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NEW PRESIDENT

CHARLES N. ROBASSE

I feel deeply honored to have been elected as President of the 106th Infantry Division Association for the coming year. Knowing that it is a big job and a responsible job, I make no promises other than that I will do the best I can to strengthen and enlarge the Association so that we can come closer to attaining the purposes set forth in our corporate charter. I ask that all members of the Association cooperate with national headquarters by submitting suggestions and criticisms at any time, and by helping to build our membership by writing to friends and telling them about the Association.



Charles N. Robasse

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

At business sessions, the corporate charter of the Association was amended to provide for a class of Sustaining Members at \$10 per year, to provide for chapter representation on the Board of Directors, and to provide for increased flexibility in the division of work at national headquarters by making some changes in the sections dealing with duties of national officers. Major change was that the job of Secretary-Treasurer was eliminated because it is too much for any one person to handle. In its place, the Board of Directors is authorized to appoint such officers as it deems necessary. In addition to the charter offices of President, Vice President, Honorary Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Chaplain, the Board determined that this year we need a CUB Editor, Memorials Chairman, Adjutant, Post Exchange Officer, and Chapter Promotion Chairman. The new charter amendment is sufficiently flexible so that this can be changed easily if the plan does not work out.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New national headquarters is now at Chicago, and all mail should be addressed to 106th Infantry Division Association at

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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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At its first meeting on 1 August, the new board elected the following officers from among its members: President—Robasse, Vice President—Stout, Treasurer—Harrold, CUB Editor—Price, Memorials Chairman—Schnizlein, Membership Chairman—Blandford, Adjutant—Villwock, P.X. Officer—Roberts.



MRS. AGNES HOPBELL of Turtle Creek, Pa., new President of the Auxiliary, addressing the Saturday night banquet after receiving the Companion Class, Order of the Golden Lion.

—Photo by Patrick

AUXILIARY ELECTS

New officers of the Auxiliary of the 106th Infantry Division Association, elected at the convention, are: President, Mrs. Earl Hopbell, 307 James St., Turtle Creek, Pa.; 1st Vice President, Mrs. D. B. Frampton, Jr.; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Earle B. Williams; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ben Hagman, 305 West Josephine St., Weatherford, Tex.; Member of Board, Mrs. Howard L. Maurer.

Mrs. D. B. Frampton, outgoing President, stated that membership in the Auxiliary was nearing the 100 figure, and urged all guests at the convention to join the Auxiliary. Dues are \$3.00 per year, including CUB subscription, or \$2 per year if no magazine is desired.

Dues payments for the Auxiliary may be sent to Mrs. Hagman or direct to national headquarters.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

306 persons, including 68 parents, wives and guests, attended the second annual convention of the Golden Lion Division, at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, 30 July to 1 August 1948. The convention was managed entirely by Kenneth W. Perry, our vice president, assisted by Al Harding, Charles Hackler, Lou Milanese, Mrs. Earl Yarling, Eileen Perry, Cleo Milanese and Naomi Harding.

The committee did a splendid job and deserves much credit. All events moved smoothly according to schedule, the convention closed with a small profit, and all who attended had a great time.

Friday

Although registration wasn't supposed to open until Saturday morning, more than half of the delegates checked in on Friday, apparently proving that three-day conventions are what the members want. The Directors met on Friday afternoon, and there were "open house" parties in many of the Claypool's rooms far into the night.

Welcome Session

With Al Harding as master of ceremonies, the official program was launched with a Saturday noon luncheon. Henry Schricker, ex-governor and present candidate for election this fall in Indiana, delivered a stirring welcome speech—including a neat remark about the 106th leaving many memories in Indiana, some of whom would be entering the public school system soon. State Auditor A. V. Burch and Capt. Simmons of Stout Field also gave sincere and heart-warming welcome speeches.



GOVERNOR SCHRICKER of Indiana welcoming the convention, with Association President Dave Price and Treasurer Vin Harrold listening intently.
—Photo by Patrick

The general business session of Saturday afternoon is described on page 6. It saw heated discussion on many points, and showed that the members are taking an active interest in Association management.

Banquet and Dance

At 7:00 p. m., delegates assembled in the specially-decorated Riley Room for the annual banquet and dance, featured by the crowning of Miss Mildred Woodson of Inkster, Mich. as convention queen. At the banquet, Al Harding again presided; group photos were taken; the



HARD AT WORK planning the 1948 convention is the convention steering committee. Left to right, Charles Hackler, Kenneth Perry, Mrs. Earl Yarling, Al Harding and Lou Milanese, all of Indianapolis.

companion class, Order of the Golden Lion, was presented to Mrs. Earl Yarling and to Mrs. Earl Hoppell; chapter charters were presented; General McMahon announced the award of the French croix de guerre with silver gilt star to the 589th FA Bn. The dinner was followed by dancing and by an excellent floor show with KoKo the Clown.

Memorial Service

The Memorial Service, in honor of our fallen comrades, was held at the cenotaph in the center of Indianapolis. Against a beautiful floral background, Father John B. Day, National Chaplain, opened the service with a prayer. Mrs. E. D. Cromley, gold star mother, spoke inspiring words of tribute. Father Paul Cavanaugh delivered a brief sermon. Fred Vollrath, baritone, sang two solos. A squadron of planes from Stout Field dipped low over the cenotaph just before a bugler sounded the haunting memory-filled notes of Taps. Participating in the services were the Red Cross, V.F.W., American Legion, Gold Star Mothers, American War Mothers, and many private citizens of Indiana.

Speakers

The Sunday dinner, with "Colonel Ben" as toastmaster, was to have featured an address by Cedric Foster, who was prevented from attending by extra duties in connection with the special session of congress. On a few hours notice, Col. Thomas Riggs, CO of the 81st Engineers, did a pinch-hitting job as feature speaker which literally brought down the house.

