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# ASSOCIATION COMPILES CASUALTY LIST

## ALL MEMBERS ASKED TO HELP IN MAKING THIS LIST COMPLETE

The most important project of the Association in the next few months is the development of a complete list of 106th Infantry Division battle casualties. This list will be used to determine eligibility for grants from the Memorial Scholarship Fund. YOU are asked to supply information which will help in building and verifying the list.

If you have any information about any of our men who were KIA, MIA, or died in prison camp, please write a letter or postcard TODAY to Glenn Schnizlein, our Memorials Chairman, who is doing the work on the list of casualties. We want all of the following information, so give as much as you know about each case: name, serial number if known, rank, unit (company and organization), name and address of next of kin, date of death and any circumstances of death which you know about.

We realize that we may get a lot of duplication in our answers from this request, but we think that this matter is important enough to check and check again. So, even if you have

given us the information before, please write to Schnizlein again. (There is one exception to this — if you are sure that the information which you have has been published in the CUB and is accurate as given in the CUB, we already have it and you won't need to send it in again).

As the list develops, we will from time to time print parts of it in the CUB.

### SEND CASUALTY NEWS TO

J. Glenn Schnizlein  
3114 Fourth St., S.E.  
Minneapolis 14, Minn.



## *President's Column*

CHARLES N. ROBASSE

This issue brings you four important news items. The first makes pleasant reading — our December 16 memorial reunions went off pretty much as scheduled, with most cities reporting increased attendance over 1947. The increase is a good omen for the Association's future, and is due to the on-the-spot efforts of local organizers and committees. My special thanks to Sam Blandford for promoting these reunions for the National organization.

The other three news items require ACTION from you, especially with regard to helping us to work up a complete casualty list. (See the article above this column!) Quoting from a letter Glenn Schnizlein wrote, "Send as much or as little information as you know. Even if

you are sure that others are sending the same names, please send them — a hundred duplications are better than missing a single man's name."

The last two items are really calls to action. They'll cost you money, but they'll be well worth it. (1) Start planning now to attend our third annual national convention, July 28-30, Congress Hotel, Chicago — it will be our biggest and best — details will be in the next CUB. (2) Our Division History is ready to publish, see story on page 35. The publisher will print only as many copies as are ordered BEFORE PUBLICATION. So, if you want a copy, send in the order blank immediately. For a few weeks more, you can get a history — after that, all your order blank will bring you is a TS slip by return mail. The order blank can be clipped from the back cover of this issue.

You will notice a gift form enclosed with this issue. If you want to help send a copy of the history to a next of kin, send in your contribution now.

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START PLANNING AND SAVING NOW FOR OUR BIGGEST BEST CONVENTION

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# The History Of The 106th Infantry Division

By Col. R. E. Dupuy

At long last the presses are almost ready to roll on the publication of the book-length division history. Order blanks are going out to 42,000 persons this month, and as soon as enough blanks are returned so that the publisher can estimate total demand for the volume, the publication will be completed.

We have read this book from cover to cover. We can't praise it highly enough! The author's narrative style is fast, sharp and compelling. His factual accuracy reflects the months of exhaustive research which preceded the writing. He has given us one of the truly great histories to emerge from the second war. The 32 pages of maps and photographs add immensely to the value of the book.

The order blank which you will receive will tell you more about the book, its price (\$5), and how to order it. We are not equipped to handle orders for this book, so send your order on the order blank form, direct to the Infantry Journal.

## Free Copies to NOK

The Association would like to offer a free copy of this history to the next of kin of every battle casualty who ever served with the 106th. However, this would cost several thousand dollars, and frankly, we can't afford it.

But here is what we will try to do. On request from the next of kin of any man who was killed in action, died as result of wounds, died in prison camp, or is still missing in action, we will send a free copy *IF the death came as the result of action with and during assignment to any unit of the 106th.*

We realize with regret that this rules out many hundreds of men who trained with the 106th but became casualties as the result of service with other organizations. It rules out those men who met death from natural causes or as the result of non-battle accidents.

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A copy of the order blank for the Division History is reproduced on the back cover of this issue.

## Procedure for Requests

If you are the next of kin of a man who died or is missing as the result of service with the 106th, and if you would like a free copy, we will be pleased to put your name on our complimentary copy list. To receive your free copy of the history, write to J. Glenn Schnizlein, Memorials Chairman, 3114 4th St. S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minn., with the following information:

1. Your name and mailing address, and a request for a free history.
2. The name, rank, serial number, and military organization of the man who was a battle casualty, and your relationship to him.
3. Such information as you have concerning the circumstances of death. (This request has nothing to do with eligibility for the history gift, but is solely to complete our records. If the story of death has been printed in the CUB, you need not repeat it, but please refer to the issue in which the details appear.)
4. Information about names and date of birth of children of the man who was a casualty. (This is to help us compile information about possible future eligibles for grants from our Memorial Scholarship Fund.)

## Financing the Project

The Association's cash position is not too strong, but the management believes that somehow funds must and can be raised for this worthiest of causes — the giving of histories to nexts of kin. The best way to do this appears to be a direct appeal to Association members for special donations for this purpose.

We ask each reader of the CUB to contribute to this financial drive to provide funds for history gifts. A special contribution blank is enclosed with each copy of this issue. If you feel able to contribute to this project, please send us your check today.



