian having been born and raised in the village of LaGleize. The most memorable thing about LaGleize from a tourist's view is the German Tiger tank that sits as a monument in front of the local museum. The village of LaGleize was as far east as the infamous Col. Pieper advanced to during the Battle of the Bulge. A lot of action took place there. There are not very many of those Tiger Tanks that survived to this day.

Our speaker, Bernard Geenen, spoke only briefly about his young life in Belgium and growing up at LaGleize, but spent his time with us talking about and projecting photos of the village of Ouradour-sur-Glane, located near Limoges, a peaceful area at the time.

An incident occurred there on 10 June 1944, only four days after D-Day that cannot and will not be forgotten. The mystery of why it happened is yet to be resolved. On that day, a group of soldiers from Der Fuhrer regiment of the 2nd SS Panzer Division Das Reich entered and then surrounded the small village. At first they told the Mayor, Jen Desourteaux, that there was to be an identity check and everyone was to go to the fairground while this took place. After rounding up all of the inhabitants, the SS changed their story to one of searching for hidden arms and explosives. All of the women and children were held in the church



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and the men in nearby barns. When the people were all safely shut away the SS began to kill them all. A large gas bomb was set off in the church, but did not work so the SS used machine guns and hand grenades to disable and kill the women and children. Once they were subdued the SS set the church afire, with many still alive. Only one person managed to escape the church, she got behind the altar and went out a window and remained severely wounded lying hidden in a garden between rows of pea plants until the next day. The men in the barns were shot indiscriminately and the barns set afire. Many burned to death. Six men, all wounded, managed to escape and got away under cover of darkness.

While all this was taking place, the soldiers searched the village for any people who had evaded the initial roundup and killed them where they found them. People attempting to enter the village were shot dead.

Historian's Message . . .

After killing all the villagers that they could find, the soldiers set the whole village on fire and early the next day, laden with booty stolen from the houses, they left. What has fascinated people ever since the 10th of June, 1944 is why did the SS act as they did? Why did they turn up at Ouradour that day and without mentioning anything to the inhabitants, kill them all? There had never been any obvious resistance activity in the village. The Germans had never been attacked by the inhabitants and after the killings were over, the SS left without saying why they had done it to anyone at all. If the attack had been a reprisal for some violence towards the German forces, it would be normal for

the Germans to say (loudly) to all the local population, “that’s what you get when you help the Resistance, let that be a lesson to you all.” But they did not, they just left without saying a word.

The destroyed village of Ouradour-sur-Glane was left as a burned out memorial to those who died there. Nothing has been restored or removed. Only a few plaques describing the event have been placed to inform visitors. For more information about this event enter “Ouradour-sur-Glane” in your computer’s search box.

Lt. Francis O’Toole, 589th FA/A Battery

Pictured is the grave of Lt. Francis O’Toole, 589th FA/A Battery who was killed in the bombing of Stalag XII-a prison camp near Limberg, Germany. Our good buddy, Walter Snyder, 589/A, (recently deceased,) kept in touch with the O’Toole family over the years and was a virtual connection with their son. On one of our trips back to the battlefield, John Gatens, Dave Ford and myself visited Margraten American Military Cemetery in the Netherlands and paid our respects at this grave.

The photo came to me via Ron van Rijt, a Dutch citizen who hosted us when we visited the Huertgen area, a place he is most familiar with. As long as he was in good health Ron was always available to guide returning veterans. We are most grateful to him. *As a side note:* Every grave at the Margraten Cemetery has been adopted by local citizens and there is a waiting list.



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In 2010 the Board of Directors voted to dispense with annual dues, however, we continue to ask for donations, whatever you can give, to help defray the cost of printing and mailing *The CUBs*, which go out three times a year. For the Association to be able to meet not only yearly expenses, these donations make possible the enjoyable time at each Annual Reunion.

We will also continue to collect *Memorial*, *Honorary* and *Life Plus* donations. Any contribution that helps defray cost and sustain the association is greatly appreciated. Please consider donating to the Association.



"We were once Brothers..." and will remain so forever. Once, brother carried brother through the trials of training at Camp Atterbury and endured in battle on the Schnee-Eifel of Belgium and Germany. Support the 106th Infantry Division Association by making a Memorial or Honorary contribution in the name of your brother, friend, father or spouse.

New membership applications are available for everyone in your family. Membership is only \$10 and is open to all veterans and non-106th veterans (of every generation)

and comes with full voting privileges. We encourage all family members to join to help honor our veterans and continue the legacy of the 106th.

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Life+ and Memorial/Honorary Contributions Essential for Keeping this Organization Going

Your gifts are essential to maintaining *The CUB* magazine in its current format with high-quality content and tri-annual delivery. The cost of printing and mailing each edition of *The CUB* exceeds our current level of giving. Therefore, we encourage all readers to make an annual contribution, as you are able, to help defray the cost of printing and mailing.

Contributions make it possible for the Association to meet yearly expenses and host Annual Reunions. Please consider making an annual Life+, Memorial or Honorary donation to the Association today.

The *Annual Dues* of \$10 are no longer billed or collected. We are now accepting only donations for membership, memorials and LIFE PLUS. The previously-allowed payment of \$75 for Life Membership creates a financial shortfall, as our expenses exceeds our income.

Our solution? We are asking you to join the

LIFE PLUS+ Club

Those Members who contribute to the LIFE PLUS+ Club will have their names (*only, no amounts will be shown*) published in the next *CUB*.

You can donate as much or as little as you can and as often as you like. By donating, you are helping perpetuate the 106th Infantry Division Association.

To those Members from whom we haven't heard for a long time — please take the time to join this exclusive club. *Thank you!*

Send your contribution, check made payable to *106th Infantry Div. Association*, to:

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February. 1, 2013 – May 1, 2014

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Money In:	\$3,560.04
Money Out:	\$4,663.39
Difference:	\$(1,103.35)
Ending Balance:	\$16,189.92

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Membership Veterans	714
Membership Non-106th Veterans	474

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Treasurer's and Membership Chair's Report . . .

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*In memory of 106th veteran, Cliff N.
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*In honor of my long departed
brother Anthony "Teno" Chansler (592
FAB /D)*

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*In honor of my departed friend
Edgar "Ed" Carpenter (81st Eng/B).
God Bless all 106th veterans*

John S. Starmack (423/SV)

*In memory of 106th veteran,
Charles Johansen, (592/SV Co) who
passed away in December 2013*

John S. Starmack (423/SV)

*In memory of 106th veteran, John
W. Mabry (423/SV Co) who passed
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*In loving memory of Anna Laursen
who passed away on November 23, 2013
as well as the late Alfred J. Laursen
(81st Eng/C) who honorably served
at the Battle of the Bulge*

CORRECTIONS:

John Stewart

In the last issue of *The CUB* (Vol. 70, No. 1), under the LIFE PLUS and REGULAR DONATIONS section Golden Lion **John T. Stewart** was listed as having served in 81st Eng /H. This was an error by *The CUB* editor. Mr. Stewart served with the **423rd Regiment, Service Company**. My apologies to his wife Arletia Stewart.

Hal Power

In the last issue of *The CUB* (Vol 70, No. 1) on pages 20 and 40 Hal Power is listed in the wrong unit, as having served in the 422/H. He actually served in **1st Battalion, 422/C and HQ Companies**. In addition, his date of captured needs correction; Mr. Power was captured on **19th December, not the 21st**. My apologies to Mr. Power.

Damon F. Young

In the last issue of *The CUB* (Vol 70, No. 1) on page 34 **Damon Young's (423/D)** last name was not provided, it is **Young**. He was listed as having been held until **March 5, 1945, but it was actually May 3, 1945**. In addition, he was listed as **"assistant manager," but it should have been Machine Gunner**. My apologies to Mr. Young.

