

BATTLE OF BULGE

Remember war's toll

Wednesday marks 54 years since that horrible winter of 1944 when the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium took place. Hitler's hordes, which were in final attempts to subdue Allied forces to capture Antwerp's port, were thwarted by gallant and valiant U.S. forces of, among others, the 106th Infantry Division.

That Golden Lion 106th was my division. The 106th Signal Company was my unit, and I was lucky to remain unscathed during those dark days, days made indelible by thoughts of comrades who made the supreme sacrifice.

My unit mates Davis, Creamer, Ford, Schaffner, and Swanson would not have died back then if only war were an unknown. Alas, war is only too well known, and there are thousands of veterans in hospitals all over our country who are existing, merely existing.

I'm in contact with many of my fellow 106ers, and though the list dwindles, we're proud of our doings. We were civilian soldiers chosen to do a job, and we did it.

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