*A new chapter of the 106th Infantry Division Association was formed on 16 Dec. '48 with a dinner meeting in Uniontown, Pa. The UNIONTOWN DISTRICT CHAPTER will include 106th veterans from Fayette, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland counties of Pennsylvania and Monongalia county, W. Va.*

*At the organization meeting, left to right, were, seated: Arnold Goldberg, 331st Med. Bn.; George Phillips, ARC, elected president; Charles Underwood, 106th QM Co., secretary-treasurer; and Clark Penney, 331st Medics. Standing: Joe Cefaratti, Divarty Air Liaison, vice president; James Smithberger, John Bobela and Willis Bircher, all of the 424th Inf.*

*The Chapter will meet in March in Uniontown after the organizing committee can contact all wearers of the Golden Lion patch in the district.*



*Among those present at the Albany, N. Y., reunion on December 16 were, left to right, seated: Santo Donato, AT/424 and Miss Canfield; Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln A. Brown, AT/423; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Chase, D/423. Standing, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Weightman, I/422; Hymie Slavin, 3d Bn Hq/424; Ed Purdy, F/422, and Phyllis Stone; and Audrey and Dave Price, D/331 Med Bn. Attendance at the affair was held to 19 persons by a freezing rain which also affected attendance at other dinners in the east.*

## *Retreat And Counter-Attack*

### THE HISTORY OF THE 106th from 22 DEC. 1944 TO ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND BY GENERAL STROH

On the late afternoon of 22 Dec., 1944 the 106th, the 7th Armd. Div., Combat Command "B" of the 9th Armd. Div. and the 112th Combat Team of the 28th Inf. Div. occupied an elliptical figure, with one end of the oval just west of St. Vith and the other resting on the Salm River. The 7th Armored was on the north side, CCB of the 9th on the east, and the other elements on the south. One battalion of the 112th Inf. extended along the Salm River in the rear to provide an anchorage and protected flank for the 82d A/B Div. which was moving south into position west of the river. It was a fortified goose-egg against which the Germans were maintaining an incessant attack at all points except in the rear where our troops held the only remaining exits from the position — the bridges at Vielsalm and Salm Chateau.

As he left the schoolhouse at Vielsalm, which was the headquarters of the 7th Armd, General Ridgway — commanding the XVIII A/B Corps — informed General Hasbrouck of the 7th Armd. that all American troops within the pocket would be withdrawn west of the Salm River that night and that 14 hours of darkness remained to complete the task. That statement would have been true had it been made at five p. m., but it was now seven and two precious hours had gone. Furthermore, no plans had been prepared for such a retrograde movement involving the passage of some 22,000 troops and their materiel over an inadequate road network and two bridges, while at the same time maintaining a firm delaying action.

Two battalions of the 112th Inf. were hastily moved to a position east of Vielsalm to cover the movement and provide a corridor through which the other troops in the pocket could retire. The medium artillery of the division moved under cover of darkness, but it was not until 11:30 the following morning that the 591st FA Bn. could make the crossing at Vielsalm. No time-table could be maintained. As part of a unit would disengage and start its rearward movement by bounds, it might have to be — and often was — recommitted at a point where the fragile goose-egg showed signs of cracking. Bit by bit the oval gradually shrank — the infantry riding out on the tanks of the two armored units. At five p. m. on the 23d,

just as dusk had fallen and almost 24 hours after receiving the withdrawal order from Gen. Ridgway, Gen. Hasbrouck and the one officer who accompanied him received word at the CP in Vielsalm that the final elements of the several commands had just crossed the bridge. As these officers left the CP a German tank rounded the corner and opened fire on the three American vehicles remaining in front of the schoolhouse — a half-track and two jeeps. The first shell hit the half-track, disabling it. Fortunately the jeeps responded immediately to their starters and the two officers and their drivers were able to cross the bridge which was blown up as the jeeps cleared it.



*COMMAND POST of the 106th at St. Vith. This "four years later" photo was taken by Alan Walker a few months ago.*

The Command and General Staff School, in its time, has presented some weird retrograde problems to its eager and aspiring students. Never, in its wildest imaginings, however, did it concoct a situation such as that presented on the night of 22 Dec.

Had this been a graded problem Gen. Hasbrouck and his staff would have had their solution returned as thoroughly unsatisfactory, for they could not comply with the Corps Commander's directive to complete the withdrawal by daylight of the 23rd. On the other hand, prolonged and arduous as the operation was, no living American within the pocket fell into German hands, and all transportation that could move under its own power passed safely through the lines of the 82d A/B Div.

The success of this withdrawal is a lasting tribute to the courage and tenacity of the junior officers and enlisted men in the pocket. The deception they practiced in their troop movements prevented the Germans from realizing until too late that a wholesale evacuation was in progress. The coolness they manifested prevented the slightest outbreak of disorganization or pandemonium. With characteristic sluggishness the Germans failed to correctly evaluate the movements. Had they placed concentrated artillery fire on the bridges at Vielsalm and Salm Chateau, very few of our troops would have reached the west bank of the Salm in safety.

In the meantime a gallant action was taking place at Baraque de Fraiture, west of the Salm — a crossroads important to the German advance for it is on the main highway between Bastogne and Liege. Here Major Arthur Parker and the three remaining pieces of the 589th FA Bn. conducted such a defense against repeated tank and infantry attacks that the place is now known as Parker's Crossroads.

#### **Manhay**

After its passage of the Salm the 7th Armd. had been immediately placed in position west of the 82d A/B, sealing the gap between that division and the VII Corps which was moving down from the north. American troops had been on the Vielsalm-Marche road the night of 23 Dec. and occupied the town of Manhay, a key crossroad. But in the confusion west of the Salm that night, and the attempt to untangle units and readjust positions, the front of the 7th Armd. was now north of the Vielsalm-Marche road. To deny the use of this road to the Germans it was considered necessary to regain and hold Manhay.