Riggs told of the defense of St. Vith by the presidentially-cited 81st and other units, and, on completion of his prepared remarks, was met



REGISTRATION was quick and efficient at the '48 convention—no waiting lines.

—Photo by Patrick

with a storm of applause. He was not permitted to leave the rostrum until, by popular demand, he told the story of his own escape from the Germans—an episode which we hope to present in a future CUB for the benefit of those who couldn't attend.

Major George Huxel, S-3 of the 589th FA Bn, told the combat story of the battalion which recently won the croix de guerre with palm from the French Republic for its gallant stand at Parker's Crossroads. Excerpts from Major Huxel's excellent address will be reprinted in this winter's issues of the CUB.

M/Sgt Ed Roberts, formerly Captain and Executive of Dog Company, 422d Inf, gave a vivid description of the mass liberation of American officer POWs from the German camp at Hammelburg, recently described in a Saturday Evening Post article. As the first American officer to regain our lines, he was immediately interviewed by General Patton, and Roberts states that from that conversation he is certain that Patton did not know that his own son-in-law was at Hammelburg, when he sent out a liberation task force on what proved to be an abortive mission.



SPEAKERS' TABLE, in the beautifully decorated Riley Room of the Claypool. Left to right, George Huxel, Ed Roberts, Glenn Schnizlein, Father Day and Father Cavanaugh.

—Photo by Patrick

All in all, Roberts, Huxel and Riggs held the audience spellbound for about an hour and a half. This session represented the high point of the convention for your editor. The program was helped along materially by Ben Hagman's antics as MC.

New Officers

A brief business session followed the dinner, and the last official session of the 1948 convention saw a new slate of national officers elected, with Charles N. Robasse of Chicago named President. Other officers are listed on page 2.



MRS. EARL YARLING of Indianapolis receives the Companion Class, Order of the Golden Lion, from Al Harding.

—Photo by Patrick

Chapters Chartered

Charters were presented to all chapters with 10 or more national Association members, by order of the Board of Directors in accordance with provisions of our national charter. First to be honored was Bob de St. Aubin, president of the Chicago Chapter which was the first chapter to incorporate under the laws of its own state. Bob then presented charters to the Auxiliary (Mrs. D. B. Frampton, Sr.) and to the following other chapters: Metropolitan; Michigan Wolverines; Minnesota; Hoosier Golden Lions of Indianapolis; Company G, 424th Inf; Pittsburgh; Philadelphia and Lehigh Valley; Boston; 106th Quartermaster Company. He announced that other chapters expected to receive charters during the year included Southern California, St. Louis and Southern Illinois, Buffalo, Albany, Central Illinois, Florida, Iowa, Company F 423d Infantry, Tennessee and a few others still in the formative period.

CHARLES N. ROBASSE, JR., our new President, was First Sergeant of DHQ Co, was seriously wounded near St. Vith. Charlie has earned the bronze star medal and the purple heart. In civilian life he is employed in an administrative capacity with the Conlon-Moore Corporation. He has been active in the formation of the Chicago chapter.



David H. Woodson

Mildred Woodson

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ASSOCIATION'S NEWEST CHAPTER

Organized one week before the convention, our brand new Michigan Wolverine Chapter was able to bring the second largest chapter delegation to Indianapolis, and when charters were granted to chapters on 31 July, the Michigan group had the third largest membership of the 14 chapters honored. We quote from a letter of John M. Gillespie, president, to give an idea of the successful methods used in the Wolverines' whirlwind organization.

"The Michigan Wolverine Chapter is honored to have been accepted as an active Chapter of the Association. In a few weeks, this chapter has demonstrated the possibilities that are within the reach of everyone who is willing to promote and help the national organization. Actually, our growth should act as a practical guide for others.

"How did it all come about? Mainly through the unselfish efforts of Mr. David Woodson, acting as his only son would want him to do. He is our pioneer. Beginning with five men, ten days of promotion work brought twenty fellows to the first scheduled meeting, demonstrating their willingness to work for the Association's enlargement and prestige.

"Our temporary officers are: president—Jack Gillespie, 422/C; vice president—Dick Frankini, 424/2d Bn Hq; secretary-treasurer—Bob Rutt, 422/Hq, 10850 Nottingham, Detroit 24; sergeant-at-arms—Don Palmer, 423/M; directors—Bill French, 424/D and Joe Cannon, 589/C.

"At the convention, Michigan was represented by 43 men. The chapter headquarters suite played host in entertaining Michigan and other members of the Association. Paid chapter membership was increased to 30, and the chapter is still growing.

"Our foremost objective at present is to increase the chapter and national membership, which in turn will permit us to go all out on a

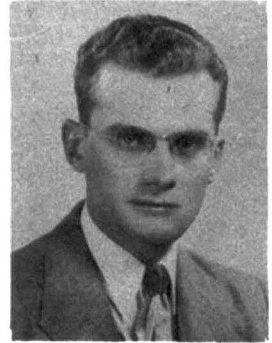
CONVENTION QUEEN

Miss Mildred Woodson was crowned queen of the Association's 1948 convention at the Saturday night dinner-dance. The pretty 19-year-old girl from Inkster, Michigan was the unanimous selection of the judging committee, and is the sister of Pfc David H. Woodson, Company D, 424th Inf, who was killed in action. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Woodson, have been active members of the Auxiliary and were instrumental in forming the Michigan Wolverine Chapter of the Association.

