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SNAPSHOTS FROM THE 1947 CONVENTION



ANGELS of the 1947 convention were Florence and Roe Simpson, shown here as Al Harding presents a plaque from the Hoosier Golden Lions, our Indianapolis Chapter, in recognition of the Simpson's wonderful work in making our first convention possible. The Simpsons are wearing the Order of the Golden Lion, the Association's highest award for peacetime service to the 106th.



STARTING BACKFIELD, 1947 were these men, elected at the closing session in Indianapolis: J. Glenn Schnizlein, Sergeant at Arms (who is not standing on a chair); Kenneth Perry, Vice-President, and chairman of our Indianapolis chapter; Arthur McCatbran, Secretary-Treasurer, who has since resigned due to the pressure of private business activities, and who was replaced by Vincent A. Harrold; and Dave Price, President. This snapshot was taken at the final banquet at Southern Mansions.

CHOW LINE at Roberts Park Methodist Church, where the ladies of the church prepared and served the first meal of the Indianapolis convention in 1947. Left to right: Dorothy and Dave Brumbagin, two persons we can't identify, and Vollie McCollum. McCollum and Brumbagin were elected to the national Board of Directors at the convention's closing session.



THE SPEEDWAY, where 59 vehicles took the men who attended the '47 convention for a sight-seeing tour over the scene of the world's best known auto races.



THIS MONTH'S COVER

The crew of a 105 mm. howitzer prepares for a Fourth of July salute to independence, in the shadow of a statue of Kaiser Wilhelm in Bad Ems, Germany.

1948 CONVENTION—INDIANAPOLIS, JULY 31 AND AUGUST 1

DEFENSE OF ST. VITH

A HISTORY OF THE 106th UNDER GENERAL JONES' COMMAND

By ALAN W. JONES, Major General, USA, Retired

In training, we adopted the motto "To Make History Is Our Aim". Wherever military men gather to study or reminisce over famous campaigns of the past, the glorious defense of the Ardennes will be a foremost subject. We did make history! Below we present the text of the address which General Jones delivered on July 15, 1947, at our first annual convention, as a part of the series of division history speeches made by our generals. Covering the period from activation to the evacuation of our wounded commanding general, this article gives the first-hand authentic story of the part played by the 106th in the Battle of the Bulge.

When Colonel Livesey suggested to me that I tell the story of the first two years of the Division's existence, and that I do it in fifteen minutes, three years vanished and I saw again the demon staff officer at his skillful distribution of work. Then I sat down and made a list of topic headings, only to find that it took more than fifteen minutes to read them. So, my work consists almost entirely of elimination, and I present to you the framework of the story of my time with the Division, together with an account of certain happenings and decisions that had their effect on the lives of most of us.

Although the official date of activation of the Division was March 15, 1943, work on organization, securing of equipment and supplies, and all the many hundreds of pre-training details was completed in January and February, 1943. On March 8th personnel from every state in the Union, except those of the Pacific Coast, began to arrive at our first station, Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. By March 15th we officially started on a program which was to take us through the mid-west and eastern portions of the United States, England, France, Belgium and finally into Germany.

Of the time we spent at Fort Jackson, I shall make only a few statements. Like our own early life, it was extremely important to us at that time, but in view of later events it is difficult to recall in sharp definition. We received upon activation a grand total of 16,009 individuals, which included an over-strength of about 10% to take care of anticipated losses. Our average



age at this time was about 21 years, including all the officers and the older age group of the cadre of some 1,800 from the 80th Division. The results of intelligence tests given these men showed an exceptionally high score, and our courts-martial and number of men AWOL were correspondingly low. At the time of our basic training tests, given exactly four years ago today, everything seemed to be going our way and the world looked bright and cheery. So, we started with enthusiasm and pride into the most productive of our advanced training when, in early August, the blow fell. We were ordered to send 3,000 of our trained infantrymen to the 28th and 31st Divisions so that they might replace their losses and go overseas. This was followed by a continuous drain on us for more and more officers and men, infantry, artillery and signal, until we felt the effects of acute anemia. By late September, in spite of replacements, we were down to less than 12,000 persons.

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MANEUVERS

We completed our training of the smaller units in November and the Division went into the field for the remainder of the winter. A series of maneuvers under direction of XII Corps started on December 13th and continued until the middle of January, 1944. These were held in central South Carolina and for the first time we learned about living in deep mud and freezing rain. The short days of late January saw us moving, by motor, to the Tennessee maneuver area which comprised most of the central part of that State. Here, we participated with units of all kinds, including three other divisions, in daily maneuvers until the end of March. The weather almost duplicated that which we were to find a year later in the Ardennes. These months were extremely beneficial to us and we came out of Tennessee a trained division, with much experience and great promise. We learned how to get our trucks through mud and country roads, how to make the most of supper eaten at night in the rain without lights, how to wear mosquito headnets in a snow storm; we learned through days and nights of discomfort how best to take care of ourselves and, best of all, we learned that, as a fighting division, we were better than most. Looking back, I think you who were there will agree that Tennessee was probably the hardest work we experienced in the States, and that definitely it separated the men from the boys, and I do not mean on a basis of age.

