

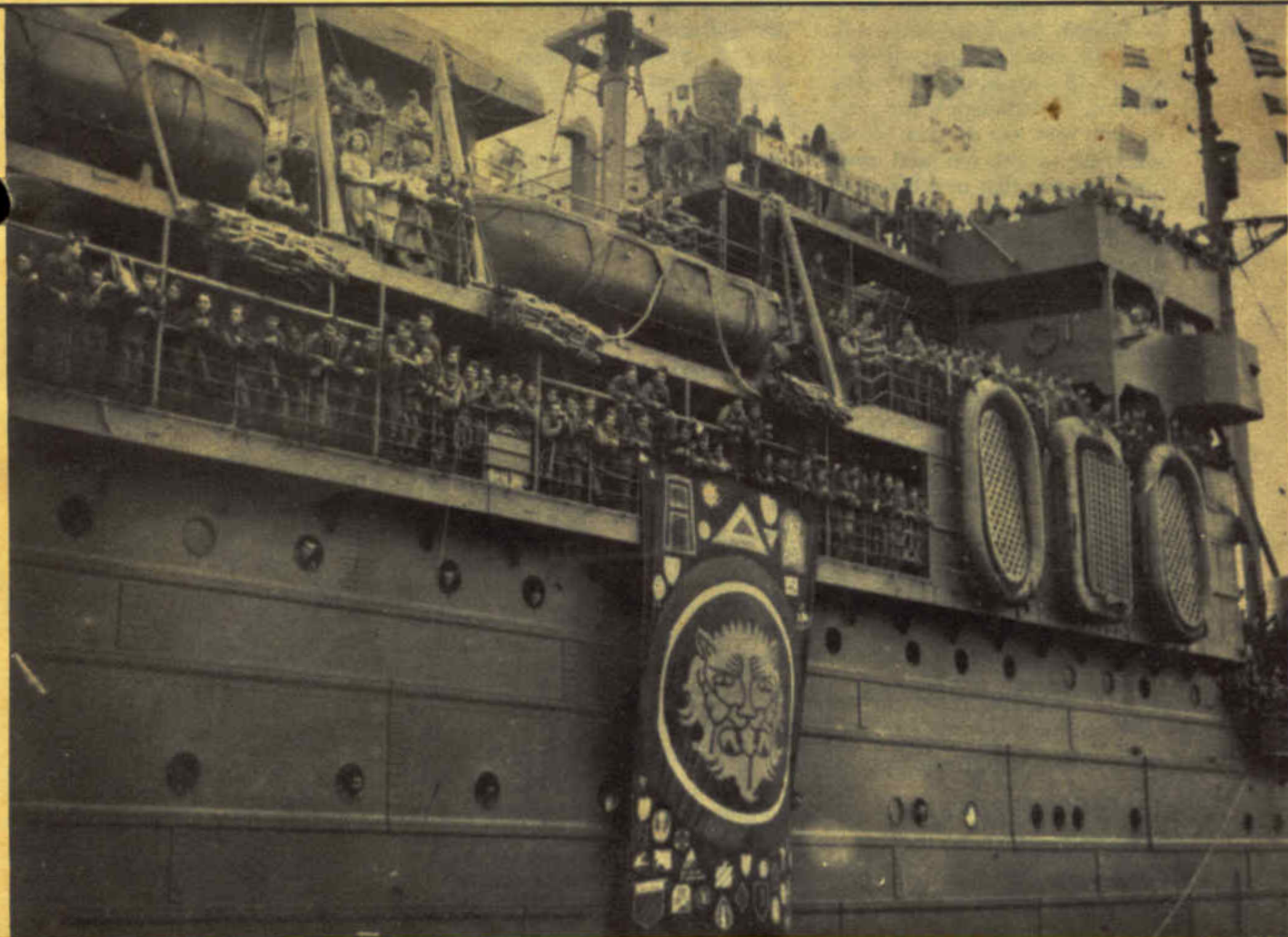
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President's Column



JOHN M. GILLESPIE

The main things I want to talk about this month are contained in two other articles of this issue — December 16th dinners, and the Association's treasury.

About the Memorial Reunions on the fifth anniversary, these can be a bigger success than last year, but only if enough fellows pitch in and do their part to get them going. The article on page 23 tells how and where. Take it from there.

Second, you'll see by our Treasurer's Report that we came through 1948-49 in pretty good shape. We wiped out our deficit, and now have a surplus, even though it isn't very big. The reason it isn't very big is that we don't have enough salesmen to get out and promote membership. You'll notice that in 1947-48, we took in \$3,385 dues. In 1948-49, we only took in \$3,306, counting the Auxiliary dues in both years. The \$79 drop is a small one, but we should be increasing — not losing — revenue from dues. Actually, we did increase our membership during the year by about 200, but a whole lot of those were men who joined very late in the previous year, or after January first. We'll have to do better.

Our national headquarters will send an application blank and a sample CUB to anyone you suggest. But better yet, why don't you write your buddies. You may say that one man can't do much, but think what it would mean if even 100 men each got one or two new members!