Returned Issues of the Latest *CUB of the Golden Lion*

Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy asks that the following names (and partial addresses) be listed in this issue of *The CUB* in hopes that anyone reading this issue might know the people listed and can get word to them that their address listed with the Association is incorrect or out-dated. If you know anyone on this list (or if you know they are deceased) and can get word to them, please ask them to **contact Jacquelyn directly at the address listed on page 10 of this issue and listed below** with an updated mailing address. Thank you.

James B. Giles, Jr. (returned by J.D. Gilles in Englewood, FL)

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CUB Staff occasionally receive **requests to stop the mailing** of their issue of *The CUB*. If you no longer want an issue to be mailed to you, **please contact Jackie Coy, Membership Chairman at JSC164@aol.com or 973-663-2410.**

PLEASE NOTE: Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy is working to update the Association's roster with veterans and their units. If you use email, please email her directly at the address above with the following in the subject line: **"To 106th Membership Chair."** Then in your email, please let Jacquelyn know your name and your 106th Infantry Division unit. Thank you.

Ms. Coy would like to acknowledge Rick Barrow (Non-106th Veteran), who has been researching names for her, as well as Herb Eidelman (424/SV) for his continued assistance. Ms. Coy asks, "If anyone else wants to join in, it would be most helpful."

To the widows of Golden Lions, if you would wish to continue to receive *The CUB* after the passing of your husband please let Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy know. Her contact information is located on page 10 and listed above.

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 email 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.

Just a reminder . . .

If you have pictures, an article, or some other form of information you would like included in a future issue of *The CUB*, the due date is as follows:

For the August–November 2014 issue: Material due by September 30
Remember to send in your Reunion photos!

For the December 2014–March 2015 issue: Material due by January 31

For the April–July 2015 issue: Material due by May 31

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106th Association has a New Website!

By Wayne Dunn

To complement the wonderful websites that are already out on the Internet, including our own members' Jim West (www.IndianaMilitary.org) and Carl Wouters (www.106thinfantry.webs.com) the association has just launched our own website at ***www.106thInfDivAssn.org***.

This is where you can find: info on upcoming events; copies of the membership application for your family to join; the complete latest issue plus additional photos and articles from *The CUB*.

Also look for our Facebook page at ***Facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn.***

This is where you can find up-to-the-minute information and where you can connect with friends and make plans for the next reunion.

If you have any additional reunion photos or information that you would like to see on the website or Facebook page, please contact the new Webmaster, Wayne Dunn at waynedunn@comcast.net or 410-409-1141.

Jim West and the *www.IndianaMilitary.org* Website

Associate member, Jim West (OGL-Officers, 2004) has created an excellent website at <http://www.indianamilitary.org>. It is hoped that this website will increase awareness of the 106th Infantry Division Association and perhaps our membership. The site has had 1,674,874 visitors to date. It is rated as the largest private site in Indiana at more than 50 gigabytes of unaltered history and is the largest depository of local historical photos. Check it out at your earliest convenience.

In addition to a very large section devoted to the 106th Division, it also contains information on Camp Atterbury (Indiana) and all the divisions that trained here in World War II and Korea.

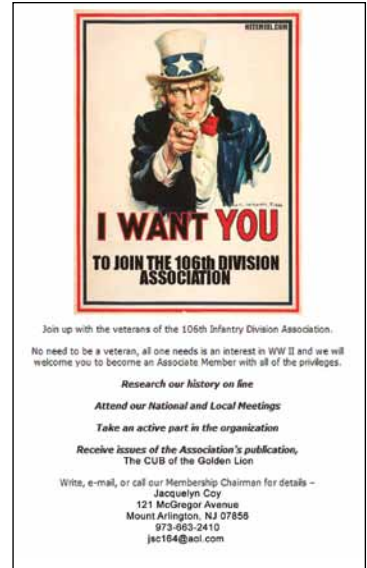
They include the 28th, 30th, 31st, 83rd and 92nd Infantry Divisions, plus Fort Benjamin Harrison, Freeman AAF, Atterbury/Bakalar AFB, the German and Italian POWs held at Camp Atterbury and Wakeman General Hospital. There is also a section for the several German Prisoner of War camps where some 106th members were held. There are dozens of 106th diaries and personal remembrances.

The 106th Roster at <http://tinyurl.com/106thRoster> now contains information on 16,934 Veterans with 363 individual photos. If you visit the website, listed above, and a photo is not shown for an individual and the family has one available, all they need do is email a scan of him to Jim West.

All 106th General Orders have been reviewed and all the information has been added to the Roster. These General Orders allowed for the addition of 513 previously unknown names to be added and a huge amount of service numbers and other data were added. All the original General Orders are available for viewing on the website. These were made possible by a friend, John Bowen, of the 31st Division Association (Camp Atterbury, Korean War).

Every available issue of the 106th *CUBs* are available on the site, in addition to the Camp Atterbury *Camp Crier*, published when the 106th was there. Find the *Camp Crier* under the section for Camp Atterbury. You can email Jim at jimdwest@centurylink.net.

Jim would like to thank the "AmVets of Indiana." Through their generosity of support and hosting of the entire website, they are making it possible for the 106th to have a presence on the Web.



U.S. Veterans Honored in Belgium

Submitted by Carl and Sofie Wouters

On Sunday, May 25, 2014, there were commemorations at the **Ardennes Military Cemetery in Neupré** as well as at the **Henri-Chapelle Military**

Cemetery and Memorial.

Both events were attended by hundreds of local Belgians, Belgian and American dignitaries, several WWII veterans (including John Gatens, 589/A, and family) and active as well as retired



Carl Wouters at grave site of William D. Morris III

U.S. military servicemen and women. Carl states, “The ultimate sacrifice of the GIs who lie interred at these cemeteries can never be forgotten. And to all of you veterans who are with us today, 70 years after the Battle of the Bulge: Thank you for your service. We are forever indebted to you.”



Pictured with other Veterans is John Gatens (589/A) and Mary Vandermast

Touring London

Submitted by Pearl Martin

A former prisoner of war, John Martin passed away in 2003. However, his widow Pearl Martin recounted his story recently stating that, “John remembered being captured by the Germans and early on being held in a bombed out barn with no heat or lights during a cold December night. In the dark he found a broken bench to sleep on and while feeling around under the bench found a box of crackers — but only ate one. In the morning he took a look at the box and it had a picture of a rat on it. It was poison. During his time as a prisoner of war he often had to eat food out of garbage cans. He suffered stomach discomfort for a long time afterward.”

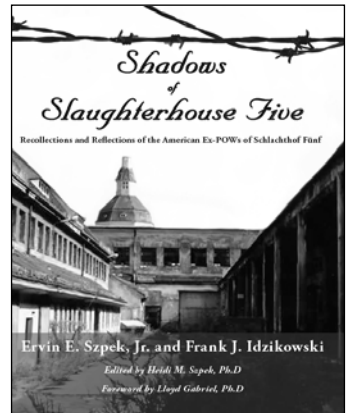


***John Martin (left) is pictured with three other soldiers in London during World War II.
Note the historic landmark, Big Ben in the background***

Shadows of Slaughterhouse Five

From Ervin Szpek Jr., Non-Veteran Member

Ervin Szpek Jr. (Non-Veteran 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 2014 and with appreciation for your efforts — thank you.