On Christmas day, the 2d Bn. of the 424th, with the 48th and 23d Armd. Inf. Bns., jumped off astride the Werbermont-Houffalize road and attacked Manhay, which patrols had reported as being lightly held. But, as the leading elements of the attacking units approached the town, from every cellar and from Grand Menil to the west where the 3d Armd. was held up, came a terrific machine gun crossfire in knee high sweeps, while in front of the town the enemy laid down a barrage from 88s dug in on the heights to the south. The attack got within 50 yards of Manhay and was stopped. That night the 424th's 2d Bn., badly cut up, was withdrawn to high ground to the north. During the night patrols again reported that Manhay was being evacuated by the Germans and the town was hastily reoccupied by elements of

the 7th Armd. But the Germans struck again before dawn with tanks and infantry and by daylight it was again in Nazi hands.

The morning of the 26th, the 424th, with CCB of the 7th Armd., again jumped off in conjunction with an attack to the west by the VII Corps. It was a bitter, gruelling fight, but by five p. m. the 424th was in undisputed possession of Manhay and the northern flank of the German penetration in the Bulge was definitely established and sealed. For the regiment and the division it was a real triumph. It was their first offensive action and definitely proved to them, and the higher echelons of command, that given even a partial chance the 106th could be counted on to justify the earlier predictions of its capabilities.

In these positions at Manhay the regiment remained until relieved on 30 Dec. by the 75th Inf. Div. Then the 106th, less the artillery which remained in action, moved to Anthisnes, Belgium, in Corps reserve for much needed equipment and reorganization. Here it was learned that the division would remain active — less, for the present, two combat teams and the reconnaissance troop — and with an authorized strength of 6,569.

In the meantime the Bulge had been stabilized. To use Marshal Montgomery's expression "the battlefield had been tidied up" and it was now time to begin pushing the German back where he belonged.

The Salm and Ambleve Rivers converge at the town of Trois Ponts. The 82d A/B Div. held the west bank of the Salm from Trois Ponts south to Vielsalm. To the northeast the 30th Inf. Div. held the north bank of the Ambleve and extended east through Stavelot and Waimes. Thus a salient existed in the American lines east of the Salm. Corps' plans was to reduce this salient by an attack south across the Ambleve. The 106th and 30th Inf. Divs. were selected for the initial attack south from the Ambleve. As the attack progressed, and on Corps order, the 75th Inf. Div. would pass through the 82d A/B and drive directly east on St. Vith. On the night of 7 Jan. the 424th CT was moved to Moulin du Ruy where it relieved the 112th CT which had been temporarily attached to the 30th Inf. Div. Two new partners were acquired by the division for this action — the 517th Parachute Inf. and its CT artillery which belonged to no division but were part of the 1st Allied A/B Army. The division also regained the 591st FA Bn. which had been supporting the 82d A/B since the night of 23 Dec.

## Liquidating the Bulge

On the night of 12 Jan. a footbridge was constructed and thrown across the Ambleve by the 81st Engr. (C) Bn. near Stavelot and a platoon of the 517th Prcht. Inf. went over and established a shallow bridgehead. At 4:30 on the morning of 13 Jan. the attack jumped off in the division zone with the 424th on the right and the 517th on the left. The 517th was a unique and astonishing outfit. The division early discovered that they not only appropriated everything in the area that was not nailed down, but in their attack procedure they casually by-passed any resistance that appeared to offer more than momentary delay. Dusk of the 13th found this regiment echeloned well forward to the east and offering a definite threat to the German garrisoned towns of Henumont and Coulee. But in its advance it had left in its rear large and small by-passed groups of isolated Nazis, as well as unswept minefields which the 106th Sig. Co. — endeavoring to maintain communication forward — soon discovered to their sorrow. The speed of the 517th Prcht. Inf.'s. advance had completely outstripped the 30th Inf. Div. on its left. Twice the Corps Chief of Staff had to be reassured that the 106th was not unduly exposed to enemy counterattacks moving across the front of the 30th Div. which by nightfall was considerably to the left rear.

The 424th had stiffer going. It did not have the maneuver space available to the 517th and had to attack the German main line of resistance virtually head on. By noon the 1st Bn. had taken Lavaux and turned east toward Coulee. But as it crossed the ridge south of Neuf Parcs — within the hostile main line of resistance — artillery fire from the south and east and from enemy tanks and self-propelled assault guns caught the battalion and tied it down. Both the Bn. CO and his S-3 were casualties and the Regimental Executive was sent down to take command. Under cover of darkness the battalion readjusted its position and dug in. The 3rd Bn. also ran into difficulty. Advancing on Henumont, they found it strongly defended and in the open spaces before the town they were stopped by intense concentrations of artillery and automatic weapons fire. A platoon of tanks was ordered up to continue the attack but mechanical failures and the icy and snow-filled paths stalled the tanks and the battalion dug in 1,000 yards west of Henumont.

The advance was resumed the next morning. The 517th attacked Henumont from the east and found the Germans had withdrawn during the night. It then advanced rapidly to its part

of the division objective. The 424th advanced south across the Coquamont Ridge and by nightfall it, too, had reached its objective.

In the meantime the 75th Div. had started its attack south of the 106th's objective and toward St. Vith. Outside the division's objective — but within that of the 75th — was the town of Ennal. The town and the hill mass to the east were heavily fortified with numerous bunkers. The northern flank of the 75th was being held up by these defenses and its attack showed signs of bogging down. Late in the evening of the 14th the 106th received a call from the Corps Commander asking if the division could extend its boundary and objective in that part of the zone of the 75th and reduce this town. He was told, of course, that the division could.