And, if you are one of the men who hasn't yet renewed his membership for 1949-50, do it now, today, by sending \$3 to R. E. Rutt, Adjutant, 10850 Nottingham Rd., Detroit 24, Mich.

DETROIT IN 1950

Just another reminder to start saving now for the 1950 convention in Detroit. Dates will be announced in the next CUB, or as soon as we can complete hotel arrangements.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the fiscal year ending 30 June 1949, the Association operated at a net profit of \$114.01, and the 1948 convention at Indianapolis showed a net profit of \$973.19 in addition. The Association's books of account show that a total deficit balance of \$369.49 as of 30 June 1948 was wiped out during the year, and at the year's end, our surplus stood at \$717.71.

Indications are that the current year, helped along by a profit of about \$340 on the 1949 Chicago convention, will operate in the black. Membership renewals are coming in at about the same rate as in 1948.

As of 30 June 1949, our Memorial Scholarship Fund stood at \$1,082.77, and our History Donation Fund for next-of-kin had a balance of \$73.00. (Contributions to either of these Funds are always welcome!)

Excluding the conventions, the following is the detail of how the Association money is spent and where it comes from:

	1948-49	1947-48
<i>Income</i>		
Dues	\$3,192	\$3,385
Auxiliary dues	114	—
Sales	131	185
Miscellaneous	20	105
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,457	\$3,674
<i>Expenses</i>		
CUB	\$2,234	\$2,601
Wages (part-time clerk)	180	633
Postage, except CUB	231	198
Printing, except CUB	137	—
Office supplies, etc.	341	338
Telephone, telegraph, travel	31	165
All other expenses	189	299
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,343	\$4,234
Convention Profit or Loss	\$973	\$2,778**
Total Profit or Loss for Year	\$1,087	\$3,339**

** shows loss

The books of account are open to all members, and questions will be answered if addressed to national headquarters by any member of the Association. The above figures for 1948-49 are from closing balances before audit.

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DECEMBER 16th

THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

"You all know the part that the 106th Infantry Division played in victory. Spread thin in the rugged Ardennes, the Division met the full force of Von Rundstedt's offensive, his great winter drive. In a grim struggle against the longest odds in numbers and fire power faced by any division — by any combat division in the war — the 106th accomplished its mission. It held for five days, and it upset the timetable in Hitler's last desperate gamble for victory. Our fallen comrades in arms, with their blood, wrote a somber and heroic chapter in the annals of American military history . . ." (From a broadcast of July 15, 1947, by Cedric Foster)

Wounds heal, and time passes. Five years have passed. Five years since that morning when the storm broke at 0530. Have these five years seemed as long as those five days?

In 1947 and in 1948, local reunions were held in about a dozen cities, commemorating the anniversary of the start of the Bulge. About 500 persons attended each year, with the affairs ranging in size from our biggest one in Chicago with over 100 present down to the smallest in Tokyo with five men.

Chapter officers and promoters in many parts of the country are at work planning December 16 reunions. But, only about half of our membership lives within traveling distance for a one-evening memorial reunion. That shouldn't prevent those of us who live in small towns from hunting up one or two or three buddies who were in the 106th, getting together for an hour or so, passing the hat one time for the memorial fund, and remembering prayerfully what a great bunch of guys did for each other five years ago."

Of course, if you want to remember your unlucky buddies with more than thoughts and words, you can always help to make their children lucky by sending your donation, however large or small, to our Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Scheduled Reunions

This magazine goes to the printer early in October, so we can't give you the details of any of the December 16th reunions. But you can get them by sending a postcard of inquiry to the man nearest your home town, listed below:

Albany, N. Y.—D. S. Price, 237 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 3.

Baltimore, Md.—John T. Loveless, Jr., 2549 Pickwick Rd., Dickeyville, Baltimore 7.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Joseph A. Kersten, 128 Kenefick Ave., Buffalo 20.

Chicago, Ill.—Edward L. Luzzie, 4824 S. Woodlawn, Chicago 15.

Columbus, Ohio—D. B. Frampton, Jr., McArthur, Ohio.

Detroit, Mich.—Donald A. Palmer, 1553 Hurlbut Ave., Detroit 14.

Harrisburg, Pa.—John L. Hall, 3889 Front St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Roy Wentzel, 1419 So. Olive, Santa Ana, Cal.

Minnesota—H. M. Hatch, 43 W. Lake St., Minneapolis.

New York City & New Jersey—Jerome L. Frankel, 158 Dahill Rd., Brooklyn 18.

St. Louis—Floyd D. Stewart, 705 Olive (Suite 621), St. Louis 1.

Springfield, Ill.—Russell D. Kelly, 1905 No. 10th St., Springfield

Uniontown, Pa.—Charles Underwood, 11 Lenox St., Uniontown

Waterbury, Conn.—Paul Sopensky, 1266 Thomaston Ave., Waterville, Conn.