Never Too Late To Be There for a Fellow POW

By Paul Stone (81st Eng)

Up until five years ago, Golden Lion Paul Stone (81st Eng) never knew the name of a fellow prisoner of war who shared a savage beating with him. At former prisoner-of-war reunions, Mr. Stone would ask around and try and find someone who might have known of the G.I. he was looking for. This fellow prisoner of war, along with Stone, had been beaten severely by a German guard at Stalag 9A near Zegehnain, Germany around March 18/19, 1945.

Mr. Stone finally found that fellow prisoner of war and it turned out it was fellow Golden Lion, Staff Sergeant

Elmer
A. Brice
(422/L).

As Brice and Stone recount, Brice was outside of the barracks grabbing some fresh air and exercise.



Pictured is Paul Stone (81st Eng)



As he walked over to another G.I., a German corporal started in his direction, shouting at them both. The German soldier struck the other G.I. in the head with his rifle and then hit Brice. The guard continued to hit both of them until they hit the ground, continuing to beat them until Brice blacked out due to the savage and unprovoked beating. After the two reunited, Brice recommended Stone for the Purple Heart in 2010.

**See enclosed Reunion paperwork and Registration forms in
the center of this CUB!
*Mail them in today!***

For additional information about the reunion and to register online visit:

www.afr-reg.com/106inf2014

Felix M. Gulch: An American Soldier in World War II

By Michael A. Niemczyk

In 1212, at a time between the Fourth and Fifth Crusades and following the sacking of Constantinople by the Crusaders, a chronicle relates the movements of tens of thousands of young people in Germany. A second such movement was said to have occurred in France. Their goals were to reach Italy and southern France where they would sail to the Holy Land and claim the city of Jerusalem. Imagine children living off the land as other armies had and facing the elements, including crossing the Alps into Italy. While some were promised passage on boats when they reached southern France, instead, they were taken and sold as slaves in North Africa. Others who survived the journey became discouraged and returned to their home countries. This was the Children's Crusade.

For Felix M. Gulch, a private in the 106th Infantry Division, and his fellow soldier Kurt Vonnegut, their thoughts beginning December 6, 1944, were more on warmth, shelter and dry feet as they humped their way from Le Havre, France to the Ardennes Forest. Neither would have expected a phantasmagorical odyssey like a Children's Crusade, driven by zeal and superstition, or simply bad planning. Their orders were to replace the 2nd Infantry Division, a group of veteran fighters, as they reached the Ardennes front on December 11. The narrative changed dramatically on December 16 after three days of fighting. A German offensive not only forced a bulge in the long, narrow lines, it resulted in the

surrender of more than 7,000 American troops, including Gulch and his 422nd Infantry Regiment as well as Vonnegut and his 423rd Infantry Regiment. Both men were now prisoners of war. Vonnegut's experiences, including the firebombing of Dresden that led to 60,000 civilian deaths, became the basis of his novel *Slaughterhouse-Five*, subtitled *The Children's Crusade*.

The story of the 106th and the Battle of the Bulge reflected absurdist elements like those of Vonnegut's novel. It began with the activation of the 106th in mid-1943. The last infantry division to be created during the war, it was cherry picked of troops throughout 1944; these remaining soldiers, some who were transplants from units no longer required in the war effort, remained woefully undertrained. Its men suffered trench foot on the march into France even as the army struggled to provide them with boots appropriate for fighting in the winter. The army sent them to defend a 21-mile front, overextended by several miles. Not only did the inexperienced 106th not know it was facing the largest concentration of a German buildup along the Siegfried Line, Eisenhower, his generals and their allies had no knowledge of an impending attack.

In mid-December of 1944, the Army had only 80 percent of the riflemen it required on this long, thin line stretching from the Netherlands into France. Into this breach, it sent the 106th, the newest, youngest and greenest division. The subsequent attack on December 16, 1944, against



Felix M. Gulch with Elsie, his mother and Gus, his father

the 106th in the Ardennes and Alsace was the greatest intelligence failure since Pearl Harbor. When the Battle of the Bulge concluded on January 25, more than 19,000 American soldiers were dead, tens of thousands were wounded or suffering from trench foot, frostbite and diseases, and 23,000 were taken prisoner. At its darkest hour, the 106th was told supplies would be air-dropped. The Army did not only not have a plan, it had no capability of directly delivering much needed aid and supplies.

Felix M. Gulch, a 5'6", 122-pound 18-year-old from a rural area near Wayland, Michigan, was the sixth of seventeen children born to Elsie and Gus Gulch. His formative years were spent during the Great Depression. He enlisted and was sent to Camp Atterbury, following his basic training at Ft. McCall, Alabama. The 106th was in a state of flux; 7,000 of its soldiers

and 600 of its officers were sent to other divisions overseas. Private Gulch and his division moved to Camp Miles Standish, Massachusetts, September 9 and 10. Their November 10 embarkation from Boston was on the S.S. Manhattan a luxury liner renamed as the U.S.S. Wakefield. Arriving in England on November 17, the division crossed the English Channel to the mouth of the Seine River on December 3, 1944.

Private Gulch and thousands of American riflemen would have assumed from looking at a map of Western Europe in December 1944 that the Third Reich was losing. France, Belgium and Luxemburg were free as was half of the Netherlands. Germany hung on in Albania, Hungary and Yugoslavia, but Soviet armies were poised in Poland and the Balkans. Despite its advantages, the Allied drive in Western Europe had stalled. Nevertheless, the Allied lines were poised against the West Wall defenses from the Netherlands to France.

Germany was not defeated. Its military commanders plotted campaigns that would drive the Allies to the bargaining table. Holding control at its West Wall would secure their position. Hitler also determined that a dramatic defeat of the Allies would bring them to negotiations. HERBSTNEBEL, Hitler's plan, called for 200,000 Germans to attack along the 100-mile front. One thousand tanks and assault guns and two thousand artillery pieces would support the initial attack. A second wave provided additional panzers and support. In its final form, the strongest forces in Hitler's plan were poised against the 106th, stretched now

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in a 21-mile line in the Schnee Eifel, the heavily forested middle ridge on a plateau east of St. Vith, Belgium.

The VIII Corp held an 85-mile front, three times longer than what Army tactics dictated. Substantial gaps existed in the 106th lines. Positions were like “small islands of resistance” that under immense attack would have required “substantial reinforcement or a withdrawal to a shorter line” (Cole 140). Additional automatic weapons like BARs and light machine guns would have added to the 106th’s fighting ability to defend a long line, according to Cole. Trench foot was a problem; Private Gulch’s 422nd regiment was the last to draw overshoes. (Roland Weary, an American soldier in Vonnegut’s *Slaughterhouse-Five*, succumbs of gangrene in his feet after being captured.)

Private Gulch, now assigned to an anti-tank gun crew, and the 106th were told by the 2nd Army veterans that they were pulling easy duty. However, at 5:30 a.m. on December 16, 1944, German artillery opened in. The 14,000 men of the 106th Infantry Division were greatly outnumbered on the Schnee Eifel, which formed the border between Belgium and Germany. German General Hasso von Manteuffel hoped to capture the Belgian town of St. Vith — with its five roads and three railroads and sixteen miles to the west — within a mere day.

The 422nd and Private Gulch were spared from the pre-dawn attack. The immediate threat was on their flank and rear as the enemy proceeded down the road to Auw. While the 106th had lost little ground on December 16, by moving to the right and left of the Schnee Eifel, the Germans were able

to surround the 422nd and 423rd on December 17. Private Gulch and his fellow soldiers likely had a sense of their dilemma by December 17. In a radio message at 2:15 a.m. on Monday, December 18, General Jones ordered the two regiments to retreat to Schönberg (the 424th had escaped entrapment on Sunday by beating back the Germans). Then a short time later, Jones informed Colonel Cavender that no relief by an American armored column was coming. In fact, the 422nd and 423rd were ordered to attack Schönberg. The Germans found the Americans moving to Schönberg by mid-day Monday, December 18. Their fire began to destroy the American columns and the regiments scattered. The 422nd and 423rd lost contact with each other for the final time. Ultimately, more than 7,000 would surrender; only the capitulation at Bataan exceeded that number. The fighting was over for Privates Gulch and Vonnegut.

