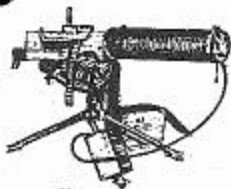


# The Bugle



PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNICATE WITH FORMER MEMBERS OF COMPANY D, 424TH COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT AND FAMILIES.



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## THE BUGLE BLOWS AGAIN

The Bugle undertakes its second publication after receiving a rather warm reception. It was a lot of fun putting together a newsletter in order to "pay back" many of you for nice letters. Then to hear from others for the first time in over 50 years was great. Also, I hope that those of you who are 106th Association members receiving "The Cub" noticed that we received a bit of publicity or recognition.

Those of you who are not members of the Association, I encourage you to give serious consideration to join many of your buddies in membership. I generally suggest that you join for a trial period of the first year. It will only cost you \$10.00. "The Cub" Magazine published every three months is more than worth the \$10.00 alone. John Kline, the Editor really puts a lot of effort into editing and publishing a terrific publication, telling you about the people and events of you and buddies.

And if you really want to have some fun, put your wife in the old car and on August 29th, head down to Roanoke, VA to the 50th Annual Reunion.



FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA 1943  
Captain John P. Foley, First Company  
Commander (also the fourth) Company D, 424th  
Infantry Regiment.

## SECOND COMMANDER SALUTED

Alden F. Russell

This period we proudly salute Major Alden F. Russell, USAR Retired. Everyone remembers him as Lieutenant Russell, second platoon leader when the 106th was activated at Fort Jackson, SC in March 1943. Well into our training and after we had completed Basic Training, Captain Foley, then company commander was sent to Advanced Infantry Officer School and Lt Russell assumed command. Lt Berthias, the Executive Officer had been ordered overseas.

Alden Russell was born in upstate New York not far from where he presently lives, Alexandria Bay. Shortly after he was the age 21 years, he was ordered to military service (Drafted). He was in the second group drafted in his county, and entered active duty, 24 January 1941. He was assigned to M Company, 108th Infantry, 27th Division at Ft McClellan, AL. After the division had completed their training the division was sent to that beautiful outpost in the Pacific, Hawaii. They weren't there too long when Russell was ordered back to the states and to Ft Benning to attend OCS. (Continued Page Two)



FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA 1943  
Second Lieutenant Alden F. Russell, Second  
Company Commander, Company D, 424th  
Infantry Regiment.

## SECOND COMMANDER SALUTED

Lt. Alden Russell (Continued from Page 1)

While at OCS, he was in the same platoon with two other candidates who would also exert great influence over the training of the company, Russell Terry and Kenneth Tewell. The alphabetical spelling of their names would later affect the command of the company. They graduated from OCS on 27 January 43 and after temporary assignments, were assigned to the 106th Division and then to D Company, 424th Regiment. Things went well for Lt Russell and his two friends, after all he was an officer in the "best damn company" in the regiment. Then Foley was sent to school and Second Lt Russell was placed in command. Later he was promoted to First Lieutenant and transferred to L Company, Second Battalion as the weapons platoon leader. *Since many of the officers were being ordered overseas, most or maybe all of us, assumed he had also been ordered overseas.*

Lt Russell remained with L Company throughout the maneuvers. After the maneuvers, he was part of the advanced party for the division to Camp Atterbury, IN. *It's a strange thing about Advanced Parties, they get in on welcoming parties, and they meet people. And guess who he met? A young lady who was not only a nurse, but an Army Nurse. Her name...Lt Margaret Underwood. At Atterbury, he was assigned to M Company, 424th, as the Executive Officer. That didn't last long (being EXO) because things were building up in Europe for the invasion, and he, like many of our buddies, in April of '44, got orders to proceed to a staging area.*

He arrived in Europe and was assigned to the 83rd Division, 330th Infantry Regiment as a machine gun platoon leader. In action on the continent after the invasion, he was severely wounded, and as those things happen, it brought about a transfer, back to the Zone of the Interior...good ol' US of A. He was assigned to a hospital at Ft Dix, NJ. You can imagine what was happening between the hospitals of Ft Dix and Camp Atterbury. After a full recovery, he was assigned to Ft Rucker, Alabama. In the meantime, a certain Army Nurse, was headed for a tour of duty in the Pacific Theater. After hostilities had ended, Lt Alden Russell was released from active duty, October 1945. He remained in the Army Reserve, retiring as a Major.

