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ANNOUNCEMENT

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The CUB is the official publication of the Association. Membership in the Association is \$5.00 per year which includes subscription to the CUB.

Following an introduction upon the occasion of a Golden Lion European Tour in September 1974, Sherod Collins and Laverne McGraw (of Royal Oak, Michigan) announce that they will exchange marriage vows at Northside Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, at 7 P.M., May 3, 1975. They will be home at 625 Channing Drive, N.W., Atlanta.

(Best Wishes from all your 106th friends)

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

All business matters, renewal of membership, etc., should be addressed to:

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Again an Anniversary of V.E.-Day has rolled around - the 30th. For most of us who served in the 106th and survived, that day in 1945 was a signal that our military service soon would be over.

Auxiliary Dues \$2.00 per year.

Membership 1973-74 yr.	-289
Membership 1974-75	-301

In the years since then, our hopes for "Peace Now and Forever" for the living have been dashed to the ground time after time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The most recent issue of the CUB notes the fact that the 106th Infantry Division Association has the largest membership (293) since Bob Scranton became adjutant.

Within the past few days we have seen the departure of United States troops from South Vietnam. Though without achieving victory after these many years, our Armed Forces, on the whole, served well, striving to honor our Government's Commitments to a besieged people. Were the sacrifices in vain? Only history will tell.

The recent growth is not only a tribute to the inherent worthiness of our organization, but to the ceaseless efforts of the membership to endure and procure.

There now is no time to assess any blame, nor to give any praise, for any thing that occurred during the long years of conflict. Once again, we, as a people blessed as no other before us, can, should and must be ready to assist in the restoration not only of the material things lost, destroyed or damaged but, of greater importance it seems to me, of the spirit and aspirations of peoples who thru little fault of their own were caught in the cross-fires of a war not of their choosing. In wars and other calamities, we, individually and as a nation, have opened our hearts and our treasures, and used our minds and intellects, to aid those who needed what we could give whether they were friend or had been enemy.

John Gallagher does a beautiful job on the CUB; Bob Scranton keeps the mailing list and dues notices current and compelling; and Jack Schlessler does a wonderful job of recycling artillerymen. The rest of the membership make their personal presence felt in so many ways in their contributions to the CUB; attendance at the reunions and general communication of human warmth in all of their contacts. Such a fabric should be woven to hold us all together and new membership should keep the cloth in good repair. Samuel Johnson said, "If a man does not make new acquaintances, as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendship in constant repair".

Let each one of us pray that our Creator will look with favor upon our efforts, however feeble, to do all those things that we should do in these troubled days.

See you all in Atlanta in July (All 293 plus would be great!).

James I. Clark, President
106th Infantry Division
Association

"The hope of the righteous ends in gladness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to nought." - Proverbs 10:28

John T. Loveless, Jr.

BAG LUNCH

Middletown, 10 May 1975.

May 17, 1975 is Armed Forces Day and it brings us to the eve of the Army's bicentennial. On June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, adopted the raising of "ten companies of riflemen" as the nucleus of a National Army, to fight alongside militia units from the colonies.

On February 25, 1975, I received a copy of the Army's "Year End Report - 1974", accompanied by a letter from Honorable Howard H. (Bo) Callaway, Secretary of the Army. He states "Having met and even slightly exceeded our Fiscal Year 1974 end strength and proven that we can recruit the number of men and women required, we have, for the past several months, been concentrating on improving the quality of the Army. There is still room for further improvement and our quality goals for 1975 will result in an even better Army than we have today."

In 1968, at the height of our military participation in Southeast Asia, the Army's strength totaled more than one and a half million. In December 1972 when the draft officially ended, its combat force was established at a significantly reduced 13 divisions. Then only 10 of those divisions were combat-ready. Today, we have all 13 divisions operational and nearly all are combat-ready. In addition, plans are underway for three more combat divisions that will be formed within our manpower limitation of 785,000. These divisions make up a credible, responsive and combat-ready force.

The Army National Guard and the Army Reserve are a more essential part of the Army structure today than ever before. Reserve components make up more than 45 per cent of the Army's Total Force. As such, extensive affiliation training has been conducted with the Active Army this past year to bring the Reserve and Guard capability to peak readiness.

I present this thumbnail sketch to you Golden Lions. You are veterans of a COMBAT DIVISION which endured a harrowing experience in World War II in Europe in the Ardennes. Now, as the Army prepares to embark upon its third century of service to the Nation, it is determined to continue to meet its goals, accomplish its mission, take care of its people, and be prepared to defend this Nation whenever and wherever called upon. I urge its strong and continuous support by you Golden Lion veterans, your sons, your grandsons, your families and your friends. On this

significant occasion I send my warm greetings and good wishes to you all.

Leo T. McMahon

RETURN OF DELEGATIONS FROM THE ASSOCIATION TO ST. VITH, BELGIUM.