Although the fighting had ceased, the war was not over for Privates Gulch, Vonnegut and more than 7,000 other American troops, now prisoners of war of the Third Reich. Gulch and his fellow prisoners were marched five days before being loaded on railroad cars. After a day of travel, the cars reached a rail yard which came under attack from Allied aircraft. A small, barb wire covered window at the top and corner of Gulch’s car provided the only opportunity to escape the gunfire and bombs. Because of his slim stature, Gulch was able to push through the window. After unlocking the railroad car door, Gulch and his companions freed prisoners in other cars still under attack. Following the attack, the prisoners collected the



bodies of their dead comrades. They were then herded back onto the train. After three more days of travel the prisoners arrived at Stalag IV-B on December 29. The camp, originally 74 acres in size, was located about five miles northeast of Muhlberg in Brandenburg — or about 30 miles north of Dresden. Of the 7,500 Americans captured on the Schnee Eifel, 3,000 were transferred from Stalag IV-B.

Prisoners of Stalag IV-B could see through the cracks of the wooded walls of the barracks. The wooden bunks were without mattresses. Each prisoner had one blanket. By sleeping in threes, each man would get his chance at the middle position, the warmest spot. Toilet facilities were an open latrine. POWs were fed a black bread made with fillers and soup made from rotted vegetables or even garbage.

Felix M. Gulch was one of more than 3,000 POWs sent from Stalag IV-B. He arrived at Stalag IV-D January

11, 1945. Stalag IV-D was located in Torgau, located on the Elbe. It held only about 800 POWs, mostly British. From there, American POWs were sent to “work camps” in factories, mines, farms and on railroads. Gulch was assigned railroad labor near Halle. It was there, he attempted to escape for the first time. German children found him hiding in a viaduct and turned him in. On April 13, he made good on his second escape. He told his wife Phyllis years later that, “It didn’t make any difference if they shot me in the camp or shot me escaping.” Why did he head toward Wurzen? “I just kept going to where I could hear the heavy artillery.” The heavy artillery at Wurzen was of Hodges’ V Corps, 69th Infantry Division. Pvt. Gulch had to pass one final inspection. American guards would not recognize him until he answered an endless series of questions about baseball, a sport he knew very well. On April 24, 1945, Felix Gulch’s war ended.

Flash! News From Our Belgian Allies *(cont.)*

By Carl Wouters, 106th Infantry Division Belgian Liaison

We're proud to announce that on December 14, 2014 for the third consecutive time since 2012, the men of the 106th Infantry Division will be honored in the town where they made history in the icy winter of 1944, St. Vith. For the 70th Anniversary of the Bulge, the ceremony will be something special. A formal ceremony and wreath laying at the division monument will take place at the Division memorial in St. Vith, with a complimentary reception courtesy of the town council. Expected are a full column of vintage WWII jeeps, trucks and tracked vehicles as well as a planned reenactment of

the Prümberg defense. This column will retrace the route of the 106th Division through the St. Vith pocket towards Vielsalm, by way of Rodt where a luncheon will be held at the Biermuseum. The column will continue to Vielsalm where the 106th Division will also be honored at the Rencheux Bridge monument, in cooperation with the C47 Club Ardennes Salm Chapter. If you are interested in attending the ceremony, feel free to contact Carl Wouters carl_wouters@hotmail.com or Doug Mitchell by email at doug.mitchell@t-online.de. It will be a visit worth remembering.

Report of the Second Annual Flag of Friendship Ceremonies at St. Vith and Vielsalm

By Carl Wouters, 106th Infantry Division Belgian Liaison

For last year's ceremony (December 15, 2013) we had the honor of having Herb Sheaner (422/G and Association Past-President) and his son Mike (Association Treasurer) present as representatives of the 106th Infantry Division Association. As most of you know, Herb served as company scout and sniper with company G of the 422nd Infantry and was a prisoner of war at Stalag IV-B.



The group assembled in front of the 422nd Regimental Command Post at Schlausenbach before the field trip on Dec. 14, 2013. (L-R are): Douglas Mitchell, Peter Klein, Michael Klein, Hugo Rietveld (rear), Herb Sheaner, Joseph Frauenkron and Carl Wouters (Photo by Robert Frauenkron)

The day before the ceremony the U.S.-Dutch-Belgian triangle behind the Flag of Friendship ceremony (Doug Mitchell, Hugo Rietveld and myself) met Herb (422/G) and Mike Sheaner at the former headquarters of the 422nd Infantry Regiment, the Gasthaus “Zum Kühlen Grunde” in Schlausenbach. Assembled there by Hugo were three local German witnesses of the fighting that took place in the area in December 1944. The men were young boys when the 106th Division opposed the German 18th Volksgrenadiers in their hometowns of Andler and Auw. Stories were exchanged over a bowl of hot soup before our group headed out into the forest, looking for the location where Herb was captured on December 21, 1944 with the group known as “the Lost 500.” After the surrender of the better part of the 422nd and 423rd Regimental Combat Teams on December 19, approximately 500 men under the command of Major Albert Ouellette and Major William Moon — both battalion execs in the 422nd — organized a defense of the regimental motor pool in the vicinity of Laudesfeld. We eventually found Herb’s final position on a hillock near the Linne Ravine and visited the ice swept Hill 576 where we put up a plaque in honor of these men back in 2011.

The next day, at 10:30 am, many Belgian and German locals, WWII history enthusiasts, friends of the 106th and dignitaries



Herb Sheaner (422/G) at the location where he was captured on December 21st, 1944 near Schönberg, Belgium (Photo by Robert Frauenkron)

assembled at the Division memorial in St. Vith. An impressive number of original Jeeps and even a U.S. Hafrack were parked beside the monument, in the shadow of the building where the division headquarters of the division once stood. The invocation was given by Captain Zachary Nash, Chaplain of the 52nd Fighter Wing. Herb, as past-president of the 106th Association, addressed the crowd in a poignant speech. We can also read Treasurer Mike’s fine speech on pages 36 and 37

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The attending crowd at the 106th Infantry Division Memorial in St. Vith. In the front, with his back to the camera is Captain Zachary Nash, chaplain of the 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base (Photo by Robert Frauenkron)

of the previous issue of *The CUB* (Vol. 70, No. 1). I told the group the story of Captain Jack Pitts (590/A) and his twin sister Jill Knappenberger. Jack's life was cut short in the opening minutes of the Bulge by a German 88, while trying to rally his men to take cover. Just two days before he had a special reunion with his sister Jill, a Red Cross Clubmobile driver, on the front lines in Germany. Jill is an avid and loyal reader of *The CUB*.



2013 recipient of the Flag of Friendship: Eddy Monfort (Photo by Robert Frauenkron)

The recipient of the 2013 Flag of Friendship was Eddy Monfort. Eddy, whom many of you know as a personal friend, has been involved with the divisional history over the course of many decades. As an inhabitant of the village of Malempré he has studied the battle area of the Manhay-Baraque de Fraiture sector for decades and has authored several excellent books on the subject. His newest achievement is the founding of the non-profit organization "Ardennes-White Star," which aims to keep alive the history of WWII by organizing meetings and events with schools and teachers. Eddy Monfort is a most worthy recipient of the Flag of Friendship as an accolade for his



The luncheon at the Biermuseum Rodt. Also presented there was a display of pictures and items pertaining to the fighting that took place in the St. Vith pocket between 16 December 1944 and 25 January 1945 (Photo by Robert Frauenkron)

many years of local service to the 106th Division Association.