If anyone else wants to try to get up a December 16 reunion, no matter how small, we'll send him a mailing list of men in his vicinity. To request a mailing list, send a telegram or night letter to D. S. Price, 237 So. Manning, Albany, N. Y., and you'll get your mailing list by return mail.

December 16 is drawing near. If you are going to do anything to commemorate the day, get started now!



THE MICHIGAN WOLVERINE CHAPTER, at their 1948 December 16 reunion. The Michigan outfit, and our other chapters, are planning bigger and better 1949 reunions to commemorate the fifth anniversary of That Day. (Photo by courtesy of David Woodson.)

CUB readers with a literary bent may wish to turn back the pages about a century and a half to read or re-read one of the classics of all time, Lord Byron's *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*, particularly the third and fourth cantos. The English romantic poet could have been writing in this decade, and about our men, when he penned the following lines:

And Ardennes waves above them her green leaves,
 Dewy with nature's tear-drops, as they pass,
 Grieving if aught inanimate e'er grieves,
 Over the unreturning brave, — alas!
 Ere evening to be trodden like the grass
 Which now beneath them, but above shall grow
 In its next verdure, when this fiery mass
 Of living valour, rolling on the foe
 And burning with high hope, shall moulder cold
 and low.

* * *

The Psalmist number'd out the years of man;
 They are enough, and if thy tale be true,

'Thou, who didst grudge him even that fleeting
 span,
 More than enough, thou fatal Waterloo!
 'Here, where the sword united nations drew,
 Our countrymen were warring on that day!
 And this is much, and all which will not pass
 away.

We are indebted to Charles F. McAlpine, Jr., Company K, 424th Infantry, for recalling *Childe Harold* to our attention. We regret that his suggestion was received just a bit too late to utilize a quotation from Byron in the dedication page of our Division history.

National Headquarters

New national headquarters of the 106th Infantry Division Association is c/o Robert E. Rutt, Adjutant, 10850 Nottingham Rd., Detroit 24, Mich.

The

REVIEWING

by Capt. E. C. Roberts, Jr.

STAND

WAR AS I KNEW IT

By GENERAL GEO. S. PATTON, JR.

Published by Houghton Mifflin Co.

This is a story written from the personal diary of one of the most colorful characters to come out of the World War II — General George S. Patton, Jr. Mrs. Patton had much to do with the writing of the book and therefore we are given an insight into the life of a man both from his point of view and the point of view of one who meant so much to him.

The diary was kept from July 1942 until just four days before he died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He wrote it in his familiar caustic manner and called a spade a spade as was his way of doing things. He believed in decisive action and saw anything less as a waste of time, money and men. He was a man to win, to intrigue and sometimes to enrage his fellow commanders. The first few chapters have to do with *Operation Torch* in North Africa, describing the combat there, and also the countryside and the people. Here he uses one of his colorful sayings about tactics: "Hold them by the nose and kick them in the pants." He discusses the Sicily campaign, but failed to make mention of the slapping incident which was covered very well in General Eisenhower's *Crusade in Europe*. Patton apparently wanted to forget it and regretted it greatly.

After the operation in Sicily he begins with the time that the Third Army was pushed into the breakthrough around St. Lo. Patton was always a great one to be personally close to where the fighting was going on. Each day he tried to call at least one division CP to ascertain how the

fighting was going on. In this manner he was able to better direct the large force under his command. In this section of the book it is interesting to see how Bradley and Patton got along. Bradley had implicit faith in Patton's decisions and sometimes kept them from SHEAF until they were completed because SHEAF was not always in agreement. Bradley sometimes severed phone connections for that very reason. He disliked the British very much and never lost an opportunity to roast them whenever possible. One of the peculiar characteristics of Patton was a little saying he always used to himself: "Never take counsel of your fears," which coming from such an apparently fearless person gives us a little insight into his innermost self. He fought fear, the same as all of us.

The race across France is covered up to and including the time that the gas for the fast-riding Third Army was cut off for the operation at Arnheim. Patton felt that Montgomery was always trying to influence Eisenhower and that this was one of the times when he succeeded. There has been much discussion about Patton's idea of going on through the Siegfried Line before the Germans could man it, and he could have done it too, but what would have happened on the other side must be left to conjecture. In any event the Third was bogged down until the time of the Bulge, which Patton discusses in great detail.

A maneuver was made by Third Army in the Battle of the Bulge which is almost impossible. On December 19th, it was attacking east and three days later on the 22nd, one Corps did a complete column left and attacked the southern flank of the penetration. It was part of the 4th Armored Division which finally relieved the 101st at Bastogne as part of this attack. Patton also brings out here his famous request of the Army chaplain to pray for fair weather to get planes into the air and his famous prayer which you have all seen at one time or another. Third Army's part in the reduction of the Bulge is completed, and the book goes on about the moves through the Siegfried and to the Rhine.