### Company F, 424th, Takes Ennal

The next day, Company F in a frontal attack stormed its way into and through the town, while E and G Companies reduced the eastern hill masses. The Corps Commander called in person at Division Headquarters to extend his congratulations to the 424th Inf. for the Ennal attack which, he said, "removed a thorn from our side."

That evening the 106th was firmly entrenched along its final objective. The 16th and 17th of January were spent in rounding up numerous parties of Germans within the division zone while the 75th Div. — its north flank now secure — moved across our front toward St. Vith. Pinched out by the juncture of the 75th and 30th Divs. the 106th reverted to Corps reserve for reorganization and supply.

It was a proud outfit that assembled in the area Stavelot-Trois Ponts. The division had not only defeated the German on organized ground of his own selection but had literally pulled along an older combat division as well as stepped out of its zone to remove an obstacle which was holding up the advance of a younger division. There was no organization in the division which had the slightest doubt that it was more than a match for the German wherever he might be met.

On 20 Jan. the 424th CT was alerted for the final blow in the reduction of the Bulge. On 23 Jan. it was moved to the vicinity of Diedenbourg where it relieved the 508th Prcht. Inf. in the zone of the 7th Armd. Div. Here, on 25 Jan., with the 16th Inf. of the 1st Div. on its left and its old friend, the 517th Prcht. Inf., on the right it jumped off, crossed the Bullingen-St. Vith highway and captured the towns of Medell and Meyerode. By 26 Jan. the regiment had secured and consolidated the Deperts Berg

ridge, its final objective. On the 28th, the 82d A/B assaulted through the 424th, and the regiment rejoined the division at Houchenit. It was retributive justice for the 424th, this final attack, for it had driven the Germans out of some of the same ground they had overrun in December at St. Vith, five miles to the south.

The 106th remained at Houchenit in 18th A/B Corps reserve until 3 Feb. when it was again alerted to move east for what was to be the final battle west of the Rhine. It closed in its new area in Hunningen, Belgium, on 7 Feb., the right flank unit of the V Corps and First Army, and established contact with the 87th Inf. Div. — the left flank unit of the Third Army. Here Major General Donald A. Stroh assumed command.

General Stroh brought with him from SHAEF news the division had long been hoping to hear; the Reconnaissance Troop and the 422d and 423d Combat Teams were to be reconstituted and the 106th would again take its place as a fully organized combat division. Staff officers were immediately dispatched to Hq. Fifteenth Army — to whose control the division was to pass — and to St. Quentin, France, to make preparation for a short period of recuperation at that place. The division moved to St. Quentin on 15 Mar. and on 1 April went to Rennes, France, which was to be the area for the reconstitution. Replacements began to arrive almost immediately and on 14 April an impressive reactivation ceremony was held at the St. Jacques airport. On the following day the reconstituted units began their move to Camp Coetquidan, a French artillery post west of Rennes, for their intensive training.

Concurrently with their training program the reconstituted units were given the mission of being prepared to support the 66th Inf. Div. in its task of containing the Germans still holding out in the Lorient and St. Nazaire pockets. Following an abbreviated AGF training program the reconstituted units were making substantial progress when — on VE Day — they were ordered to move to the areas of Lorient and St. Nazaire. There they were in the midst of relieving elements of the 66th Div. when the German command in the pockets capitulated. Camp Coetquidan was no longer available but Division Headquarters had selected a training area in the vicinity of Nachtsheim, Germany, and there the new units proceeded in a combined rail and motor movement.

The new location was a splendid training site in the Eiffel District and provided every opportunity for unit and combined training. An en-

thusiastic spirit pervaded all ranks of the reconstituted units as they looked forward to taking their places in the division at an early date. On 14 July, however, the French took over that sector of the Rhineland and once again the two combat teams and the Reconnaissance Troop had to move — this time to the vicinity of Oestringen, about 25 miles from the division CP at Karlsruhe.

Here, in the middle of August, they completed their training with a formal ceremony in which Gen. Stroh proclaimed the 422d and 423d as combat infantry regiments and attached the streamers to their guidons. They had thoroughly absorbed the tradition and esprit de corps of their predecessors. As a result of the enthusiasm and intensity with which they had undertaken their training there can be little question but that they would have proven themselves, in their first action, worthy successors to the units lost on the Schnee Eifel.

Much has been written and said — and deservedly so — in praise of the organizations and units (and they were legion) who distinguished themselves in combat during the period covered by this narration. All too little recognition has been given, however, to other units and men who made many of these accomplishments possible. The Quartermaster and Ordnance Companies who furnished the supplies and weapons to keep the combat teams in action; the Engineer Battalion which labored unceasingly to open and maintain roads, bridge streams and sweep the ever present mine fields; the Signal Company which never failed to maintain a truly superior communications network; and the Medical Battalion which, when the last reports of the war have been compiled, will be found to have a record second to none in the ETO. And behind them all were the commissioned and non-commissioned staff officers and their assistants who worked without thought of time or self in seeing that the combat units were provided with the means with which to fight.

The memories of most of those who served with the division during this period are grim — for some they are bitter. Confused and shaken by the body blow they had received the personnel of all echelons were groping for an anchor to sustain them. Then it was that the Chief of Staff, Colonel William C. Baker, Jr., stepped to the fore and provided the leadership needed so desperately. Calmly, but with unshakeable tenacity, this modest and unassuming officer welded the remnants of the division into a cohesive striking force. Without the inspiration of this man and the loyalty he evoked the



story of the 106th Division might well have been a tragedy in the saga of American history; with it the division arose from the ashes of its Armageddon to take an honored place.