After the laying of flowers and wreaths, beverages were served as a courtesy of mayor Christian Krings and the town of St. Vith at the hotel Pip-Magraff in the center of town. From St. Vith a column of WWII vehicles headed to the Biermuseum Rodt for a wonderful luncheon.

In the afternoon, the column took to the Château de Farnières in Grand-Halleux where there was a reconstitution and reenactment of a U.S. WWII camp. As the December cold was ever present as well, Herb was offered a heavy



Herb Sheaner (422/G) in full GI kit, including the trusty M1 rifle. (Photo by Robert Frauenkron)

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wool overcoat, wool cap and even a steel helmet and M1 rifle. This proved an impressive sight for the crowd of people awaiting the convoy's arrival at the Rencheux bridge, where Herb arrived in a weapon's carrier wearing full combat dress and toting a rifle. A photo-op was inevitable to say the least. Mayor Elie Leblire of Vielsalm presided over the ceremony at the Rencheux monument, honoring both the defenders and the crossers of the bridge in December 1944. Erik Van der Hoeven of the C47 Club Ardennes Salm Chapter inaugurated the Wall of the Giants, dedicated to individual soldiers who distinguished themselves in combat near Rencheux and Vielsalm. Herb could experience first-hand that the Belgian people have not forgotten the service of the American GIs as he was officially made honorary citizen of the community of Vielsalm.

The day concluded over a complimentary glass of wine (or Belgian beer) at the town hall. We were honored to have Herb and Mike Sheaner present for the 2013 edition of the Flag of Friendship. The presence of actual combat veterans of the Battle of the Bulge is always a special occasion for the Belgian people to say thanks and to let them know that their service will never be forgotten.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in St. Vith in December.

At the Rencheux Bridge memorial for the second ceremony of the day. (L-R):

Ed Lapotsky, mayor Elie Leblire of Vielsalm, Herb Sheaner, Carl Wouters, Mike Sheaner, Eddy Lamberty, Hugo Rietveld, a Belgian WWII veteran and Hugo Rietveld. The U.S.A.F. color guard came from the Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany. (Photo by Robert Frauenkron)



The column of American WWII vehicles passes through the Ardennes town of Petit-Their on the way to Vielsalm (Photo by Robert Frauenkron)



Post ceremony reception at the Vielsalm town hall. (L-R): Herb Sheaner (422/G), Anne-Catherine Masson and mayor Elie Leblire of the community of Vielsalm (Photo by Robert Frauenkron)



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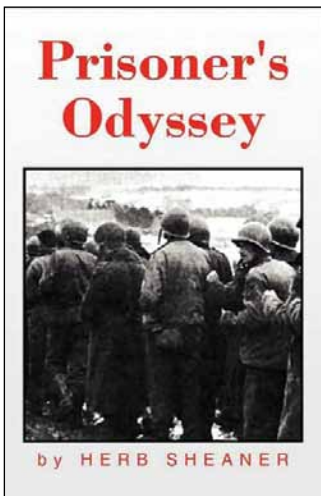
More of the Sheaner Family Visit to Belgium and Germany

By Mike and Herb Sheaner (422/G)

As noted in Carl Wouter's previous article, Mike and Herb Sheaner (422/G) returned from a trip to Germany and Belgium in 2013. Upon their return they ran an article about their visit in *The CUB*. If you enjoyed the article about the Sheaner family's trip in Vol. 70, No 1. on pages 38–39, then here is one more photo that did not make it to the editor in time for the last issue.



Herb Sheaner (422/G) in front of Dodge at Regino-Gymnasium High School, Prum, Germany, courtesy of Xavier Bryche



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 experiences.

Available through Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com and Xlibris online.

It was an Honor to Attend an Honor Flight . . . Especially with My Dad

By Susan Weiss

OMG! (That means “Oh my gosh!” for non-texting folk.) That’s the first thing I say when someone asks me to tell them about the fabulous trip I had the pleasure of taking with my father — Newt Weiss, 423rd/HQ 3Bn — to Washington, D.C. on June 7, 2014.

The story begins with my father’s picture being in the local paper for a Veterans Day service he attended. He was spotted by the eagle eyes of the cochairs of the local *South Jersey Honor Flight* group and they noticed that he had never been on their attendee list. So, they contacted him and asked if he wanted to join them on their next trip to the WWII Memorial in D.C.

“Absolutely,” was my father’s answer. “And do you know how Honor Flight works?” they asked. They explained, “Every veteran is accompanied by a personal “Guardian” to help make sure that he has the best day ever. Do you have anyone that could come with you as your Guardian?” And that’s when my dad volunteered me — again. You see, he has a habit of doing that. Like when he volunteered me to be the publisher of this newsletter.



Newt Weiss waiting to board the Honor Flight bus, one of four, for the trip to Washington, D.C.

And as usual, it turned out to be a really great thing.

Because we live so close to D.C., our “flight” was to take place on a bus. We arrived at Williamstown (NJ) High School at 6 am and were greeted by many volunteers to help us register and were given shirts and badges. We were then taken to the cafeteria where there was a buffet breakfast.

After meeting other veterans and their Guardians, we waited our turn to get on the buses, of which there were four. There was even a local band playing military music while everyone was boarding for departure. A police motorcycle escort and the local veterans

motorcycle group — numbering about 60 bikes in all — lead the way to the turnpike.

The three-hour ride seemed to take no time

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The motorcycle motorcade waiting to escort the buses out of New Jersey.





Newt Weiss visiting the WWII memorial at the section honoring the Atlantic Theater, including the Battle of the Bulge.

at all. Arriving in the metro area at about 11 am, we first went to the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, VA, which is directly across from the Pentagon and Arlington Cemetery. There we enjoyed a picnic boxed lunch of Arby's hand-carved sandwiches.

Once loaded back on the buses, we drove through the cemetery for a quick stop at the Iwo Jima Memorial for the Marine veterans accompanying us.

We were scheduled to arrive at the WWII Memorial at 1:30 pm. There were bus loads from Michigan that attended in the morning and others from Virginia and up-state New York scheduled later.

As we off-loaded at the memorial, the sidewalks were lined with motorcycle group members all holding flags for the veterans to walk and ride through. [The men were encouraged to ride to help speed the movements of the day. Wheelchairs were provided by Honor Flight and available for all who request them.] The tourists were all clapping and shaking the gentlemen's hands. "Thank you for your service" was repeated many, many times during

the walk down the ramp to the New Jersey pillar of the monument. All the while I pushed my father (in the wheelchair only for that day), I was very emotional with tears rolling down my face. I was so proud of my father for his service to our country.

The tourists visiting the memorial were from near and far. A group of students visiting from Indiana wanted their picture taken with my dad. There was even a TV crew documenting the events for the D-Day weekend.



Girls from a school in Indiana, while sight-seeing in D.C., asked to have their picture taken with my dad at the WWII memorial.

We boarded the buses again and were dropped off near the Korean Memorial on the mall, having about an hour and a half to explore the other memorials and monuments there. After visiting the Korean Memorial my dad and I crossed in front of the Lincoln Memorial and had our picture taken with the Washington Monument in the background. Then it was on to the Vietnam Memorial.