He treats at length the 4th Armored task force which went to Hammelburg in which action so many of the 106th PWs were involved. He states there were two reasons for it: first, to deceive the Germans as to the direction of attack; and second to try to liberate the prisoners. Patton wanted to send a whole combat command but was talked out of it by Generals Gay (Chief of Staff) and Hoge (CG) of the 4th Armored. Later on in his book he insists it was the only mistake he ever made. He mentions an interview with two

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Today, as we are thinking of the fifth anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, 16 December 1944, it is appropriate to print the words spoken by Floyd Stewart, 590th Field Artillery, at the 1948 reunion of the St. Louis-Southern Illinois Chapter.

Those of you who were with the 106th or its attached units four years ago today will not soon forget December 16th.

Only five days before, we had gone into position in a "quiet" sector of the Ardennes. On December 16th the Germans broke loose with everything they had, and most of it hit the 106th, a green division engaging in its first action. Within a week we had lost more than 70 per cent of our personnel — dead, wounded, and captured.

War can sometimes be an exhilarating business, with memories of victory, the leaves in Paris, the women, the cognac. But sometimes it can be a bitter, dirty, despicable business. Sometimes attended by unredeemed defeat in your first action, leaving you wondering whether you were betrayed by circumstances or by your own courage.

That was the situation that we were in. Particularly those of us who were prisoners. And only long afterward did it become apparent that in its defeat, the 106th gained a glorious victory. The main force of the German effort was directed toward Bastogne and St. Vith, commanding the only north-south roads in the sector suitable for mechanized movement. St. Vith fell on December 22—five days late on Von Rundstedt's timetable.

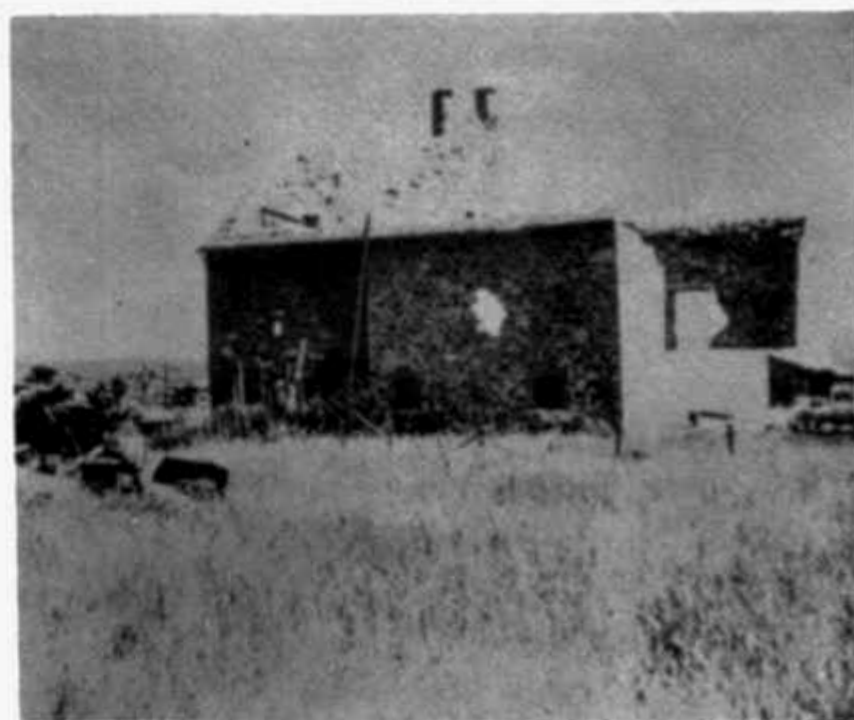
Maybe the Germans would have been stopped even if St. Vith had fallen in the early hours of the attack, according to plan. But that is only conjecture. The point is that the untested 106th, mauled by four veteran divisions, stood and held its position until it had lost all tactical importance, although every reasonable expectation led the enemy to anticipate a quick, decisive penetration.

Of all the words that have been said about the 106th in the Bulge I like those Montgomery said best. I like them because Monty has never been particularly noted as a press agent for American troops. "The American soldiers of the 106th Infantry Division stuck it out and put up a fine performance. By Jove, they stuck it out, those chaps."

Report your change of address promptly.

CASUALTY INFORMATION

Send information about battle casualties, with name of next of kin if known, to J. Glenn Schnizlein, 727 15th Ave., S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn. We have received a number of corrections to our lists in the August-September CUB, and will print these corrections in next month's issue.



DEAD CENTER. *The artillery hit on this Belgian house is just about as close to a bull's-eye as we could expect, even from our own team. Although we're not an expert on the heavy stuff, it looks like a hit on the near side, an explosion passing through to lift the roof and back wall, and an exit on the far side. Probably when that shell was fired, the little building was a thorn in someone's side, but see the pathetic note — a broom leaning against the side of the house.*

(Photo by George Hayslip)

PATTON (Cont'd from Page 25)

lieutenants who had gotten away from Hammelburg. These two were your reviewer and Lt. Bruce Fisher of D Co., 422d. (Reviewer's note: I am convinced that Patton only guessed or hoped that his son-in-law, Col. John Waters, was in the camp and that was not the reason for sending the task force as so many accused him of doing.) He regretted the incident greatly. What a combat command would have done again is conjecture.