There are many reasons why the 106th Infantry Division should be kept alive. Were there only this one, however, its continued existence would be more than justified. In the dark hours of the Bulge an American columnist broadcast an unverified and unconsidered report traducing the character and valor of some of the bravest men you will ever know. This report went unchallenged until Cedric Foster took up the cudgel to deny point blank the implications which had been drawn. The living members of the division owe it to themselves to keep the memories of these men alive for future generations of Americans. The Association can well adopt as its own these words of Lawrence Binyon:

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left  
grow old;  
Age shall not weary them nor the years  
condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the  
morning  
We will remember them."*

## INTRODUCING TOM DOWGIN

Thomas F. Dowgin, 7 Highland Drive, Milltown, N. J., chairman of the recent successful Metropolitan Chapter memorial reunion, needs little introduction to the old-timers in the Association, but since this is the first time we've been able to pry a photo away from him, we'll tell you a little about him.

Tom served with the Intelligence & Reconnaissance Platoon of the 424th, as a Pfc. He is among the most decorated enlisted men in the Division, wearing the purple heart, silver star, French Croix de Guerre, Belgian Croix de Guerre with palm, Belgian Decoration Militaire with palm. He was a member of the committee which met at Karlsruhe, Germany in 1945 to consider plans for an Association, and was elected to the first Board of Directors of the Association at Camp Lucky Strike, France, in September of 1945. At present Tom is a member of the Association's national Board of Directors and is vice president of the Metropolitan Chapter.



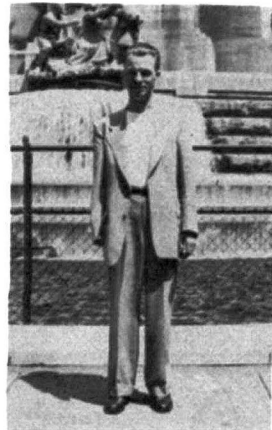
## JOHN J. REYNOLDS, JR.

*The CUB is always pleased to print the stories of the civilian readjustment of severely disabled veterans of the 106th. This article tells about one of our boys who is now doing okay, despite his handicap.*

John J. Reynolds, Jr., 886 Madison St., Brooklyn 21, served until 1944 as licensed third assistant engineer on the Siboney and the General Simonds, US Army Transports. He entered military service on 14 July 1944, and by 3 February 1945 was on the line in Germany with Co. H, 424th Inf., as #1 man on a machine gun squad.

On 17 February, a German 88 mm. shell landed right beside Pfc. Reynolds. He suffered a compound fracture of the skull, and his right hand had to be amputated. After a long period of hospitalization, during which he learned to write left-handed, he was discharged, came home, and landed a job in a freight office in New York. He has joined our Metropolitan Chapter, and writes that he recently saw Larry Walden of Harvey, Ill. — Larry was the medic who treated him when he was wounded.

Incidentally, even though John is a converted southpaw, his writing is a whole lot more readable than most of the letters we get from guys who have been writing with the same hand all their lives.



## NOW HEAR THIS!

We gotta have more cooperation on this change of address business! Let us know when you move, and where you move to. If you don't let us know, you're not gonna get your CUB on time — may even miss an issue or two. And it'll be your own fault.

At long last, we've got this magazine on a fixed schedule — it appears every second month, and should be delivered to readers between the 15th and 30th of Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov. If you don't get one when it's due, send us a post-card. The post office can make mistakes — we get about ten CUBs back from each issue, correctly addressed, but fouled up by the post office. And in such cases, the only way we'll know you're not getting it is for you to let us know.

### December 16 Reunions

On December 16, 1948, fourth anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Bulge, veterans of the 106th met in local memorial reunions in many cities across the nation. Since this issue of the CUB went to press only a few days after the 16th, we don't have stories on all the reunions — more stories and photos will appear in the next issue.

**Ft. Snelling, Minn.** 28 persons attended a program which featured a radio transcription of Cedric Foster's famous 106th broadcast and movies of the Minnesota football games. The Minnesota Chapter elected officers for the coming year. (Detailed story and photos elsewhere in this issue).

**St. Louis, Mo.** The new St. Louis & Southern Illinois Chapter reunion at the Hamilton Hotel attracted 28 persons. The program included a magic show by Ernie Heldman and a brief memorial speech by Floyd Stewart.

**Decatur, Ill.** Operating from the next-to-the-smallest mailing list of any of our chapters, Russ Kelly and his Central Illinois committee drew 39 persons, second largest turnout yet reported, to a memorial dinner-dance in Decatur.

**New York, N. Y.** 87 persons attended the third annual dinner dance of the Metropolitan Chapter. National vice president Robert P. Stout presented the printed chapter charter to chapter president Jerome L. Frankel, on behalf of the national Board of Directors. The New York affair, like other reunions in the east, suffered in attendance from heavy snow followed by freezing rain.

**Albany, N. Y.** 19 persons turned out for the second annual dinner-dance of our Albany Chapter. (Photo elsewhere in this issue.)

**Baltimore, Md.** The Baltimore reunion featured a speech by Maj. Gen. Devereaux, the hero of Wake Island, and showed the special documentary film "The True Glory" which we understand is a War Department movie about the Battle of the Bulge. John Loveless, Dick Hartman and Sam Blandford promoted this reunion, which had about 30 persons present.

**Uniontown, Pa.** Eight veterans of the 106th met to make plans for a chapter in the district near Uniontown. (Photo and story elsewhere in this issue).