Tired and emotionally drained, we returned to the buses for the ride home. Goodie bags stuffed with snacks were distributed. The brown paper bags had been hand decorated with patriotic themes by elementary school children. About halfway home, after the men — and Guardians, too — had taken a little nap, it was time for “mail call.” Each veteran’s name was announced and an envelope was handed to them. Inside were hand-written letters of thanks for their service from middle school students.

We arrived back at the high school greeted by the local fire company’s ladder trucks — with a huge flag draped between them — and many people clapping and saluting. Then it was disembarking time and back to the cafeteria for a gourmet dinner. The new friends made this day exchanged contact info for future get-togethers.



The school cafeteria was decorated all in red, white and blue for the breakfast and dinner.



My dad and me on the mall in front of the reflecting pool and Washington Monument.

The entire day was at no cost for the veterans. Even the wheelchairs provided for the day were donated by many individuals and organizations.

And after dinner my dad asked, “I wonder if I can go again next year?” “Me, too Dad!” I exclaimed.

If you have not taken advantage of an Honor Flight, check the Internet for a group near you and sign up today! You can have the great fortune to accompany a friend or relative of your own or be paired with a veteran who would love having your company for the trip.

NOTE: Honor Flight of Southern NJ serves veterans throughout the entire state — they are the only hub in NJ —and take WWII, Korean War and Vietnam vets (pending available seats).

Their trip next year will be Saturday, June 6, 2015. (D-Day!)

Contact: www.sjhonorflight.org or call: Pam & Ron at 856-589-5072.

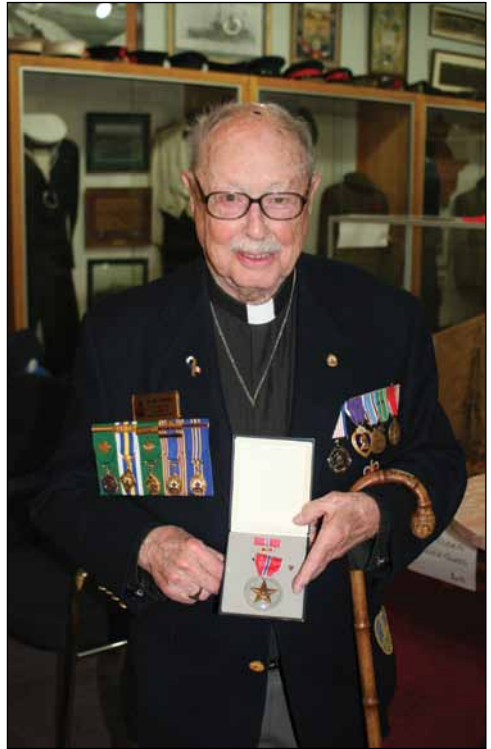
The Kit Bag Rides Again

by Murray Stein

In the early 1970s Reverend Ron Mosley, at that time the Public Relations Chairman of Branch 24 Royal Canadian Legion, was writing a column for a local Bridgewater newspaper about the day-to-day activities of the Branch. Now that in itself is not newsworthy, but when you take in the fact that Rev. Mosley was a decorated WWII veteran and served as a frontline Chaplin with the 106th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, wounded twice at the famous Battle of the Bulge and received the Bronze Star for heroism, now that is a game changer.

Flash ahead to June 7, 2014 which could be a lifetime for some and we find Rev. Mosley celebrating a ceremonious event 70 years, plus a day, after D-Day which factored so significantly in his life in 1944. This special day found Rev. Mosley at the Book Launch of what was a column and now is in print as his new book, *The Kit Bag*. This publication is a selection of interviews done by Rev. Mosley during those early years as he sat down with veterans of WWII armed only with a great understanding of the stories they told and a tape recorder which was high tech in those days. In Rev Mosley's words; "I had a wonderful time recording the war adventures of sacrifices and service. Our war veterans opened up! I let them talk and talk they did!"

The Kit Bag captures the war-time stories of a tremendous cross section of veterans which includes Pierre Allaine, who as teenage boy fought with the French Resistance; Captain Gurbachan



Singh, a Sikh from the Punjab and an Engineering officer in the Indian (British) Army in Burma; Clyde Getson in the Merchant Navy, served on a Canadian oil tanker which was captured by a German raider; Mike Smitherman, a war-time teenager in England and served in the British Army Cadets and in the Royal Engineers at the end of the war; and Len Harmes who served as a bombardier in the RAF, had to parachute and did many missions over Nazi-held Europe. This is only a sampling of the incredible stories contained within the pages of *The Kit Bag*.

The ceremony was held with congratulatory messages from all levels of Government, Royal Canadian Legion even a few of the surviving veterans whose stories are included in the book

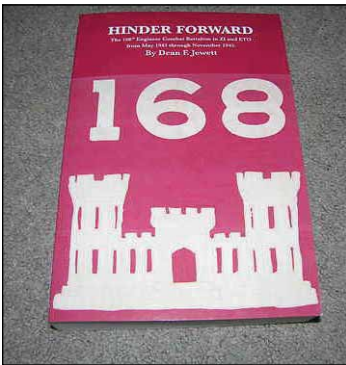
that were not able to attend the event. One congratulatory message came in the form of a letter from the President of the 106th I.D. Association in the U.S.

Rev. Mosley is a humble man and has decided that a portion of the proceeds will be handed to the Bridgewater Legion Branch for the general maintenance of Veterans Memorial Park. The biggest announcement of the day came when a message from the Chronicle Herald announced that, "In conjunction with today's book launch, we are excited to

announce the establishment of an annual scholarship to support one graduating student each year from the high schools in Lunenburg County, who wish to pursue a career in journalism. The \$2,500 award will be funded partially from proceeds of Rev. Mosley's book and the remaining from a generous donation from The Chronicle Herald. This will be called the Chronicle Herald Ron Mosley Scholarship Fund and will serve as a legacy to a man that has made such tremendous contributions to our world."

Hinder forward: The 168th Engineer Combat Battalion in ZI and ETO from May 1943 through November 1945

By Dean F. Jewett (168th Eng)



Note: the cover may not look like the pictured image.

Dean F. Jewett has written a book about the 168th Engineer Combat Battalion, which was attached to the 106th Infantry Division during the Battle of the Bulge. The book is 456 pages and sells for \$75, which includes postage, sales tax, etc.

New copies are only available through Mr. Jewett at P.O. Box 148, Saco, ME 04072 or by phone at 207-284-6778.

Used copies are available online through outfits, such as Amazon.com or Ebay.com.

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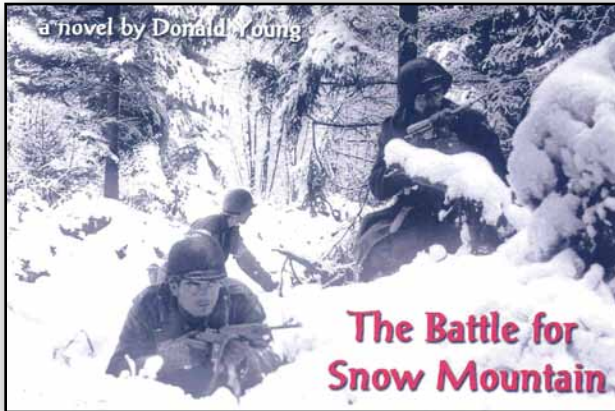
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by Donald Young

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WALLACE WOOD, BOOK REVIEWER

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Clifton, VA 20124, 1-703-830-5862.

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

Stories of the Men of the 106th Infantry Division

In the Vol. 69. No. 2 issue of *The CUB*, then Association President Herb Sheaner (422/G), initiated a *very successful* effort to increase the attendance, especially of 106 veterans, at the 67th annual reunion in New Orleans (2013). Along with this effort came this new section in *The CUB* and the stories continue below.

