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Cpt. Charles S. Peyser (far right) "B" Co., 424th Combat Infantry Regiment greets one of his Privates, newly elected Association President Edward A. Prewett. Other 424/B men to Prewett's right are 1st Sgt. Roger Rutland, 1993 Reunion Chairman and Corporal Major Hill, the Captain's runner (see article page 28)

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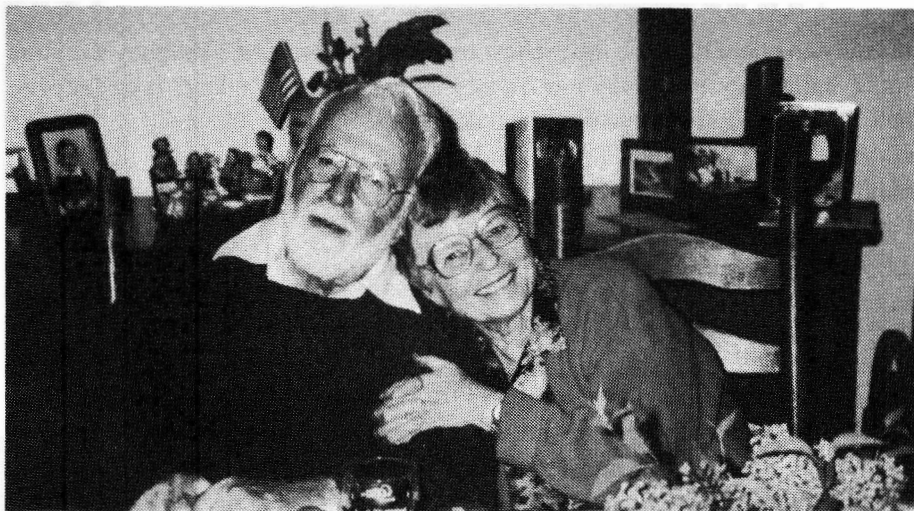
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Edward A. Prewett – 106th Infantry Division Association President – 1993-1994
“B” Company, 424th Combat Infantry Regiment
with Reddie, his wife and social director

Reddie and I had a great time at the reunion. Those of you unable to attend missed one of the best. Roger and Mattie Rutland and their committee did a bang-up job. We may have started as a reunion of veterans, but our wives have become a vital part of our organization. Reddie knows more people than I, and is better known. Our wives are already planning our trip to Rapid City and Orlando. Those of you who are reluctant to come to a reunion, please come and bring your wife. She'll bring you from then on.

I am pleased that Tom Riggs was chosen to follow me and represent our Association in 1994 on the 50th Anniversary of the *Battle of the Bulge*. We could ask for no better representative. Richard Rigatti, my right arm on the “Long Range Planning Committee,” will assume the roll of Second Vice-President. Jack Sulser, Past-President has agreed to represent the Association on the 50th Anniversary World War II Commemorative Committee in Washington.

The men, who really make the Association work smoothly, Rutledge, Kline, Collins, Helwig and Black, have all agreed to carry on. John Robb will continue to “Chair” the Memorial Committee along with the help of Dick Peterson and O. Paul Merz. Jerry Eisenman will “Chair” the Scholarship Committee with the help of John Gregory and Frank Nausin. Major Hill as Chairman, John Swett and Mike Thome will handle the Nominating Committee. Dale Carver will “Chair” the Resolutions Committee at the next reunion, with the help of Gordon Pinney and William Malone. Richard Rigatti will act a “Chair” for the Long Range Planning Committee, with the help of Richard Peterson, Sherod Collins, Roger Rutland and Jim Wells.

Art VanMoorlehem, Chairman of the 1994 Reunion in Rapid City South Dakota has the assistance of Gordon B. Pinney and Bob Calhoon for that event. The Orlando, Florida Committee is preparing our 1995 Reunion. We will welcome proposals for the 1996 Reunion during the business meeting at Rapid City, South Dakota in 1994. Talk it up and come prepared with a proposal. (continued next page)

Introducing our 1993 - 1994 President (continued)...

It is truly an honor to be named as your leader and I took advantage of that opportunity. Although I have the highest regard for my former Company Commander, Captain Charles Peyser and my former 1st Sergeant, Roger Rutland, it was my duty, to all the Privates in the 106th, to bust them during the final banquet and ceremonies at the Columbia, South Carolina Reunion. During my term of office they will be known as Sergeant Peyser and Private First-Class Rutland. Mattie Rutland and Gerry Peyser, were both promoted to the rank of First-Sergeant and will keep them in tow.

Looking forward to a great year, Reddie and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Edward Prewett

Summary: Edward A. Prewett 39128411, (see *A Letter Home* page 58-67 in *The CUB Passes in Review*) was transferred from 9th Service Command, Military Police to the 106th Infantry Division in June 1944. Assigned to "B" Company, 424th Infantry Regiment, as a rifleman.

At the time of the initial German attack, December 16, 1944, Ed was First Scout in his squad of 12 men. Suddenly, he was acting squad leader of the three survivors.

After the battle at Coulee, he was evacuated to a field hospital with frozen feet. By the time he rejoined the company there had been many replacements with lots of rank.

Rotated home in August, presumably enroute to the Pacific Theatre, the bomb was dropped and the *Frederick Victory* entered New York Harbor, the big celebration on, as the war with Japan had ended.

It was only after retirement that Ed was able to attend his first reunion - Savannah in 1984. Since that time he has attended all but one. Ed helped organize the Sacramento, California Reunion in 1990. He stepped in to "Chair" the reunion, when President Michael Thome was hospitalized on the first morning of the event.

At the prodding of Sherod Collins, our treasurer, Ed helped organize the Northern California "December 16th Commemoration get-to-gether" in 1986. This group has met, faithfully every year since.

Ed's Association history:

- Elected to the Board of Directors 1990 (Sacramento)
- Served on the Resolutions Committee 1990-91
- Chaired the Nominating Committee 1991-92 (Huntsville)
- Elected as 1st Vice-President 1992-93 (Pittsburgh)
- Chaired the Long Range Planning Committee 1992-93
- Elected President for the 1993-94 fiscal year. (Columbia)

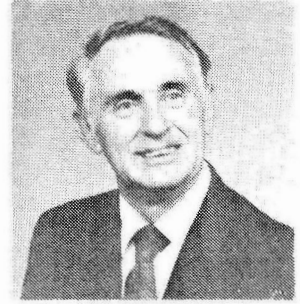
He says, "I may be the first Private to ever assume command of this Division."

As you can tell from Ed's "President's Message," he and Reddie are really a team. They have traveled to Europe several times and were close friends of Dr. Maurice DELAVAL and his family (Belgium). DELAVAL was a strong supporter and friend of the 106th (see articles on DELAVAL on pages 339-343 in *The CUB Passes in Review*).

**In those days Israel had no king;
everyone did as he saw fit.”**

The above is the closing verse of the Book of Judges. It speaks of a time in the history of the nation of Israel when it had turned away from God as its king and still had no earthly king to lead it. This time was not something unexpected by God, he had foretold it long ago.

In Deuteronomy 31:15-18 God is talking with Moses prior to Moses coming to the end of his time on earth:



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Then the Lord appeared at the Tent in a pillar of cloud, and the cloud stood over the entrance to the Tent. And the Lord said to Moses: “You are going to rest with your fathers, and these people will soon prostitute themselves to the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will forsake me and break the covenant I made with them. On that day I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and difficulties will come upon them, and on that day they will ask, ‘Have not these disasters come upon us because our God is not with us? And I will certainly hide my face on that day because of all their wickedness in turning to other gods.

Many of the powers that be in these United States of America have seen fit to turn away from the directions which our founding fathers started for us. No longer may we have prayer in our schools and discipline has long since ceased to be enforced because we don't want to interfere with anyone's Civil Rights. Now we wonder why guns are carried to school and arguments are settled with bullets instead of fists.

Many of the things which we thought we were fighting to preserve for our Nation are no longer considered to be important or proper. While it is true that we still have government —of sorts— in this country, we have very nearly come to the point where many feel it is their right to do as he or she sees fit.

Maybe as we come to Thanksgiving and our December 16th Remembrances, you and I need to look at the pathway which this Nation is following. Many of the things which we took for granted in the 1940s seem to have disappeared in the 1990s.

Father God forgive us for turning to our own ways and forsaking Yours. May we as individuals and a Nation seek again your directions for the living of our lives.

From our Past-President, Jack A. Sulser ...

I wish to thank all the Board of Directors and all committee persons that assisted me during my year as president of the 106th Infantry Division Association. As I said in the August 1993 CUB - The year has really flown. I was particularly pleased to see the large turn-out at the Columbia, S.C. 47th Annual Reunion. 787 people attended of which 425 were former members of the 106th Infantry Division or as members of attached units.

Considering the circumstances, of such a large crowd, I think that Roger Rutland and his committee did a great job for all of us. As volunteer workers who spend hours and hours of their time, I again wish to congratulate them for a job well done and hope that all in attendance would feel the same.

Jack A. Sulser President 1992-93

From the Board of Directors:

Let it be known that **JACK A. SULSER** presiding officer of the 106th Infantry Division Association, Inc. during this 50th Anniversary year, is commended for:

- The professional manner in which he performed his Presidential duties.
- His efforts in setting in motion efforts to establish and define long term goals for the organization. His part in resolving the St. Vith, Belgium Memorial issues.
- The credit he brought to the Division when he acted as keynote speaker for the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge ceremony which was conducted at the Arlington National Cemetery December 16, 1992
- His efforts in establishing our Association as a **COMMEMORATIVE COMMUNITY** with the Department of Defense, World War II Anniversary Committee.

Awarded at Columbia, South Carolina, this eleventh day of September, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Three

Edward A. Prewett, 1st Vice-President

The following resolutions were presented at the close of the 47th Annual Reunion.

RESOLUTIONS: On recommendations of the Resolutions Committee, chaired by Ed Young – the Board of Directors, on September 9, 1993, on behalf of the Association adopted the following resolutions.

The 106th Infantry Division Association expresses its deep appreciation to the following persons who contributed substantially to the success of the 47th Annual Reunion held at Columbia, South Carolina, September 9-12 1993.

- Roger and Mattie Rutland, reunion committee chairpersons, assisted by Howard and Luvelle Terrio.
- The General Manager of the Columbia Marriott, Joseph Rushstuhl and his staff, especially Melody Pleasant (room management), Mark Raepple (food service) and Mary Lou Cordray (reservationist).
- Major General Siegfried, Commanding Officer of Fort Jackson and his staff, especially Debbie Avery (public affairs), Command Sergeant Major Tabor (South Carolina National Guard).