Miss Woodson was presented with a table-full of handsome gifts donated by Indiana merchants, and was enthroned on a platform overlooking the crowd at the dinner. Her flowers were presented by Eileen Perry, Naomi Harding and Cleo Milanese of the convention committee. Your editor managed to bungle the job of putting on her lovely floral crown, but after a couple of dry runs, figured how the thing was supposed to go. The queen wore white satin.*

**Ed. Note: Maybe it was white taffeta. Why didn't I get one of the women to write this article?*

RICHARD R. ROBINSON, Cn Co, 424th Inf, was graduated from the Univ. of Mich. in June with an A.B. in political science and a fine achievement record. A corporal (and wearer of the purple heart) with the 106th, he was captain of the Scabbard and Blade honorary military society at college, was Exec of the cadet battalion, and received the Distinguished Military Cadet medal from Michigan. Commissioned a 2d Lt, Inf, reserve, on graduation, he has applied for a tour of active duty. His home is at 314 East Saginaw St., St. Louis, Mich.



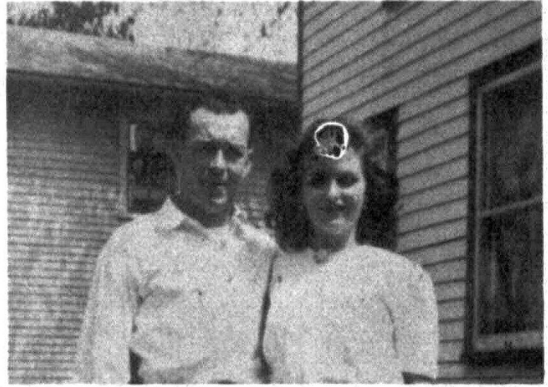
memorial party for 16 December. If you are a Michigan man or could be of some aid, contact Bob Rutt, 10850 Nottingham, Detroit 24."

Chapter dues have been tentatively set at five dollars. Persons who have already paid three dollars national dues are urged to send two dollars more to Bob Rutt, stating their national membership card number. This extra payment of two dollars will make them full-fledged members of the chapter.



JOHN AND DOTTIE HALL of Buskill Park, Easton, Pa. are shown at the Philadelphia reunion. John, M/Sgt with Svc Co, 423d Inf, was re-elected to the national Board of Directors. He is the only present member of the Board who was on the overseas organizing committee of the Association.

KEN AND EILEEN PERRY of Indianapolis did a job in managing the 1948 convention. Formerly with Service Btry of the 589th, Ken is now in the automotive maintenance business, and was convention chairman. Eileen did most of the correspondence and paper work before the convention. They have four small children.



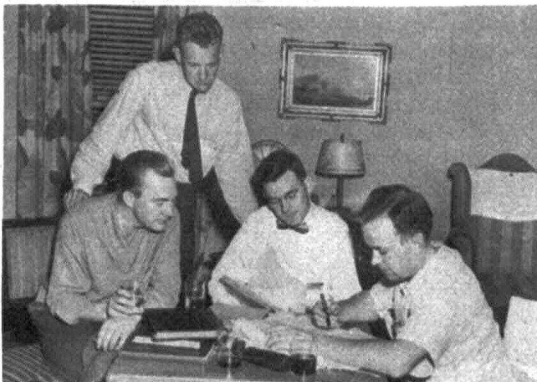
WEDDING BILLS rang on 6 August for Ted Mann of Fox Co., 422d, and Miss Ann Johannes. Harry Bell of Hattiesberg, Miss., was best man. Ted recently was graduated from the Univ. of Penna., and is at home at 1440 Rosalie St., Philadelphia 24.



HARD AT WORK at the ticket desk at the Metropolitan Chapter's June reunion are Jack Middleton, secretary-treasurer, and Jacques Bloch, organizing committee member. Bloch was with 422d's King Co. and Middleton belonged to the Signal Co.



ORGANIZERS of the Philadelphia reunion and chapter are Bill and Eleanor Miner of 3017 D St., Philadelphia 34. Bill was topkick of Item Co, 422d.



MIDNIGHT OIL—Charlie Hackler, Major Huxel, Treasurer Vin Harrold and Dave Price balance Friday's books at 2:00 a.m. Saturday morning.



—Photo by Patrick

General McMahon's crack that the 589th was one of the Division's "four best field artillery battalions" The man who wanted his Association membership in his father's name because his father was always home when the mail came Ben Hagman was in rare form as master of ceremonies at the Sunday dinner—he suggested a guessing game to identify the meat course at Saturday's "steak" dinner, offering roast pork with fish sauce as his best guess—he also nearly broke up the discussion of a memorial school at Bastogne by saying he didn't see why we should pay to educate all those little bast-onians

The Saturday afternoon business session used the hotel public address system until, during a hot and heavy debate, one of the boys came up from the downstairs bar to tell us that the whole thing was plugged in to the hotel's paging system and was being broadcast through all the public rooms and corridors. Bet they enjoyed the sad story of our financial condition.

Continuing the 1947 record, the '48 reunion again had a clean slate with the local gendarmerie. Nobody picked up for disturbing the peace, no breakage—just one parking ticket which the efficient convention committee promptly took care of.

One character phoned convention headquarters at 5:45 a. m., wanting us to read him a complete list of men attending so he could see whether it would be worth his while to attend—he lived just three miles out of Indianapolis. Another character sent us a collect wire to notify us to change his address—he had been busted from Pfc to Pvt but was still in the same post and outfit.

Door prizes at Saturday night's rodeo, all unwrapped and with no containers, caused considerable consternation to the winners. Among the choicer items were a pair of live ducks to Ollie Libman of Chicago, a live rabbit to Bill Finn of Chicago, several articles of female unmentionables to Col. Tommy Riggs, and a huge hunk of baloney to your editor.

Delegates poured in from 31 states. A few also had to be poured out. One of the best things about this second convention was that it was under one roof—any thirsty delegates could wander around the upstairs corridors where there were about twenty continuous parties in open-door rooms.

No waiting lines at registration this year, thanks to Charlie Hackler's work at the desk. There was fast efficient table service at all meals, and all events started within 10 minutes of the scheduled time. Two or three fellows said it didn't seem like the army with no "hurry up and wait" and no lines to sweat out.