Leon Goldberg **422 Regiment, Company D** **Bala Cynwyd, PA**

My Basic Training was in Camp Wheeler, Georgia. After Basic Training I went to ASTP (Army Specialized Training Program) training at Alabama Polytech Institute. ASTP was suddenly disbanded. The Army needed more soldiers at the front! Then I was sent to the 106th Division and trained further in Camp Atterbury, went overseas to England in October 1944, to France in November and up to Germany in early December to relieve the 2nd Division. We were told we were a winter holding line in the deepest point in the heart of the Siegfried Line. I was trained to be a heavy weapons machine gunner in Company D.

We were attacked by the German Infantry on the morning of December 16, 1944. We killed or wounded three or four German Infantry and captured about 20 prisoners. We thought we had won the war! Then we fell back and attacked the town of Schönberg. We were repulsed by heavy armor

and tanks. We lost our artillery support and heavy weapons. After three days of fighting, we were out of food and ammunition. On the morning of the 19th a German officer waving a white flag came out in the open between us and our Lieutenant went to meet him. After accompanying him behind his lines, he came to us and told us he was surrendering us because, otherwise, we would be annihilated within 15 minutes by heavy weapons they had just over the hill. The Germans marched us for eight days and transported us in boxcars for five days to Stalag IVB in Muhlberg on the Elbe. I was never treated any differently as a Jew.

Even though the war was over May 7, we had to be liberated by the Russians because we were on the east side of the Elbe River. The Russians arrived about May 26, 1945. The Russians did nothing to connect us with American troops. So after eight to 10 days we just walked out and eventually found our way to an American armored company.
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— JAMES A. REISS, CPL. 423RD INFANTRY, 106TH DIVISION

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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 inquiries submitted to him 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 email (phone and address when available).

In addition, Non-Veteran member Connie Pratt Baesman, daughter of Lt. Gerald Pratt (Field Artillery), has been one of three people helping to manage the 106th's online "message board" (set up by Jim West) for people to write an inquiry, looking for comrades, or for people who might have known a relative who is now gone. Sadly, some inquiries 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 Connie has asked that whenever there is room in *The CUB* 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>

*The original meaning of **military tattoo** was a military drum performance, but subsequently it came to mean army displays, or a form of gathering more generally. For our Association, letting members know that someone would like to speak with them is "why we do this! So keep sending in your stories, as an old friend may find you!" — Susan Weiss (Publisher of *The CUB*) and William McWhorter (Editor of *The CUB*)

Sgt. Paul J. Wismans (423rd)

My name is David R. Homan and I am an amateur family historian currently working on a genealogy, sort of a biography, of Sgt. Paul J. Wismans. He served in the 423rd and lost his life near St. Vith on Dec. 21, 1944. He is buried in Belgium. For my research, since I started this task in September of 2013, I have been trying to locate his son, Robert Wismans, who would be about 73 today. Paul's wife/Robert's mother, Sarah Hugasian was my mother's sister's husband's older sister. Sarah did remarry and has a large family in California, where she died in 2002. I am trying to find out if anyone in the 106th Association might have a photograph of Sgt. Wismans. I would love to include this in the project. Please contact me at drhomanjr@yahoo.com if you have a photo or any additional information about Sgt. Wismans. Thanks.

MSG Clyde F. Foster

I am trying to locate MSG Clyde F. Foster (W. Virginia) who was the 106th; "Wire Chief" serving under LTC Earle Williams, Division Signals Officer. On 17 Dec. '44, Foster and Williams were on a recon mission that resulted in both being awarded the Silver Star. In short, they came upon German armor and spliced a wire to call in the intel and direct artillery fire. Williams, Sr. is deceased and I, a friend of Earle Williams, Jr., am searching for either Foster or a member of his family who might be able to embellish on the short account of their heroic events attached to their citations. Thank you, Lee Cary at lee.cary@att.net

Is anyone remaining from the Original Group at Fort Jackson?

The 106th Association received a very generous Life+ donation from John Aalsburg, 81st Eng. with a note asking if there is anyone remaining from the original group at Fort Jackson. Mr. Aalsburg, stated, "I was one of the first, the Cadre wasn't all there yet." If you have any information to share, you can contact John by mail:

John Aalsburg
2255 Lincoln Avenue
Oskaloosa, IA 52577



1LT Woodrow Kramer 424/L

My grandfather passed away in mid-1978, just over a year after I was born, and so I never got an opportunity to discuss his war exploits. I later went on to serve in the Army as a Cavalry Scout and Motor SGT during Operation Iraqi Freedom and began researching my family's military history upon my return, which has yielded a wealth of information. While I represent the fourth generation of Army VFWs, 1LT Woodrow Kramer (# 01 288 910), the XO of "L" Company, 424th INF REG of the 106th ID, saw more action than all other Kramers combined. Fellow 3rd PLT soldier, Grayson Bishop of Falls Church, VA, provided me with a terrific unit history over a decade ago and I'm hopeful that other surviving members of "L" CO or

3rd PLT (my grandfather replaced LT Penniman as 3rd PLT LDR while stationed in Britain ahead of the French incursion in OCT. 44, but was later elevated to XO) could share their stories about my grandfather.

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LT Kramer survived Europe and was evacuated from the Ardennes after succumbing to trench foot in JAN 45, and he arrived at Camp Carson, CO in late FEB 45 where he met a lovely young Army nurse by the name of 2LT Margaret Lara. The two of them married in 1946 after he separated from AD and 1LT Kramer went on to serve in the U.S.A.R. until 1956 when he entered in to the Retired Reserves.

In particular, I'd be very interested to know whether or not the unit received any foreign or U.S. unit awards for its service in Belgium, et al. (I've been in touch with the Belgium consulate about receiving a certificate for the 1940 Belgian Fourragere). At present, the Army Review Board Agency has confirmed his receipt of the Bronze Star with "V", CIB, WWII Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal and the Euro-ME-African Campaign Medal. Amazingly, my grandfather's 201 File was located at the NPRC (as many of you already know, only one-in-five WWII Army records survived the 1973 fire) and copies have been provided to me. In an effort to ensure that my



family has all available records, I'd welcome any input that CUB readers might have with regard to awards and decorations received by units within the 106th ID. Similarly, it would be great to hear about any encounters you might have had with this man (i.e., censoring your private correspondence or drives along the perimeter, etc). I look forward to hearing from you. You can email me at saber2d@hotmail.com

All the best, Jared Kramer

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.



Jeep Ended Up in the Wrong Unit

by Jeff Uyak

I live in Charleston, SC and am a Associate Life Member of the Division Association by way of my father-in-law, James L. Burnett from the 422nd Regiment, who lives in Spartanburg, SC.

Though I work in the Information Technology field, my true passion lies in being an amateur historian, living history reenactor and WWII collector — all the way to owning a 1942 Ford GPW. There is a large group of us in the area with collections of genuine uniforms, weapons and vehicles, and we enjoy taking part in WWII-related events as much as we can. It's always an honor to reacquaint an "old dogface" with an M1 Garand. More importantly than our collections, a friend of mine hit on the idea to request interviews with WWII veterans we meet and we have interviewed several local and regional WWII veterans. It was from one of these men, a man with whom we have become close friends, that I came across this photo from his collection of wartime memorabilia.

Ssgt Floyd Hennessee served with the 36th Division, 142nd Regiment,



as a BAR man, from the invasion of Southern France (Operation Dragoon) right the way up the gut of the Continent and into Austria by war's end. It was, to the best of his recollection, where this photo was taken. I was surprised to see this jeep, with the 106th Division 422nd Regiment bumper markings sitting outside 36th Div/142d Regt, Company "F" HQ! I just have to wonder if anyone knows how in the world this vehicle would have ended up there! OH, the stories she could tell!