We also thank God for the opportunity afforded us to celebrate 50 years together and to renew old friendships and cultivate new ones.

106th Infantry Division Association

Treasurer's Report

1992-93

INCOME

Member's Dues	9,760.00
Life Dues	4,725.00
Auxiliary Dues	649.00
CUB Review BOOKS Sold	1,665.50
Interest Earned	3,995.18
Return of Advance 46th	3,000.00
Surplus - 46th Reunion	565.01
Extra CUBs sold	47.50
Patches Sold	149.94
Postage, sale of patches	14.09
Labels Sold	88.00
Mutual Fund Gain	927.68
	<u>\$ 25,586.90</u>

EXPENSE

CUB Expense:	
Printing	8,148.26
Layout	1,380.00
Envelopes	512.16
Postage	1,904.82
47th Reunion Grant	11,945.69
Computer Repairs	3,000.00
Registration Fees- Officers (4)	629.10
Insurance-Liability/Bond	360.00
Terminate GA registration	617.00
Patches purchased	35.00
Books purchased	335.95
Bank Charge	3,113.00
Postage	20.33
Printing & Supplies	1,277.26
Telephone	535.13
	<u>247.50</u>
	<u>22,115.96</u>
Increase	<u>\$ 3,470.94</u>

FUNDS ACTIVITY

General Fund Recap

Brought Forward	\$ 65,898.60
Net Increase	3,470.94
FUND TOTALS	<u>\$ 69,369.54</u>

Memorial Fund Recap

Brought Forward	24,455.70
Contributions	2,195.96
Interest Earned	1,247.40
Mutual Fund Gain	285.29
TOTAL	<u>\$ 26,184.35</u>

Less:

Scholarships (4)	4,000.00
Atterbury Memorial	2,500.00
	<u>6,500.00</u>
Fund Total	<u>\$ 19,684.35</u>

Banks of Deposit

Wachovia Bank	5,291.82
Edw. D. Jones Co.,	83,762.07
	<u>\$ 89,053.89</u>

ESTIMATED LIFE DUES COLLECTED

Total Collected	34,125.00
Expended to-date	8,745.00
Remainder	<u>25,380.00</u>

CHANGES IN CASH POSITION

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>MEMORIAL FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
This Year	\$ 69,369.54,	\$ 19,684.35	\$ 89,053.89
Last Year	65,898.60	22,455.70	88,354.30
Decrease	\$ <u>3,470.94</u>	\$ <u>(2,771.35)</u>	\$ <u>699.59</u>

Adjutant's Report Fiscal Year 1992-1993

REGULAR MEMBERS

Renewals - Annual	1,007
LIFE - Continued	348
LIFE - Converted	45
New Members Annual	106
LIFE	26
Reinstated Members Annual	14
LIFE	3
TOTAL REGULAR	1,549

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Renewals - Annual	42
LIFE	13
New Members- Annual	16
LIFE	5
TOTAL ASSOCIATE	76

GRAND TOTAL MEMBERS 1,625

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Auxiliary Members Annual	218
Annual-New/Reinstated	27
LIFE - Continued	126
LIFE - New	21
TOTAL AUXILIARY	392

MEMORIAL FUND CONTRIBUTORS 102

Members discontinued	64
Membership Gains, Net	78
Auxiliary Membership (Loss)	46

Year	Memberships	Associate	TOTAL	Deaths	Auxiliary
92-93	1,549	70	1,625	39	392
91-92	1,487	60	1,547	25	438
90-91	1,443	48	1,491	37	435
89-90	1,417	41	1,458	32	505
88-89	1,128	39	1,167	12	348
87-88	928	30	950	20	359
86-87	745	20	765	12	300
85-86	641	16	655	7	239
84-85	555	13	568	9	195
83-84	481	19	500	9	160

Known Deaths (Reported during the Memorial Ceremony) — fiscal year 1992-1993

John Adams	422/D	Herbert Heidepriem	423/HQ	Thomas F. Scurry	424/HQ 3Bn
Gibbs Bailey	424/L	James W. Henning	423/HQ 3 Bn	Mike P. Serino	591/SV
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Perry R. Ellsworth	591/C	Rowland R. Ritts, Sr.	592/B	Carl E. Wohlfiel	591/HQ
Verner S. Gaggin	591/HQ	Russell E. Rountree	424/CN	S.D. Yenlin	422/F
Arnold Goldberg	331/HQ	Ernest Salazar	423/M		
Joseph M. Guigno, Sr.	423/A	Phillip F. Schutte	424/F		

Scholarship Committee Report ...

Jerry Eisenman, Scholarship Chairman reports the 1992-93 committee scholarship appointments. He was assisted by Frank S. Trautman and John Gregory.

One thousand dollars each to:

- ☒ **Sherri J. Jennings** -Tampa, Florida for Tulane University, New Orleans. Sherri was sponsored by her father, Vance Jennings.
- ☒ **Melissa J. Stafford** -Coal Valley, Illinois for Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas. Melissa was sponsored by her father Harlan I. Stafford.
- ☒ **Joel A. Helms** -Marietta, Georgia for Georgia Tech, Atlanta. Sponsored by his grandfather, Roger Rutland.

Five Hundred dollars each to:

- ☒ **Patrick M. Ring** -Madison, Wisconsin for Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota. Sponsored by his grandfather Jerome P. Miller.
- ☒ **Tiffany Hollingsworth** -BayMinette, Alabama for JamesA.Faulkner College, Bay Minnette. Sponsored by Douglas L. Stewart, grandfather.

IMPORTANT 1993 - 1994 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The scholarship committee, consisting of Jerry Eisenman, chairman; assisted by Frank Nausin and John Gregory, are requesting applications for scholarships to be given during the year 1994. Scholarships will be given to descendants of living and deceased members of the 106th Infantry Division. The following criteria exists:

Descendants have been defined, by the Board of Directors, to include:

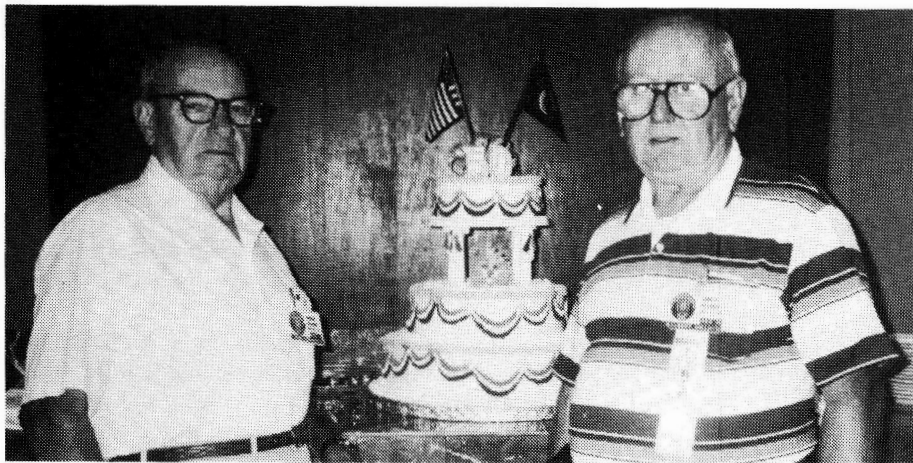
- ☒ Children and grandchildren
- ☒ Nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews
- ☒ Children, adopted or non-adopted, who are or were dependents of a member and who lived in the member's household as minors.

APPLICANTS must be nominated by a member of the Association or his widow if he was a member at death. Member's letters of nomination must state their relationship to the applicant. The Board of Directors, at the 1993 Annual meeting, authorized \$4,000 for scholarships for the year 1994. Awards shall be no more than \$1,000 or less than \$500 to each applicant chosen.

Any person interested in further information, or who wishes to sponsor an applicant should write to the:

Scholarship Committee
106th Infantry Division Association
Jerry Eisenman, Chairman
227 Buena Vista Avenue
Daly City, CA 94015-2120

Membership Chairman Report ...



L/R - John Hohenstein and Gil Helwig 423/M in front of the Golden Lion Anniversary Cake.

Helwig is the Association Membership Chairman and one of the recipients of the *ORDER of the GOLDEN LION* presented at the 47th Annual Reunion (see page 9)

Membership Committee Report:

by Gil Helwig, 423/, Membership Chairman

I submitted my annual report to the Board of Directors at the Columbia Reunion- showing nearly 100 letters being sent to prospective members for the fiscal year of 1992-93. The net result: a gain of 46 new members, 42 ANNUAL and 4 LIFE members

Since 1988 I have mailed over 2,100 letters and applications to generate a total of 406 new members for the Association. To do this I have used as a resource for prospects, the master roster for the American Ex-POW Association, and their monthly listing of new members from the BULLETIN. I have also had a roster available from the VBOB.

I wish to thank all of you Association members who have sent names and addresses of 106ers that you have come across. You have been very helpful.

I would like to particularly thank Lou Cunningham of the 106 RECON TROOP for his assistance, this last year, in bringing new members from the Troop, something of which I could not accomplish over the past years.

The Association has grown tremendously since the mid- '80's and more so in the past four years. It is important that we give those 106th Infantry Division men that have not had the opportunity to join, or who simply do not know that the Association exists, the opportunity to join. Please write me if you know any person that was associated with the Division. I will contact him, by mail, and solicit his membership. He can then enjoy the camaraderie of his buddies.

My address is:

Gil Helwig
2006 Ontario Rd, #55
Niles, Michigan 49120

Gil Helwig, 423/M



The 423rd
Regimental
Patch,
which was
never
officially
authorized
for wear.

Order of the Golden Lion awarded at the final banquet, 47th Annual Reunion, Columbia S.C ...

