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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has become SOP that the President provide some remarks for each issue of the CUB. For my first efforts, I would like to emphasize that, although its composition changes, our Association is, in effect, a hard core of dedicated members who for 20 years have had the interest and energy to perpetuate the memory of the 106th Division's actions. Unusual opportunities have been provided for communication, contacts and reunions among many thousands of veterans and their families. As the years pass and our accomplishments are further evaluated, every soldier who served with our units should feel increasing pride in membership.

The presidency is an honor which I deeply appreciate. If merited at all, it is certainly less by past work than by seniority. The officers and directors of the 106th Division Association have provided a high quality of leadership. In particular, Dick De Heer as CUB Editor and Sherrod Collins as Adjutant and Treasurer, are continuing in positions that are hard jobs, requiring a great deal of time. I hope that we all appreciate how much work is involved,

and those who are doing a "Lion's Share" of it!

Every convention chairman has made great contributions. Jim and Maydean Wells, our "Professional Hosts," put on another fine affair at Augusta and even turned in a sizable profit for future use. Russell Enlow, who will mastermind the Indianapolis Reunion in 1966, went to work on it even before he got home from Augusta. We will have much to say about it in coming issues and I hope high attendance will mark another milestone in the series of fine reunions.

Also, don't fail to help initiate or attend one of the dinners and reunions that local groups will be putting on, around the time of the Bulge Anniversary.

Joe Matthews

MINUTES BUSINESS MEETING JULY 31, 1965 AUGUSTA TOWN HOUSE

President McMahan opened the general business meeting at 2 o'clock with a large and enthusiastic group present.

The minutes of the last business meeting were read and approved. Gen. McMahan introduced those who were attending for the first time and all of them responded briefly.

The Adjutant gave his report followed by the treasurer's report. It was noted that membership had increased by about 50 over the year before and that the treasury remained in good condition showing a slight increase in cash position.

Memorial Chairman Doug Coffey gave his report, outlining his activities at St. Vith, mentioning again the good Dr. DeLaval, who has been and continues to be our advocate in that area.

The Adjutant and the Reunion Sponsor, Jim Wells, read several communications sent from 106'ers who were unable to be present but who were interested and wished success for the meetings.

The President at this time expressed

for himself and the membership deep regret at the loss of long-time participating members Ben Hagman and John Beals. It was noted that a former member of C-81st Engineers, Dave Evans, had also passed away during the year.

The Chairmen of the various committees reported as follows:

Jim Hatch for the Cub Editor Committee reported that Dick DeHeer had graciously agreed to remain in that capacity for another year.

Tom Bickford for the Nominating Committee has proposed the following persons as Directors: Jack Bryant, John Shaloub, Phil Schutte, John Loveless, Jim Wells, Alan Jones, Jim Hatch, Bob Scranton, Clayton Rarick, Tom Bickford, Bob Pierce, Lou Rossi, Dick DeHeer, Leo McMahon, Sherod Collins, Joe Matthews, Doug Coffey, Father Day, Pete House, Bob Shaw, Russell Enlow. These men were unanimously elected.

John Loveless for the Resolutions Committee proposed the following: Appreciation to Jim and Maydean Wells, who were our convention hosts; the Commanding General at Ft. Gordon for providing the memorial service color guard; "K" Loveless, pianist for the memorial service; the outgoing officers, directors, and committees; the Management of the host hotel; the Augusta Chronicle for news coverage of the convention; sympathy to the families of Ben Hagman and John Beals and acknowledgment of their faithful service to the Association. The Chairman moved to accept the report of the committee and his recommendation was accepted.

The site of the 1966 reunion was now brought up and a spirited discussion followed. President McMahon stated that in the absence of any other information, he had asked a Detroit group to undertake the next reunion and that this group had plans underway. At this point the idea of holding the meeting at Indianapolis, the site of the first reunion and our adopted "home" came up

again. The sentiment of the group went in this direction, and at length Jim Wells made the motion to return to Indianapolis with J. Russell Enlow acting as sponsor. This was seconded by Lou Rossi and carried.

Under old business, the publication of the DeLaval book which was being translated during the last convention was asked about. It was reported that there had been difficulty in securing a publisher, the 101st Division at Bastogne currently getting most of the attention and publicity.

Under new business, Doug Coffey brought up the idea of memorial grants, suggesting a book grant or school grant of some sort, mentioning in this connection the memorial fund established in John Beals' name by Carol Beals. After discussion, Jim Wells made a motion to allocate \$50.00 to be used at the School Patronne at St. Vith, Belgium, same to be administered by the Director of the school, and to be used worthily as determined by him. Jack Middleton seconded the motion. This was amended by Jim Hatch to set up the program for two years at \$50.00 per year, accepted by Wells and passed. The motion stipulated that the grants were to be known as the John Beals Scholarship Grant.

There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting.

NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY TO COMMEMORATE ON DEC. 11

The 106th Infantry Division Association in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area will commemorate the 21st Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, with a dinner at the Neptune Inn, Route 4, Paramus, N. J., on Saturday, December 11, 1965, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For reservations or information, contact Joseph M. Lukowiak, 249 Dorchester Road, River Edge, New Jersey, 07661; Telephone 201 - 265-0177. (For the out-of-towners, this is next door to the one you were in last year.)