The Thirty one Volumes of the CUB speak loudly and eloquently of the determination and dedication of the relatively small coterie of veterans of the 106th. Infantry Division who organized the Association at Camp Lucky Strike in France, August 1945 and have kept it going for more than thirty years.

Using the pages of the CUB we have attempted to assemble and record in one place the official visits of individuals and delegations from the Association to the areas where they fought and served in Belgium and Germany.

Vol. 11-Jan.-Feb. 1955-Glorious Return of 106th to Brussels Belgium, 16 Dec. 1954 (10th. Anniversary of the Bulge) Front Photo-King Baudouin of the Belgians greets the 106th. Doug Coffey presents King a copy of The Lions Tale. Six members of the Association who made the trip: Douglas S. Coffey, 590th FA Bn., West Orange, N. J.; Richard H. Behr, 423 Inf., then St. Paul Minn. (now Phoenix, Ariz.); Dr. C. Delsher Fridline, Ashland, Ohio; John I. Gallagher, 81st. Engr. Bn., Reading, Pa.; William C. McMurray, Pittsburgh, Pa., James E. Wells, 81st. Engr. Bn., Augusta, Ga. They were accompanied by Mrs. John I. (Stella) Gallagher and Dr. Fridline's son.

Vol. 18, No. 3, Jan., Feb., Mar., 1962*, Page 2-STOP PRESS-Dedication Date 25 March. It has just been learned by the CUB that Doug Coffey, Memorial Chairman, will leave 22 March for Saint Vith where the dedication of the 106th Division Memorial will take place on Sunday 25 March 1962. Center Fold-The Old Stamping Grounds Sixteen Years later, includes photos of new Memorial.

Vol. 18, No. 4, April, May, 1962 - MEMORIAL DEDICATION ISSUE. Front Photo-Douglas S. Coffey, Memorial Chairman presides at Ceremony. Page 3 - Memorial Dedicated. St. Vith, Belgium 25 March 1962. Before a crowd of more than 1,000 persons including representatives of the Belgian and American Military Forces and governments, the 106th Infantry Division Memorial was dedicated here today on the grounds of the College Patronee. General Bruce C. Clarke, Commander in Chief US Army Europe was principal speaker and laid a wreath on behalf of the President of the United States, Colonel Peterkenne of the Belgian Army at Viel-

salm delivered appropriate remarks in laying a wreath as representative of King of the Belgians. The Mayor of St. Vith, M. Pip delivered a message of thanks to the 106th Division and laid a wreath to signify his town's thanks for the battle waged in its behalf by the Division during the Ardennes campaign in December 1944. The fact that this Memorial has been erected entirely from funds collected by the Association from among its membership rather than by government participation, was pointed out by speakers.

The Division Association held its 16th Annual Reunion at Carvel Hall, Annapolis, Md., 26-29 July 1962.

Vol. 19, Aug., Sept., 1962. Page 8 - Official Statement of Appreciation to Douglas S. Coffey, Memorial Chairman by the Association in Convention Assembled at Annapolis, Md. 28th Day of July 1962. Page 3 - In one of the highlights of the 16th. annual convention, Douglas S. Coffey was awarded the Commander Class (Gold) Order of the Golden Lion for his work as Memorial Chairman in Planning, supervising the erection of, and dedicating the Division's Memorial to its honored dead at St. Vith Belgium.

Leo T. McMahon

TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT ISSUE
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NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear John,

Thanks for your card reminding us of the Cub deadline. I hope this makes it in time.

This time last year we were consumed with the 28th Annual Reunion in Frederick. The Air Force Academy was only an idea for Dennis and retirement a whole year away for me.

Dennis has been appointed to the Air Force Academy and leaves for Denver 29 June with thanks in order for Gen. McMahon and Wilda who casually stated

the General would be happy to write Dennis a letter of recommendation.

I retire June 30th and have had both hands operated on and they are nearly healed and Sherry is busy packing everything in the house for storage so that once the house is sold we may have a quick move to Ohio and then a relaxing trip to Atlanta followed by at least 2 years of trailering around this beautiful country of ours.

Hoping to see you in Atlanta July 17th.

Charles H. Schoch

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear "Buddy" Scranton:

At this very late date I learned of the 106th Infantry Division Association through none other than Mr. James K. Anderson, Editor, VFW Magazine.

I had written to Mr. Anderson, complimenting him on the story "THE BULGE: BRAVERY PAID OFF" that was sent to me by the Chairman of POW-MED SEARCH, Mr. Gary J. Anloff, Jr. who is a very dedicated Retired LTC (Navy-Lt. Commander, I suppose) who was a prisoner of the Japanese, WW II.