Convention headquarters received more than 200 letters and telegrams expressing regret and greetings from men who couldn't attend. Saturday was General McMahon's birthday, and after he presented the croix de guerre to the 589th, the gang sang happy birthday to him The Memorial Service was perfectly timed, with the squadron of planes from Stout Field sweeping over at exactly the right instant. That's a neat trick to start a large outdoor service on time and run it off to a 10-second leeway schedule to bulls-eye arrival time for airplanes—credit to Lou Milanese, Mrs. Yarling and Mrs. Cromley who planned and ran the service.

A feature was the establishment of chapter headquarters, with refreshments. The Chicago and Michigan rooms were particularly active.

CHICAGO IN 1949

The third annual convention will be in Chicago, Illinois in the summer of 1949—dates will be set and announced in time for release at December 16 dinners and in the December CUB. The convention will probably be a three-day affair held on a weekend, although this will depend upon available hotel arrangements.

Charles N. Robasse, our new President, spoke on behalf of the Chicago Chapter, inviting the 106th to Chicago for 1949. The invitation of our Chicago hosts was unanimously accepted in the business meeting of this year's convention.

Chicago was selected because of its excellent convention facilities, its location on main transportation lines, and because so many men who have worked hard for the national organization are available to plan and organize the affair—Bob de St. Aubin, Charlie Robasse, Russ Villwock, Col. Tommy Riggs, Frank Anderson, Amos Wright, Vin Stiles, Father Boyle Frank Hohenadel and many others will participate in arrangements for 1949.

So, for next year, it'll be ON TO CHICAGO!

ELECTED AT CONVENTION

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, Father John B. Day, St. Joseph's Church, Route 1, Quincy, Ill. (DHQ). HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS, Major General Alan W. Jones, 3532 Quebec St. N. W., Washington 16, D.C.; Major General Donald A. Stroh, 3614 Ingomar Pl., Washington 15, D.C.; Brigadier General Herbert T. Perrin, Box 294, Gambier, Ohio; Col. Leo T. McMahon, 108 No. 23d St., Camp Hill, Pa.; Col. Francis A. Woolfley, 1410 Valmont St., New Orleans 15, La.; and Herbert B. Livesey, Jr., 522 Walnut St., Mamaroneck, N. Y.

New directors are listed on page 2.



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COMPANY H, 422d INF.

by Lewis H. Walker

This is the second of three installments of the combat story of this company. Last month, the story closed with the men of Walker's platoon bunched in a ravine approaching Schonberg on 19 Dec '44.

Schonberg was just ahead. Co E and a platoon of G Co were advancing along a ravine toward the Andler-Schonberg Road. Vehicles were crowded bumper to bumper along this road. We believed them to be 423d vehicles until they opened fire with detonating HE shells. Small arms fire drove us out of the ravine.



LOOKING NORTH INTO SCHONBERG, where the 422d and 423d came to grief on 19 Dec '44.

—Photo by Francis Aspinwall

Col. Scales, Capt. Jacobs of Co H, and all other officers had gone on ahead. Lt. Emmitt I. Harman, Jr. and I decided to fight it out with what ammunition we had. Harman's machine guns successfully countered small arms to our front, while the remaining four mortars went into action against the self-propelled half-tracks in the valley about 1,900 yards away. All four MG and four mortar crews were without cover or concealment of any kind. They performed heroically. All four MGs and two mortars were put out of action by enemy artillery hits. My mortar observer field glasses were knocked out of my hands by a shell fragment.

T/Sgt Samuel F. Baxter rushed in to man a jammed MG, immediate-actioned it, and was killed by a shell fragment after his MG was blasted from between his legs. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

Lt. Harman was killed when aiding seriously wounded S/Sgt Gerald D. Meadows to safety. I can still see Harman standing erect, observing and correcting fire, and then ordering the withdrawal of his men. He also received the Silver Star posthumously.

S/Sgt Raymond F. Jones and Pfc Carl Aylesworth were reconnoitering a withdrawal route, were killed by small arms fire, and were recom-

mended for the Silver Star. Pfc Joe D. Benedetto was seriously wounded when he crawled back to his MG to complete its destruction, and was later killed by bombing at Gerolstein on Christmas Eve on the way to POW camp. He too was recommended for the Silver Star.

Sgt Edward Murphy was blinded in one eye by a shell fragment while correcting MG fire. Pfc Calvin C. Alexander and Lawrence Post completed demolition of Murphy's MG, then carried him to the cover of the brow of a hill some 300 yards away. All three were recommended for the Silver Star.

S/Sgt Arnold W. Almond set out down a hill to get an enemy machine gun. He silenced the gun after having tumbled and sprinted downhill for a hundred yards with MG tracers floating all around him. Miraculously, he was unwounded. This earned him a Silver Star recommended to go with the Bronze Star he had won three days earlier.

2d Lt George E. Hammond was killed while observing and correcting fire from a standing position. He received the Bronze Star. T/Sgt Herbert R. Cassidy calmly took over his duties and supervised the withdrawal of many men over the hill's brow. S/Sgt Woodrow W. Moss and S/Sgt Meadows, along with Cassidy, were recommended for the Silver Star for outstanding bravery and leadership under direct enemy fire. Likewise were S/Sgt Lloyd G. Pearsall, S/Sgt Smythe, and Sgt Roger B. Martin recommended for decorations for gallant work in this action.

Sgt Charles L. Rizzoli tried to retrieve his squad's MG after T/Sgt Baxter had been killed, and Rizzoli was killed in the attempt. Tec 5 Hampton, with wild abandon, tried to keep a jammed machine gun going, and checked ammo belts out in the open. Pfc Perry J. Dupuy and Pfc Ted W. Cathay stuck to their gun until it was shot out from under them. Dupuy, painfully wounded in the leg, helped Cathay demolish the gun and Cathay helped Dupuy over the hill's brow to temporary safety. All were recommended for decorations.