ATTERBURY

After finishing the maneuver program, we were fortunate enough to be ordered to Camp Atterbury—and Indianapolis—to make our final preparations for overseas. We expected to get new equipment and be on our way at once. But the poor planning for training and forwarding replacements to units overseas threw us for another loss. Immediately upon our arrival at Camp Atterbury in the first week of April, 1944, we commenced shipment of 2,800 infantrymen and 800 artillerymen to replacement centers. Men to replace these people were received slowly. We were placed in the first stage of "alert for overseas" early in June, the second stage in July and were given our month's advance notice on August 15th. During these last hurrying weeks of preparation for embarkation we lost, to my amazement which lasts to this day, practically all of our infantry lieutenants, privates first class and privates, a total of 500 officers and 3,000 men. These with losses in April totaled 600 officers and 6,600 men, all out of a division strength of about 14,000. To keep the record straight, our replacements consisted of: from ASTP, 1,200; from air cadets, 1,100; from other divisions,

1,500; and from miscellaneous sources such as disbanded military police units, special training battalions and various service commands, 2,800. These people were of the highest type, mentally and physically. We could not have received better material, but—we had one foot on the gang-plank. In spite of this sad story, our tour at Atterbury was an exceptionally pleasant one. Many of the people here went out of their way to be nice to us. With them, life-long friendships have grown. There is one family I have especially in mind. You know them, the Simpsons. They had the major part in assuring the success of this reunion.

OVERSEAS MOVEMENT

After receiving our advance movement order, we received new equipment, turned in motor vehicles and did what training we could at odd intervals. Finally, in September we moved by rail to Camp Myles Standish at Taunton, Mass. This place was known as a staging area where life reached the maximum of not letting anyone know anything at all. As a matter of fact we existed on a monotonous routine of rumors until the day we redoubled on our tracks, returned to New York and sailed in October 1944 for various ports in England. The 423d Infantry with various attached units arrived October 21, the 422d and 424th regiments arrived October 28th with the artillery and some special units delayed until November 17th. We were deployed in one of the most interesting and certainly the most beautiful parts of England, the Cotswold section of the midlands. The 422d Infantry was stationed some 12 miles west and northwest of Oxford, the 424th Infantry near Banbury of Banbury Cross fame and the 423d Infantry and Division Artillery near Cheltenham and Gloucester respectively. Division headquarters and special units were located centrally in this 200 square mile area. We remained in England until the last days of November preparing for an expected early crossing of the Channel.

The Division embarked on the last day of November and first days of December for the long slow fifty mile trip from Southampton to Le Havre at the mouth of the Seine River. We disembarked at Le Havre and at Rouen, a town about one-third of the way up the Seine toward Paris, and went into bivouac in deep mud in the open fields in a cold drizzling rain, between the 1st and 8th of December. During these days liaison officers from First US Army headquarters arrived at odd intervals with conflicting and inconsistent sets of orders, so that during a 48 hour period we were assigned to three different corps in as many separate locations. Fortunately, troops and staffs were arriving in unrelated groups as the weather and the Navy allowed them ashore,

so that no damage was done except to my disposition. The final messenger appeared on December 6 with instructions for us to leave for the St. Vith area, the first combat team to move on the 8th followed by the others as rapidly as possible. Upon arrival we were to relieve the 2d Infantry Division, then in a defensive position, as part of the VIII Corps whose headquarters was then at Bastogne. Troops being in the throes of landing after a rough winter crossing, staffs only partly present and maps few and far between, our move to the battlefield was a rather remarkable one and highly successful in spite of its discomfort. The route carried us nearly 300 miles through Amiens, Cambrai and Maubeuge in France to Philippeville in Belgium. After an overnight bivouac in extra deep mud near the latter town, we passed through Marche and the villages of eastern Belgium to the vicinity of St. Vith, arriving during the period December 9th to 15th. The relief of the 2d Division commenced on the 11th and was completed the 13th, responsibility for the defense of the sector passing to me on the 12th.

SCHNEE EIFEL POSITIONS



Our sector was partly in Belgium and partly in Germany, with the south flank of our southernmost regiment, the 424th, at the junction of the Luxembourg-Belgium-Germany borders. We joined there with the 28th Inf Div. Our left flank lay 27 miles to the north where we were supposed to have contact with the 99th Inf Div through the 14th Cavalry Group, an organization neither trained nor equipped for defensive action. Some 20 miles to the east of St. Vith lay a fifteen mile stretch of the German West Wall or Siegfried Line on the high, heavily wooded ridge known as the Schnee Eifel, and appropriately named it was. From left to right, or north to south, on this extended salient into German-held terrain were the 422d Combat Team and the 423d Combat Team. The roadnet throughout the sector

was entirely inadequate for our purposes, one two-lane hard surfaced road which would have been classified as a "farm to market" road in this country led from the rear to both the 422d and the 423d areas. The 424th was no better served. Reserves in the VIII Corps 90 mile sector consisted of one combat command of the 9th Armored Div. As was later so well demonstrated at our expense, reserves from other areas could not arrive in time to be of use to us.

I have taken the time to fill in to a limited extent some of the lights and shadows on the picture of the St. Vith area and of our movement to it, in order to provide a background for the crystal-clear truth that the Division was in a situation which not only was tactically unsound but which left us no choice as to our own location of men and weapons—a situation that was tactically impossible should the Germans attack with even as few as two or three good divisions. They did, with that and more, and the Commanding General, US First Army was impelled to write to the Division later "No troops in the world, disposed as your division had to be, could have withstood the impact of the German attack which had its greatest weight in your sector. Please tell these men for me what a grand job they did. By the delay they effected, they definitely upset von Rundstedt's time table".

THE ATTACK

It is not my purpose here to recount in detail the action of separate units following the attack starting at 5:30 on the morning of December 16. Much has been written of this, and a great deal more will appear in the future. It is sufficient to recall now that the Germans sent four divisions, two infantry and two panzer, to "take us out" so that their way could be opened through Liege and Namur to Brussels and Anwerp. During the day of the 16th they penetrated deeply into the wooded hills just to the north of the Division sector and into the ground held by reconnaissance units in an attempt to swing south behind the Schnee Eifel and so into our undefended rear areas. Engineers, hastily assembled, artillery and the northern units of the 422d blocked this move by nightfall. Further south in the 423d sector a strong attack penetrated our lines but was thrown back by a counterattack made up largely of service units, clerks, cooks and headquarters personnel. Similarly, in the 424th area, a series of counterattacks were necessary to restore our lines to their original locations by night.