— Boyd A. Rutledge —

*Served during WW II in the 106th Infantry Division with D Company, 422nd Infantry
He has been a member of the 106th Infantry Division Association for over twelve
years and has attended local "Bulge" commemoration meetings during that time.*

*At the forty-second reunion at Roanoke, VA, September 1988 he was elected to the
Board of Directors and served for a period of three years.*

*At Roanoke he was appointed Adjutant of the Association and has served with great
dedication until the present time.*

*His attention to the demanding duties of the office and his cooperation with the other
officers of the Association have been a large factor in the smooth administration of a
growing organization. His records of the paid dues of the members and his recording of
the minutes of the official meetings are complete and most professional.*

*In grateful recognition of his long and faithful service to the Association, the Board
of Directors of the 106th Infantry Division Association awards him the*

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN LION OFFICER CLASS (OCGL)

*Done at Columbia, South Carolina this eleventh day of September in the year of our
Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Three.*

— Gilbert Helwig —

*Served during WW II in the 106th Infantry Division with M Company, 423rd Infantry
He joined the 106th Infantry Division Association in January 1987 and began
attending reunions.*

*In September 1988 he was elected to the Board of Directors and served for three
years. During this time he was a member of a small group who advocated the estab-
lishment of LIFE Memberships and who succeeded in persuading the Board to pass such
a resolution. In 1992 he was again elected to Board and continues to serve.*

*In the fall of 1987 he began on his own to solicit new members from various lists
which he was able to secure. His impact on the membership roster was substantial. After
serving as unofficial membership recruiter for four years he was officially appointed
chairman of the membership recruitment committee.*

*He has sent out over 2,000 letters and has secured, thereby, 422 new members for
the organization.*

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of Directors of the 106th Infantry Division Association awards him the*

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*Done at Columbia, South Carolina this eleventh day of September in the year of our
Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Three.*

(For complete description of this award, authorized in 1947, see page 331-337 of The CUB of the Golden Lion:
PASSES in REVIEW. — Note: reference to grade does not relate to rank or grade in service - only to the grade (status)
of the award of which there are three, Commander, Officer and Companion.)



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The way I recall it – some personal views on the 106th

Many of you probably share my respect for the writings of Charles B. MacDonald, author of "A Time For Trumpets."

He was an infantry company commander before he was 20 years old, serving in *The Bulge* and he went on to be deputy chief historian for the US Army. Charles encouraged me to write about my experiences with the 106th, when we were pen-pals around 1985, and advised me to send copies of my "*Trio*" and "*Hell on Earth*" to the Army's historical archives at Carlisle Barracks.

So, naturally enough, I consult "A Time For Trumpets" on occasions when I go to my typewriter to try to prove a point about "the Bulge" and, more specifically, the 106th.

Over the years I've been bugged on occasion, as some of you might have, by a lingering misconception that our outfit collectively hit the panic button on or

about Dec. 16, 1944. I was there, as we were, and do recall a lot of confusion when "all hell broke loose." But no one turned-tail, that I know of, and it appeared to me the 106th responded in commendable fashion with some well-documented heroic deeds.

MacDonald addressed this matter on Pages 618-19 of "*A Time For Trumpets*," noting that "a belief would long persist that when the Germans first struck, some American troops fled in disarray." One historian, in fact, alleged that "*during the early stages (of the battle) hundreds of American troops fled to the safety of the rear in sheer panic.*"

That statement was "patently false," MacDonald responded. Some individuals deserted, he admitted, "yet with the possible exception of the conglomerate group of infantrymen hurriedly thrown together from men in a rest center to hold Honsfeld against (Nazi) tanks no front-line American unit fled without a fight."

Except for "a few individuals" MacDonald went on, "the front-line American soldier stood his ground. Surprised, stunned, unbelieving, incredulous, not understanding what was hitting him, he nevertheless held fast until his commanders ordered withdrawal or until he was overwhelmed."

That's the way I recall it, nearly a half-century after the fact, with a memory I consider reasonably sharp. After all the years since "*the Bulge*" I still have vivid memories of many events. I don't recall seeing any cowards, but do remember some brave acts by guys in the 422nd. I think the fact that many, of us discarded our overcoats, gas masks and other stuff we considered a nuisance, may have caused some late-arrivals on the scene to think we'd panicked. It looked that way, I suppose, when what we left in the

Wes near the Siegfried Line was found early in 1945.

Another thing that bothers me, perhaps too much, is the difference of opinion about how well trained the 106th was. We had some rigid training under the hot Indiana sun in the summer of 1944, of course. But that fall, just before we left Camp Atterbury, our ranks were expanded with, in many cases, men without the benefit of infantry experience.

I can't recall anything that amounted to serious training the month we were in England. We saw some movies, spent part of a day on the firing range and took some hikes. That's all I can remember except for four days in London.

We had more unit training than a comparable bunch of infantry replacements. But in my opinion it is not correct to say the 106th was particularly well-trained, as some critics of our performance have done in recent years.

I surrendered when ordered to do so, and have no belated quibble with our commander's decision. But I do like to try to keep the record straight, as I see it, regarding our behavior in battle and in regard to how well I think our outfit was, or wasn't trained for battle.

I invite anyone disagreeing with me on training to consult Chapter 2 of Col. R. Ernest Dupuy's "*St. Vith, Lion In The Way.*" □

A visit from Andre HUBERT President of CRIBA - Belgium

from Edward Prewett

This last spring Reddie and I had the honor of a visit from Andre' HUBERT, President of CRIBA, at our home in Brentwood. Andre was on tour with others from Belgium enroute to Louisiana. First stop San Francisco. Why Louisiana, the Cajuns speak French.

About three years ago Andre made the same tour and we were able to take him to Muir Woods and Point Reyes. This time we took in Sausalito then east to Brentwood to show the farming delta. Back to Fisherman's Wharf for dinner.

Their time was short, only an afternoon. Andre brought sad news. Bernard, Dr. DELAVAL's and Jany's only son, died in March. He was buried beside his father and grandfather in Vielsalm. We had the privilege of knowing all of them, they were great men. Our hearts go out to Jany DELAVAL who was devoted to her husband and son.

In a letter after the visit Andre' HUBERT wrote, "*Our visit to the United States was short, but wonderful. The memories still fill our heads.*"

"We particularly enjoyed the visit with you and Reddie touring the part of California where you live and visiting your home. You allowed us to discover another part of California which would have otherwise been impossible and Dany discovered Sausalito.

"We also remember and are grateful for the delicious dinner at Fisherman's Wharf. Dany was very excited with the Cable Car.

"Jany DELAVAL was very moved by your letter. It is a bad time for her, but she has a sister who will come to Vielsalm to live, so she will not be alone." signed Andre HUBERT and family



l/r - Andre HUBERT, his daughter Danielle, Reddie and Edward Prewett in the Prewett Walnut Orchard



423/F l/r – Machine gun Squad Leader Jack Sulser (92-93 Association President); 2nd Platoon Sergeant Earl Schmude; Company Commander Cpt. Charles Zullig; 3rd Platoon Leader (then 2nd Lt., now retired Brig. Gen) Oliver Patton; Weapons Sergeant William Lacy. Schmude, Zullig and Lacy were at their first Division Association Reunion.



l/r - Jack Sulser, 423/F; Dr. Ralph Nelson, 422/Cannon and William Appier, 423/F.

Jack Sulser, 423/F writes, "After the Division Association Reunion I went to my 50th high school class reunion in Rock Island, Illinois. Three members of the Class of '43 wound up in the 106th Infantry Division (along with three others who had graduated earlier, including Bob Fox, who is an Association member), and the three of us got together at a restaurant which resulted in a article in the Rock Island *Argus* about our "reunion within a reunion."

I succeeded in recruiting Nelson to join the Assoc.

As you will see, most of this issue is devoted to the 47th Annual Reunion, with some of the official reports, pictures of some of the groups etc.

Speaking personally, from my experience, this was a great reunion. It probably was the one that we will all remember as "the largest" in the history of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

The reunion committee did a tremendous job. They were faced with the largest turn-out in history, 787 members, guests and wives.

Dec 16th Commeration Parties

Philadelphia area

12 December, Charles and Nancy Datte, 231 Davis Ave, Clifton Heights, 215-626-1866.

Mt. Vernon, IL

11 December, Holiday Inn, 5:p.m., Mikaluski, 306 Blake St. Box 31, Benton, IL 618-439-3867

Southern California

5 December, 1: p.m., Szechwan Chinese Restaurant, 11010 Paramount Blvd, Downey, CA, Milton Weiner, 6440 Knott Ave #41, Buena Park, CA 90621

Baton Rouge, La

16 December, Drussela Sea Food Herbert Crook, 9577 Southmoor Dr., Baton Rouge 70815-4350

16 Dec Parties held last year:

That's all the 1993 info I received, above, if I mis-placed a note, forgive me. Contact the following person. If they are not hosting this year, they will tell you who to contact.

Chicago,

Russell Villwock, 6908 West Higgins Chicago 60656 312-631-2027

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Please excuse me for making my appearance here, but I have to tell all of you who write to my "cat-father," the editor of *The CUB*, that he does not have a staff. He just has me, my name is Oliver, and an old hunting dog named Ginger (my cat-father doesn't hunt). Oh yes, there are three other cats.

Frankie is the newest addition, one year old, and he sort of took over my cat-mother, Margot. He says he is a pure -bred, but he sure don't look like it to me. He has the points of a Siamese, but he also has tufted ears, like a Coon Cat, and a white smudge on the left side of his face. Who ever heard of a Siamese with tufted ears and a white smudge on the face - I sure would like to know where his ancestors came from.

Also there is Sam, an eleven year-old Orange Tabby and Buggsy is a Burmese, cute little devil, but sleeps all day long.

I was appointed, by my cat-father, to be "Assistant Editor" in 1988. I bug him a lot when he is trying to concentrate on *The CUB*. I like to lay on his lap or get into the back of his warm sweater as he sits typing away night after night.

Well, I guess I better go now, my cat-father wants the computer. He is so frustrated today, says he has 26 piles of paper and a file drawer full of material and can't make up his mind what he needs to use.

He told me all about the great reunion you had in Columbia. Do you know of any Cat Reunions," if so, let me know.

Signed - OLIVER, Asst Editor

(continued from page 13)

Northern, California

Mike Thome, 916-481-3353

Detroit

Russell Mayotte, 9628 Cavelle St.,
Livonia, MI 48150

Reading, Penn.

John Gallagher, 4003 Francis St.
Temple, PA 19560, 215-929-2887

New Jersey

Carl Messina., 926 Seymour Ave.,
Linden, NJ 07036, 908-486-2927

Pittsburgh

Norma and George Vance, 283 Dutch
Lane, Pittsburgh, 15236, 412-653-1724

Phoenix

Emor Pretty, 1222 Paradise Village,
Phoenix 85032

Reunion Decorations for Sale

Roger Rutland, 1993 Reunion Chair-
man says that he has the following items
that he will ship to you at the listed prices,

Centerpieces consisting of 106th and
United States flags—— \$4.50 postpaid.

1994 Pocket calendars (they are neat
and attractive) —— \$2.75 postpaid

Those of you attending will remember
the above items — get em while they last.

TAPS

Carl Messina, 81st Engineers, keeps
wanting me to tell you all the words for the
music the bugler blows at TAPS.

Day is done, gone the sun, from the
lakes, from the hills, from the sky;

All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light dims the sky, and a star
gems the sky, gleaming bright, from afar
drawing nigh,

Falls the night.