LEWIS H. WALKER, author of this story, lives at 11 Woodland Place, San Rafael, Cal. He wears the silver star medal and the purple heart with two clusters, was a 1st Lt with H/422, and is an abrasives engineer in civilian life. He is married, has two children.



Pfc James L. Meagher, after his weapon was destroyed, flew among the wounded, and although not a medic, was personally responsible for saving the lives of three men. He could have withdrawn to safety, but stayed on the job until hit by shell fragments. He had turned down a West Point appointment to stay with the 106th. Other men of the 2d MG platoon performed in much the same exemplary way. I mention only those acts of heroism which I personally saw.

Like the machine gunners, the mortar men were without cover, on the forward slope of the hill facing Schonberg. Mentioned in the above paragraphs were mortar men Cassidy, Moss, Almond, Pearsall and Smythe. Corporals Edward W. Born, Andres N. Madson Jr., Irvin K. Brough and Robert I. S novel Jr. manned their mortars and scored three hits in eleven rounds at about 2,100 yards, knocking two enemy self-propelled guns out of action and crippling a third.



ROBERT I. SNOVEL, JR., Company H, 422d Inf, is shown with his wife and son at home at 15 S. Fifth St., Perkasi, Pa. Bob now works for the U.S. Gauge Co.

Each of the above was recommended for the Silver Star, along with the following of their crewmen: Cpl Everett F. Van Houten; posthumous for Pfc Chrispin L. Miranda, previously awarded the Bronze Star, and killed in the Gerolstein Christmas Eve bombing; Pfc Walter Nowaczyk; Pfc Eugene Paananen; Pfc John H. Niven; Pfc Fred L. Parra; Pfc Douglas D. Rubnitz; Pfc Leo Rossin; Pfc Morris Sobel. Others of the 3d Platoon well merited awards for similar courageous acts in that awful half hour that seemed to last an eternity, or was it ten minutes? I was hit twice, in the left arm and left shoulder, while directing mortar fire, but I had time to see that all guns were demolished and all wounded evacuated before being the last man of the 2d and 3d platoons to take cover behind the brow of the hill.

The action described above took place about 1100 to 1120 19 Dec. What I found on the other side of the hill was awful. Scores of men were milling around, many with hands up, others in the act of discarding weapons and ammunition.

It became painfully apparent that I was the only officer in the area. Most men crowded around urging surrender, but I couldn't do this and face my own sergeants. A number of E Co men filtered back to wildly tell about their slaughter and surrender. I had time to notice that we were almost completely encircled by enemy fire.

I led a column of men into a second growth pine woods. Men from the 423d, 81st Engrs, artillery and even AA men began to join my impromptu command when 2d Bn S-2 1st Lt Hartley and a 2d Lt Wassels of C Co, 422d, appeared. When I felt we had at least eluded the enemy for a short time, Hartley naturally assumed command of the column while I took stock of the men. There were 199 men of 15 different companies and six different basic units. Practically every man had some ammunition for his own weapon. After a couple of hours of movement, we found the 422d Regt supply base and motor pool and crossed an enemy machine gun field of fire to rejoin it, about 1645 on the evening of the 19th.

Major Ouellette and Major Moon were senior officers. I assumed command of the 96 survivors of Co H, and took over a sector of the defense. By this time it was dark, I had lost a lot of blood from my minor but free-bleeding wounds, and gladly accepted treatment from 1st Lt John D. Shideman, M.D., Assistant Bn Surgeon who was doing magnificent work for the many wounded. T/Sgt Cassidy, S/Sgt Richard L. Russell, and the Co H Motor sergeant, S/Sgt Richard Thomas, took over for me. Captain Kielmeyer had brought all his officers and 156 EM of Co G through the hill episode.

The area had been under artillery concentrations, mostly tree bursts. The men dug in as well as they could in the cold oozing mud, and covered their foxholes with branches and earth for protection from cold and from tree bursts. Careful check was made on food. There was enough to deliver two scant but hot meals to all men in the next two days. We were exchanging scattered rifle fire with the enemy in the woods, who were very noisy, probably to try to make us overestimate their numbers. Complete darkness fell. My sergeants came to the log shelter which served as company CP.

WANT CONVENTION PICTURES?

Speed-Graphic Pictures, 1941 No. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Indiana has made up a very interesting booklet from the pictures which they took at the convention. You may get a copy by writing directly to them

14 x 11 group photo, \$1.50
5 x 7 photos, 75c each or 10 for \$5.00

CHAPTER NEWS

Metropolitan Chapter

On 26 June the Metropolitan Chapter held the largest local reunion yet arranged by any of our units. 250 men attended a beer party in the 71st Regiment Armory at Park Avenue and 34th Street, New York City. Professional entertainment, arranged by Warren Jacober, and free beer highlighted the get-together. The Met Chapter has ambitious plans for the coming year, including an October business meeting and a big memorial reunion in December. The chapter now has nearly 200 paid members, and asks that non-members in New Jersey and in New York, Brooklyn or suburbs send four dollar dues to Jack Middleton, Secretary, 60 Green Avenue, Madison, N. J.

Boston Chapter

The Bay State organizing committee, headed by Vin Harrold of 40 Imrie Rd., Boston 34, is working on plans to sign up all of the 100 persons who attended last year's 16 December dinner, and hopes to sponsor another bang-up reunion this winter. Dues of four dollars may be sent to Harrold or to national headquarters.

Central Illinois Chapter

Russ Kelly, 1905 No. Tenth St., Springfield heads an organizing committee to start a chapter in Central Illinois where we have a large potential membership. First meeting of this chapter will be in December, at which time the members will decide on amount of chapter dues.