Information reached our CP that afternoon that one combat command of the 9th Armored Div and the entire 7th Armored Div would be available

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in our area the next morning. Accordingly, the only division reserves, one battalion of the 423d Inf and one battalion of the 424th Inf were committed that afternoon of the 16th. Plans were drawn up for the employment of the armored divisions to block the rush of Krauts past and around our north flank and, if there were any penetrations the next day to eject or destroy them. The plans were good ones. I am sure they would have been successful. **The only unfortunate development was the failure of the 7th Armored Division to arrive at the time we had been told to expect them.** In fairness to them, it must be stated that their move was made extremely difficult by jammed roads and snarled traffic. Probably an early arrival was not practical and higher headquarters had been more hopeful than sure. In any event, on the 17th, penetrations around our north flank and from the southeast were made, and although they were contested with every means we had, by dark such large German forces had reached and gotten behind our lines that hope for a large scale counterattack with forces which had not even arrived looked not too good. Late on the 18th the expected armor did reach us, but by then it took their every effort to prevent the occupation of the town of St. Vith itself, which our 81st Engr Bn was engaged in holding against overwhelming German forces. On the 18th too, the 424th, on my orders, reached a position further to the west along the Our River, and the 422d and 423d were ordered to attack in the direction of Schonberg to the west, in an attempt to break out of the German encirclement.

After a brilliantly executed move, both regiments attacked early on the morning of the 19th. But it was too late, the door of Schonberg was closed by powerful German panzer forces. Without armor, with but little artillery, ammunition fast running out and no resupply of food and water for four days, they nevertheless fought through the day, until finally in late afternoon they were forced, by sheer weight of number and artillery, to submit to capture.

You have probably noted the lack of mention of air forces during this narrative. They have not been mentioned for the reason that the weather did not permit their presence.

The 112th Inf of the 28th Inf Div, having become separated from that division was attached to us on the 20th and, with the 424th Inf and Combat Command "B" of the 9th Armd Div held, with the 7th Armd Div to our north, St. Vith and the high ground to the south and southeast, constituting an island of resistance which has been credited with the all-important delay of the Sixth SS Panzer Army.

On the night of the 21st under heavy enemy pressure withdrawal of all forces in this general area was made to the west for a distance of five to ten miles. St. Vith was evacuated at 11:00 P.M.

The following night, December 22, saw the Division and other troops withdrawn by Corps order to the west of the Salm River, and our weary men for a few short hours took their first rest after eight days of cold and wet and sudden death.

I have tried to set down the facts as they appeared to me at the time of which I speak, and I have heard or seen nothing since to change my mind.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Now, having seen our side of the picture, we shall take a look at the German side and see some of the more immediate result of the action in, and around St. Vith as written in official War Department documents. The following I have taken from the First US Army Report of Operations:

"The failure of the Sixth SS Panzer Army to live up to the high hopes of its commander, could be attributed to three factors: First, the failure of the II SS Panzer Corps to break through . . . ; secondly, the equally dismal failure of the 1st SS Panzer Division . . . ; lastly, but of at least equal importance, the failure to reduce in time the island of resistance at St. Vith, and on the high ground to the south and southeast. Without the communications center of St. Vith, focal point of five highways and three rail lines, the enemy's armored infantry and supply columns were all practically immobilized".

"The initial phase of the German winter offensive ended December 22d . . . The elimination of the St. Vith salient was of prime importance to the (German) C in C West. Because of the delay imposed here the offensive was already three days behind schedule. In retrospect, it can be said that almost from the second day of the offensive, von Rundstedt's plans began to go wrong".

"The salient at St. Vith not only threatened the whole of Fifth Panzer Army's north flank, but continued to hold and prevent the westward movement of Sixth SS Panzer Army. This afforded First US Army sufficient time to bring up reinforcements to a new defensive line."

This ends my quotations from the Operations Report of the First Army.

The facts are consistent and incontestable; The road through St. Vith did not become an open way to the German Army until the 22d of December, six days after the attack was launched.

I make no claim that our Division accomplished these tremendously important results alone. After the 18th of December, one combat command of the 9th Armored Division, the 7th Armored Division, the 112th Infantry Regiment and many smaller units operated in the St. Vith sector. What I do insist, however, is that during the first 48 hours, the 106th Infantry Division, alone and unaided, solely by its refusal to give ground and open the way to the West, decided the fate of Hitler's last bid for Europe.

(NOTE: Subheads and use of bold-face type were indicated by the Editor, and were not included in General Jones' speech manuscript.)

NEW NATIONAL TREASURER

Vincent A. Harrold, 40 Inrie Road, Boston 34, Massachusetts, was elected as Treasurer of the 106th Infantry Division Association on December 26, 1947, by mail vote of the Board of Directors. Mr. Harrold replaces Arthur McCathran who resigned in November, and will serve until the 1948 convention when new officers will be elected.

Vin has wide experience in organizational work, having been President of the Massachusetts Chapter, American Prisoners of War, from the time of its formation until recently when he resigned to accept the Association appointment as Treasurer. He is a budding statesman, having nearly pulled a surprise win in the last election to the Massachusetts legislature. In the 106th, he was with A and L Companies, 423d Inf, and was captured in the Ardennes Campaign. In private life, Vin is a funeral director.

Although books of account and banking will hereafter be done by Mr. Harrold in Boston, membership dues and orders for merchandise should still be sent to the Association care of D. S. Price, 237 South Manning Boulevard, Albany 3, New York. As acting secretary, Dave Price is maintaining membership and mailing list records, and is shipping lapel pins and other merchandise, so money sent in is to go to the Albany office first, and will then be forwarded immediately to the Boston office for deposit.

If we can pry a photograph away from Vin Harrold, we'll run it in the next issue of the CUB.