To Mike Kurzeja, 423/H

Thanks for the photo copy of the
Christmas Eve railyard bombing at Lim-
burg. It makes you wonder how anybody
survived.

On the back of the photo-copy it says,
“This is a copy of a permanent display at
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton,
Ohio, in the World War II display.”

Anybody out there know how to get a
black & white photo print of this picture.
I would like one for the files I am building
on “Prisoner of War Experiences.”

Request for searches on missing persons.

I have received recently requests for-
warded to me by association members,
where they have received letters and pho-
tos from overseas, England and Europe,
asking that we advertise or advise them of
certain individuals that might have be-
the 106th.

These requests are of, or could be,
very sensitive material. We will in no way
be responsible for finding or identifying
any former United States soldier that
could be involved. There are too many
legal implications. If you receive a request
tell them to try the United States Missing
Person Bureau or local Consulate.

48th ANNUAL REUNION

RAPID CITY, South Dakota

Hosted by Arthur Van Moorlehem,
Arlington South Dakota.

Sept 3 - 6, 1994

1995 ANNUAL REUNION

49th Annual Reunion

Orlando, Florida

Lapel buttons, Bolos & T-Shirts

I still get requests for the place to get the above. I have only one address that I have placed in The CUB in some past issues. For those new members who have inquired, try the following:

Ken Barnes
10532 Lakespring Way
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Thanks for the Old CUBS

I was pleased to have received several of the old CUBs that Sherod and I were missing. We still have a few to go.

We have been collecting CUBs to build a set for the Carlisle Barracks Military Institute. I wish to thank the following and if I missed a name, please forgive me:

Alan W. Jones, Jr.
Adams Elliott
Gene Vance
Roland Martin
Bob Ringer
Waldo Pierce
Gilbert Fitzgerald
George Vance

and others over the years.

As of October 23rd, 1993 we need.

- 46-47 volume 3 no. 1 - 3
- 47-48 volume 4 no. 5
- 48-49 volume 5 no. 3
- 49-50 volume 6 no. 1
- 50-51 volume 7 no. 1 - 2 - 3
- 51-52 volume 8 no. 1 - 2 - 3
- 52-53 volume 9 no. 2
- 54-55 volume 11 no. 3
- 56-57 volume 13 no. 5
- 57-58 volume 14 no. 5
- 58-59 volume 15 no. 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
- 59-60 volume 16 no. 2 - 3
- 60-61 volume 17 no. 2
- 61-62 volume 18 no. 3 - 5
- 62-63 volume 19 no. 2 - 5
- 65-66 volume 22 no. 1

Department of the Army

U.S. Army Military History Institute
Carlisle Barracks
Carlisle, PA 17013-5008

The U.S. Army Military History Institute is conducting a major survey to acquire source material on the Second World War. We invite you to join our effort.

The Military History Institute is the Army's official central repository for historical material. Holding are over 236,000 books, 50,201 periodicals, 5,100,000 pieces of personal papers and 730,000 photographs on military history. This makes it the finest military library in the United States and one of the best in the world.

They are requesting that veterans record their recollections using an 18 page questionnaire.

If you have not yet received this questionnaire, feel free to write to the above address and ask for the **ARMY SERVICE EXPERIENCES QUESTIONNAIRE**.

Your recollections will live after you, if you record them now.

Stalags 9A, 9B & 9C Association

Pete House, 590th FAB, is a prime mover with the above Association. If you want to hear more about their annual reunions, which have been growing in attendance numbers tremendously, please write Pete at the following address.

Pete House
5662 Clifton Ave.
Jacksonville, Florida 32211-6902

He has passed along much information to The CUB, of which I can't seem to fit in at the right time. He will appreciate your interest, add you to his mailing list and keep you informed.

50th Anniversary Tours to Europe

The Adjutant, Treasurer and Editor have been receiving numerous pamphlets and brochures advertising special trips to Europe in 1994. Aside from those that we have received, there are many more if you inquire with your favorite travel agent.

The present collection here at the editor's desk would take up many pages of The CUB. Rather than show preferences in quantity of advertising I have elected to not display brochures advertising for these trips.

The Association itself is not sponsoring a trip. It also is not endorsing any certain travel agent. Where you go and who you use is your business. The placement of the following travel agencies or tour organizers does not warrant an endorsement by the 106th Infantry Division Association, Inc. Names and addresses are given for reference only. Write to your choice and ask for brochures and details.

MONROE C. DUKE

Organizer/Host Monroe C. Duke, 422/Cannon Company with travel arrangements by **Giselle's Travel Bureau**, Sacramento, California. For information:

Sept. 13-26 1994 14 days/12 nights

Giselle's Travel 1-800-782-5545

or Monroe Duke

916-483-7738

3137 Chelsea Road

Sacramento, CA 95864

Battlefield Tours, U.S.A. Inc.

A Charles B. MacDonald Commemorative December Dawn Tour.

December 8 - 18, 1993

If you want to see it in the same weather as 1944:

Call 1-800-635-5018

GALAXY TOURS

Many of you have toured with Douglas S. Coffey in past years.

He will be along on a Galaxy Tour to the Bulge area. Dates : Sept 15 - 23 1994

This tour is being advertised as a 106th Infantry Division Tour. Please note, our Association is not sponsoring a tour.

Contact Alison Dodge

1-800-523-7287

Galaxy Tours

PO Box 234

Wayne, PA 19087-0234

PUBLICATIONS

Turner Publications

PO Box 3101

Paducah Kentucky 42002-3101

(502) 443-0121 or 443-0128

Are accumulating information for a 50th Anniversary Battle of the Bulge history book (second edition). You may have seen the first edition. If you want to submit your information, contact them.

Ohio University Press

Seven Years Among Prisoners of War

by Chris Christiansen of Viborg, Denmark. To be published in English, spring of 1994. Already in Danish and German editions.

Clifford Doxsee, 423/HQ 3Bn, 1 Canterbury Dr., Athens, OH 45701 and his wife met Chris and his wife Inger over a decade ago. They hosted the Christiansens in their home in 1982 and then were hosted in the Christiansen's home in Viborg in '83 and '88. More about this book later.

Contact Sharon Arnold

Swallow Press

Scott Quadrangle

Athens, Ohio 45710

614-593-1155

Golden Lion Road

Chaplain, Ewell C. Black, Jr.

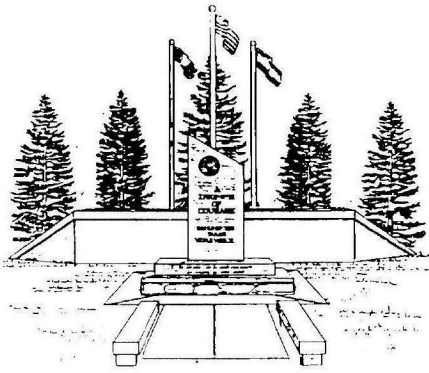
Did you see the “Golden Lion Road” when you visited Fort Jackson during the 1993 Reunion? Probably not.

Ewell recently wrote, prior to the 1993 reunion, “In all the years that I have been on the post at Fort Jackson, I have seen roads and streets named for Generals, Medal of Honor winners and Division, but never have I seen one named for the 106th Infantry Division.

“Thinking that I could get the job done, I contacted the authorities at Fort Jackson and found that there was, in fact, a “Golden Lion” road.

“Wishing to be better informed about it’s location I searched it out. The map showed it to be off of Leesburg Rd. This is an area at the Fort where the ranges are located. I found the road located in the area of the South Carolina National Guard and Marine Corps Training Sites.

Turning onto that road which said “Restricted” I drove about a half-mile and found the sign “Golden Lion Road.” It runs just about a mile and ends where an overgrown trail begins. Technically a part of Fort Jackson, it is not connected to the Post itself.”



**Delaware Valley Chapter
Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge**

Delaware Valley Chapter

Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge

Stanley Wojtusik, 422/G
9639 Wissinoming St.
Philadelphia, PA 19114
(215) 637-4191

Stanley Wojtusik, President of the Delaware Valley Chapter, VBOB, during the membership meeting at the 47th Annual Reunion, gave a short summary and a request for help in the way of financial support for the local memorial that his chapter is sponsoring.

The memorial will be located on the grounds of the renowned institution of learning - the Valley Forge Military Academy and College in Wayne, Pennsylvania, a scant three miles from Valley Forge National Park.

Plans are for two more identical monuments to be erected in Luxembourg and Belgium.

If you care to participate, or want more information, contact Stanley at the above address. If you are not a member of the National Association of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Stan can also send you an application for that national organization.

History Repeats itself ...

MAP SHOWING SCRAPS AND HIKES OF "E" CO.