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 19th ANNUAL CONVENTION

- BE IT RESOLVED That the Association extend its deep appreciation to Jim Wells, its 1965 Convention Chairman, and his wife, Maydean, for their whole-hearted and arduous work in promoting and executing a well-arranged and interesting Convention.
- BE IT RESOLVED That the Association convey its thanks and appreciation to the Commanding General, Fort Gordon, Georgia, for providing the Color Guard for the Memorial Service held 1 August 1965.
- BE IT RESOLVED That the Association express its appreciation to "K" Loveless for her contribution as pianist for the Memorial Service.
- BE IT RESOLVED That the Association extend its thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Officers, Directors and Committees for their work and accomplishments during the year 1964-1965.
- BE IT RESOLVED That the Association express its thanks and appreciation to the Management and Staff of the Augusta Town House Motor Inn for their cooperation and courtesies in helping to make the 19th Annual Convention an enjoyable one.
- WHEREAS, Ben Hagman was a loyal member, Director and former President of the 106th Infantry Division Association, Inc., and
- WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called him from this earthly home,
- BE IT RESOLVED That the Association acknowledge its indebtedness for the work done for it by Ben, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Association, in Convention assembled, convey to Mrs. Hagman and her son its sincere sympathy in their loss.
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- BE IT RESOLVED That the Association express its thanks and appreciation to the Management and Staff of the Augusta Chronicle for the good coverage and publicity given to the Association and the 19th Annual Convention.

Richard De Heer
19 Hopkins Street
Hillsdale, New Jersey

Dear Dick:

Just a line Dick to say Hello! And that we have chosen the Hotel in Indianapolis to hold our Reunion in 1966.

The Continental Hotel is just two blocks north of the Circle on Meridian Street and just across the street from the Indiana War Memorial Plaza.

I am sending you a copy of the letter from Harold L. Cosby, Catering Manager for the Continental. Also I, am sending Joe Matthews a copy.

I'll write you again soon concerning this matter. I hope this hotel meets with everyone's approval. Mr. Cosby has promised to work with us in every way possible to make our 20th Anniversary a memorable one.

Respectfully,
J. Russell Enlow
Taswell, Indiana 47175

ANNUAL REUNION OF SERVICE BTRY., 592nd F.A. BN.

As is their custom on the Sunday before Labor Day, members of Service Btry. 592nd F.A. Bn. assembled for their 11th annual reunion at Hershey Park, Hershey, Pa., Sept. 5.

The guest of honor was the National Vice-President of the 106th Inf. Div. Assn., Louis P. Rossi H 424, of North Bergen, N. J. As it happened, Vice President Rossi, his wife Linda, and two sons, Steve and Billy, were first on the scene. They had driven up on Saturday and stayed at a motel in nearby Palmyra. They were closely followed by Tom Dorosky, wife Alice and daughter Kathy from Shavertown, Pa., and Emil Solecki, wife Ethel and daughters Judy and Leonora from Sparta, N. J. Tom and Emil were among those who started this annual reunion.

Tom Dorosky and Alice are probably the first grandparents in the Btry. His son, Tom Jr., is the father of a boy and a girl. Tom Jr., who served with Army helicopters in Viet Nam, was wounded in action. He has recovered and returned to the United States. Alice Dorosky, their daughter was married to Stephen P. Macieko on May 1, 1965.

Tom and Mary Fox, son Larry and a friend were present from Greencastle, Pa., where Tom is the Buick dealer. On Aug. 22 their daughter, Jane, married Russell Everetts. Judy, daughter of Emil and Ethel Solecki, on December 26 will marry Walter Kroboth of Caracas, Venezuela.

Other battery members in attendance were Frank and Theresa Maloney and daughter, Joan Marie, from Philadelphia; Charlie and Charlene Schoch and son, Dennis, from Route 1, Oak Harbor, Ohio. Charlie is in charge of the commissary at Camp Perry, Ohio, where the national matches are held; Jim and Violet Malesky of Greensburg, Pa., and son, Jim Jr., who is in the USAF at Tindal A. F. Base, Panama City, Fla. Guests of the Maleskys were Don and

Mary Sager, Bellefonte, Pa., and Charlie and Daisy Walsh of Haddonfield, N. J. The group missed Adrian and Reed Trail. Adrian is Daisy's sister, and they usually accompanied the Walsh family.

Guests of the Battery present were: Bill Dorosky, wife Mineyo, and three children from Letterkenny Arsenal, Chambersburg, Pa. He is Tom's brother. Also Henry and Eunice Broth, I 422, daughter Rita Kay, son Ralph, niece Toby Katz, and Susan Kramer of Baltimore, Md. (Ralph and Susan attend the University of Maryland); John Loveless, Hq. 422, wife Kay, daughters Kay 2, Althea, and guest Ray Kemp from Baltimore Md.; Clayt Rarick, L 424, wife Mabel and daughter, of Blandon, Pa.; Leo McMahan, Divarty, wife Wilda and stepdaughter Carol McNair, from Middletown, Pa. (They were accompanied by Graemer and Joan Hilton and four children from Lewistown, Pa. Graemer Hilton was Bn. Survey Sgt. in 869th F.A. Bn., 65th Divarty, which General McMahan commanded before transfer to the 106th Divarty. Mrs. Hilton is his niece.)