WESLEY E. ROBINSON, 406 Shiawassee St., Bancroft, Mich., writes us but doesn't say what he's doing now. Wes earned a bronze star medal and the purple heart during combat, and was a member Co. C 422d and of Co G 424th.

PREVIEW OF HISTORY

"The Incredible Valor of Eric Wood", a feature story in the Dec. 20 Saturday Evening Post, brings the nation the story of "a young lieutenant who almost singlehandedly saved the right flank of an American army in the Battle of the Bulge". Written by Col. R. Ernest Dupuy, who has completed the manuscript of our Division History, this article gives an advance picture of the fast-moving and brilliant style of Dupuy's writing.

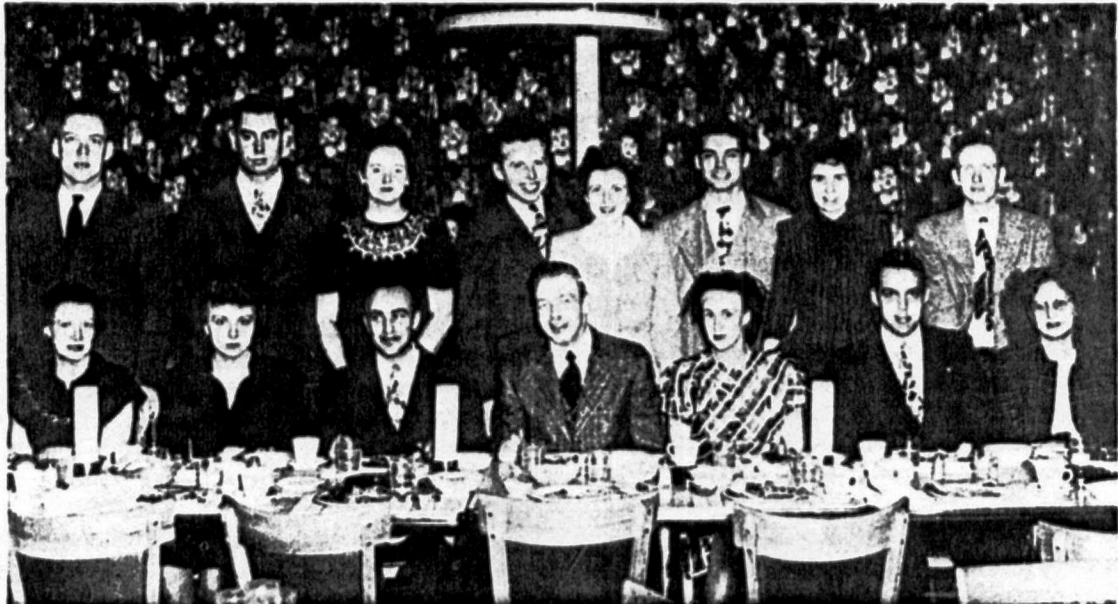
As for news as to the date of publication, we still can't give you anything definite. In early January, we received a letter from the Infantry Journal to the effect that things would be moved as quickly as possible to assure early publication.



THINGS ARE TOUGH ALL OVER, and especially in Europe. This photo taken in the Karlsruhe-Bruchsal area while the division was overseas, shows Pfc. Harold Caswell, Hq 424th Inf, of Pontiac, Mich. Men who served in the ETO don't need to be told that this is a typical shot of children waiting for scraps outside an army mess hall.

ATTENTION ENGINEERS

Oakley E. Utter, Mine Hill, Dover, N. J., writes us that there will be a reunion for 106ers in the New Jersey area, 81st Engineers in particular, on the night of March 13. We don't have time-and-place details as this issue goes to press, but if you're interested, write Utter for details. He is a member of the Association's national Board of Directors, and has been a consistent worker for the 106th. He organized a similar reunion in the winter of 1947, and everyone who attended that first get-together knows that there'll be a fine time for all at the second annual N. J. reunion of the engineers.



GALESBURG, ILLINOIS—DECEMBER 16: Left to right, front row, Mrs. Ed Roberts; Mrs. Patrick H. Bryan of Kingston Mines; Roger J. Ehrhardt, 229½ S. 11th St., Quincy; Lowell L. Kennedy, 972 S. Seminary St., Galesburg; Mrs. Kennedy; Lawrence V. Hammond, 1338 12th St., Rock Island; Mrs. Perry F. Lewis, 1729 12th St., East Moline. Back row, Ed Roberts, 303 Peoples Building, Galesburg, organizer of the dinner and a new member of the national Board of Directors; Bryan; Mrs. Ehrhardt; Ed J. Johnson, 504 S. 19th St., East Moline; Mrs. Johnson; Louis Krajnovich, Route 1 Box 806, East Moline; Mrs. Krajnovich; Lewis.

GALESBURG DINNER

A December 16 reunion in Galesburg, Illinois (pop 29,000) drew 15 persons. The gathering made up in spirit what it lacked in size, and proves that any community, even with a small mailing list, can have a local reunion which is thoroughly enjoyable to the participants. All that is needed is an energetic local organizer, and in Ed Roberts, Galesburg has one of the best.

Among those who planned to attend but were forced to change their plans at the last minute were Peter J. Hernandez, 127 Third St., Silvis; Walter A. Gultzow, 1455 West "A" St., Davenport, Iowa; and Gene W. Carstens, Route 1, Davenport, Ia.

ROMEO J. ROSSI, 675 Brainard St., (Apt 312), Detroit 1, Mich., announces that Mrs. Rossi presented him with a healthy baby girl, Cheryl Ann, on October 7. Romeo was a Master Sergeant in C Co, 422d Inf.

MISSING PERSONS

Anyone with any information whatsoever about any of the following men is urged to write at once to national headquarters so that we may pass the information along to those who have requested this information. (On receiving a request for help in locating the address of a buddy, or in learning details of the death of a son or husband, the name of the subject of inquiry will appear in this column for one year after receipt of the request.)