314 ENGRS. 89TH DIVISION AMERICAN E. FORCES
FRANCE-BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG-GERMANY.

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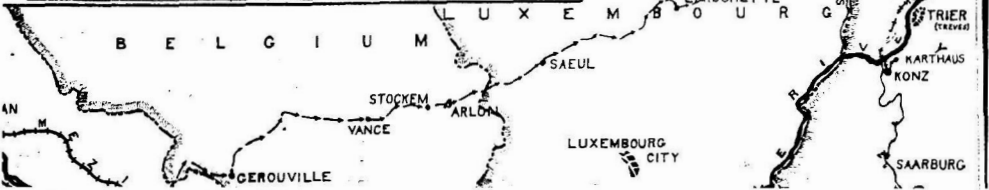
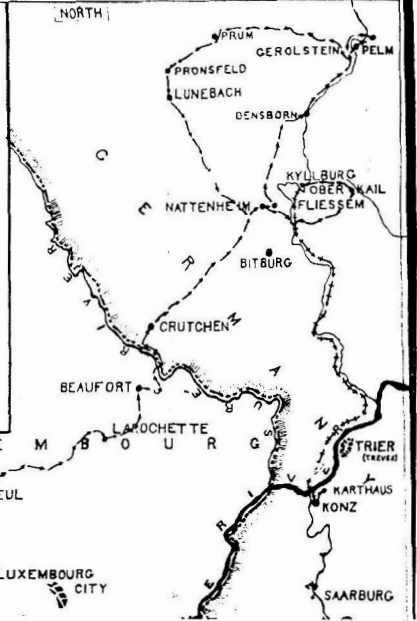
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- INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES
- TOWNS - CAMPS
- CITIES
- PORT/PIED AREA
- RAILROADS
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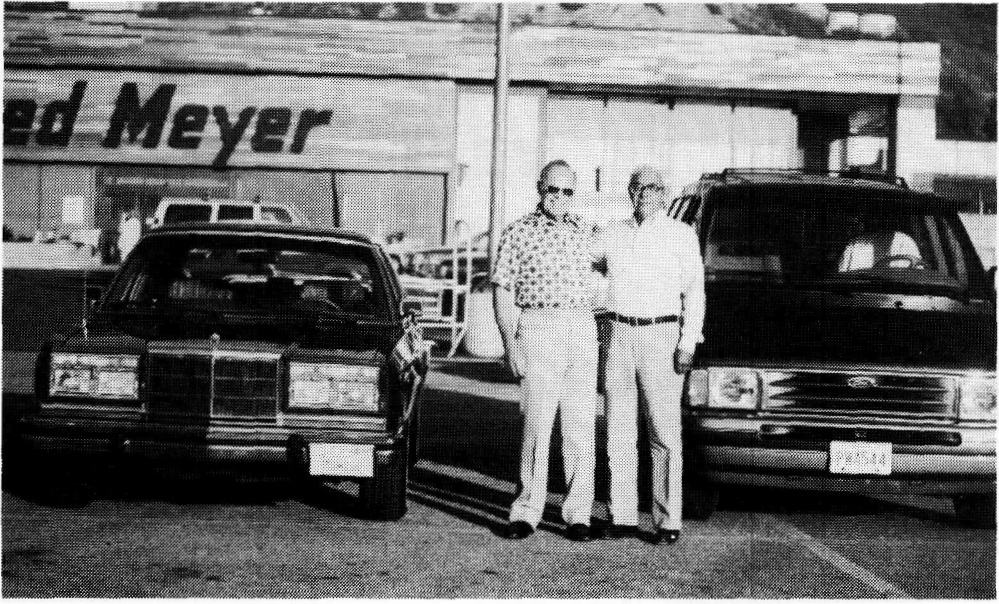
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PLAS CARPENTIER	JUN 12	JUN 28	BARRICOURT	NOV 3	NOV 5
LIVERPOOL ENG	JUN 21	JUN 28	BEAUCLAIR	NOV 5	DAILY
WINCHESTER	JUN 21	JUN 28	POUILLY	NOV 11	NOV 24
SOUTHAMPTON	JUN 24	JUN 28	GEROUVILLE	NOV 24	NOV 24
SAILLE ANTRIM	JUN 28	JUN 28	VANCE	NOV 25	NOV 29
CHERBOURG, FR.	JUN 29	JUN 28	STOCKEM	NOV 29	DEC 1
HUMBERVILLE	JULY 2	AUG 5	SAEUL	DEC 1	DEC 2
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MINORVILLE	AUG 5	SEPT 10	BEAUFORT	DEC 3	DEC 4
NOUVANT	SEPT 1	SEPT 11	CRUTCHEN	DEC 4	DEC 6
OVER THE TOP			PLESSEM	DEC 6	DEC 7
LIMEY SIDA N	SEPT 12	NOV 10	DENSBOERN	DEC 7	DEC 8
ANY DAMN HOLE	THRU	SEPT 12	GEROLSTEIN	DEC 8	DEC 9
THACOURT			PELM	DEC 9	DEC 14
BOUL LONVILLE	SEPT 10	DAILY	PRONSFELD	DEC 14	DEC 15
LEUZEIN	SEPT 12	OCT 6	LWENBACH	DEC 15	DEC 21
EUVILLE	OCT 7	OCT 9	NATTENHEIM	DEC 21	JAN 4
IN WOODS	OCT 10	OCT 10	OBBERKAIL	JAN 4	JAN 7
CAMP DE MEGON	OCT 10	OCT 10	KARTH HAUS	APR 7	APR 7
WINT' TRACON	OCT 10	OCT 11	WAMEICA	?	?

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TOTAL DISTANCE HIKED 452 MI. ON
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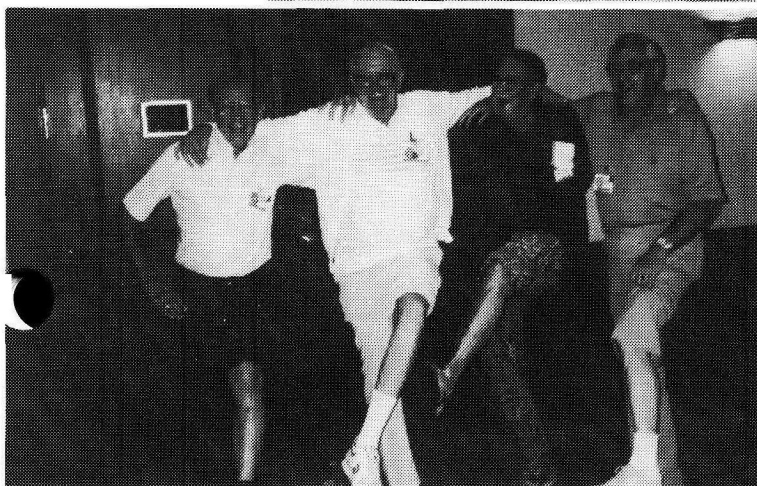
This map was taken from a publication of the 314th Engineers, 89th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, 1917-1918-1919. Frank Trautman's father was a Corporal in this unit. Notable is the route taken by the 1918 Corporal Trautman between Gerolstein and Prüm Germany. This route was traveled by Frank in 1944 as a prisoner. He stayed a night at Prüm on 19 December 1944, continued to Gerolstein where he and his 422/D buddies spent a night. Many were placed in box cars for the journey to Bad Orb, Stalag IV-B, destined to be bombed by The British on Christmas Eve outside Stalag XII-A, Limburg am Lahn.



Frank Trautman, 422/D (right) says, "While visiting sons in Salt Lake, Utah I contacted Wallace Butterfield, formerly of 423/C. I found this of interest since he is the only Association member who resides in Utah. We bunked near each other, as prisoners, on the floor of a combined chapel and morgue. He plans on attending the reunion at Rapid City.

CIRCA 1943
Fort Jackson
590/HQ

- l/r - 1. Unknown
2. Paul Boschert
3. Cliff Kincannon
4. Bob Powell
5. Mac MacKinsey
6. Bob Stlop



CIRCA 1992
590/HQ
l/r - Paul Boschert
Cliff Kincannon
Bob Powell
Bob Stlop

**50 years later
and still kicking**

A 1945 sketch of
John O. Riels
423/HQ 2Bn

Artist - Wes Henry

The location
Stalag 9-A
Ziegenhain, Germany.

This sketch was
made on the back
of a picture of
his wife Beth.

John is on the
Orlando Reunion
Committee
for the
49th Annual Reunion
1995



Total Membership – State Count 10/10/1993

ALABAMA	32	MAINE	14	RHODE ISLAND	12
ARIZONA	29	MARYLAND	45	SOUTH CAROLINA	31
ARKANSAS	12	MASSACHUSETTS	54	SOUTH DAKOTA	6
BELGIUM	4	MICHIGAN	68	TENNESSEE	44
CALIFORNIA	68	MINNESOTA	36	TEXAS	30
CANADA	1	MISSISSIPPI	15	UTAH	2
COLORADO	16	MISSOURI	30	VERMONT	7
CONNECTICUT	27	MONTANA	1	VIRGINIA	30
DELAWARE	6	NEBRASKA	7	WASHINGTON	13
DIST OF COL.	3	NEVADA	1	WEST VIRGINIA	14
FLORIDA	131	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5	WISCONSIN	83
FRANCE	1	NEW JERSEY	80	WYOMING	3
GEORGIA	45	NEW MEXICO	6	Grand Total 1586	
HAWAII	2	NEW YORK	87		
IDAHO	1	NORTH CAROLINA	31		
ILLINOIS	109	NOVA SCOTIA	1		
INDIANA	42	OHIO	75		
IOWA	19	OKLAHOMA	16		
KANSAS	15	OREGON	8		
KENTUCKY	16	PENNSYLVANIA	141		
LOUISIANA	10	PUERTO RICO	1		

47th Annual Reunion Attendance – State Count

ALABAMA	10	MISSOURI	6	WISCONSIN	18
ARIZONA	6	MONTANA	1	WYOMING	1
ARKANSAS	2	NEBRASKA	1	Grand Total 425	
CALIFORNIA	15	NEVADA	1		
COLORADO	1	NEW JERSEY	24		
CONNECTICUT	6	NEW MEXICO	1		
DELAWARE	4	NEW YORK	22		
FLORIDA	46	NORTH CAROLINA	11	SUMMER addresses were used in both examples on this page.	
GEORGIA	16	OHIO	19		
ILLINOIS	38	OKLAHOMA	3		
INDIANA	6	PENNSYLVANIA	39		
IOWA	6	RHODE ISLAND	2	John Kline, editor	
KANSAS	2	SOUTH CAROLINA	13		
KENTUCKY	5	SOUTH DAKOTA	1		
LOUISIANA	4	TENNESSEE	10		
MARYLAND	13	TEXAS	8		
MASSACHUSETTS	7	VERMONT	1		
MICHIGAN	27	VIRGINIA	10		
MINNESOTA	8	WASHINGTON	3		
MISSISSIPPI	4	WEST VIRGINIA	5		

Comparison of "How Many" from each Unit ...

DIV/HQ	2	423/HQ 2BN	2	589/HQ	4
106 MP	2	423/E	2	589/A	9
106 RECON	8	423/F	5	589/B	1
106 SIG	7	423/G	2		
331 MED/HQ	1	423/H	12	590/HQ	6
331 MED/A	1	423/HQ 3BN	3	590/A	8
331 MED/B	1	423/I	3	590/B	1
422/HQ	8	423/K	4	590/C	3
422/AT	3	423/L	1	590/MED	1
422/CN	4	423/M	12	591/HQ	7
422/SV	2	423/MED	10	591/B	2
422/HQ 1BN	3	424/HQ	3	591/C	5
422/A	1	424/AT	2	591/SV	10
422/C	2	424/CN	4	592/HQ	2
422/D	13	424/SV	3	592/A	5
422/HQ 2BN	3	424/HQ 1BN	3	592/B	1
422/F	5	424/A	2	592/C	3
422/G	6	424/B	14	592/MED	1
422/H	16	424/D	1	592/SV	2
422/HQ 3BN	2	424/HQ 2BN	2	ASSOCIATE	2
422/I	5	424/E	4	UNIT COUNT	
422/K	2	424/F	7	Div/HQ & units	19
422/L	1	424/G	4	422nd	92
422/M	12	424/H	7	423rd	123
422/MED	3	424/HQ 3BN	4	424th	80
422/UNIT?	1	424/I	3	81st Eng	34
423/HQ	19	424/K	4	589th FAB	14
423/AT	5	424/L	3	590th FAB	19
423/CN	5	424/M	7	591st FAB	24
423/SV	7	424/MED	3	592nd FAB	14
423/HQ 1BN	5	81st ENG/HQ	3	331 MED	3
423/A	3	81st ENG/A	12	TOTAL 106ers	425
423/B	6	81st ENG/B	9	Guests /Wives	362
423/C	5	81st ENG/C	9	Attached Medics counted with organic units	
423/D	12	81st ENG/MED	1	Grand Total	
		2833 ENG/C	1	787	

**106th Infantry Division Association
47th Annual Reunion -- September 9 - 12, 1993**

**TOTAL
ATTENDANCE**
including
**Members, Guests
and Wives**
- 787 -

**425 Division
Soldiers included in
TOTAL COUNT**

PLEASE NOTE !