St. Louis and Southern Illinois Chapter

Harold Pax of Beckemeyer, Illinois is chairman of a committee formed to start something in St. Louis, north-eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois. Chapter dues of four dollars are payable to national headquarters.

Company G, 424th Inf

The 424th's George Company, first unit to be honored with a chapter charter, again led all rifle companies in attendance at the 1948 convention. Dues of four dollars are payable to Sam Blandford, Easton, Md.

Hoosier Golden Lions

Al Harding, Ken Perry and the rest of our Indianapolis workers have made tentative plans for a big 16 December reunion in Indianapolis. Chapter dues will be set at that time. Men in Indiana who are interested in helping to organize this chapter are invited to write to Perry at Route 20, Box 891, Indianapolis 44.

Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania

Our potential Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia Chapters may join together in sponsoring a single 16 December reunion this winter. Bill Miner, 3017 D St., Philadelphia 34, and Clayton Rarick, Box 25, Blandon, Pa. are the organizers.

Chicago Chapter

The Chicago Chapter's spring dance at Keyman's Hall on 29 May was a huge success, about 250 people attending. The chapter will play host to the 1949 convention, and has plans for many events during the year. Dues of five dollars are payable to Russ Villwock, Secretary, 1115 Patterson Avenue, Chicago.



CHICAGO CHAPTER OFFICERS pose with Ken Perry, convention chairman, at their May Dance. Left to right, Francis Anderson, M/Sgt Amos Wright, Frank Hobenadel, Perry, Father E. T. Boyle, Charles Robasse, Russ Villwock and chapter president Bob de St. Aubin.

Pittsburgh Chapter

Plans are under way for another 16 December reunion in Pittsburgh, with 21 men already signed up for the Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania Chapter. Dr. Gerald Cessna, 703 Professional Building, Pittsburgh is the organizer. Chapter dues of four dollars may be sent direct to national headquarters.

OTHER CHAPTERS

Indications are that December 16 reunions will be held by chapters now being formed in Iowa, Buffalo, Albany, Tennessee and Ohio. Plans will appear in the October-November CUB.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

This issue of the CUB goes to about 100 men in the Southern California area who have returned postcards stating that they are interested in forming a chapter and having local reunions in their part of the country. The organizing committee has good plans for building chapter membership and for holding local reunions.

If you live in the Southern part of California and would like to help in organizing the chapter, please write to Claude Webb, 814 "C" Avenue, Coronado. To join the chapter, send four dollars to national headquarters or direct to Webb. Other members of the organizing committee are Marshall Lipkin of Los Angeles and Roy Wentzel of Santa Ana.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING NOW



RICHARD H. BEHR, (Minnesota) Svc Co, 423d Inf is a mechanic and is now living at 715 Van Buren Ave., St. Paul 4.

DAVID C. BRUMAGHIN, 81st Engrs, S-115 Westview Ave., Paramus, N. J. is back at his pre-war job with Bendix Aviation Corp.

CHARLES G. BURR, 424/H, is studying social sciences and languages at the Univ. of Washington. Mail reaches him at Room 568 Chelan Hall, Univ. of Wash., Seattle 5.

RICHARD B. CAMPBELL, (Metropolitan) 422/F, is a lithographer, married, has a boy 6 and a 2 year old girl. He lives at 140 E. 81st St., New York 28.

GEORGE L. GERENDAY, (Metro) 423/C, is in the printing business with his brother under the name of Technical Press. His home address is 10 Roebling Ave., Trenton 10, N. J.

CHARLES F. GIRAND, Lt Col, CO 3d Bn, 424th is managing drilling and production operations for an independent petroleum outfit in the Texas fields. His address is Box 892, Agua Dulce, Tex.

MATTHEW J. GUIFFRE, (Metro) 423/2d Bn Hq, Lt, lives at 75 St. Mark's Place, New York 3. He is completing his law education.

EDWARD L. GREEN, 422/M, of 5231 W. National Ave., Milwaukee 14, Wisc. is still having trouble with tuberculosis contracted while a POW. He is at the Univ. of Wisc.

JOHN GREENE, (Metro) 423/1st Bn Hq, manages a floor covering store. Mail reaches John at 329 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

WILLIAM B. GUENTHER, 2690 Dombey Rd., Gary, Ind., 424/B, is an assistant engineer at the Gary steel works, would like to hear from the fellows of Baker Co.

GEORGE R. HAYSLIP, 4706 Orange Knoll Ave., La Canada, Cal., Tec 5, 589/Hq, is studying electrical engineering. He has sent us some fine photographs.



WILLIAM K. FOWLER, Tec 4 with the Div Surgeon's Office, has a new apartment at 2830 Shipley Terrace S.E., Washington 20, D.C. He is with the traffic dept. of Southern Railway.

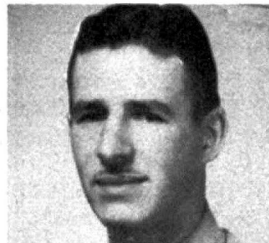
RAYMOND H. COOK, Svc Btry, 591st FA Bn, writes that he is in the grocery business. His address is Beverly Hills, Rossville, Ga.

PAUL H. DALTON, (Chicago) 422/Svc, received his bachelor's degree in commerce from the Univ. of Wisc. After 1 Oct. his address will be 6736 Cornell, Chicago.

MAHLON O. EARLE, JR., (Metro) 424/D, lives at 23 Morgan Place, No. Arlington, N. J. He was married last spring, has nearly finished his apprenticeship under a master plumber, and is studying plumbing and heating under the GI Bill.

HOWARD S. EDWARDS, 423/E, writes from Lyrly, Ga. that he is anxious to hear from the fellows of his unit. He was captured 19 Dec. '44, and would like to get back in touch with the men he hasn't heard from since that date.

LEO J. FISHER, formerly Leo Poisson, is in the granite business at 55 Wellington St., Barre, Vt. He has a baby daughter and two sons. He was with the 422d's Item Co, was a POW.