At the Service Btry. 592 FA. Bn. Reunion in Hershey, Clayt Rarick, L 424, was showing the group an article he had clipped from the Reading, Pa. Eagle of Sunday, Aug. 29, 1965. It was written by HUGH A. MILLIGAN, A.P. News Feature Writer, and told of his assignment as a student in August, 1945 to Biarritz U. S. Army University in Southern France, his experiences there, and his return visit this past summer, 20 years later. In a box accompanying the article he indicated he came to the university from the 106th Inf. Div.

The Ardennes, Battle of the Bulge

In their series of histories of the United States Army in World War II, the Office of Chief of Military History has just published the latest, and, to veterans of the 106th Infantry Division, the most important one. Its title is: *The Ardennes, Battle of the Bulge*, by Dr. Hugh M. Cole. It is 720 pages, illustrated, with maps and index and may be purchased from the Supt. of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for \$7.50.

DUES ARE DUE

Were you at Augusta? If you weren't, once again you missed a wonderful 106th time. We didn't have the usual crowd. I guess they were afraid of the heat of the South. It is a shame we lost so many of our usual faithful members; but like the 106th we picked up some new faces who more than filled the gap.

Did you ever notice at the Conventions that Tom Bickford always manages to be the first guy at the bar and entices first Dick DeHeer, then a few others, and finally the wives? To top it off, he is really smug—he orders a "Presbyterian." Sounds good, doesn't it?

Several of the gang went to visit Jim Wells' business establishment. Now they know what a carpetbagger is. Jim, you might remember, is a former Detroit boy, but he ran across a Georgia belle who threw a rope around his neck, explained the War between the States, and told him there was a lot of money in carpets. Jim, being a Yankee, disagreed with her and said carpets cover floors whereas asphalt covers roofs and he thought there was more money higher up, so he took up roofing. Now he's so high and doing so well he's trying to get his opposition to take some of the work off his hands. If that isn't success, I'll eat my hat. I shouldn't say that. According to the TV commercials there are a lot of people eating hats these days!

The men of the Convention really got to see themselves twenty years ago. Augusta is a GI town and on the weekend the GI's really took over and the antics were reminiscent of World War II days in Columbia and Indianapolis. If the shoe fits, wear it—it might pinch a bit, now that your wife knows what went on in the past.

On our tour of the Procter & Gamble plant we acted as normal as anyone in the 106th is supposed to act. Buses went the wrong way, buses broke down, the usual comics were aboard, but the tour left every one fascinated with

automation and went away a cleaner bunch. They gave us plenty of soap.

We had a real Donnybrook when it came to convention sites for the future. There was a time when we didn't know where we were going the next year. Now we have sites for the next five years. Through some unfortunate situations and misunderstandings, we will not go to Detroit next year as many thought we would. We will, however, be going to our home-away-from-home twenty years ago, Indianapolis. This is good; it should be fitting that we return to the spot where we started in twenty years ago. If the committee doesn't make this a real wing-ding we should run them out of the Association. You only have a twenty-year celebration once. Columbia has already asked for the twenty-fifth Anniversary of our being activated at Ft. Jackson, so plan now for 1968. Be nice if the committee could arrange for us to have a meal or a function of some sort right at Atterbury. Some say it will be closed, others contradict, but if there is a building standing when we return, we should take advantage of it and move in.

Then there are the personalities—have you ever seen a more active, aggressive, charming President and General than our Leo? He truly is a 106th Lion. No wonder Curly Joe Matthews had misgivings about being our new President. How do you follow McMahan? It's like little Doug Coffey trying to fill Big Tom Bickford's or Bob Scranton's shoes. I wonder if his lovely wife has anything to do with it??

Doug Coffey is eating his heart out! General Jones said unequivocally that if he had known Doug back in 1943, he would have made him a Colonel and put him in charge of PR. Poor Corporal Coffey, the only time he made Colonel was when they made a mistake in Europe and called him Colonel on the 10th Anniversary. Incidentally he saw his own Colonel, Colonel Lackey, the first time since they met in prison camp

many years ago. Colonel hasn't changed too much since then, except for the middle-age spread we all have acquired.

Speaking of middle-age spread, did you see Lou Rossi; surely he is expecting quintuplets! Lou, you better get down to fighting weight or Linda will once more become the boss of the family.

The surprise highlight was the appearance of the Hatches; Big Jim even bigger in spirit, Helen, and daughter Kathy.

Then there was Carol Beals, who came to the Convention despite the fact that she had lost her husband, John. Only she knows how difficult an ordeal it was, but it was wonderful to see her joining in the activities and her controlled emotion when it was announced that "the John Beals Scholarship" would be established at the College Patronne, the site of our Memorial in St. Vith, Belgium.

Then there are people who come to the Convention without clothes. It's tough to be poor, we all know, but we didn't think the time would come when we might face passing the hat to buy clothes for one of our well-off members. She said he left the wrong bag at home and he said she left the wrong bag. Nevertheless, the man is always right, Jean, so I guess you are the goat in this case. You looked very well in your flour sack that Jim Wells managed to get for you, and Phil looked good in bare feet. If you who are puzzled had come to the Convention you would know what this gibberish meant. I can't explain it too well because it's too fantastic to tell, but they must have been doing something right. They had more fun than anyone. We enjoyed their misery and can remember when the person poking fun got to a Convention without shoes because his wife forgot to pack them. Bought new shoes and darn near died from strangulation, they were so tight.