Guests and Wives were not listed. This was for no "devious" reason. Collating information on guests and wives requires considerable time and effort, since they are all not members of the Association, and are not all on the master "computer list."

In addition to the 106th members, there were "Walk-ins" that did not register for the reunion.

They were welcome guests and enjoyed visiting with their fellow unit members, but did not participate in the on-going reunion activities.

If you know of a non-member, please invite him to join the Association.

If you are an Association member and were missed in this listing, please notify me and I will make corrections in the next CUB....

John Kline, editor

DIV/HQ

Farris, Fred J.
McCollum, Vollie L.

106 MP

Hanke, Arthur K.
Kortlang, Charles E.

106 RECON

Beltz, Richard H.
Booz, Kenneth S.
Cunningham, Louis E.
Fisher (USA Ret), Col Robert W.
Selje, Willis H.
Sweet, Dale A
Tower, William O.
Valvano, Frank

106 SIG

Childs, Dean F.
DiRenzo, Peter L.
Kernitzky, Lennie I.
Kups, Stanislaus
Middleton, III, Jack A.
Twardzik, Raymond J.
Villwock, Russell H.

331 MED/HQ

Krafchik, Joseph

331 MED/A

Wiggins, James W.

331 MED/B

Vandegrift, Kenneth W.

422/HQ

Barker, Thomas
Freedman, Henry E.
Hanna, Robert R.
Herring, Dr. Geo. W.
Matthews Jr., Col. Joe
Pilkington, Fred A.
Rutt, Robert E.
Schoonover, Lex

422/AT

Floyd, Johnnie B.
Pawluk, Walter S.
Vance, George T.

422/CN

Bowles, Ralph
Gaither, Jack L.
Lucas, William H.
Purcell, Thomas I.

422/SV

Merz, O. Paul
Moss, Chester R.

422/HQ 1BN

Harrington, Ralph A.
Thome, Michael
Wasylon, Paul J.

422/A

Black Jr., Rev. Ewell C.

422/C

Edwards, Carl E.
Massey, Joseph

422/D

Brankin, William J.
Chase, Fred B.
Eckblad, Wesley
Hilliard, Rev. Roy M.
Olecki, Edward J.
Robb, Dr. John G.
Rutledge, Boyd A.
Sanders, Joseph T.
Sandtviet, Arthur O.
Saucerman, Eugene L.
Walker, Robert F.
Williams, Lawrence R.
York, Robert E.

422/HQ 2BN

Lomonaco, John
Rickard, William
Sherman USA Ret, Col. Lee M.

422/F

Crook, H.D.
Henderson, Charley S.
Lawlor, Martin V.
Reynolds, James E.
Whitner, Donald R.

422/G

Boggs, Oliver B.
Chesney, Lonas L.
Eldridge, Robert D.
Ginther, Keith
Sheaner, Jr., Herbert M.
Wojtusik, Sr., Stanley

422/H

Albertson, Harry E.
Dorn, Edward W.
Fox, Robert J.
Ivy, William F.
Jenkins, William D.
Jones, William B.
Lata, Walter J.
Madsen Jr., Anders N.
Meagher, James
Paananen, Eugene E.
Phelan, William R.
Post, Lawrence W.
Rieck, Charles F.

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Smythe, Willis A.
Snovel, Robert I.
Turek, Casimer

422/HQ 3BN

Haas, Milton G.
Redmond, Dean T

422/I

Blaher, William S.
Falch, Carl
Kelch, Eugene B.
Patterson, Fletcher D.
Rydzinski, Edward

422/K

Boatright, Winford R.
Toy, Waid S.

422/L

Langham, Francis S.

422/M

Adolphson, Maynard
Bielski, Raymond J.
Hoff, Russell
Jensen, George
Kopatz, Alfred E.
Larson, Gilbert
Lichte, Joseph H.
Macon, Attilio A.
Meagher, Jr., Herbert F.
Stoehr, Martin G.
Tranchita, Paul A.
Van Wattering, Wilbur

422/MED

Dashner, Robert F.
Dean, Verner W.
Scalzo, Salvatore A.

422/UNIT?

Judy, Harry H.

423/HQ

Avery, Charles W.
Califf, Jr., John W.
Casenhiser, Robert D.
Davis Jr., Sam E.
Grimes, Robert
Hirst, Robert G.
Johnson, Jr., John C.
Jones, Robert K.
Long, Ivan
McClure, Clint
Nusbaum, Alfred S.
Prater, Marion (Doug)
Sartori, Charles
Sheehan, John P.
Shoffit, Alfred W.
Slaby, Ted
Starks, Richard D.

Tarantino, Joseph C.
Zicker, Gordon B.

423/AT

Ansel, Joseph J.
Kennedy, Glen N.
Kershner, Jesse O.
Murphy, John J.
Swartz, Harvey L.

423/CN

Collins, Virgil L.
Houston, William C.
Lewis, Edwin D.
Looney, James M.
Vaughn, Ray R.

423/SV

Collins, Sherod
DeFeo, Fred W.
Grasso, Salvatore V.
Mabry, John W.
Noon, Cletus E.
Starmack, John S.
Stewart, John T.

423/HQ 1BN

Bryan, Kenneth V.
Jones, Jr., Col. Alan W.
Malueg, Russell J.
Nietman, Lt Charles
Raby, Jr., Glynn G.

423/A

Ezell, John E.
Lane, William M.
Yanchik, Pete

423/B

Gilbert, Daniel W.
Malone, William
Pinney, Gordon B.
Ponza, Frank
Rigatti, Richard L.
Van Moorlehem, Arthur L.

423/C

Bladen, John A.
Goldberg, Ephraim
Halladay, Maurice A.
Rosalia, John
Wood, Vernon T.

423/D

Brogan, Leo J.
Browning, Roy
Burrell, James V.
Hoffmaster, Wendell M.
Hunter, David
Litvin, Joseph
Marsh, Robert H.
Williams, Fred

Yingst, William J.
Young, Damon F.
Youngblood, Charles E.
Zenn, Mike

423/HQ 2BN

Puett, Col. Joseph
Riels, John O.

423/E

Barnes, Ralph K.
Johannes, Walter E.

423/F

Lacy, Jr., William L.
Patton, B/Gen. Oliver B.
Schmude, Earl H.
Sulser, Jack A.
Zullig, Charles

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Forsyth, John L.
Kennedy, Brown L.

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Basel, Theodore
Bennett, Robert F.
Bottcher, Reme D.
Diehl, Lloyd J.
Johnston, Ray A.
Kurzeja, Michael
Lawson, William J.
Petersen, Walter A.
Pretty, Emor C.
Smith, Kenneth M.
Swett, John A.
Trost, Paul M.L.

423/HQ 3BN

Eisenman, Jerome
Hinkle, Raymond A.
Weiss, Newton W.

423/I

Bloomington, George
Peterson, Richard W.
Terrio, Howard J.

423/K

Biancamano, Domenic P.
Capshaw, Clifton
DePoyster, Fred
Grivetti, Louis G.

423/L

Broussard, Fred J.

423/M

Cooper, Louis M.
Edelman, Louis
Grantham, Gordon
Hay, Reuben

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Hohenstein, John J.
Kline, Dr. Robert E.
Kline, John P.
Kotlarich, Paul
LoCurcio, Jr, Vincent
Venegoni, Vincent J.
Walker, Jr., Neff

423/MED

Costa, Antone
Costa, Lawrence B.
Hunt, Kenneth
Jarlock, Edward S.
Johnson, Newton
Kocks, William R.
McCarron, Donald J.
Piazza, Louis R.
Ritchie, Richard R.
Tomas, Dr. Ralph

424/HQ

Burkes, Robert A.
Gremillion, Sr., Jack
Maloney, Joseph P.

424/AT

Cooper, James A.
Trueman, Dr. Duncan T.

424/CN

Clower, Robert G.
Henry, Patrick F.
LeClair, William J.
Libman, Oliver E.

424/SV

Carter, Tiller E.
Chezmar, John P.
Rao, Charles T.

424/HQ 1BN

Bratton, Harold K.
Kucholick, Stanley J.
Odom, Joseph C.

424/A

Ayers, Paul C.
Mansfield, Jr., Horace E.

424/B

Arnold, Norman W.
Call, George
Crosby, Lloyd R.
Croucher, Norbert
Hill, Major H.
Kelly, George S.
Passariello, Louis J.
Peysler, Charles S.
Prewett, Edward A.
Ruth, Clarence J.
Rutland, Roger M.

Streib, Marshall P.
Varnadore, C.V.
Vitali, Alfred L.

424/D

Landis, Robert J.

424/HQ 2BN

Howell, Robert F.
Kersteiner, Don W.

424/E

Britton, Benjamin B.
Fitzgerald, Gilbert M.
Kloberdanz, George D.
Mato, Andrew J.

424/F

Carawan, Chris
Huminski, Edwin C.
Lord, Malcolm E.
Mayotte, Russell J.
Oxford, Paul G.
Schober, Milton J.
Swonger, John W.

424/G

Daugherty, William R.
Geib, George
Rediger, Delbert G.
Wyatt, Van S.

424/H

Armington, Donald R.
Bailey, Harold M.
Brown, Robert G.
Collier, Sr., James E.
Murray Jr., George
Russin, Peter
Walden, Lawrence

424/HQ 3BN

Beale, Sidney H.
Berwick, Lee
Carver, Dale R.
Shipley, William F.

424/I

Martin, Roland
Maynard, Curtis P.
Smith, Lawrence W.

424/K

Caplan, Bert
Johnson, John H.
Rowan, William K.
Velasquez, Armando

424/L

Coss, Sr., Kenneth L.
Deisher, Curtis G.
Lada, Theodore

424/M

Bagby, Howard O.
Dodge, William L.
Hiers, James L.
Mueller, William H.
Pell, Sidney
Puskarich, Charles H.
Rabb, Raymond A.