The book continues on to the close of the war in Europe and the last chapter is devoted to thoughts and ideas of General Patton with regard to ways of making the U. S. Army a better unit and better able to fight. Some of them are very good and some controversial, as were many things he did. For certain types of warfare he was tops. Much of the time when he opened his mouth he put his foot in it. All in all, General Patton was one of the world's great soldiers and this book brings out many of the things about his personal thoughts and feelings.

SGT. PAUL A. CUOZZO, CCD Dist. Sta. III, CIS, GHQ, FEC, APO 24 Unit 5, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. wants to get in touch with a former sergeant of Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 424th Inf. named MASKO. Anybody knowing Masko's address, please send it to the CUB and we'll forward it to Sgt. Cuozzo.



After Action Fate

Paul E. Stoner, 424/K, 139 No. 36th St., Terre Haute, Ind., writes:

"For your records and for the benefit of others who may have known him, I submit the following.

"While on a vacation trip in the summer of 1948, I stopped in Mason City, Iowa, to see if I could locate a William Spencer who was at one time a member of Co. K, 424th Inf., and who, after a trip to the hospital in Belgium for shock treatment, was assigned to the Service Company with the 3rd Battalion, where he served until just a few days before the Division moved to Camp Lucky Strike. I learned that he had been killed while en route to one of the ports of debarkation. The train on which he was riding had stopped during the night and he stepped off to stretch and relax a bit before the train moved on. Another train going in the opposite direction, traveling without lights, hit him and he died a few hours later. He is survived by his widow and four children who now reside in New York."

Condemns Dark December

Walter F. Hiltbrand, 423/AT, 455 East 8th St., Salem, Ohio, writes to take a few swings at Robert Merriam's book "Dark December," and at Ed Roberts' review of it on pages 51-52 of the February-March 1949 CUB. He says:

"Roberts' idea of laughable reading material and mine are quite different. I'm referring of course to your comments on that paragraph in that jerk's book in which he mentions the 106th in a derogatory manner. It did not make me laugh, nor any of the other 106th guys that I know. In fact, it makes us boil!

"Mr. Roberts! You also say that if we want to read a reasonably accurate account of the Bulge—even though you *think* he is unfair to the 106th, we should have his book among our possessions. After he gives us the business, you have the gall to invite us to own one of his books! The very fact that he mentions the 106th as he does proves to me that it is a reasonably *inaccurate* account of the Bulge.

"Mr. Editor! Instead of using space in the CUB to review Merriam's lousy book, I suggest using it to tear him and his 'very extensive research' apart. I'll like you to print Merriam's picture so at least I'll be able to recognize him if I see him. He'll get a punch in the nose, and many more. One for the eye and nose that I lost, and a couple for the lives of each of the six good guys in my platoon alone that were lost 'surrendering without a fight' as he puts it.