Our new Tricorn servant, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Sherod "call me

Tom" Collins has proven that if you give a man a job and he is a dyed-in-the-wool 106er, you get a job well done. Keep up the good work, Sherod!

It's amazing to see how some of our young folk have grown up; before we know it we'll have grandchildren at conventions. Wasn't it thoughtful and original of the young people to get together and buy a gift for President McMahon who celebrated his 39th birthday? By comparison, Carol Beals



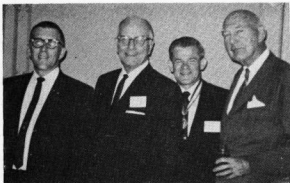
celebrated hers; if the General is 39, how old is Carol? 19? Oh, come now! We celebrated other birthdays and also wedding anniversaries. If any of the men can look and feel and do the things General McMahon can do at 39 they will indeed be something.

Start planning to make Indianapolis July 21 to 24. Then, when this column is written in 1966, you won't have to wonder what you missed. You will be a part of it. We'll even mention your name and needle you in one way or the other. It's all in good 106th fun.

Doug Coffey

VOICE FROM THE ARDENNES

On the table at the Convention were samples and order blanks for a book of poetry written by George C. Koch. Some of you may have skipped over them as there was so much else to occupy your time and thoughts. This is a reminder that if you care to order a copy, you may do so through Doug Coffey, Town Hall, West Orange, New Jersey 07052. I will then see that Mr. Koch sends a copy direct to you. The price is \$1.25 for a new printed version. There are twenty pages of poems about the Ardennes, etc. This is one book for your collection and reminiscence.



THE ARTILLERY—Pete House, Vaden Lackey, Doug Coffey, and Gen. McMahon.

Happy Memories of the 19th Annual Reunion in Augusta, Ga. 29 July to 1 August, 1965

THE HOSTS—This was the third successful reunion for which the Association is indebted to those genial hosts—Maydean and Jim Wells, 81st Engr. Bn. We were thinking how fortunate the members are that the Michigan Yankee, Jim, got captured by a Georgia peach, married and settled down to a successful business life in the Augusta-Hephzibah area. After enjoying this delightful meeting we regretted again that we had to miss the two previous reunions they had put on at Savannah, Georgia.

As is always the case, our hosts worked early and late doing everything—registering, acting as information centers, conducting bus tours and dispensing good cheer (after they had calculated from the funds taken in, that they could afford it). We must note at this point that, for the past ten or twelve years, in order to see Maydean at a reunion, it was necessary to come to Georgia. We anticipate that their successful business affairs can be so adjusted that we will see both their smiling faces at Indianapolis in 1966, and at succeeding conventions annually thereafter.

THE SITE—The Augusta Town House and Motor Inn was an ideal location, providing work and play facilities for old and young. It is right in the downtown retail business section, making shopping easy and readily available for the ladies. It is both a hotel and motel. The remodeled and modern hotel is connected by a viaduct across a street at the rear of the hotel, to the new Motor Inn. By driving up a ramp you can park your car in front of your room. The rear door of the room opens out on a patio containing the swimming pool. This was a fine recreation space for the younger set, including about 10 members under 12 years. They were somewhat crowded out of the pool on Saturday night with the influx of soldiers from Fort Gordon, many of whom stayed at the hotel. (The comment from our veterans was that in the 1940s

they could not afford to pay \$5 for a hotel room.)

The registration desk was set up in a very large lobby. The breakfasts, luncheon and banquet were served in a large dining room opening off this lobby. The Memorial Service on Sunday morning was held in an adjoining hall.

THE PROGRAM—The program provided something for everybody of all ages. The registration fee was \$20 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. For this you received 5 meals plus an evening of dancing and a splendid tour.



A happy innovation this year, which appeared to be approved by all, was serving all meals buffet style. This provided an informal atmosphere, which except for the Memorial Service, is a feature of our reunions. We should like to see it continued at future conventions.

On Thursday evening the Early Birds got together, as usual, with genial Jim presiding over the hospitality table.

Friday morning was given over to friendly reunions of small groups and shopping by the ladies. We were happy to greet Carol Beals, who came only at the urging of her many friends in the Association and who grieved with her in the loss of her husband, John D. Beals, Co. A, 422 Inf., who passed away in January. He was a loyal and devoted member and belonged to the board of directors. He and Carol had attended most of the reunions.

Friday afternoon at 1:20 p.m. we loaded into two buses in front of the hotel for a grand tour of Augusta and environs. Maydean Wells was tour guide in one bus and Jim Wells in the other. Just as the buses were about to depart, the group had another happy surprise. Up rolled the taxi from the airport and out stepped Jim Hatch, Div. Hq., from Minneapolis, Minn., with his lovely wife, Helen, and daughter, Kathy. They had attended the reunion at East Orange, N. J., in 1964. Afterwards Helen had undergone very serious surgery, and had made a slow recovery. Jim had written that they would be unable to attend another reunion until 1966. But Helen had made such progress in recent weeks and felt so good they decided to come.

Only the Wells and President McMahon had been advised. They boarded the second bus.

This was the most complete tour of any convention city we had ever experienced and the Wells family was well-equipped to tell us what we were seeing. We visited all the important historic, scenic, business and industrial areas and returned with considerable data on this fine southern city and its environs. We rode in Jim's bus and were impressed with his knowledge of the area. Vaden Lackey, 590 FA Bn., remarked: "I have lived in my city 60 years, but I don't know half as much about it as Jim does about Augusta after only 20 years." The tour included a trip through Fort Gordon, where Signal Corps and Military Police troops are trained. On the return trip we passed the site of old Fort Hancock, where the 28th Division of Penna. trained for World War I.