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### 3RD ANNUAL CONVENTION, CHICAGO, JULY 28-30, 1949

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*MEMORIES OF TRAINING* were revived by these men of the 424th who drove out to Camp Atterbury during the 1948 national convention. Shown in front of what used to be the 424th dispensary are, from left to right, Billy Barnett (F), Ed Fielding (Hq), Vince Stiles (1st Bn Hq), Russ Kelly (2nd Bn Hq), Ken Blumenschein (2d Bn Medics), Mike Mueller (L Medics), Jim Grass (F Medics), and Larry Walden (H Medics).

## MINNESOTA REUNION

Our Minnesota Chapter's second annual December 16th memorial reunion, held at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club, attracted 28 persons. The program included a steak dinner, a report on the 1948 convention by Jim Hatch, the playing of a transcription of Cedric Foster's famous broadcast on the 106th, the reading of letters from the national president and the memorial chairman, and a movie showing highlights of the Univ. of Minnesota's football season. Bob Sandberg served as master of ceremonies. A brief business meeting resulted in the election of Jim Hatch as president, Alvin Swanson vice president, and Sandberg secretary-treasurer. Plans were discussed for the formation of a chapter 'auxiliary, under leadership of Helen Hatch. The business session was followed by a dance.

With the election of new officers our national memorials chairman, J. Glenn Schnizlein, stepped down from his key role in the formation and leadership of the Minnesota Chapter. Glenn was the moving spirit in forming this chapter, and it is a tribute to his success as a leader that he has been able to steadily increase membership and interest to the point where capable new leadership has emerged.

Present at the reunion were: Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Aldrich (who traveled 200 miles round trip), Dr & Mrs. Meyer Belzer, Lloyd Brunner and Audrey Danielson, Mr. & Mrs. Hampton Dailey, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Dahl, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Gerlach, Warren Gondoll, Mr. & Mrs. H. M. (Jim) Hatch, Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Hanggi, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Falkowski, John Linquist, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pearce, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sandberg, Glenn Schnizlein and Rosemary Dorenkemper, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Schuneman, and Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Swanson.

(If we can get extra copies of the Cedric Foster transcription, we'll offer them for sale in the PX column of a future issue — drop us a postcard if you are interested in it — four sides of 10 inch record, probable cost perhaps \$3, but we're not taking definite orders yet until we see what terms we can get.)

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### Metro Chapter Elects

The Metropolitan Chapter, at a business meeting on October 11, elected the following for one year terms beginning 1 Jan. '49. Jerome L. Frankel, president; Thomas F. Dowgin, vice president; J. A. Middleton 3rd, secretary; Sam F. Cimaglia Jr., treasurer; Frankel, Franklin R. Koehler, and Charles R. Lewis, members of the national board of directors; Charles W. Richards and Joseph A. Rudin, alternates to the national board.

Provisions of the national corporate charter allow each chapter to elect one member of the national board of directors for the 10th, 101st, 201st, 301st and 401st members of the chapter. Since the Metropolitan, our largest chapter, now has about 210 national association members, it is entitled to three directors.



*METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OFFICERS include, left to right, Tom Dowgin, Jerry Frankel, Jack Middleton and Sam Cimaglia.*



*BAG LUNCH TABLE was among the many program highlights of the Baltimore December reunion. Shown here are, left to right, Frank Hessler, Henry M. Broth and Dick Hartman.*

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### Attention Engineers

The fourth annual reunion of our Presidentially-cited 81st Engineer (Combat) Battalion will be held on March 12, 1949, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 687 Bergen St., Newark, N. J. Reservations must be made in advance by sending \$1.50 to Oakley E. Utter, Kenvil, N. J. before 15 February. (The bulletin publicizing this dinner is a truly wonderful thing. It arrived too late for this issue, but we'll reprint it in the February-March CUB.)



## IN MEMORIAM

This month's mail brings more than the usual number of letters bearing the sad tidings of the death of men who served with us — an ever-present reminder of how much it cost in terms of human lives and suffering, and of how lucky some of us were to be spared.

**JAMES F. CELLA**, 424/D, killed in action in France of 17 Jan. 1945. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Isabelle Cella, 1035 Cantrell St., Philadelphia 48, Pa.

**ROGER M. DILLMAN**, 422/K, killed in action at the Anzio Beachhead on 29 Feb. 1944. He leaves a 4½ year old son, Terry Roger. Our information is from Roger's mother, Mrs. Cecil H. Dillman, 602 W. Columbia St., Champaign, Ill.

**HOWARD O. SHARP, JR.**, 424/L, killed in action in Germany in 1944. Next of kin, father, Prof. H. O. Sharp, Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, N. Y.

**DARREL D. STONE**, 423/C, killed in action near Budesheim, Germany, 19 Dec. 1944. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Charlotte Stone, Kincaid, Ill.

**1ST LT. LEON KASTENBAUM**, 422/Cn, killed in prison camp on 5 Apr. 1945, was returned in November 1948 for re-burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery, New York. One of his four Army brothers, Marvin Kastenbaum, also 422/Cn, is a member of our Metropolitan Chapter and lives at 1451 Washington Ave., Bronx 56, N. Y.



**CRAWFORD WHEELER, JR.**, 2nd Lt, 424/Cn, killed in action in the Ardennes. Next of kin, Mr. & Mrs. Crawford Wheeler, c/o Chase National Bank, 18 Pine St., New York.