Lt Margaret Underwood, ANC was released from active duty upon her return to the states and returned to her home in West Virginia. Alden Russell returned to the state of New York and the romance came to a wedding when they got together and traveled over to Winchester, VA and on 21 May 1946, they were married. We offer our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Alden Russell for having just celebrated their 50th, Golden Anniversary.

After leaving the army, Alden attended agricultural college on the GI Bill. After college, he worked on the home dairy farm for several years and then began a career as a teacher of Vocational Agriculture and Earth Science. In 1977, Alden retired from teaching. During this time, they raised four boys, three of whom spent time in the Army. There are four grandsons and one granddaughter getting a lot of attention. Everyone knows how cold it gets in upstate New York, near the Canadian border, so the Russells spend the winter in Casa Grande, AZ where one son lives.

## BLOW IT OUT YOUR .....

I don't know how many of you remember this incident, but I would like to remind some and inform others. This incident actually took place at Fort Jackson and during the period of time when we were going through "The D Series." As you may remember, when we went into the field, an individual who may have been on limited duty due to sickness or having just returned to duty from the hospital was detailed as Barracks Orderly. This time it was a member of the first platoon.....Pfc Mike Costa..

They sent back word that the troops would be coming in after lunch and Costa set about firing up the furnaces so there would be plenty of hot water, in each barracks.

When we arrived back in quarters, everyone was in a big hurry to take a shower, dropping equipment, stripping off clothes and run for the latrine. What greeted everyone in the first platoon was, a latrine dripping wet. The walls were wet, water dripping from the ceiling and naturally, everything below was wet. Platoon Sgt Kerin went into a rage, bellowing for the Barracks Orderly. Cpl Joe Goodwin and I were detailed to Special Duty with Lt Van Emelen and had arrived early. Goodwin however was in the Second Platoon and was not aware of the situation. Costa had told me what had happened, so when Kerin started yelling, I started laughing.

Seems that Costa, a young man from NY/NJ area had never fired furnaces, especially at Ft Jackson. When he got the word that the troops were coming in, he began firing the furnaces, and really shoveling the coal. Those furnaces did not have a safety valve, preventing an excess of hot water to back up into the cold water pipes. Well, with the fires roaring and the water boiling and everything seeming to be in good order, Mike Costa felt the call of nature, and used one of the stools for the purpose they were intended. However, instead of reaching back while still seated as I might generally do, Mike stood up, pulled up his fatigues, and reached over with his foot and kicked the flush lever. What happened next I can not truthfully repeat what Costa said, but he told me that a geyser of steam shot from the toilet, carrying with it, what he, Mike Costa had deposited there. The "toilet geyser" was blasting to the ceiling, and it continued to do so for ten or fifteen minutes. Mike Costa said that he ran out of the latrine and out of the barracks and was scared as hell that the building would take off as well. When it was over, he went back in to view the damage. You will have to use your imagination as to what HE saw. He then got a broom and bucket and began to "scrub it down." He had time enough to get it scrubbed before anyone came back. But needless to say, the latrine in the first platoon barracks of Company D, 424th Infantry Regiment was the cleanest one in the regiment, maybe the entire post. And Mike Costa was the luckiest G.I. in the Army, because he kicked that lever rather than doing it while seated. It was weeks before Kerin knew what had really happened.

Alden and Margaret attended their first 106th Reunion last September in Orlando. They are two fine people, and those of us that were there enjoyed their company. They have stated their intentions of attending the next, the 50th Reunion in Roanoke, VA starting August 30.

Although there may be other former officers still living, with the passing of Captain Preucel, Lt Russell is the only former officer that I have been able to locate. I wish you a long life, sir.