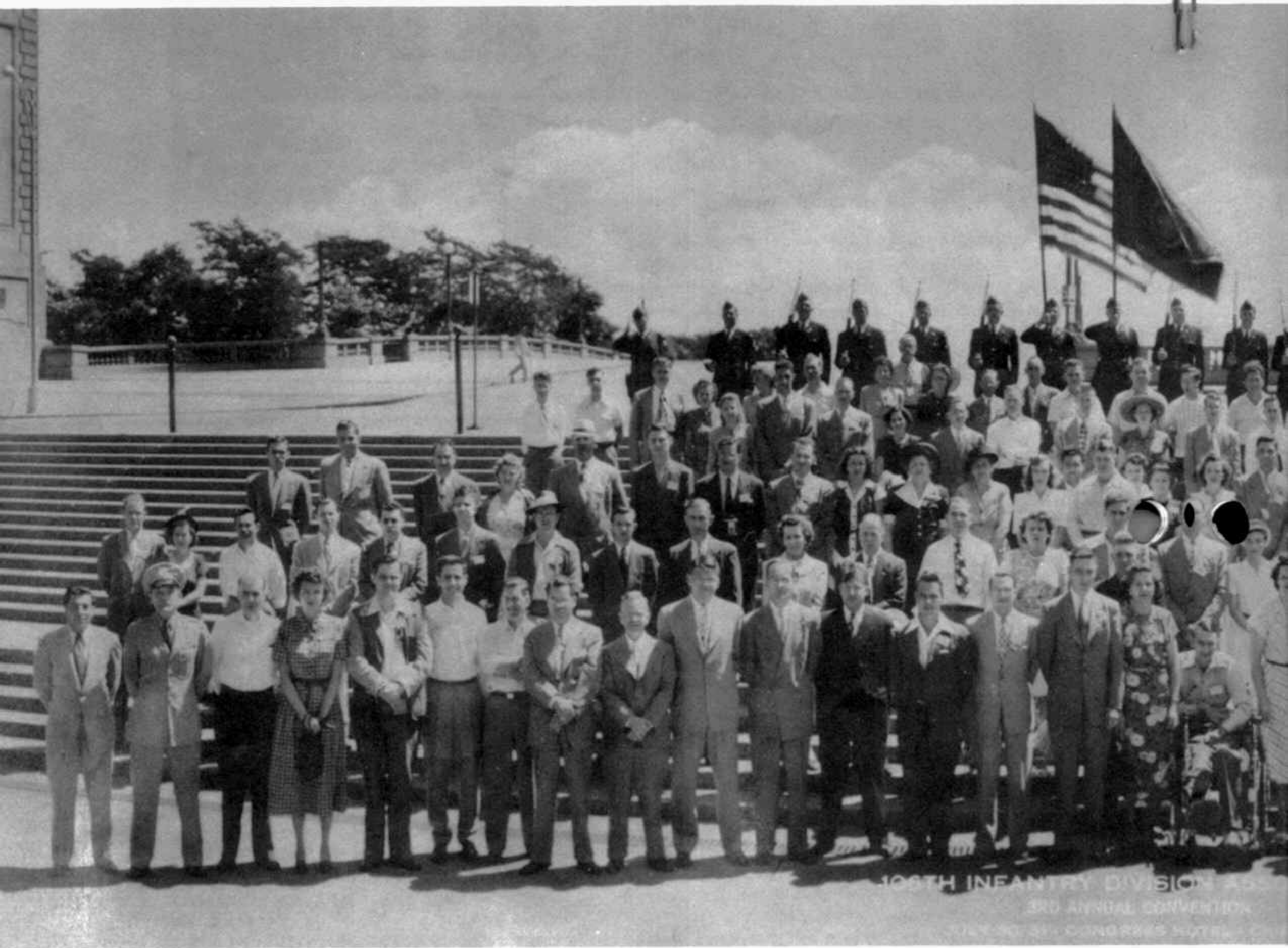
"One other thing. Merriam says it. I suppose history may say it. That 7,000 men *surrendered* in the largest mass surrender of Americans in the E.T.O. It should be *captured* instead of *surrendered*. There is a difference between the two words. Our two regiments were captured. I have never heard of one guy that waved a white flag."

LEWIS H. WALKER, 1st Lt., Co. H, 422d Inf., author of the combat history of his company, writes: "Colonel Dupuy's division history is highly informative, clears up many of the dark points in my mind, and I highly recommend that men who served in the Bulge and have not bought a copy be sent a reminder." (Ed. note: Copies may be purchased for \$5 from the Infantry Journal, 1115 17th St., Washington 6, D.C.)

Check Your Memory

A subscriber who doesn't want his name used writes us to say that maybe he found an error in Ed Roberts' review of "The Stilwell Papers." Ed says, on page 13 of the August-September 1949 CUB, "what he (Stilwell) wanted most, he never got—a ground victory over the Japs." Our correspondent thinks that Stilwell did lead American infantry in some of the island-hopping campaigns later in the war. Anybody know who's right?

Your editor takes this means of expressing his thanks at the kind words, unsolicited, which keep coming in about the CUB. It's your magazine. Let us know what you want, and we'll try to give it to you.



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CHAPTER NEWS

Indianapolis

AL HARDING, 4027 E. New York St., reports that he is going to make a try at reviving the Hoosier Golden Lions—our first chapter, but one which hasn't been active since 1947. Al reports plans for a December 16 reunion in Indianapolis.

Minnesota

Chapter Workers met on October 16 to work on plans for the annual December reunion. Minnesota is one of the half-dozen chapters which has had a winter reunion each year since 1946.

Southern California

HAROLD KNOX, chapter secretary, 424/L, reports that the December reunion on the West Coast will be held in Long Beach, Cal. The chapter is raising funds by raffling a 9 x 12 rug, donated at cost by Marshall Lipkin. Distance doesn't seem to bother our California friends—although they are farther away from Hq. and the conventions than any other chapter, they are very active and seem to be doing a fine job. We hear that Claude Webb, chapter organizer, has moved to Chicago, but the chapter is lucky in having a number of energetic fellows to take his place. Roy Wentzel is president now.

Co. F, 423d Inf.

Fox Company had its third annual reunion on June 11, 1949, in New York City. Attendance 27. ART KUESPERT continues to publish the COMPANY 'F' GUIDON, and the last issue was a very attractive 18 page two-color mimeograph job.

Other Chapters

No news. Can't print it if you don't send it to us. How about a little more reporting of activities by chapter presidents and secretaries!

We know that company or battalion reunions were held in 1949 by Company F, 423d Infantry; by the Quartermaster Company; and by the 81st Engineer Battalion. How about somebody sending in the details, with photos if possible, for printing in the CUB.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

Shows a scene that needs no identification. Remember New York harbor in October, 1945? The 280-odd officers and EM who were with the 106th from activation to deactivation returned, for the most part, on this ship—the Marechal Joffre.