BYRON HANNA, S/Sgt, Hq Co, 3d Bn, 422d Inf, a member of the Association who moved from Eklutna, Alaska, leaving no forwarding address.

FRED KARP, Co I, 422d Inf.

PETER STEC, Warrant Officer (JG), Sv Co, 423d Inf, killed in action. National headquarters is attempting to secure information about his death from any who knew him, at the request of his father.

RONALD WESTON, 1st Sgt, Co I, 422d Inf.

THE ARTIST AT BAD ORB who made a series of sketches of POW life.

REPORTS OF DECEMBER 16

CHICAGO REUNION

Some 200 veterans of the 106th gathered in Chicago on December 16 for the largest local reunion of the year. As this issue is printed, we lack details of the program but understand that it was an informal evening get-together. Bob De St. Aubin, Father Edward T. Boyle, and Charlie Robasse engineered the affair, and secured wonderful cooperation from the Chicago newspapers.

Plans were formed for activation of a Chicago chapter, and a charter meeting was scheduled for early January. We look for a very large turnout from Chicago at our next annual convention.

MINNEAPOLIS REUNION

On December 16, veterans of the 106th from Minneapolis and St. Paul gathered for a memorial reunion. Although the turnout was small—18 veterans—the get-together was enjoyed by all present. Those backing the dinner included H. M. (Jim) Hatch, Glenn Schinzein, Col. Mike Belzer, and Roy Kuhlke. Plans were started for formation of a Minnesota Chapter, with Kuhlke as President.

BOSTON REUNION

105 persons attended the Boston memorial dinner on the third anniversary of the start of the Bulge, with a speech from Cedric Foster highlighting the program. Mr. and Mrs. Foster were guests at the dinner. During the course of the evening, Col. Descheneaux of the 422d Infantry telephoned from his home in Yarmouth, Maine, with regrets that health prevented his attendance.

The Boston reunion, sparked by Vin Harrold, drew a higher proportion of attendees than any other local reunion. Harrold attributes this success to good newspaper publicity, plus the feature attraction of Cedric Foster as guest of honor and speaker. By holding mailing expenses down to about 6½¢ a name, the Boston dinner was able to show a few dollars profit which was turned over to the Memorial Fund.

SKETCHES AT BAD ORB

At Stalag IX-B, Bad Orb, an American POW made numerous excellent sketches of scenes and activities in the prisoner of war camp. At the suggestion of John T. Loveless, Jr., 13 South St., Baltimore 2, Md., we insert this plea for help in locating the artist. We don't know his name, his outfit, or his address. We'll appreciate it if anyone has retained this man's address — we want to get hold of some of those sketches for reproduction in the CUB.

NEW YORK CITY REUNION

For the second consecutive local reunion at the Iceland Restaurant on Broadway, about 95 persons from the Metropolitan area gathered on December 16. Herb Livesey, our first Secretary-Treasurer, and Col. Robert Stout, Div G-2, organized this successful dinner. The small profits from the dinner were turned over to form a backlog for formation of a Metropolitan Chapter, with Jerome Frankel of Brooklyn elected as Chapter President.

PITTSBURGH REUNION

Forty-seven veterans and friends of the 106th gathered at Pat McBride's Restaurant in Pittsburgh on December 16, for one of the most successful local memorial reunions. Music for dancing was furnished by Walt Bandurak's band, Walt being a former member of Med Det, 81st Engr Bn. The dinner was organized by Dr. Jerry Cessna and Pete Frampton, both members of our national Board of Directors.

Col. Leo T. McMahon, formerly Brigadier General in command of Divarty, traveled from Harrisburg to attend the reunion. Seven members of the Auxiliary were present, including Mrs. D. B. Frampton, Sr., and Mrs. Earl Hobbell, national Auxiliary President and Secretary respectively.

Among the veterans of the 106th who attended were: Col. Leo T. McMahon, Hq Divarty, 108 N. 23d St., Camp Hill, Pa.; William Lockard, Btry A 591st FA Bn, 1311 Center St., Pittsburgh 21; Walter M. Snyder, 589th FA Bn, 357 Orchard St., Springdale; Walter Bandurak, 81st Engr Bn, 1417 Harvard Ave., Natrona Heights; Dr. Gerald H. Cessna, 81st Engr Bn, 703 Professional Bldg. Pittsburgh; D. B. Frampton Jr., Cn Co, 422d Inf, 4014 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 13; John F. Sholl, Hq Co 1st Bn 422d Inf, 135 Arden Rd., Pittsburgh 16; Robert F. Lindsey, Co A, 422d, 2918 Clermont Ave., Pittsburgh 27; Harry C. George Jr., Co C, 422d, 1300 Coal St., Pittsburgh 21; John E. Hobbell, Co G, 422d, 307 James St., Turtle Creek; George A. Mackey, Co K, 423d Inf, 1921 Columbia Ave., Pittsburgh 18; Ernest W. Beissinger, AT Co, 423d, 4041 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh; Charles W. Freed, Co I, 423d, Rt. 1, Simon Ave., Allison Park; Anthony J. Barack, 423d, 904 Webster Ave., Pittsburgh;

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ALBANY—DECEMBER 16

Again proving that a successful reunion can be held in a small city, twenty-four veterans of the 106th from the Albany region met for a successful December 16 reunion. Those present but not in the above photographs included Hyman Slavin, 155-B South Hawk St., Albany, formerly a member of Bill Abriel's platoon in Co L, 424th; Fred Dennon, Cpl, Hq Co, 1st Bn, 423d Inf, now at Albany Law School and residing at 574 Madison Ave., Albany 7, and one fellow who said he was from Co C, 423d, but didn't leave his name and only stayed a short time.