I thought I would share this image with the members of the Association.

The Importance of a Mini Reunion

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.

No mini-reunion reports were turned in for this issue of The CUB.

Memoriam . . .

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ANDREWS, RICHARD W., SR. 424/ CANNON

— *Date of Death: June 6, 2014*

Golden Lion Richard W. Andrews Sr. passed away at his Newtown home surrounded by his family after a brief illness. He was born in Sandy Hook on November 12, 1923. He served in the U.S. Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, captured by the Wehrmacht on December 16, 1944. He was transported by train to Stalag 12A Luckenwalde, Germany and was imprisoned there until May 6th, 1945. Upon returning from the Army, he attended Henry Abbott Technical School for carpentry and founded A+S Builders with his partner. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Louise Ingram Andrews, his son, his daughter, five grandsons and a granddaughter.

Interment with military honors was held at St. Rose Cemetery, Sandy Hook, CT.

Submitted by Jackie Coy

AZADIAN, HARRY D. 423/G

— *Date of Death: November 6, 2011*

Golden Lion Harry Dikran Azadian passed away in Rochester, NY. He was born in Allston. After graduating from Boston Latin School and Wentworth Institute, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. Serving as radio operator in the Battle of the Bulge, he was captured early on and was a POW until he escaped in April 1945. After the war, he graduated cum laude in electrical engineering from Northeastern University and got one of the first Ham Radio licenses issued after the war, call sign W10D0. He worked at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD and White Sands proving Grounds, NM, before moving on to Sylvania Electric in Needham, from which he retired. He and his wife of 49 years, Elsie Sawyer Curtis, raised three children. He was active in church work and was a Boy Scout leader. He is survived by two children and six grandchildren.

Reported by Rick Barrow

Memoriam . . .

BARON, ROBERT F. 422/K

— *Date of Death: March 19, 2014*

Golden Lion Robert (Bob) Baron passed away in Newport Beach, California. Born in Chicago on October 20, 1925, Bob grew up in Hollywood, California. After graduating from high school, he enrolled in the Army Specialized Training Program pursuing a pre-engineering degree at UCLA. At Camp Atterbury, Indiana he joined the 106th Infantry Division, assigned to the Weapons Platoon of 422/K, training as a 60 mm mortar gunner. During the Battle of the Bulge he was captured on December 19, 1944 and imprisoned at Stalag IVB, where he remained until being liberated by the Russians on April 23, 1945. He was awarded two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star and numerous other awards and medals. After the war, Bob earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration from UCLA. In 2008, Baron was presented with the Legion d'Honneur by the French ambassador to the United States at a ceremony held in Los Angeles. The medal is France's highest distinction for U.S. veterans who fought in at least one of the four main campaigns in the liberation of France. He is survived by his devoted wife of 44 years, Lloyd Altenau Baron, three sons, three grandchildren and his beloved dog Tucker.

*Reported by his wife, Lloyd. Obituary
written by his son, James*

BRIDGES, WALTER GLENN, SR. 424/D

— *Date of Death: March 6, 2014*



Golden Lion
Walter G. Bridges,
Sr. passed away this
spring. He was born
on May 6, 1922
and was reared in
Concord, Alabama.
He graduated from
Hueytown High

School, never missing a day of school. He served in the U.S. Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, captured by the Germans in December 1944. He remained a POW until his release in May of 1945. After his discharge he attended The University of Alabama where he graduated law school. He practiced law until August 1956 when he became Assistant Deputy Solicitor in the Bessemer division of Jefferson County. He became a Judge in 1961 and served as County Judge and later Circuit Judge. Most importantly, he was a faithful patriarch of the Bridges family and a follower of Christ. He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Barbara and five children, 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by Peoples Chapel Funeral Home in Hueytown, Alabama.

Reported by Jim West

Memoriam . . .

CARITHERS, ALTON 591/A

— *Date of Death: January 18, 2010*

Golden Lion Alton C. Carithers of Circleville, Ohio passed away. He was born September 28, 1921 in Danielsville, GA. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Masonic Lodge, American Union Lodge #1, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite. He is survived by his children, two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Reported by Rick Barrow

COTE, NORMAN J. 106/QM

— *Date of Death: December 21, 2011*

Golden Lion Norman J. Cote passed away in Camden, ME. Born in Anson on September 3, 1922, he was the third youngest of ten children. Following high school he served in the U.S. Army in the Battle of the Bulge. He returned to the States and met his future wife, Mary McDonnell in Boston. They were married in 1946 and later returned to Maine. After retiring from the grocery business, Norman began a second career as a chef on the yacht, "Curt C" for 13 years, which cruised out of Miami, FL.

Reported by Rick Barrow

CUCAROLA, JOE F. 422/B

— *Date of Death: March 18, 2014*

Reported by Murray Stein

DE VITO, ARMANDO 'MANNY' 422/B

— *Date of Death: March 5, 2014*

Golden Lion Manny DeVito of Belmont, MA passed away. He was born in Boston on January 30, 1918, and was the beloved husband of the late Frances (Talarico) DeVito. He served in the U.S. Army and was taken prisoner of war. He is survived by 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 4 great great-grandchildren.

Reported by Rick Barrow

FEHLMAN, ALVIN L. 1st Platoon Company G/423rd Infantry Regiment/106th Infantry Division/ 163rd Regimental Combat Team

— *Date of Death: January 22, 2014*

See <http://www.veterans-tribute.org/cpl-alvin-i-fehlmman> for full obituary.

Reported by Murray Stein

HUNTER, DAVID 423/D

— *Date of Death: November 28, 2013.*

Golden Lion David Hunter of Johnstown, PA, passed away at Memorial Medical Center. He was born November 23, 1924 in Rayne, Pa. He served in the U.S. Army and was taken prisoner of war, held at Bad Orb, Germany until he was freed by Allied Forces in 1945. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Leona Strapple Hunter, five children, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He retired from Bethlehem Steel in the plant protection division with 30 years of service.

Reported by his wife, Leona

Memoriam . . .

JULSON, ROBERT C., 424/C

— *Date of Death: October 19 2013*

“Bob was proud of his service to his country. He loved going to the reunions and meeting the other veterans. He was a carpenter most of his working life. He built many beautiful homes in and around Minneapolis and the suburbs. He built our house in Bloomington, MN, where I still live. He is survived by his loving wife Jeannine of 66 years. Also his children Connie Gunderson, Joyce Nelson, Joni Julson, Barbara Shuetzloff and his only son Charles (Chuck) Julson. He had nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He died surrounded by his family, at home.”

Reported by his wife, Jeannine

REED, JAMES W. 422/SV

— *Date of Death: August 8, 2005*

Reported by Rick Barrow

WILSON, WILLIAM 423/D

— *Date of Death: Not reported/unknown*

Reported by his daughter, Diane Wilson

ZAK, GEORGE W., 422/M

— *Date of Death: September 20, 2013*

Golden Lion George K. Zak of Willowbrook, IL passed away. Beloved husband and best friend of the late Joan nee McAndrew for 48 years. Devoted father of four, proud grandfather of five, he was a kind, generous, gentle man who tried to live an honorable Christian life. In 1998 he published “Soldier Boy,” an account of his life as a young soldier and prisoner of war during World War II.

Reported by Rick Barrow

PLEASE NOTE:

To the widows of Golden Lions, if you would wish to continue to receive *The CUB* after the passing of your husband please let Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy know. Her contact information is located on page 10.

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