GEORGIA SPECIAL—The bus tour wound up at a restaurant on the outskirts of Augusta where we were served fried chicken or fried catfish and hush puppies, depending on what you ordered when you registered. We had the catfish and enjoyed them and the chicken eaters liked what they ate, too. After dinner we returned to the hotel in the buses.

Friday evening at 7 p.m. the board of directors met with President McMahon, Divarty, presiding. A nominating committee was appointed with Tom Bickford, Div. Hq., as chairman; a CUB committee, with Jim Hatch, Div. Hq., as chairman; and a resolutions committee, with John Loveless, 422 Inf., as chairman. Details of this meeting appear elsewhere in the CUB.

Saturday morning at 8:30 the gang assembled for a buffet breakfast in the French Room. At 10 a.m. the Association business meeting was held. Details appear elsewhere in the CUB. From 10 a.m. till noon the younger group enjoyed the swimming pool. At 12:30 the gang again assembled for a buffet lunch-



ISABEL checking with the desk to make sure there would be no more disturbances by fake "policemen."

eon. There was no special program but President McMahon polled the delegation to determine how many were present from each organization of the Division.

At 2 p.m. the new board of directors met, elected officers and transacted other business. This is reported elsewhere in the CUB.

Doug Coffey, Btry C, 590 FA Bn, memorial chairman, had obtained a copy of the film, "The Battle of St. Vith," produced at the Army Pictorial Center by Hunter Low, as part of the "Big Picture" series for the office of the Chief of Information, Department of the Army. This was shown to the whole assembled delegation, including the children. The film, with extracts from official film, showed the fighting of both the Americans and the Germans with comments by commanders of each side. It emphasized the importance of St. Vith as a road center; and how the failure to capture it in the first two days of their attack, due to the fighting of all elements of the 106th Division, derailed the German plans, and resulted eventually in the failure of their counter-offensive.

The close-in defense of St. Vith by elements of the Division was ably related by Colonel Tom Riggs, 81st Engr. Bn., now a group vice-president of the Textron Corporation, then the division engineer in command of the town's original defense until reinforced by CCB of 7th Armored Division. We liked his final comment: "After escaping from a German PW Camp and joining the Russians in the fighting, I asked to be returned to this fine Division." As we recall he did rejoin at the airfield at Rennes, France, where we were reorganizing the 422d. and 423d. Combat Teams. He is a longtime member of the Association.



ISABEL AND FLO BICKFORD—'case you don't know.

BAG LUNCH

by
AWJ

It was President McMahon's birthday. During an intermission in the film showing, a committee from the younger delegation consisting of Pete House and Kay Loveless (the 2nd) presented the President with a birthday gift—an outsize whistle. He read off the names on the card which, in addition to the two just named, included: Althea Loveless, "Artillery" Steve Jones, Tex Matthews, Billy Rossi, Steven Rossi, Rick DeHeer, Kurt von Orde; Bob Pierce, Jonathan Freed, Marie Rossi, Kathy Hatch, Don Padgett, Cas. Scranton, Vaden Lackey, RAYMOND (printed) Lackey (5), Charlotte Pierce, Karen Lou Scranton.

THE BANQUET—was served in the French Room at 7:30 p.m. preceded by a social hour. At the same time the younger delegation was enjoying a patio party. President McMahon introduced the newly elected President, Joe Matthews, 422 Inf. President Matthews introduced the new vice president, Lou Rossi, H. 424 Inf., and announced the re-election of Sherod Collins, Jr., Sv, 423 Inf., as treasurer and his re-appointment as adjutant. He also announced that Dick DeHeer, 424 Inf., had agreed to continue as editor of the CUB for another year. He said that Indianapolis, Indiana, had been selected for the 20th Reunion in 1966. It will be held a week earlier than usual from July 21-24.

THE DANCE—After the dinner the group adjourned next door to the Spanish Room where a five-piece orchestra provided music for dancing until midnight. Bill Smith of Columbia, S. C., a member of the Association, provided some entertainment by playing several selections on knives, forks and spoons. He also invited the Association to come to Columbia for the 1968 reunion.

The younger set came in from the patio and danced several of the modern dances. One of the grandmothers, inspired by the dancing of her grandson, took to the floor with Bill Smith and demonstrated that she could do the modern stuff, too.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE—The group assembled for breakfast in the French Room at 8:30. Then they adjourned to the Embassy Room for the memorial service at 9:30. The color guard was provided by the Commanding General of Fort Gordon. Our own chaplain, John Loveless, conducted a simple, devout and moving ceremony. Kay Loveless provided the piano music for the singing of the hymns.

THE REAR GUARD—After the memorial service most of the delegation departed for home stations. However, on Monday morning, Tom Bickford, DHQ, and Flo; Dick DeHeer, 424, with Marge and Ricky; Leo McMahon, Divarty, and Wilda assembled for breakfast in the hotel dining room before departure.

It is always pleasant attending our reunions, no matter where they may be held. We like to see our old friends, who never fail to find the few days necessary for travel, and to meet new ones of local origin. At Augusta this held true. It was another of our good conventions, arranged and managed by the always efficient Maydean and Jim Wells. What happens at gatherings of this type? Here are some of the things we saw and did, en route to and at the formation in Georgia.