The Honor Company

COMPANY H 424th INFANTRY

In each future issue of the CUB, we'll print the names and addresses of all of the Association members from one of the Division's companies or batteries. Our order of selection will be based on availability of information in our files. If you want your outfit to appear, send us an article of from 1 to 2 pages about what the company did in action. We'll print it, with the list of CUB subscribers from the outfit.

Company H, 424th had more Association members in 1948-49 than any other infantry company, so we are printing their roster first. Incidentally, we can't list men whose outfit we don't know—so if you were in this company but your name doesn't appear below, it's because our records don't show your outfit.

Donald R. Armington, 3125 John Patterson Rd., Des Moines 17, Ia.
Sidney H. Auerbach, 160 N. Church St., Hazleton, Pa.
Charles G. Burr, 4142 Union Bay Lane, Seattle 5, Wash.
Ernest Dick, 2228 10th St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Robert W. Dietz, 710 Western Ave., Plymouth, Wis.
John G. Fritzky, 3426 Shadeland Ave., Pittsburgh 12, Pa.
Charles S. Garn, 410 W. North St., Wooster, Ohio
Robert A. Gilmartin, 3320 Cortelyou Rd., Brooklyn 3, N. Y.
Wilburn Grant, Box 367, Milton, Fla.
Wilbur R. Heckerote, 1010 Scott St., Baltimore 30, Md.
William G. Hemelt, 419 S. Macon St., Baltimore 24, Md.
Robert Kaiser, 717 Howard St., Evanston, Ill.
Norman L. Lee, 3529 Columbus Ave., Anderson, Ind.
Alvin Lukashok, 13 Glenmore Dr., New Rochelle, N. Y.
Raymond S. Marcus, 5528 Jackson St., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.
Lenn B. Neideffer, 1315 So. Lincoln, RR #5, Centralia, Ill.
Homer T. Olson, Cranfills Gap, Tex.
Clifford E. Perras, Blue Front Hotel, Nadeau, Mich.
John J. Reynolds, Jr., 14 Eldert St., Brooklyn 7, N. Y.
William Rosenkötter, 1865 20th St., Wyandotte, Mich.
Norman F. Seddon, 107 Roosevelt Ave., Bergenfield, N. J.
Robert H. Shields, 18244 Cherrylawn, Detroit, Mich.
Mark S. Wagner, 413 Thompson St., Mifflinburg, Pa.
Lawrence W. Walden, 163 W. 155th St., Harvey, Ill.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you have renewed your membership for 1949-50, but have not received a membership card, wait one month from the time you sent your money, then write to us. We should complete our Detroit-to-Albany-to-you paper-work within a month, and if you don't get a card, that means that either we have your address wrong or that we didn't get your money.

Incidentally, please don't send three one dollar bills in an envelope with no name and no return address. We can't guess whose renewal it is unless you have your name and address on it. No fooling, we get about three or four subscriptions each year that we cannot identify because they have no name or address.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual meeting of the 106th Infantry Division Association was called to order in the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel, Chicago, at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 30 July 1949, by Charles N. Robasse, President.

A preliminary financial report for the fiscal year ended 30 June 1949 was presented by the acting Treasurer. After audit by a committee to be appointed by the President, this report will be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and will be printed in the CUB. (In summary, the report shows that the Association's income exceeded its expenses by about \$1,000 in 1948-49, and that the deficit which existed on 30 June 1948 has been replaced by a surplus of several hundred dollars.) A tentative budget for 1949-50 was submitted, and referred to the Board of Directors. As in past years, this budget will serve as a general guide to the directors, but may be amended by the Board as necessary. It calls for the spending of about \$2,500 for the CUB, and about \$1,000 for all other purposes including postage, printing, clerical assistance, travel, telephone, legal expense, and office supplies.

Russell H. Villwock, Adjutant, briefly explained the activities at national headquarters, and received hearty applause for the prompt and efficient methods which he has devised and maintained for answering correspondence and handling membership records.

Memorials

J. Glenn Schnizlein, Memorials Chairman, explained that in 1948-49 the Association has developed a list of about 300 battle casualties of the Division, and asked for continued cooperation from the members in reporting information about men who were killed in action. Mr. Schnizlein announced plans for writing to all known Next-of-Kin in the coming year to obtain information about children who may be eligible for grants from the Association's Memorial Fund.

The President stated that the Memorial Fund contains about \$1,100, and that at the 1947 annual meeting, the membership had voted to make grants from the fund only for children of men who were killed in action while serving with the 106th. ("Killed in action", as intended here, includes men who died as the result of battle wounds, men who died in prison camp, and men who are still carried as missing in action. It does not include those who died as the result of natural causes or non-battle injuries.) The President suggested that the membership discuss whether grants

whether they should be restricted as to purpose. In answer to a question from the floor, he advised that gifts to the Memorial Fund may be deducted on individual federal income tax returns as charitable contributions.