## FOOTLOCKER NEWS

Burnie and Rozetta Sutter won't be making the reunion with the 106th. Seems the 90th Division with whom he served in Europe will be having their reunion about the same time and they will be heading to Des Moines or Omaha. Can't remember which city Burnie said it would be. Before long they will be traveling east to Hershey, PA where daughter Sandy and husband now live. Rozetta hasn't been feeling "too perky" of late and they haven't been traveling as much as before.

Harrisburg, PA vicinity is where Norm Simmons lives and they will be seeing the Sutters. Norm, who got into the Association just before the Reunion in '94, made the reunion that year, missed the '95 Reunion, but promises they will make the '96 one in Roanoke, VA.

Bob Homan and his wife spend the winters in Texas, way down south near the coast. As they have returned from Texas to Wisconsin, they have taken the time to stop in Arkansas to visit with Oscar Scott and wife, and then motored on over to see Lee Steele and wife in Mt Vernon, IN. I believe I mentioned that two years ago, Bob and wife, along with Phil Gerlach made a return trip to Belgium in '94.

Phil and his wife, who live in Minnesota, also winter in Texas, but not in the same location as the Homans. I really wish either one of you could put together some of your thoughts about your return trip. The video that Phil copied and sent to me was outstanding and I enjoyed it very much.

Those of you who are association members will proudly notice the last name under D/424... Andrew Yakupchina. I haven't seen Andy since "the big day" and with the size he was then, I wonder what he looks like now. Welcome to the association big guy and hope you can take the time to be at Roanoke.

I spoke with Frank Koehler a few weeks ago, encouraging him to make the reunion, and he said he would try. Then a few days later I got a short note from him saying that he hadn't looked at his calendar before answering me. Seems he had two trips booked for September and one of them is too close to the reunion, so he will miss it. Sorry to miss your company Frank. Maybe you can plan on the '97 reunion in Nashville. When we get there, we're going to refight the maneuvers.

Glen Parvin, who lives in Kingsport, TN is probably the closest one to Roanoke, and has promised Lee Steele that he will be there. That will be a good reunion for those two, because they were in the 1st section, 1st platoon together.

After the first edition of this newsletter, I received a very fine, long letter from Bill Domiano. Without his permission, I can't print any of the letter, but I do want to say that he has arthritis in his hands and putting together that letter took a lot of effort. My wife has had arthritis since she was a teenager and I know the problems and the effort. The many directions and assignments the men from the unit took after the Bulge are interesting copy.

I just finished editing and composing copy that Oscar Scott sent to me and I continue to learn many interesting lessons

about the Bulge. The things I learn from you fellows, I have never read in the many books that I have read, trying to fill in the big holes. You fellows who remained with the company have all of my respect.

One of the first communications that I received after Bugle 1, was a telephone call from John Hurley, son of George G. T. my good buddy and 'Kriegie buddy. We talked for about 45 minutes and I was pleased at the acceptance. Then, a short time later I received a wonderful, long letter from John's mother, George's widow. I would like to visit them in Arizona. I extended her an invitation to attend the Roanoke reunion.

Then I got a phone call from Lee and Frances Steele and we talked for quite sometime. He was the first one to attempt to answer the "Ten Questions." Lee has a friend, Kenny Bratton and wife, that the Steeles met because of getting into the Association. Kenny lives in the next little town from Lee. Have any of you ever heard of Poseyville, IN. I met the Brattons in Orlando. They had drove down with the Steeles, having first driven over to Fort Jackson and visited each others company area. Lee in turn sent me some photos of our area. Yep, it's still standing, but not in use.