Old US 1 has changed little in the past twenty years, but US 301 is rapidly becoming the beautiful Interstate 95. There are plenty of good motels along both routes but you better make reservations for the top-flight chains.

Rain, so badly needed in the north-eastern states, had all fallen on South Carolina and Georgia, resulting in a lush, green countryside.

Certainly the Augusta Town House was everything Jim said it would be and it did "dispense old-fashioned Southern Hospitality" without restraint. We liked it there.

At the dinner dance on Saturday night it was actively proved that it is not only the kids who can do the agile watusi or frug, or whatever the "in" acrobatics were during the last week in July.

The annual business meeting was most effectively handled by our President in his inimitable manner. Problems were decided and anyone who desired was allowed to (as they say in the US Senate) take the floor and educate other members in the adoption of matters pertaining to the welfare of the People and in the National Interest.

The proposed location of the 1966 reunion at Indianapolis seems a good place to meet, twenty years after our first reunion, which was held there. And the idea of Promoter Bill Smith for a

possible later one at Columbia had appeal.

Late on Friday night of the Convention we decided to give a party in our rooms, and asked everyone we could locate. Unfortunately, we missed a number of people and we are sorry. Next year, God willing, we shall try again and will insure that no one is missed.

We failed to appear for the Saturday luncheon because we were duped, deceived, tricked and even fooled, as any country boy might be by a slicker. It all started with a mysterious telephone call by someone who stated that he had a very valuable article which he thought the Division Association should have, and that he would give it to us if we would meet him in the hotel lobby at 12:30. He refused to tell what the object was, only that he would present it then. We happened to mention the call to Doug, and after talking it over decided that it might just possibly be the "Chaine du Roi" of the St. Sebastian-St. Rock Brotherhood dating from 1670, which had been stolen from St. Vith in 1944. Doug has spent a great deal of time and effort attempting to find the medal, and we did not intend to lose an opportunity to recover it. This character arrived about an hour late, accompanied by a photographer with equipment, prepared to have his picture taken. No valuable article, no picture.

All of the first-timers at the Convention seemed to have a good time. This was because so many of the old members went out of their way to make the new ones feel at home. It has not always happened so in the past, but it did this year because of the interest of our President. Undoubtedly we shall get repeat attendance by many of these people, which is certainly simpler and more economical than beating the bushes for new talent. In fact, everyone we saw had a good time. Our boys had so much to do, and stayed up so late that they slept all the way home.

BEN HAGMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Doug Coffey is personally setting up the Ben Hagman Scholarship at the College Patronne, St. Vith, Belgium.

As Ben has been a loyal member of the 106th, a fellow Artilleryman, a wonderful husband and father, and a friend to all in the 106th, Doug feels his memory can thus be honored by us. Details will be worked out with the College as to what form it will take.

ATTENDANCE AT 19th REUNION

The Augusta Town House was the scene of many good times during the reunion and the following people helped to keep things hopping: Mr. and Mrs. L. Rossi and 3 children; Gen. Leo T. McMahon and the Mrs.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Bickford; Mr. and Mrs. P. Schutte (without their suitcase); Mr. and Mrs. R. De Heer and 2 young men; Mr. and Mrs. R. Scranton and 2 children; Mr. and Mrs. D. Coffey; Gen. and Mrs. A. Jones and 2 young men; Mr. and Mrs. H. Shaw; Mr. and Mrs. R. Peirce and 2 of their children; Clayton Rarick; Jack Middleton; Carol Beals. Also Mr. and Mrs. Pete House and 1 boy; Mr. and Mrs. J. Early; Mr. and Mrs. V. Lackey and 2 children; Col. and Mrs. J. Matthews and Bruce; Mr. and Mrs. John Loveless and 2 daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burnham; Russell Enlow; Mr. and Mrs. H. Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hatch and Kathy; Mr. and Mrs. C. Padgett and 1 handsome boy (I hope that's right); Mr. and Mrs. R. Burkee; Mr. and Mrs. Sherod Collins; Mr. and Mrs. W. Alexander; Mr. and Mrs. R. Tominson; Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. T. Thompson; Col. and Mrs. K. Facey; Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas and 2 children; Arthur and Carolyn Baber; Maydeen and Jim Wells. (Total of 83 persons)

FINANCIAL . . .

Disbursements	
Augusta Town House	\$ 827.28
Southeastern Stages (2 buses)	82.40
T's Drive-Inn Restaurant	105.68
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Band—Sat. Nite	40.00
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Refreshments (liquor)	26.95
Tip—Willie	7.00
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

5609 15th Ave., So.
Minneapolis, 55417
Sept. 20, 1965

Dear Dick:

The Hatch family (after their unexpected trip to the Augusta reunion, arrived home safely with Helen having weathered the trip in fine fashion. She tires easily and is careful not to over-do, but is back in the harness getting meals, making beds and taking care of her family. It's great to have her an active part of the family again after a long winter and spring.

The reunion was a great success. Such a friendly group we have developed. I hope that in years to come more 106 members will join in the fun and fellowship which so successfully entertains all members of the families.

We are especially grateful to the group at this year's reunion for their sincere interest in Helen's recovery. The scores of folk who went out of their way to offer encouragement contributed much to her morale and I know now that she is better off for having made the trip.