It's a long story about how I got information about the EX-POW outfit about three years ago and how "Buddy" Anloff (who is devoting his life to helping ex P.O.W.'s get a fair shake from the V.A.) took a great deal of interest in a diary I kept as a P.O.W. from the time we were ordered to surrender near St. Vith, Belgium, 19 Dec. 44. until I escaped about April 10, 1945, after having walked approx. 510 miles - 1st march about 110 miles to Limburg (Stalag IV-B) then by box cars to Gorlitz near the Neisse River - across from eastern border of Poland. That's odd - replace N with L and you have my last name (Lesse). Anyway, we had to leave that VIII-A on 2/14/45 because the Russians were getting too close - marching dawn to dusk most every day until we reached Braunschweig, March 26th, approx. 385 miles - quite a few besides myself without overcoats - and not one heated building along the way; most times put up in barns.

Am attaching hereto a summary of the information contained in my diary which I was requested to furnish Mr. Anloff so that he might have the Dietician at Ft. Word Army Hospital evaluate the food we received the first thirty days of our all-expense tour of Germany (on foot). There is also attached four pages of the EX-POW, August 1974 issue, covering POW MED-

SEARCH comments. I thought you might want to tell all the members of the 106th Division Assn. who might have been with me on part or the whole journey (both marches) - and they might, in turn, have some "fuel for their fire" if they had little help from the V.A. - as I did. Better yet, suggest they write Mr. Jim Atwell, Editor, EX-POW Bulletin, 1017 N. Phelps, Winter Park, Florida 32789; ask him for free copy of latest bulletin for their own review and decision as to whether or not they might wish to take advantage of the membership coupon and be one of a Organization that is rapidly growing in strength. Their Service Officer has helped many P.O.W.'s with their claims, also widows of men who they proved died of disabilities they proved were the result of malnutrition, exposure to cold and damp weather, dysentery, filthy living quarters, etc.

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Ed. Note: I have additional information for those interested.

BASTOGNE, le 7 mars 1975

Mr. Collins
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Dear Mr. Collins,

I received today the copy of "The Lions Tale" for the Bastogne Historical Center, you so kindly forwarded to us.

We shall proudly display it in our library, where everyone concerned will be able to see it.

We sincerely hope that we shall have the honor to welcome again a delegation of the Golden Lions in Bastogne on the occasion of the opening of the new Bastogne Historical Center.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
we remain,

Sincerely Yours
S. SCHMITZ

The above copy was sent to be a part of the Bastogne Museum and is being acknowledged by Madame Schmitz, who, along with the acting Mayor, M. Roland Delperdange, so graciously entertained our European group at City Hall in Bastogne in Sept. 1974.

Dear Friends,

Just a line to let you know Cheryl and Rick have a son, Ryan Douglas, 8 lbs. and 2 oz. Everyone doing well including the Grandparents.

See you in July,
Marge & Dick De Heer

A THANK YOU

St. Vith,
the 4th of march, 1975

Mr. Collins
625 Channing Dr., N.W.
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U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Collins:

We are delighted to be given the opportunity to thank the 106th Infantry Division Association for the amount of 250 Dollars you have sent to us.

We have bought a tape recorder that will serve for the evening courses specially, which we provide for grown-up students, but it will serve in the ordinary day-school English classes as well.

We are quite honored to be your "favorite school in your favorite city" in Belgium and we are sure our friendship will continue.

We express our special gratitude to Mr. Douglas Coffey.

Sincerely
J. Pankert
director

LAST REVIEW

L. A. (Bert) Wigal

ATHENS—Lewis A. (Bert) Wigal, 54, of 64 Stimson Ave. died unexpectedly Sunday evening in O'Bleness Memorial Hospital where he was taken after being struck by an auto in Athens Feb. 4.

He was a veteran of World War II, served with the 106th Division, 422nd Infantry in Germany. He was a prisoner of war for five months. Mr. Wigal was a former employe of the Athens National Bank and Ohio University.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Burns, Wigal, two daughters Libbie Ann and Leora Alane.

Col. R. Ernest Dupuy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Army Col. R. Ernest Dupuy, 88, former chief of the news division in the old War Department from 1941 to 1943, died Friday. From 1943 to 1945 he was in the public relations department of Supreme Headquarters in Europe. He also wrote several books.

Note: Col. Dupuy was editor of the 106th Div. history.

Lt. Peter Dughi of 511 Topping Hill Rd., Westfield, N. J. 07090 died August 1974.

Lt. Dughi was executive officer of Cannon Co. 423. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

REUNION

GREETINGS TO ALL YOU POTENTIAL CONVENTIONEERS AT ATLANTA IN JULY

We in Atlanta hope you are letting nothing get in the way of your plans to be at our 29th Annual Reunion for which plans are nearing the home stretch.

You have received reservation forms via the CUB and we have tried to plan a good time for all. We always have a good time together and it is a disappointment for even one to miss being with us.