W. BRADFORD HAWES, Tec 4, Hq Co, 424th has moved to 593 Shaler Boulevard, Ridgetfield, N. J. He works for Westinghouse Electric.

ROY M. HILLIARD, (Pittsburgh) S/Sgt, 422/D, has two young sons, lives at 808 Wilkins St., Steubenville, Ohio.

WALTER F. HILTBRAND, 423/AT, a former POW and purple heart man, is a machinist. He was hospitalized until May '47. His present address is 229 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, Ohio.

GEORGE G. T. HURLEY, communications sgt. of 424/D, is in the burglar alarm and fire alarm business. He lives at 1101A Central Ave., St. Louis 10, Mo.



ARTHUR E. FERRIS, 45 Prospect Place, Tudor City, New York 17, N.Y., Pfc, Company I, 423d Inf, is a pre-med student at Duke.

PETER P. IOSSO, 422/E, (Metro) is majoring in French at Montclair Teachers College. He lives at 35 Sixth Ave., Newark 4, N. J.

LEONARD KLEINMAN, (Metro) is a butcher now. He lives at 229 E. 12th St., New York 3, will be married this fall.

HENRY F. KOKENZIE, Capt, with AG from June '43 to Aug '44 has his BA in economics from the Univ. of Denver, is a candidate for the Colorado legislature on the Democratic ticket. His address is Buchtel Village, 1970 So. Harrison, Denver 10. He is still under treatment for service-incurred tuberculosis.



The badge on this man's coat says **LEO McMAHON, DIVARTY**.

—Photo by Patrick

LOUIS LE TELLIER, Co C, 81st Engrs, was graduated from the Citadel in Charleston, S. C., in June.

ARTHUR LEVITT, (Metro) 422/D, is a solderer in a silver hollow-ware shop. He is married, lives at 23-30 Newtown Ave., Astoria 2, N. Y.

SEYMOUR LICHTENFELD, 3623 Delaware St., Gary, Ind., a senior at Purdue, is one of the 14 members of Co I, 422d Inf who wrote to us this month.

OLIVER E. LIBMAN, (Chicago) 1035 E. 47th St., formerly Cpl in Cn Co, 424th and Med Det, 424th is now a chemist.

WARREN LINDGREN, (Chicago) 423/K, Cpl, POW and purple heart, is in the tool and die business. He lives at 3625 Wilton Ave., Chicago 13.

HENRY S. LITCHFIELD, 424/G, married with two sons, living at Box 478, Nederland, Tex. came a long way to the convention. He is in the building construction business.

RICHARD J. MacPHERSON, (Michigan) Tec 4, Svc Co, 422d Inf, was married last spring, has moved to 12555 Promenade Ave., Detroit 5.

ELDRIDGE L. MARSH, 112 Electric Ave., E. Pittsburgh, Pa. is a member of our Pittsburgh Chapter, sent in a memorial fund contribution with his dues—wish more of our readers would do likewise. He was with 423/H, now works for Westinghouse.

GEORGE MATHEWS, Major, Hq 422d Inf, is an attorney. Mail reaches him at 1016 La. Nat'l. Bank Bldg., Baton Rouge 6, La.

LT. COL. JOSEPH C. MATTHEWS, JR., 422d Inf, is still serving in Korea. Send his mail to Western Blvd., Route 4, Raleigh, N. C.

CARLTON D. RUSSELL, Cpl, Co D, 422d Inf, won his bachelor's degree from Auburn and a reserve commission in the Air Force. After completing eight weeks' active duty, he went on a trip abroad this summer. Russell was a POW at Bad Orb. He now lives at 1326 Meyer St., Augusta, Ga.



JAMES A. WIDENHOFER, 424/G, is an orthopedic bracemaker at the Butler Veterans Administration Hospital. He lives on RD #3, Butler, Pa.



JOHN HEINRICH, 1st Lt, K/424, is shown with his bride at their 1946 wedding. His home address is in Avondale, Pa. John is attending Yale Divinity School, in training for the ministry.



COL. WM. C. BAKER, JR., our popular Chief of Staff, writes from Room 3-B-517, Pentagon Bldg., Washington, D.C. that he saw Colonels Brock, Cavender, Mathews and Watt during a trip thru the Far East this spring.



DANA A. WEST, JR., former Tec 5 with Able Co of the 331st Med Bn, purple heart, is now a Tech 3 with the medics of the 28th Div, Pa. national guard. He lives on RD 5 in Butler, Pa.



VINCENT A. STILES, 1020 W. 68th St., Chicago 21, was a Cpl with King Co and 1st Bn Hq Co of the 424th. He is a salesman, has been active in Chicago Chapter work.

LAWRENCE W. WALDEN, (Chicago) Tec 4, 424/H wrote to more than 150 men of his company about the convention. His efforts paid off, because 424/H now is second only to 424/G in total number of Association members. Larry is wearer of the bronze star medal, is now a student at the Radio Institute of Chicago. He lives at 163 W. 155th St., Harvey, Ill.

AGONY GRAPEVINE

WILLIAM HARVEY BINGLE, 33 714 808, Pfc, Co D, 424th Inf, missing in action. His parents want information about the company's activities on 16 or 17 Dec. '44, and want to know anything at all that anyone can tell about their son.

CLARENCE BRINKERHOFF, 975 Forest Avenue, Staten Island 10, N. Y. is still disabled as the result of service. A letter from his buddies in the 806th Ord Co would cheer him up. He is trying to find the address of Louis "Budda" Johnson, our heavyweight boxing champion—can anyone help him out?