Wasn't Carol Beals a brick, though? She not only attended but took an active part in all events. Though she never asked for sympathy you could discern the depth of her feelings in the few words of response she made to General McMahon's acknowledgement of her very generous gift to the Memorial Fund in John's name. I hope that she

will continue to attend our reunions. I feel that we have not properly acknowledged the great loss we have suffered in the death of Ben Hagman. Ben was not only a member of long standing but, no matter where the reunion was held, if he and Juanita were there, he was sort of second host. Their rooms seemed to always be full of 106ers. Ben hosted a very fine reunion in Fort Worth in 1961 and was a most effective president of the Association in '61 and '62. We should probably recognize his service to the Association with a cover picture or a comprehensive write up.

Sincerely, Jim Hatch

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2549 Pickwick Road
Baltimore, Md. 21207
21 August 1965

Dear Dick:

We had a most enjoyable post-Convention trip. From Augusta we went to Stone Mountain and Atlanta, Ga., St. Augustine, Fla., Wilmington, New Bern and Edenton, N. C., Richmond, Va., sight-seeing in those cities and places nearby. We visited for an hour and a half with a cousin of mine (whom I had never seen) at his home near Atlanta. We had a fine time at Marineland, Fla. Some years ago, during boat trips to Florida and Bermuda, I had seen porpoises from the ships but never so close as at Marineland.

We arrived home late on Tuesday, Sept. 10, fifteen days after starting out for Augusta, and then took off on Friday, the 13th, for a three-day visit with my parents at their home some 65 miles from Baltimore. Getting up the next morning at 6:15 was a problem, but I have survived the week. We are looking forward now to the get-together of the Artillery at Hershey, Pa., on the Sunday before Labor Day. Though an infantryman, I and K and the girls have been invited guests for a number of years.

K and the girls join me in best wishes to you, Marge and Rickey.

Sincerely, John T. Loveless, Jr.

IN THE CLUB

Fifteen years ago —

The Association finished the 1949-50 year with about \$1150 in the bank plus \$1125 in the Memorial Fund. Paid memberships dropped to 860 from 1,080 the previous year. Expense for printing and postage increased about 20% last year.

On 16 July the Battle of the Bulge Memorial was dedicated at Mardasson Hill near Bastogne. It is in the shape of a five-pointed star, each point 102 feet long. Names of the principal American units, including the 106th, stand out in letters of bronze.

The 1950 convention was tops. There was a Thursday afternoon tour of the Ford Motor Company, a Thursday evening moonlight cruise, a Friday afternoon trip to Dearborn Village, a dance Friday evening, the Memorial service and the business meeting on Saturday, and a dinner dance on Saturday evening. There was more going on than every one could keep up with. Ed Luzzie was selected as the new president.

Ten years ago —

The ninth annual convention was held in Detroit for the second time in five years. Doug Coffey was selected as president and appointed John Gallagher to serve with him as co-editor of the CUB. Bov Kelly will continue to serve as the treasurer and Austin Byrd, Jr., as adjutant. The Detroit group is moving all records of the Association from Albany, New York to Detroit and faces the monumental task of sorting the records. Atlantic City was selected for the 1956 convention with Chicago (tentatively) for 1957 and somewhere in Georgia for 1958.

Lt. Col. Joe Matthews has returned from three years in Korea and Japan and is now in the 3rd Army IG Section, Fort McPherson, Georgia.

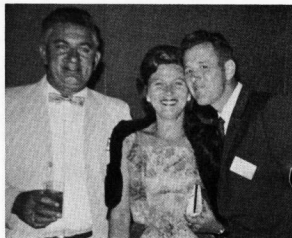
Bob Stout is back at the job of attorney for New York Life Insurance Company and hopes to retire in five years.

Five years ago —

Adjutant Dick DeHeer reports ended the year with 239 paying members. The treasurer's report shows a net profit for the year of \$399.20. The Memorial at Saint Vith has been completed structurally, and the membership voted the sum of up to \$200 to be used for providing a suitable plaque and landscaping.

Jim Hatch was selected to be the new president at the Savannah convention and Anna Matthews was reelected president of the Auxiliary.

Shortly after returning home from the convention, President Jim Hatch suffered a slight heart attack. He is now back at his business as usual.



WANTED: HISTORY

The director of a museum in Lessines, Belgium, is interested in getting a short history of the 106th on the battlefield in Europe. I personally do not have any extra copies of the paperback history nor of St. Vith, Lion in the Way, so I wonder if anyone who has an extra copy could send it to me so that I may forward it to the museum. I have already sent them a 106th patch, for which they were very grateful. I am sending copy of this to Sherod, our Historian, to see if he can comply.

Doug Coffey

THE BIG PICTURE

Don't forget, Doug Coffey wants to have your comments on your personal views of the film which was shown at the Convention.

We don't want flattery, we want the truth. Only with the truth can we go further to make the 106th what it should be.

WHAT WE HEAR . . .

Geo. Kaufman, of Springfield, Ohio, wishes the 106th the best of everything for the coming year. "I think the fellows are doing a fine job with the CUB. I am employed at the Fink & Heine Meat Co. as a meat salesman and have been there for the past 5 years. I do hope you all had a fine get-together. Sorry I couldn't get there, but it was not possible to get off at that time. I do hope more members sign up."

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Harry Butler lives in Winchester, Va., and is a fruit broker and exporter. He wishes he would see someone from the 106th.