When I received my copy of the Association Roster, I was surprised to see a name that I had almost forgotten, Myrton B. Dickerson. I put the roster down and picked up the telephone. He was at home and we talked for a long time. He had trouble placing me for a while and I had a bit of trouble putting him in the right spot. That night as I lay in bed I put thought to him, jumped out of bed and went in to get my photo album. I knew the picture I wanted to find and flipped right to it. There he was with me, William Lemasters and Robert Kane, along with a sailor who had joined us. The picture was taken in the Stage Door Pub, Sculley's Square, Boston while we were at Camp Miles Standish. Those of you who were there, remember, they gave us an overnight pass, one night before we shipped out. I remember that we weren't supposed to have contact with our homes by phone or mail, so the sailor took the picture, after we each signed it, and mailed it home for me. I had just gotten a GI haircut and was close to being bald. Dickerson has stated that he will be in Roanoke, from the State of Washington. Wow!

Although not as an add on, I would like to apologize for omitting the name of George Warner from The Silent Corps in the last publication. I had his name in my listing, but made a computer mistake and omitted his name. George as a member of Company D goes back to Ft Jackson and I have several photos with him in them. George went to OCS while in Europe and was commissioned a Second Looney. After returning home, he stayed in the Reserves and retired as a Major. I understand that he was killed in a skiing accident. George had been a long time member of The Third Platoon, Mortars.

I had a nice long letter from Robert Lee Berry, 3rd Squad, First Platoon, Machine Guns. I knew Bob quite well, having spent considerable time in that squad with John Frizzell, whom I also left off The Silent Corps. Bob has been having problems with the VA for most of the time since the war has been over. He has also raised a family and had a son serve in Viet Nam. I rather imagine several of you had that experience also.

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1Lt John Berthias KIA 1943 2Lt John P Kilkenny, Jr KIA 1944  
T/5 William G Berri 1996 Pfc Charles Kossage 1989  
Pfc William H Bingle KIA 1944 T/Sgt Nels Moe 1993  
1/Sgt Robert Bothe 1993 Pfc Michael Petrunio 1994  
Pvt Eugene B Clifton KIA 1944 Major Robert W Preucel (M.D.) 1995  
LCol (1Lt) Charles H Costigan 1988 Pfc Clarence Saffley 1987  
Pvt Joseph D'Antonio KIA 1944 1Lt Allen G Smith 1986  
Pvt James J Dettore KIA 1944 Pfc Christian Sutich 1989  
Sgt Louis Ferretti 1981 Pfc Michael Serrian 1976  
1Lt G K Flewelling KIA 1944 Major (1Lt) Russell Terry 1985  
Sgt John Frizzel KIA 1944 1Lt Kenneth Tewell KIA 1945  
Pfc J C Frogge 1990 Sgt Robert Treglowne 1985  
Pfc William E Gradin 1994 1Lt Claude VanEmelen KIA 1944  
Sgt John P Hart 1977 Sgt Ellis R Watson KIA 1944  
S/Sgt George G T Hurley 1984 Major (2Lt) George Warner 1994  
T/5 Robert Huchko 1995 Pfc David Woodson KIA 1944

## OFFICERS CALL

Following are names of Officers who served with D Company. If you can remember additional names, please supply them.

Capt John P Foley (First CO)  
1Lt John Berthias (First EXO)  
2Lt Kenneth Tewell (1st Platoon)  
2Lt Alden F Russell (2nd Platoon & 2nd CO)  
2Lt Russell Terry (3rd Platoon)  
1Lt Claude VanEmelen (2nd Platoon)  
2Lt E. C. Johnson  
1Lt Lawrence E Randall  
1Lt Cecil Ayers  
2Lt Donald K White  
2Lt Gene O Yarnell  
1Lt Harry M Woodbridge  
Capt Wesley D Griffin  
Capt Ralph K Lee  
Capt Roy Burks  
Capt Robert W Preucel (CO in US & ETO)  
1Lt Charles H Costigan (EXO US & CO ETO)  
1Lt G. K. Flewelling (2nd Platoon-KIA)  
2Lt John P Kilkenny, Jr (3rd Platoon-KIA)  
1Lt Plummer (1st Platoon)  
2Lt Jack E. Clifton  
2Lt William S. Boucouala  
2Lt Allen G Smith  
2Lt William C Sanderson  
2Lt Anthony M Yanulaitis (BF Comm)  
2Lt George Warner (ETO OCS)

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