ISRAEL COHEN, 39 578 787, Pfc, Cn Co and B Co, 423d Inf, died in prison camp on 8 April '45 according to information we have just received from his mother, Mrs. Florence Cohen of 909 So. Mansfield Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

GENE B. PATERSON, who trained with Hq Co 1st Bn, 424th Inf, was killed in action in France on 12 Aug. '44 according to word we have received from his father, James A. Paterson, 3563 Vinton Ave., Los Angeles 34, Calif.

DAVID H. WOODSON, Pfc, Co D, 424th Inf, killed in action. (Photograph on page 5, this issue). His parents would like to hear from anyone who can give them any information about his death or last days. If you knew "Woody", write to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Woodson, 5863 Hazel St., Inkster, Mich.

CURTIS F. MAYNARD, Capt, CO of 424/G and 2d Bn Hq Co, 424th is another Texan who made the long trek to the convention with his wife. He is teaching agriculture at Purmela, Tex.

DANIEL E. McINTOSH, JR., 1st Lt, Hq Divarty, is cashier at a bank. His address is 402 Huntress St., Clay Center, Kans.

HOMER T. OLSON, 424/H, operates a service station at Cranfills Gap, Tex. He sees **CURTIS L. LINDSEY** once in a while, would like to correspond with men of his company, and wants to hear from **GEORGE WOLFÉ**.

NORBERT R. ORSZULA, (Chicago) 3720 W. 59th Pl., a Tec 4 in 424/I, works as a draftsman.

FRANK PAC, 422/I, is employed by the Stanley Tool Co. and resides at 197 Gold St., New Britain, Conn.

HUGH W. PATTON, 424/F, works in the textile business. He owns his own home, has two small daughters. He lives at Box 372, Boger City, N. C.

WILLIAM E. PHILLIPS, (Metro) 217 W. 238th St., New York 63, was with Btry A, 590th FA Bn, and recently sent us some good photos.

GRANVILLE C. REAM, Pfc, 106th Sig Co and 424/E, is overseas with Hq Troop, 15th Cav Regt, APO 61, New York City.



JOSEPH T. SALFERNO, 29 Hunter St., Newark 5, N.J., is now a high school teacher. He was with the 423d's Baker Company, and was a POW.



CLAYTON RARICK, Co L, 424th Inf, Box 25, Blandon, Pa. is active in organizing a chapter in his part of the country. Clayt was at the convention, is Company, and was a working as a baseball umpire.

JOHN J. REYNOLDS, (Metro) lives at 886 Madison St., Brooklyn 21. He was severely wounded, lost a limb, and is 100% disabled. How about you fellows of 424/H writing to him?

JAMES S. ROLLINGS, JR., 424/B, is in the retail coal business at Box 33, Staunton, Va.

LEO ROSSIN, (Metro) 422/H, lives at 1712 Washington Ave., Bronx 57, N. Y. He works for the Army QMC.

NEXT MONTH

The October-November CUB will carry the final installment of Lewis Walker's story of Company H, 422d Inf, and will feature a humorous yarn by Art Kuespert, Fox Company, 423d, explaining the true and authentic (he says) story of the famed bag lunch of the hungry and sick. Other special items will include a full page display of distinctive Christmas gifts bearing the Golden Lion insignia, plus the announcement of about 25 memorial dinners scheduled to be held on 16 December, fourth anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Bulge.

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MISSING PERSONS

We have requests for information about the present address of the following, or, in the case of men killed in action, for information about their last days, death or capture. If you have any information whatsoever that might be helpful in tracing this information, please write to Missing Persons Department at national headquarters.

GROVER G. BRADLEY, S/Sgt, formerly of 26 Willow St., Lilly, Pa.

THOMAS BROWN, Pfc, 424th Inf, believed to live in or near Chicago.

IRVING CHADWICK, Capt, Hq Btry, 590th FA Bn, carried as MIA, formerly of 165 Broadway, New York City.

FRANK DI NENNO, Tec 5, cook in DHQ.

PETER GALLO, T/Sgt, Co D, 423d Inf, killed in action.

LUTHER HUDSON, Co M, 424th Inf.

DICK LEARY, DHQ or other men who were at Stalag IX-C on 5 Apr '45 and who can give information about the death of James S. Hamilton.

BERTON F. MITCHELL, JR., Btry B, 589th FA Bn, killed in action 17 Dec. '44 near Lauderfeld. His parents have been unable to find where he is buried.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS, shown somewhat the worse for wear after three days of hard work. Left to right, front row, Vincent Harrold, Charles Robasse, Robert Stout, Russell Villwock; rear rows, Ben Hagman, Pete Frampton, Al Harding, Jack Gillespie, Vollie McCollum, David Price, Edmond Roberts, Leo T. McMabon, Rev. Edward T. Boyle, Kenneth Perry, Earle Williams.

—Photo by Patrick

IF YOU'RE IN THE CHIPS

we've got just the proposition for you. Our charter was amended last month to create the class of SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP at ten dollars per year. Sustaining members have no more rights and privileges than do our ordinary members. The sustaining membership plan is simply a method of encouraging members to contribute a little extra each year for our general corporate purposes. We'll use no high pressure salesmanship to put this across, and we don't want anyone to take out a sustaining membership unless they feel freely able to afford it.

To become a sustaining member, send us your check for seven dollars, enclosing a slip of paper with your name and address and the statement that the money is for sustaining membership. If you have not already paid your '48-49 dues, send ten dollars if you wish to become a sustaining member.

CALLING 462 MEN

As this is written (10 August), we want to hear from 462 of our readers. They are the guys who have received our bills for renewals of dues and subscriptions, and who have put the bill and return envelope somewhere in a pocket or drawer with good intentions of sending it back some day. If you are one of the delinquents, please send in your renewal today! It is hard to plan a budget for the coming year when we don't know how many members we'll have, so if you intend to renew, please don't put it off any longer.

And, when you do renew or whenever you write us, PRINT or use a typewriter. Remember, if we have your address wrong it's because we can't read your handwriting.