The motel is located at one of our oldest and best shopping centers, or rather it is on Lenox Road which borders the Mall. If one is coming via Interstate-85 from the North, you may approach it by turning off at Lenox Road and proceeding almost to Peachtree Street. The same road may be taken if coming from the South or one may exit off I-85 at North Peachtree Road exit and proceed on Peachtree Road North. If coming south on I-75 from the North exit on Northside Drive (US 41 highway), drive north and turn to Peachtree Street which parallels to the right. Limousine service is available from the Airport.

If you come early, call me at 351-2985 and we will join you. There is much to see and do in Atlanta.

Bring film and slides from the European trip or other trips if you like. We will use them on Thursday night at the warm-up party.

There is a good seafood restaurant at the Rodeway Inn and several places to eat at Lenox Square Mall.

Get those reservations in and come for a good time. To you European tourists--if you are interested--I would even show you my Hummel collection. Till then.

Sherod Collins
Committee Chairman

REUNION

THE WAR IN GEORGIA

An Exhibit At Stone Mountain

The War In Georgia, located in Confederate Hall within a special exhibit room created to fit its requirements, is a vivid portrayal of the Civil War years in Georgia. From a viewing platform, which can accommodate 200 people, there is a stunning view of an enormous relief map of Georgia, 35 feet wide and 45 feet long, recessed three feet into the floor.

This exquisitely detailed relief map represents the stage on which The War In Georgia will play. The thousands of minuscule soldiers, cannons, horses and plantation houses depict characters and places from history's bloodiest pages.

The auditorium darkens and the drama begins. There is a crisply narrated, objective account of Georgia's role in the Civil War -- four incredibly cruel years, emblazoned with gallantry by civilians, Yanks and Rebels alike -- enlivened by stereophonic sound effects and special lights which seem to re-create battle scenes around the room.

As the war transpires, the tiny "troops" advance, retreat and fire upon the enemy. It is easy to follow the action to Chicomauca, Resaca, New Hope Church, and the mountains -- Pine Mountain, Lost Mountain and Kennesaw Mountain. Here is told the story of the Battle of Atlanta, and the fierce, desperate fighting that eventually whipped the South to her knees.

From Atlanta, the war's Heart-breaking course goes through Macon, Milledgeville, across a rich state with Sherman's famous March to the Sea. The true saga ends at Savannah, which city General William Tecumseh Sherman gave to President Abraham Lincoln as a Christmas gift in 1865.

The War In Georgia exhibit, especially created for Stone Mountain Park, is considered one of the most educational and interesting Civil War displays in America today.



Planning Session of the Committee for the 29th Annual Reunion at Howells home.

LOST CONTACT

The American Legion has over the years printed announcement of our reunion. Each year we hear from 106ers who have lost contact.

Listed below is list of those who have responded to date; if you know any of these persons will you send them a note urging them to join up and attend reunion.

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DUES

Bob Scranton is now receiving dues for 1975-76 year.

Will you help by forwarding your dues now - Thank You.

MEMBERSHIP

"COMMUNICATION"

In my last two letters to the "CUB" I have tried to bring out the fact that "COMMUNICATION" has kept the Association alive and the "CUB" has been the life line. The "CUB" and the Association have helped me in my quest for members of my old battery. When I rejoined the Association in 1968, little did I dream that today I would be in contact with 45 former members of my old outfit, nor did I dream that I would have the pleasure of visiting with more than half of these. The greatest thrill was to meet these fellows and their wives at the reunions, first there were only two of us, later there was seven and at the last reunion there were fifteen, my ambition is to see all of them at a future reunion.

In my last letter I told about the many times that I almost quit writing these "NEWSLETTERS", but there was always another letter and will be as long as I can continue and as long as I continue to receive the mail that I have. One couple wrote me last fall about the last reunion and I will quote their reaction to the reunion; "I just had to scratch out a few lines to say I'm just so glad that we came to the reunion. I had qualms about going but they were immediately dispelled when I met everyone. They were just like a big happy family and I enjoyed every minute of my time with all, we both will be looking forward to the next reunion". If this was all these "NEWSLETTERS" have done, bringing this one couple to a reunion, my last five years of writing have not been in vain, but that is not all, we have been able to keep track of one another, we have shared our losses and enjoyed hearing what the other fellow is doing. I have kept a record of all these fellows, their addresses, telephone number, number and names of their children, would you believe that there are two with ten children and one with nine and thirteen grandchildren.

Recently I had another gratifying experience, in the spring of 73 we took a trip to Mississippi where we met a fellow that was a former member of "B" battery, 591st, he asked me if I would try to find a fellow by the name of Rasmussen who had lived in Battle Creek, Mich., which is not to far from here. I tried and had no luck and then about a year later I received a letter from Robert Likins in answer to one of my many ad's that I had put in the V.F.W., in our exchange of letters I learned that Bob had a