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Byrne A. Bowman's son, an attorney, is an enlisted man in the finance section of an Army Headquarters in Europe.

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Walter Bandurak of Greensburg, Pa., is married, no children. Greensburg is located approximately 30 miles directly east of Pittsburgh on Route 30. "Joined the Pennsylvania Department of Health in 1955 (civil service position) and presently am the supervising sanitarian in this county of 352,000 population, with a staff of six (6) state sanitarians. Have recently learned that William Dennis, Combat Aid Man, who served with us and was attached to Company 'C', 81st Engineers (Captain Wells' Company) during the Battle of the Bulge, died of a heart attack sometime in 1957 in his home town in Illinois. Leo Kreuser, Milwaukee, Wis., furnished me this information during my visit with him."

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From Forrest Hemming: "I enjoy getting the CUB and the news in it. I am sorry I didn't get my dues in sooner, but I guess better late than never. I am still living in Columbus, Ohio, and still setting type for the Hiss Stamp Co., which makes rubber stamps and rubber dies. Sorry I didn't get to make the

convention and hope everyone had a good time and a pleasant reunion."

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Russell Enlow has been busy. At his invitation Lonnie Roden of Cullman, Ala., has joined the Association. Lonnie works for Standard Oil Co. Also has a small farm where he raises ponies, some of which he shows at fairs. He and his wife, Ruby, have two children, a boy and girl. The boy was named after his Commander, James L. Calarkson, who was killed in action Dec. 19, 1944. Lonnie will try to make Indianapolis in 1966. Here's hoping!

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Ed. note (you can see someone has been busy): Pat O'Rourke and Betty spent their honeymoon at the 1957 Convention in Savannah, Ga. "Had a ball. Now we have little O'Rourkes—Cathy, 7; Patricia, 5; Kerry 3; and Pat, Jr., 2. Two are red heads. Our time is well taken up, at least until the kids get older. I am enclosing \$25 to take care of Betty and my dues and the rest for the Memorial Fund." Pat and Betty send their best to every one. (Wait till they learn this is the easy stage; eh—(Bob and Lou).

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Father Boyle has a new church in Northlake, Ill. The church is outstanding in its contemporary construction. "Our parish comprises 2300 families. There are 1200 children in our school."

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Rinard Davis of Kansas City, Mo.: "Oldest son, Tom, started in first grade this year. Leaving two home to help mother with the work."

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Rollin L. Twining of Binghamton, N. Y. is a senior partner in a law firm. Both his daughters married in the last 12 months.

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Lester Le Compte, Jr., of Pompano Beach, Fla., is a division sales manager for Sherman Laboratories; pharmaceuticals. Area of responsibility includes the southeast.

Carol and Don Kersteiner had a late start, but now they have two children, Beth, 5½; and Steve, 3½.

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21 September 1965

My Dear Dick:

I was so very sorry to miss this year's get-together at Augusta. I know what a great show the Wells always put on. Mother's health is again not at all good, and in addition we were expecting a visit from my uncle at about that time. As it happened, that did not materialize.

I certainly hope to be with you next year in Indianapolis (and I certainly hope nothing happens to that convention—we don't seem to have been getting much publicity about it).

I hope all is well with you and Marge. Once again, many thanks for all the jobs you are doing for all the rest of us.

Sincerely,
Wayne

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9 September 1965

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing copy of Reunion Report, and are real pleased with the final results. Guess we could have been a little more flossy but the Division can use the extra to good advantage.

In all fairness part of this was possible due to the band being composed of Brother Elks and the excellent cooperation of the Augusta Town House.

Sherod, in the event Jim gave you Harris Fant's check, you can consider the five dollars for the memorial fund, and if Harris writes you and tells you Jim cashed his check for the hotel, could be. Anyway, Harris mailed us a check and we don't have it. But is included in the amount enclosed.

Sorry we are so darn draggy tail getting this to you but us been busy and you know who finally typed it up in its clearcut form. Ha.

We surely did enjoy having the Reunion again and have had some mighty nice letters from those attending which were deeply appreciated.

We (both of us) will see you all in Indianapolis in '66, if not before.

Sincerely,
Jim & Maydean Wells

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Of the ten definitions of the word "war" in my dictionary, two appear to be the most important: first, conflict carried on by force of arms; and second, active hostility or contention; conflict contest.

A score of years ago, we hoped in our hearts and prayed with our lips that war, which throughout the history of mankind never had solved permanently any of the world's problems, could and would be banished from the face of the earth.

Yet today, a scant generation later, our eyes and ears still are assailed with the acts and the results of wars. The problems remain.

The conflicts in Viet Nam, in Santo Domingo, in Kashmir, by whatever names they may be called, are illustrative of the first definition. The War against Poverty, the War against Crime, the War against Obscenity, the War against Ignorance, are illustrative of the second.

Unfortunately, it seems that the fruits of many of these contests are slow to mature and are bitter and ill-formed instead of sweet and shapely.

Perhaps the designation of those contests embraced in our second definition as wars tends to obscure the purposes sought to be obtained. I suggest that the idea of "co-operation" be substituted for "war." This simple change may encourage the use of ideas and actions based on the dignity and brotherhood of man rather than on force and dictatorial powers to overcome the many ills prevalent throughout the world today.

"Depart from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it." —Psalms 34:14

John T. Loveless, Jr.