**EDWARD B. HJERPE**, 422/L, killed in an air raid at Stalag IV-B on 31 Mar. 1945. His mother, Mrs. Hjalmar Hjerpe, 2407-12th Ave., Moline, Ill. is anxious to learn any details of his capture, prisoner life, last days or death. She has given us the names of a number of men whom her son mentioned in letters. If you know the present address of any of these men, or can give any information, please write direct to Mrs. Hjerpe. The names are Ash, Berry, Felix, Hays, Hill or Hull, Parks or Barks, Pinkham, Poloski or Pololski, Schroeder, Staley and Young.

**RICHARD J. HUMPHREY**, 422/F, died in prison camp. Next of kin, widow, Mrs. Josephine Humphrey, Rural Route, Decatur, Ill.

**KENNETH T. DICK**, 106th Sig Co, age 22, was killed on 3 Sept. '48 when the automobile in which he was a passenger rammed into a railroad streamliner at an unprotected crossing. His son, Kenneth John, was born on 19 Nov. '48 to his wife, Marion, of 5225 No. 49th St., Milwaukee 9, Wisc. Dick was a student at Marquette University, and his photograph appears on page 31 of the October 1948 CUB.

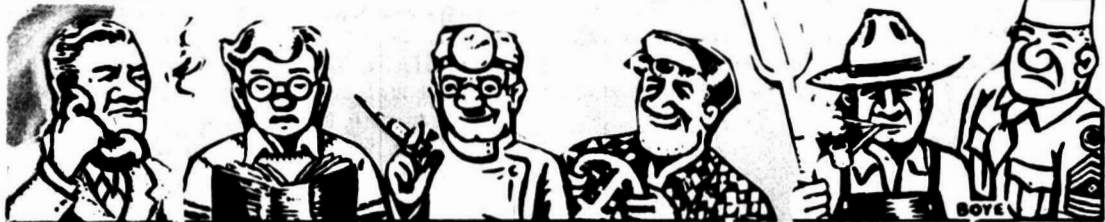
**AUSTIN TURNER**, Pine Bluff, Ark., Captain, 422 Inf., died on 5 Sept. '48 as the result of war wounds, as reported on page 26 of the October CUB. This photo was recently received from Marion Ray of Illinois.



## STOP!

If you missed the article about our casualties on page 34, turn back to it and read it carefully. We need your help in completing our list of KIA and MIA.

# WHAT THEY ARE DOING NOW



**MEYER S. BELZER, M.D.**, Minnesota Chap-  
ter, former Lt. Col. and Div Surgeon, now re-  
sides at 4401 Duport South, Minneapolis, Minn.

**PAUL V. BOSCHERT**, 590/Hq, 912 Royal  
St., Alton, Ill. writes that he is now with the  
laboratories of the Wood River Oil and Refin-  
ing Co. and is "the proud father of a 21-month-  
old blue-eyed charmer, Ellen Jane".



**IRA G. BOTTOMS**,  
Capt., 592d FA Bn.,  
Tucker Rd., Norcross,  
Ga., a POW at Oflag  
64, Stalag XI-B, is ap-  
parently out of the hos-  
pital now because his  
this year's renewal gave  
his home address rather  
than the army hospital  
address we had been us-  
ing. He was severely  
wounded on 19 Dec.  
'44.



**MARK S. WAG-  
NER**, 424/H, of 413  
Thompson St., Mifflin-  
burg, Pa. is shown here  
with **TRAVIS HUD-  
SON**, 424/H, who is  
attending Ala. Univ. at  
Tuscaloosa, Ala. Wag-  
ner is employed by  
Royal Imprints, Inc. of  
Lewisburg, Pa., and  
would like to hear from  
Lt. Robert Shaw of  
Company H.

**IRVING CHAPNICK**, Capt, 590/Hq, 291  
Broadway, New York City is a practicing at-  
torney, and is alive and healthy. With great  
pleasure we remove him from our "missing in  
action" file.

**GEORGE H. DASH**, 1st Lt, 423/L, is now a  
Sgt 1/c in the Air Force psychological research  
program, is married, has three sons. Mail  
reaches him at Box 2465-3, Lackland Air Base,  
San Antonio, Tex. Despite his distant station,  
he is a member of our Metropolitan Chapter  
back in his home territory.

**GEORGE S. DURST**, M/Sgt, DHQ/G-1, is  
working towards his Ph.D. in English at the  
Harvard graduate school. His new address is  
112 Larch Rd., Cambridge 38, Mass.

**MOULTON L. FERGUSON**, RD #1, Wam-  
pum, Pa. is a student at the Pittsburgh Inst. of  
Aeronautics. With his renewal, he sent in his  
wife's dues in the auxiliary. (Wish more of  
you kind readers would do likewise).

**PETE FRAMPTON**, 422/Cn., after many  
changes of address while learning the lumber  
business in various parts of the country, has  
settled down for a while at least. Address him  
as D. B. Frampton, Jr., 704 23rd St., Ashland,  
Ky.

**JOHN L. HALL**, 424/Sv, reports a change  
of address to RD #1, Locust Lane, Harrisburg,  
Pa.

**WILLIAM H. HENEL**, a member of the  
Western N. Y. Chapter committee, reports a  
change of address to Colonial Apts. #15, 401  
Delaware Ave., Buffalo 2, N. Y.

**ROBERT F. HOWELL, JR.**, 424/2d Bn & G  
Co, has moved to 2753 Cowles Rd., Charlotte,  
N. C.

**COL. ALEXANDER D. REID**, CO/424, has  
returned to the United States from Venezuela,  
and reports that mail will reach him c/o Mr.  
A. G. Reid, 1507 Norton Ave., Sioux Falls,  
S. D.