424/MED

Bengel, Jr., Charles A.
Brooks, Douglas
Manfredi, John

81st ENG/HQ

Prokorym, Casimir T
Riggs, Col. Thomas J.
Stevenson, Robert L.

81st ENG/A

Agostini, Orfeo E.
Bright, Charles
Collins, John P.
Fisher, Leland R.
Fitzgerald, Robert P.
Harmon, Harold
Lacey, Dave
McDevitt, John F.
Messina, Carl
Praznik, Louis
Sheets, Roy
Turner, Cebert V.

81st ENG/B

Frye, Norwood A.
Hanson, Robert J.
Krezminski, Edward S.
Nagle, Edward J.
Nichols, John
Ricci, Armondo A.
Tetzlaff, James E.
Valenstein, Col Earle L.
Wojahn, Edward C.

81st ENG/C

Carr, Fred A.
Fava, Roy
Hartzell, Bert E.
Hayden, Henry V.
Hinrichs, Don M.
Isaksen, Stanley J.
Lewis, Perry T.
Sziber, Frank V.
Wells, James E.

81st ENG/MED

Kultzow, John

2833 ENG/C

DeChiara, Joseph A.

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589/HQ

Bell, Roger W.
Donaldson, Walter W.
Scott, Earl A.
Thurlow, John W.

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Alford, Barney M.
Gatens, John
Humphrey, Donald B.
Jacelon, Charles F.
Roy, Charles J.
Schaffner, John R.
Snyder, Walter M.
Streeter, William R.
Wenslow, Marshall B.

589/B

Kuizema, Harold

590/HQ

Boschert, Paul
Kincannon, Clifford E.
Morrissey, James C.
Powell, Robert A.
Stolp, Robert R.
Woodward, Jack

590/A

■ I, E. V.
Gunvalson, Russell L.
Hicks, Harry
Hinson, Sr., Arthur E.
House, Pete
Kingery, Hugh H.
Peros, George

Young, Edward E.

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Skardon, Alvin W.

590/C

Coffey, Douglas S.
Dahl, Floyd R.
Wittenberg, Henry C.

590/MED

Pina, George R.

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Booda, Jr., Charles K.
Bookheimer, Merrill E.
Ephraim, Harry M.
LaSanska, Donald P.
Panice, Raymond H.
Swier, Ted
Williams, Oliver G.

591/B

Rasmussen, Delbert
Stauff, John H.

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Bowers, Walter H.
Gross, Joseph
Hempel, Robert E.
Slykhouse Jr., George J.
White Jr., E.C.

591/SV

Bradfield, Kenneth
Clarke, Walter C.
Corrigan Jr., Charles K.

Datte, Charles T.
English, Daniel F.
Frank, Florian R.
Howard, John W.
Mosley, Newton L.
Ringer, Robert C.
Samples, L. Orvis

592/HQ

Elliott, Adams E.
Lauman, Clarence (Pete)

592/A

Boesch, Robert C.
Breuker, Albert
Flehart, William P.
Hartman, Willard G.
Minor, Irvin G.

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Raleigh, Milburn R.

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Ortwine, Harold W.
Roberts, John M.
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Clark, Dr. James I.

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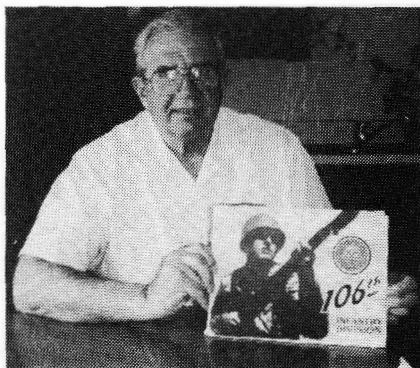
Matthews, Robert F.
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Edward Wojahn, 81st Eng, "B" Co.

1553 West Young Dr.

Onalaska, WI 54650

Ed, has been a prime mover in the 106th movement in the state of Wisconsin. He has had articles printed in the LaCrosse Newspaper on at least two occasions. This picture appeared in a recent half page article. The results show in the new membership lists, and the efforts of his searches show in the number of men from his unit that belong to the Association (24), nine of them attended the 1993 Reunion.



Quoting a very small part, "*Edward Wojahn, spends quite a bit of time trying to contact members of his old unit from WW II. As a Sergeant in the 106th Inf. Div, Ed was in charge of building a three floor platform at Fort Jackson in 1943 that was used to practice "ABANDON SHIP."* Ed is State Commander of the Ax-POW's Chapter in Wisconsin, and served a term on the 106th Infantry Division Association's Board. (There was much more, thanks Ed.. editor)

An "After-Reunion" Report from the Hosts ...



Roger and Mattie Rutland at Fort Jackson. Hosts of the 106th Infantry Division Association's 47th Annual Reunion held at the Marriott Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina September 9 - 12, 1991

Dear friends,

Now that the 47th Annual Reunion is over, Mattie and I just about recovered. It took a lot of work to bring the program together for such a large turnout. In the end it was a lot of fun and was well worth the effort that our committee went through to keep things going and on track. There were 787 members, wives and guests. Approximately 120 of these were first-time attenders of any reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association. We believe returning to Columbia and Fort Jackson for the 50th Anniversary of the activation of the 106th Infantry Division had a lot to do with the large turnout. Many people that talked to us said that they had not been back to Fort Jackson since they left there in 1944.

We had many compliments from the personnel at the Marriott Hotel. They felt honored to have hosted such a friendly and cooperative group as the 106th Infantry Division Association. The young men and women, soldiers, who acted as guides on our Fort Jackson tour buses, thought we were a fine group of "OLD TIMERS."

Mattie, myself and Howard and Luvelle Terrio wish to thank all of you for the understanding and cooperation you gave us.

After corresponding and talking by telephone with many of you, I had hoped to meet more of you personally. Unfortunately the time went too fast. It was a pleasure for Mattie and me to host this reunion. I know that we will have more time to meet friends and visit in Rapid City, S.D. during the 48th Annual Reunion in 1994. Hope to see you all there.

By DONALD SPARKS,
Fort Jackson Leader Staff
Dateline - September 16, 1993

Staring at the old wooden barracks which was once their home, the men reminisce of the early morning wake up calls. Their eyes, once filled with desire and intensity, are now heavy and swollen with tears. The memories of Fort Jackson are not forgotten.

Nearly 750 soldiers and spouses from the 106th Infantry Division, known as the Golden Lion Division, were "bussed" to the Fort during their 50th Anniversary Reunion at Columbia.

The division was activated on Fort Jackson March 15, 1943 to prepare for World War II. During basic training, they were put to the real field test. The unit underwent strenuous training consisting of rough terrain, forced marches, night movements and river crossings.

Upon completion of their training at Fort Jackson, the unit went to Tennessee Maneuvers in January 1944 and later to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. In October 1944, the unit moved to Massachusetts for overseas processing.

After arriving in Germany to relieve the 2nd Infantry Division, they found that they were assigned to a quiet sector.

Col. Tom Riggs, who was the commander of the 81st Engineers, remembered the inprocessing briefing well.

"They jokingly welcomed us to the country club of infantry lines," Riggs said letting out a laugh. "This will be the quietest place you'll spend out here. Several days later, all hell broke out," he said sternly.

The Golden Lions were struck full force with a massive attack of German steel and fire. The unit tried to withstand the continuous attack for three days, dis-

playing a heroic defense, but they could not handle the oncoming fighting. In this battle the division suffered 8,663 casualties, 416 killed, 1,246 were wounded, 7,000 missing.

Riggs complimented the spirit that his soldiers displayed during the war, "We were complete patriots. The esprit de corps was high because we were a very young unit," he said. The average age of the entire division was 22 years, with many 18-year-olds in the ranks.

Standing by the 106th Infantry Division memorial plaque, several veterans remember the friends and comrades who fell in battle.

Two veterans recall one heroic moment.

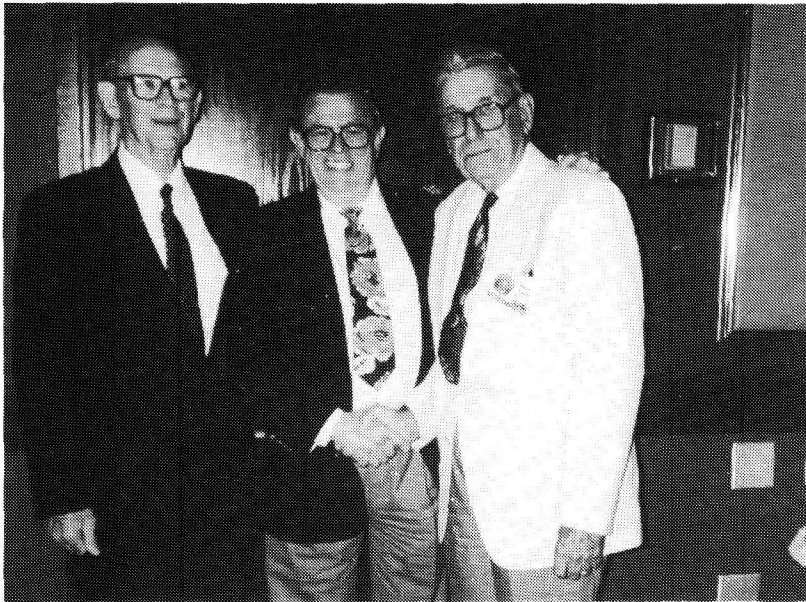
"I wouldn't be standing here if it wasn't for this man," said Harold Kuizema, who was referring to John Schaffner. This was the first time since the war the two men had seen each other.

Kuizema was wounded at a crossroad and wasn't able to move. Schaffner carried him out to safety where he was later evacuated for medical care.

Throughout the morning, the 106th toured various training locations, which included a modern barracks complex. The soldiers noted the different changes of life style in today's soldier compared to their living standards in 1943-44.

"We didn't have any air conditioning and the mattresses on our bunks were only one-inch thick," said Verner Dean, who trained at Fort Jackson in 1943. "They said it would make us tough."

The day concluded with the group of 750 persons attending a special patriotic concert performed by the 282nd Army "VICTORY BAND" and a memorial service in Theater #3. □



L/R – 424/B – 1st Sgt. Roger M. Rutland, 424th Regimental Medical Aidman Dr. Douglas Brooks and Captain Charles Peyser

Fifteen members “B” Company, 424th Combat Infantry, with wives and guests, were visiting in the Marriott hospitality room when a gentleman came to the group and asked where Captain Charles Peyser, Commander of “B” Co, 424th was.