The following motion was introduced by Capt. Ivan Long, seconded by Thomas Riggs, and after discussion, unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that, until the next annual meeting of the Association, the Board of Directors be authorized to administer the Memorial Scholarship Fund and to make grants therefrom in its discretion, provided that all such grants shall be for educational purposes for children of men killed in action with the 106th Infantry Division, and further provided that grants shall be in the form of loans without interest when for use on the university level, and in the form of outright gifts when for use at the high school or grammar school level.

Cub

The form and content of the CUB was discussed, and the consensus of the membership was that the Association should continue to publish its magazine, six issues per year, in its present form.

The question of location of the 1950 national convention was discussed briefly, and deferred at the request of the Michigan Chapter.

Auxiliary

Plans for expanding the activities and membership of the Auxiliary were discussed, and the President explained that the development of the Auxiliary had been handicapped in the past by lack of funds. The following motion was introduced by Marvin Rusch, seconded by Clayton Rarick, and, after discussion, unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association shall turn over to its Auxiliary one dollar for each person taking out or renewing membership in the Auxiliary for 1949-50, provided that such funds may be spent by the officers of the Auxiliary only for purposes consistent with the charter and by-laws of the Association.

Chapter Finances

Chapter finances were discussed at some length. Sam F. Cimaglia, Jr., Treasurer of the Metropolitan Chapter, outlined the financial problems encountered by that chapter, and asked that the annual meeting consider amending the by-laws to provide a kick-back of \$1.50 of the \$3.00 national

dues to chapters. Pete House stated that it was his understanding that publication of the CUB cost about \$2.00 per man per year, and that on this basis, the National Association could not afford to consider rebating all but \$1.50 of dues. Eugene Boratyn stated that it might be dangerous to reduce the income of the National Association by giving kick-backs to chapters, and in reply to his question, the President estimated that about 1/3 of the national membership belonged to chapters but that about 85% of new members in 1948-49 were recruited through chapter efforts. William French suggested that the Association should first build up a nest-egg of several thousand dollars surplus, and that after this had been done he would favor distribution of additional surplus to chapters.

The following motion, proposed by Ben J. Hagman and seconded by Russell Kelly, was defeated by vote of 14 ayes and 103 nays: "Be it resolved that, in order to stimulate recruitment of new members, chapters be authorized to retain \$2.00 of the \$3.00 national dues for each paid member who was not a paid member in the previous fiscal year." This proposal evoked considerable discussion: Father E. T. Boyle expressed his support for it as a stimulant to recruitment. Mr. French expressed approval of the idea, but stated that it would have to be amended by the inclusion of a quota for each chapter below which the rebate would not be made, because otherwise there would be no impetus to work for renewals of present members. The President explained that the main objective of the discussion was to assist the New York Chapter at this time, and that since that chapter had about 200 members last year and only about 70 renewals thus far this year, a quota system of rebates only on increased membership would be useless to them this year.

H. M. Hatch suggested that the convention program be amended to include an hour for a meeting of chapter officials to exchange ideas on chapter programs and finances, and the President accordingly set a time and place for such a meeting. John Gillespie stated that the Michigan Chapter had maintained sound financial condition by collecting \$1.00 per man at each chapter meeting — this amount, he explained, provided refreshments while leaving the chapter dues intact for administration of chapter activities such as membership promotion. Mr. Hatch pointed out that membership promotion must succeed if the Association is to continue, and expressed the opinion that the chapters provide the best method of increasing the national membership.

James Davis moved, Pete House seconded, and the membership unanimously approved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association assist the Metropolitan Chapter with an immediate loan of \$100, to bear no interest, and to be repayed at or before the 1952 annual meeting of the Association.

After approval of this motion, the President instructed the Treasurer to transmit the Association's check for \$100 to the Metropolitan Chapter.

On motion by Mr. Rarick, seconded by Mr. Cimaglia, the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was re-opened at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, 31 July 1949. The President thanked the convention chairman and committee for a difficult job well done, and Mr. Luzzie reported that preliminary estimates indicated attendance of about 240 and a small profit on the convention.

1950 Convention

The selection of a convention site for 1950 was considered. Mr. Cimaglia invited the members to New York on behalf of the Metropolitan Chapter, and Mr. Gillespie extended an invitation on behalf of the Michigan Chapter. On motion by Mr. Hagman, seconded by Arthur Cutler, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Convention of the Association shall be held in Detroit, Michigan in 1950.

Mr. Gillespie stated that convention dates would be announced in the January CUB, and that the Michigan Chapter would make every effort to conduct a large and successful convention.

Nominations

Mr. Villwock presented the report of the nominating committee. (This committee included Villwock, chairman, and Messrs. Bickford of New Jersey, French of Michigan, Hatch of Minnesota, and R. Kelly of Central Illinois.

On motion by Capt. Long, seconded by Francis Anderson, the report of the nominating committee was accepted and the President instructed that a unanimous ballot be cast for the election of the nominees as national directors for 1949-50.

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Ketterer, the meeting was adjourned. It was re-opened at 3:30 p.m. on 31 July, for installation of 1949-50 national officers as elected by the Board of Directors from its membership, and after installation, the annual meeting for 1949 was adjourned sine die.