A count showed that six of the 13 fellows present had sampled 14 different stalags after the Ardennes campaign. Juster, Purdy, Weightman, Miller, Tracy and Dennon are the men who were captured in the Bulge. Informality highlighted the program, with a good dinner and dancing to the tunes of Sid Olsheim's well known orchestra, and a few toasts to old memories.

Among those who planned to attend but were unable to make the dinner were 1st Sgt Harold Led Duke, Central Ave., Albany; Ted Adriance, 1208 Broadway, Rensselaer; George Watts, East Fulton St., Gloversville; Roland B. Cole, 61 Catherine St., Saratoga Springs; Joseph Sopko, 555 1st St., Troy; Capt. John J. O'Brien of the 424th who recently moved to Whitehall, N. Y.; Lt. Bill Hotaling of Hamden, Conn.; Carl Jurgenson of 1709 Central Ave., Albany; Bill Fitzgerald, 2342 Seventh Ave., Troy; and Karl A. Cook, East Bridge St., Saugerties.

The value of local reunions in promoting interest in the Association is proven by the fact that twelve men who couldn't come to the dinner wrote to the editor and took out membership in the Association.



ALBANY, NEW YORK—DECEMBER 16: Forming part of the merry group at the Albany dinner were, left to right, S/Sgt. Thomas A. Weightman, supply sgt of Co I, 422 Inf, whose new address is 69 Lorraine St., Schenectady; Mrs. Weightman; Miss Phyllis Stone; Pfc. Edmund C. Purdy, Co F, 422d, who is now a pre-medical student, of 600 Western Ave., Albany; Capt. Irvin Juster, 1134 Millington Rd., Schenectady, former CO of Cn Co, 422 Inf; Miss Marilyn Doling; Mrs. Pat Abriel, and 1st Lt. Bill (Wm. E.) Abriel, Hq 3d Bn and Co L, 424th Inf., now of 24 Lancaster St., Albany.



ALBANY, NEW YORK—DECEMBER 16: Another group snapped at the Albany dinner included, from left to right: Pvt Santo Donato, AT Co, 424th Inf, of 512 Washington Ave., Albany; Miss Kay Haywood; Mrs. Audrey Price; Dave Price, 237 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 3, N. Y., national president of the Association, and a former T/S in Co D, 331st Med Bn and DHQ; Mrs. Tracy; Pfc. Stanley Tracy, 157 West Bridge St., Catskill, N. Y., of Co. D, 422 Inf; T/Sgt Harold Miller, 386 Sheridan Ave., Albany, a former platoon sgt in Co E, 422d, and Mrs. Miller; Miss Jean Cornelius; and Donald Thorne of West Bridge St., Catskill, Pvt, Co D, 423d Inf.



QUARTERMASTER men from Housatonic, Mass., drove all the way to Albany for the December 16th dinner. Shown here are Sgt. Bob Kirkbride, Meadow St.; Mrs. McCusker; and Pfc. Francis E. McCusker of Chestnut Ridge. Both were with the 106th QM Co.

CHAPTER NEWS

This issue of the CUB proudly inaugurates a new feature, "Chapter News," which will be a part of every future CUB. According to the national constitution, charters can be given to local or unit chapters on written request from 10 members of the Association. Model by-laws for chapters, and suggestions for organizing a local or unit chapter have been sent to twelve local organizers. We have plenty more copies for anyone else who wishes to start a local, regional or unit chapter of the Association.

HOOSIER GOLDEN LIONS

The "Hoosier Golden Lions" of Indianapolis, Indiana, were our first local chapter. We understand that they have held some meetings this winter, but don't have the details as this issue goes to press. All who attended the convention will remember the great job that Ken Perry, Al Harding, Mrs. Perry and others of the Hoosier Chapter did in making the convention more enjoyable for all.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER

At the New York City December 16 dinner, those present decided to form the Metropolitan Chapter of the Association. Jerome Frankel, 158 Dahill Road, Brooklyn 18, was elected chapter president. An organizing committee was named, and met on January 13 to work out plans for developing an active chapter. The Metropolitan Chapter has the greatest number of men to draw from of any local branch, and should be a big success.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

With the nucleus of men who attended the Pittsburgh December 16 dinner, Pete Frampton believes that there is the basis for a strong Western Pennsylvania Chapter, and hopes to get the chapter going at or before the 1948 convention.

OTHERS NOT MENTIONED

We have received inquiries from at least twelve more men about forming local chapters, in Texas, Florida, Georgia, Rock Island-Moline-Davenport, Albany-Troy-Schenectady, Dayton Ohio, and Southern Illinois. We would like to find men willing to tackle the local reunion and chapter job in the largest cities not yet covered — Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Buffalo, St. Louis, Denver, and Washington. Also, we have many members in Connecticut and in the Carolinas, and all that's needed for a local reunion there is someone to sparkplug the affair. We'll welcome all volunteers.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

At the Minneapolis December 16 dinner, those present elected Roy Kuhlke as President and J. Glenn Schnizlein, our national Sergeant at Arms, as Secretary-Treasurer. Twin City organizing committee members met during the last week in January to lay plans for promoting chapter membership.

CHICAGO CHAPTER

Charter meeting and election of officers of the Chicago chapter is scheduled for January 11. As copy for this issue goes to the printer, we don't know the plans of this chapter, but judging from the capable way in which the December 16 dinner was managed in Chicago, we trust that the chapter will soon be one of our largest and most active.

G COMPANY, 424th INFANTRY

First of our unit chapters apparently will be formed by the men of 424th's George Company. S. S. Blandford of Easton, Maryland, and Bob Morrison of St. Louis, Mo., are the moving spirits behind this chapter. G/424 had more men at last summer's reunion than any other infantry company, and they have already started plans for an even bigger turnout this year.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Vollie McCollum, 220 Mockingbird Road, Nashville 5, writes us that he plans to go ahead with a local reunion and chapter organization in Tennessee. Mac, a member of the national Board of Directors, was with AG of Division Headquarters.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

James Y. Stewart, 10005 Elgin Ave., Huntington Woods, Mich., has asked us for a roster of men in the vicinity of Detroit, and if possible wants to contact the men to hold a local reunion and make plans for a chapter. Jim is also a member of the national Board of Directors, and was with AT Co, 424th Inf. Detroit men willing to help in this big job are urged to write direct to Stewart at the above address.

EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA

John L. Hall, now serving his second term as a Director of the Association, has recently moved to Easton, and hopes to arrange a local reunion and chapter there. His Easton address is Bushkill Park.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Vin Harrold, our new national Treasurer, 40 Imrie Road, Boston 34, hopes to go ahead with the formation of a Bay State Chapter after the top-notch local reunion which was held in Boston on December 16.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING NOW



COL. C. C. CAVENDER, with Mrs. Cavender and daughter Sarah, sailed on 5 Jan '48 for duty in Nanking, China. His new address is Army Advisory Group, APO 909, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

GORDON G. WHITFORD, Box 76, Harbor Creek, Pa., is still in service as a Sergeant with the 1st Guided Missile Bn, White Sands Proving Ground, Las Cruces, N.M. He was a Tec 4 with Co. D, 422d Inf, and Co. F, 424th Inf, was wounded twice in the Battle of the Bulge, and was a POW at Stalag IX-B, Bad Orb. His present assignment is to camera repair and photography work.



FRED W. BURNHAM, JR., Chief Warrant Officer with the 106th Div Band and Div PX O, is Assistant Superintendent of the high school in Greenfield, Ill. His address is 301 College St., Greenfield.

RUSSELL D. KELLY, T/Sgt, Hq Co 3d Bn, 424th Inf, is a student at the Univ. of Illinois, working toward a degree in personnel management. His address is 1905 North 10th St., Springfield, Ill. He writes that **LEE BERWICK**, Capt, S-3 3d Bn, 424th, paid him a surprise visit in December. Mr. Berwick is now an instructor at Louisiana State Univ. Russ Kelly would appreciate hearing from any of his former pals.

GEORGE M. COHEN, Sgt, 106th QM Co, is now with Magnesium Casting Co. is living at 580 Beach in Hyde Park, Mass. He St., Revere 51, Mass., with Gladys and son Jeffrey.



HOWARD W. KRIZ, 1st Lt, 591st FA Bn, has recently moved to Madras, Ore., where he has purchased a drug store. His wife, Ellen, writes "we were very sorry not to have been able to attend the 1947 convention. From all reports, it must have been a wonderful affair."

MARSHALL LIPKIN, 1828 So. Wilton Place, Los Angeles 6, Cal., writes with regrets at missing last summer's convention, and hopes that there'll be longer advance notice on '48 dates. Lipkin was with Hq Co 1st Bn, 424th, and recently met an old friend, **CHARLES BROWN**, 1st Lt, Baker Co, 424th, who now lives at 3124 Stocker Ave., L. A., and is attending the Univ. of Southern California.

SGT. WILLIAM L. MONROE has re-enlisted and is with Squadron D, 104th B.U., at Mitchell Field, N. Y. Bill was with Btry C, 591st FA Bn, and won the purple heart in the Ardennes.

BYRON P. HEATH, 2613 Garvey Ave., Alhambra, Calif., (Cpl, Hq Co and Co E, 2d Bn, 422d Inf, and 106th MP Plat) is among the new members of the Association.



MARCEL OUIMET, Pfc, Dog Co, 422, of Brunswick, Maine, states that rumors that he was killed in action are exaggerated. At any rate, we've heard from him via Ed Roberts, and it's a great pleasure to change one card from our KIA file to the active file.

VICTOR C. RAUCH, Tec 5, 592d FA Bn, is living at 335 Second St., Albany. He is one of the fellows we didn't have on our roster, but he saw a piece in the paper about our Dec. 16 reunion in Albany, and hastened to join the Association. Vic is employed with a refrigeration concern in Albany.



JAMES E. WELLS, Route 1, Box 34, Hepzibab, Ga., Major, 81st Engr Bn, with Purple Heart and Presidential Citation, was discharged from service on Nov. 12, 1947, from Oliver General Hospital in Augusta.

JACK S. STEIN, Capt, Hq 422d Inf, lives at 1413 Farwell Ave., Chicago 26, and is back at his old job with Maurice L. Rothschild in Chicago. Of Herb Livesey's editions of the CUB, he writes "they're great, and make me proud to be a member of the Golden Lion." (We hope that Jack and the other members will continue to approve of the CUB even though it's under new management.)

WILLIAM SCHULTE, Cpl, Mike Co, 422d Inf, is completing his college education at Loyola Univ., and gives 146 Barton Place, Evanston, Ill. as his present address.

D O N A L D THORNE, Pfc, Dog Co, 423 Inf, is living at 67 West Bridge St., Catskill, N. Y., and was among those present at the Albany December 16 reunion.



CALVIN C. WELDEN, Co. B, 424th, is back in civilian life again after more than a year at Valley Forge General Hospital. He lives at RFD #1, Box 58, Flat Rock, Ala.



CHARLES D. OWEN, Tec. 5, 106th Div. Band, is with the accounting machines division of Remington Rand in Chicago. He resides at 528 South Summit Ave., Villa Park, Ill.



STAFF OF 2D BN, 424TH INF, at Heidsheim, Germany, in May 1945. From left to right, front row, Major Taylor, Col. Washington, Lt. Howell (S-4); back row, Capt. Cassidy (S-1), Capt. Logan (S-3,) and Lt. Labrop (S-2). Photo by courtesy of Capt. Robert F. Howell, Jr., now living at 104 East Main St., Union, S. C.