**FRANK A. NA-  
TALE**, C/422, 332  
Harris St., Kent, O., is  
working for Twin  
Coach Co., building  
buses, and is active in  
his city government.



**HARVEY D. BRAD-  
FORD, JR.**, Sv/424,  
has moved to 52 Nor-  
man St., Green Ridge,  
Pa.

**ROBERT A. SANDBERG**, 81/A, a recent joiner of our Minnesota Chapter, lives at 244 E. 9th St., St. Paul 1, Minn. Bob is in the steel erection business, has two children, and is an alumnus of the Univ. of Minnesota.

**ROBERT F. WALKER**, D/422, a POW at IV-B and IV-F, writes from 1372 Avon Pl., Cincinnati 25, Ohio. He doesn't say what he's doing now, but was completing his college education when we heard from him last winter.



**SAMUEL LEIBOWITZ**, Capt, 424th Inf, writes from 645 E. 5th St., Brooklyn 18, N. Y. to say that he was an usher at MAJOR WILLIAM PERLMAN'S wedding on Nov. 14, 1948. He reports that after a honeymoon at Miami Beach, Bill and Betty Perlman will take up residence at 1312 Meadowbrook Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

**JOHN H. LONGBOTTOM**, Hq/422, reports that he is back in service as a 1st Lt with the Cml Tech Comd, Bldg 330, Army Cml Center, Md. A daughter, Cynthia Sue, was born to Lt. & Mrs. Longbottom on 31 July '48.



**DON E. RAMM**, Hq/423, is back in service as a corporal and is chief photographer at Galveston Recreation Center, Ft. Crockett, Tex.



**MARVIN H. RUSCH**, Capt., Asst. G-1, is now with J. C. Penney stores at 400 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc.

**ROYER K. LEWIS**, Lt Col, FD, was transferred 1 Nov. '48 to assignment as Budget and Fiscal Officer, US Mission with Iranian Army, APO 616, New York City. Col. Lewis had been in Denver as FO, Fitzsimmons GH.

**ELWOOD W. MANY**, 423/Hq, writes from 19 Blauvelt Ave., Ramsey, N. J. that he is now a bank teller, and has a two year old daughter. Many was a POW at Stalags III-B and III-A.

**JOHN A. KEMPER**, 423/L, 3858 Drakewood, Cincinnati 9, Ohio, is in his senior year at the U. of Cincinnati, studying chemical engineering.

**MICHAEL KOBYLARCZYK**, G & L/423, a POW at Stalags IX-A and IX-B, is back "in" as a Sgt 1/c with Prov Co 72, 1st Plat, APO 209, New York City. He is stationed in Trieste.

**ELMER F. LANGE**, 1st Lt with 422/D, purple heart, bronze star, and a POW at Bad Orb and Hammelburg, is living at Box 203, Sac City, Iowa and is managing a creamery company.



**BILLIE J. KOONTZ**, K/423, 303 Woodlawn, Royal Oak, Mich. is a wearer of the purple heart, was a POW at Stalag IV-B.



**DONALD J. WOODBURN**, K/423, 970 Thomas Ave., St. Paul 4, Minn. is a special purchasing clerk with Curtis 1000, Inc., an office supply firm.

**ROBERT E. McFARLAND**, 1015 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Hts., O., is still in pretty bad shape physically from exposure and hardship while a POW. He is totally disabled, hasn't been able to return to work since his discharge. Bob is married, has two children, doesn't say what outfit he belonged to in the 106th.

**MAHLON O. EARLE, JR.**, D/424, 23 Morgan Pl., No. Arlington, N. J., was married last spring, is a member of the Metropolitan Chapter, is taking a course in plumbing and heating under the GI Bill, and has nearly finished his apprenticeship under a master plumber.



**GROVER F. MORROW**, 422/G, is still hospitalized at Sanatorium, Gaylord, Mich., as the result of POW experiences. How about writing to him if you knew him?



*CLIFTON R. LIVINGSTON, K/424, writes from RD 9, No. Canton, 'O., that he is a toolmaker with The Hoover Co. This photo shows Mr. & Mrs. Livingston, who will soon celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary.*

**WILBUR PARKER**, Ft. Sill Indian School, Lawton, Okla., 424th, is now working in the office of the school. His grandfather, Quannah Parker, was the famous "last chief of the Comanches"; at the World's Fair, his wife Esther was representative of the tribe as princess of the Comanches, and Wilbur has served as secretary of the present Comanche Tribal Council.

**HERMAN F. SLUTZKY**, 424/B, is an optometrist. His present address is 541 Daytonia Parkway, Dayton 6, Ohio.

**JOSEPH SOMMERS**, 422/Hq, is an exporter. A member of the Metropolitan Chapter, he lives at 205 W. 88th St., New York 24, N. Y.

**WILLIAM J. TAYLOR**, 422/Hq, Metropolitan Chapter, has just been notified by the War Department that he won the bronze star. He resides at 561 W. 147th St., New York City.

**ALBERT F. TRAKINAT**, 106th Sig Co, is a student at the school of commerce, U. of Ill. His home address is 515 Denby St., Carlinville, Ill.

**GORDON H. TRUE**, 590th & 591st, purple heart & soldier's medal, writes from 38 Leighton St., Richmond, Me., that he is coaching sports and has a young son, Jeffrey.



*WILBUR D. EVANS, 591/Sv, 103 Howard Cir., Tarboro, N. C. sends us this snapshot taken on a fishing and hunting trip this summer in Eastern, N. C. (Note the still-serviceable combat boots.)*



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