MR. & MRS. ROY L. WENTZEL, 1419 So. Olive St., Santa Ana, Calif., announce the birth of son Donald Lee on Nov. 28. The birth announcement, received at national HQ, was designed by the Wentzels and was one of the cleverest we've seen. Roy was a Cpl with Co. E, 422d Inf, earned the purple heart in the Ardennes, and was a POW in Stalag IV-B.



FRED B. CHASE, RFD No. 1, Rexford, N. Y., a Cpl with Dog Co, 422d Inf, is a recent new member of the Association who sent us a number of addresses of men from his unit. Fred was wounded in the Ardennes, and was a POW at Stalags IV-B and IV-D. With the 106th, he was squad driver for the machine gun platoon.

GRANVILLE C. REAM, 762 Baltimore St., Mobile, Ala., has re-enlisted, is serving in Germany, and intends to make the army his career. He was a member of the 106th Sig Co and of Easy Co, 424th Inf.

HOLLIS B. HAUGHEY, Cpl, Easy Co, 423d Inf, Purple Heart, POW at Stalag IV-B, is completing his college education and lives at 7811 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights, N. Y.





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BACK COPIES

If you still have your CUB for October, 1946 (Volume 3, No. 4), hold on to it—it's a scarce article! But we do have a very few copies of all other issues of the CUB, available at 25c each from national headquarters, as long as they last. The following list gives the picture of publications we have in stock:

Item	Available	Cost
CUB, August 1946	130	25c
CUB, September 1946	12	25c
CUB, November 1946	18	25c
CUB, December 1946	17	25c
CUB, Jan.-Feb. 1947	22	25c
CUB, March 1947	13	25c
CUB, April 1947	18	25c
CUB, May-June 1947	23	25c
CUB, September 1947	86	25c
OVERSEAS CUB. Souvenir Edit.	140	25c
Stars & Stripes Pamphlet, "The 106th"	2,000	10c

A limited number of reprints of Cedric Foster's broadcast of January 21, 1945, and of the Indianapolis Star's "The Heroic 106th" are available, on receipt of 10c handling fee.

All inquiries about publications should be addressed to 237 South Manning Boulevard, Albany 3, New York.

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 at the above address.

OFFICIAL DIVISION RING

The ring can be ordered direct from H. H. P. Whittemore Company, Attleboro, Mass. It costs \$6.00, postpaid and tax paid. We don't take orders for the ring at national headquarters, so if you want one, send your order direct to Whittemore Company.

LAPEL PINS

The H. H. P. Whittemore Company, of Attleboro, Mass., has designed special lapel buttons for the 106th Infantry Division Association. These cost \$1.00 and can be ordered from national headquarters. They are miniatures of the shoulder patch, enameled in true colors, and fasten on with a screw-back button. If you've seen them, we know you'll want one.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The mailing address of the 106th Infantry Division Association was changed, on November 15, 1947, to the following:

David S. Price, President
106th Inf Div Ass'n, Inc.
237 South Manning Blvd.
Albany 3, New York

Please address all future communications to the new address.



HQ USAMGIK
APO 235, Unit 2
San Francisco
California

Dear Secretary:

You may be interested in noting a reunion of former 106th Division members which was held in Seoul, Korea, on 29 December, 1947. It was probably the smallest reunion of our Division to date, but we don't believe there is one likely to be held any farther from home.

Present were Chaplain and Mrs. Alford V. Bradley, Capt. and Mrs. Robert A. Burkes, and Chaplain W. V. Taylor, all from the 424th Inf; 1st Lt. J. H. Carmichael and Capt. Nathan D. Ward of the 81st Engrs; and 1st Lt. James De-Freest, Lt. Col. Joseph C. Matthews, Jr., and Maj. Henry H. McKee, all of the 422d Inf. Mr. D. G. Romanoff, an MG official whose son saw action with the 424th, was a guest.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER

The organizing committee of the New York area chapter met in Brooklyn on January 14. Present were Jerome Frankel, 158 Dahill Road, Brooklyn 18, N. Y.; Jack A. Middleton III, 60 Green Ave., Madison, N. J.; Robert P. Stout, Irving Poster, Harold Schagrin, Jacques W. Bloch, Charles Lewis, and, as a guest, Dave Price, national president. Frankel is president of the Metropolitan chapter, and Middleton was named as Secretary.

The committee made plans for contacting all men of the 106th in New York City, Long Island, northern New Jersey, and Westchester and Rockland Counties of New York. Chapter dues were set at one dollar for the first year, with tentative plans for a pre-convention rally and for an annual December 16 dinner.

Arrangements made by the committee will be presented to the members from New York at the first chapter meeting, at which time the entire membership of the chapter will decide on dues and program activities.

The meeting was held at the quarters of Capt. and Mrs. Burkes, in the 7th Div compound. Mrs. Burkes and Mrs. Bradley served a delicious buffet supper; we read through several issues of the CUB; refought the Bulge on an operations map (much more pleasant that way!); and had a very good time swapping recollections, more than half-way around the world from where we were in '44.

There are a number of other ex-106th men in the Far East Command, both in Korea and in Japan, but travel conditions are so difficult here during the winter that we did not attempt to get everybody together at this time.

All those present join me in wishing for continued success in all activities of the 106th Inf Div Association, and for a Happy New Year to our friends and former comrades.

JOSEPH G. MATTHEWS, JR.
Lt. Col. Inf.

To promote chapter organization, the committee and the national Association plan to send the April issue of the CUB to all residents in the territory served by this chapter.

CONVENTION HELP WANTED

Our 1948 convention can succeed only if lots of men pitch in on odd jobs before and at the convention. Help offers will be gratefully received at national headquarters by Dave Price and Ken Perry.

National headquarters will appreciate contributions to the Memorial Fund—the Association's most worthy cause.

DUES FOR 1948-49

Three dollars a year dues, including CUB subscription, will become payable on May 1 for the Association's fiscal year July 1 1948 to June 30 1949.