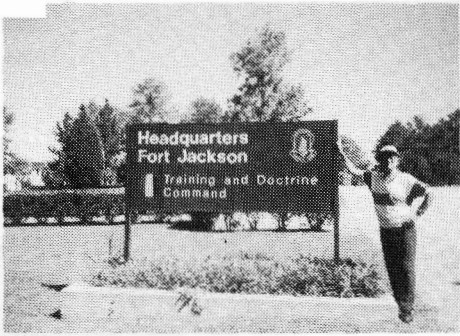
Dr. Douglas Brooks, of Memphis, Tennessee, former medical technician of the 424th Infantry Medical detachment, came to Captain Peyser and First Sergeant Rutland and said, “Remember me Captain? I am the medic who treated your right leg in Winterspelt, Germany on 18 December, 1944. I loaded you on the last ambulance leaving for the rear from the Regimental Aid Station.” Dr. Brooks wanted to see Peyser’s right leg to see how his First Aid work had turned out.

Imagine, three Army men meeting 49 years after that incident where First Sergeant Rutland had his Company Commander taken to the Regimental Aid Station to be treated by the medical aid technician, the “now” Dr. Brooks, who in turn sent him to the rear for further treatment.

FROM THE FRONT COVER: This picture was published in the Hanover, Pennsylvania Evening Sun on 13 October 1993. Edward A. Prewett, newly elected president of the 106th Infantry Division Association, a 3rd Platoon Private of “B” Co., 424th Infantry is being congratulated by Captain Charles Peyser his commanding officer. Also honored were Roger Rutland, First Sergeant of “B” Co., to Prewett’s right and Major H. Hill, a Corporal from the same company, who was Captain Peyser’s runner. Hill was elected to a five year term on the Board of Directors of the 106th Infantry Division Association.

Earlier, fifteen members, with wives and guests, of “B Co., 424th Combat Infantry Regiment had enjoyed a delightful reception at the 50th anniversary celebration being held by the Association, at the Marriott Hotel in Columbia, South Carolina..

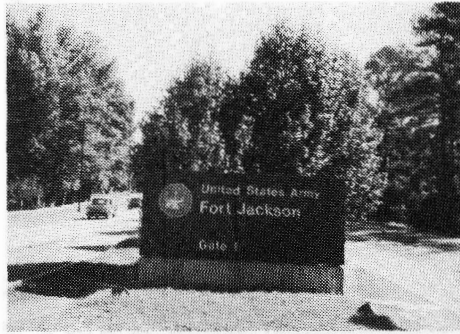
Scenes from the 47th annual reunion -- Columbia, S.C.



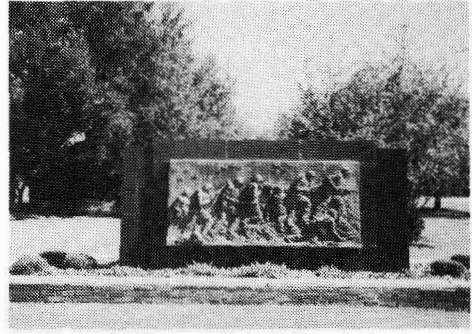
Headquarters Entrance, Roger Rutland 424/B
47th Annual Reunion Reunion Chairman.



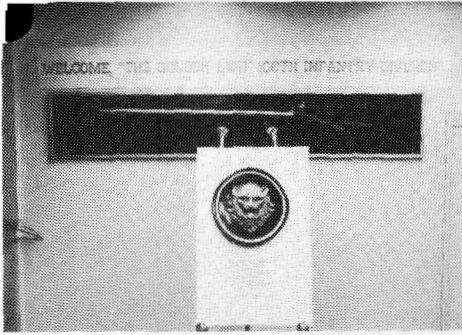
Headquarters Building Fort Jackson



Gate 1, Fort Jackson



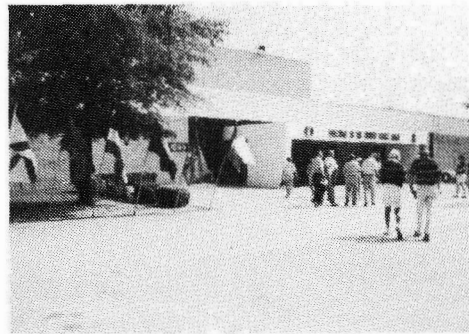
Memorial Plaque, Gate 1, Fort Jackson



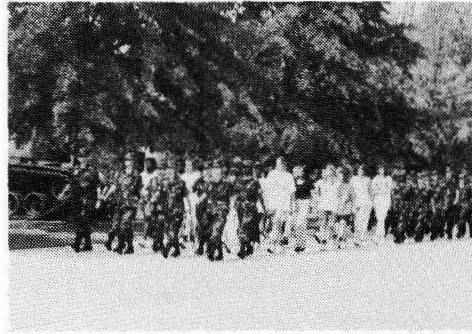
Display at Fort Jackson Museum entrance
donated by Colonel C.C. Cavender 423rd Reg.



World War II Barracks display , Museum

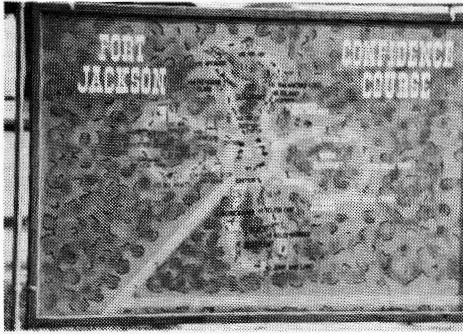


Entrance to Induction Center, Fort Jackson



New Recruits, Fort Jackson Induction Center

Scenes from the 47th annual reunion -- Columbia, S.C.



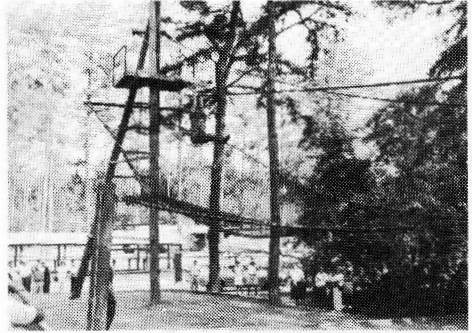
Fort Jackson Confidence Course



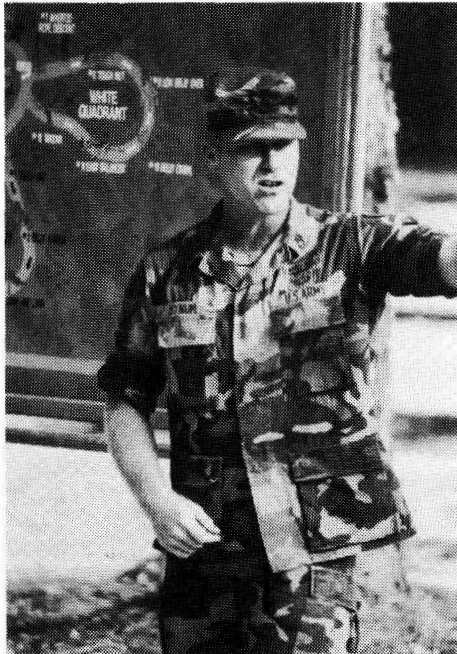
106th Veterans attend Orientation Class explaining the Confidence Course



Fear not where you walk and walk with confidence



Another exercise in building your confidence.



Tech Sergeant explaining the Confidence Course. He had a voice that carried authority - remember



One of the Sergeant's men demonstrating Confidence Course

Scenes from the 47th annual reunion -- Columbia, S.C.

Co. H, 422d Infantry
Bill Ivy photo. "

front l/r - Larry Post;
Casey Turek; Bill
Jenkins; Bill Jones;
Harry Albertson; Jim
Meagher and Bud
Madsen

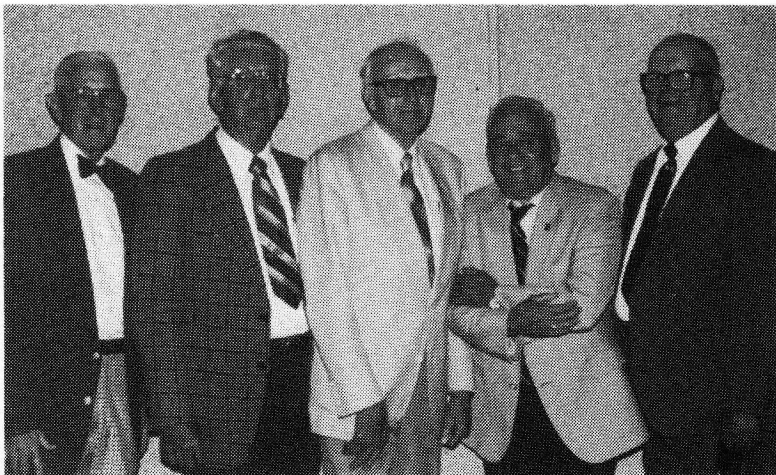
back row l/r
Ed Dorn; Bill Ivy; Ray
Hinkle (visitor); Bob
Snovel; Wally Lata;
Bill Phelan; Chuck
Rieck; Willis Smythe;
Bob Fox and Gene
Pananen



Co. H, 422d Infantry
By the 106th Plaque
on the main drive.
l/r Willis Smythe
Bill Jenkins
Bob Fox
Larry Post

423rd Anti Tank

l/r John Murphy
Jesse Kershner
Glen Kennedy
Joe Ansel
Harvey Swartz



Scenes from the 47th annual reunion -- Columbia, S.C



Scenes from the 47th annual reunion -- Columbia, S.C.



SOUTH CAROLINA
106th INF DIVISION
Near this site on 15 March 1943 the 106th Infantry Division was officially activated and became known as the "Golden Lion Division." Although badly mauled in the "Battle of the Bulge," the division stubbornly continued to fight on. The 106th saw action in the Ardennes, the Rhineland, and Central Europe.

Ayers, Paul C. 424/A

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Entered Service in December 1943, Basic Training at Camp Blanding, Florida. Being too young to go overseas I was sent to Camp Atterbury as a replacement. I went overseas with the Division in October of 1944. Captured on December 17th 1944. I was interned in four different POW Camps and did forced labor on railroad repairs until released by the Americans April 14, 1945. I was ill with hepatitis. Furloughed June and July 1945. After R&R in Miami I was based at Camp McCoy Wisconsin until discharged on November 29, 1945.

Lifetime farmer - now retired - in Central Illinois. Married for 45 years to Wilma Jean Schumaker. We have three children and six grandchildren.

I remain active in agriculture, church, 4-H, youth organizations as well as the VFW, American Legion and AX-POW groups. Since I am retired and my wife and I spend time traveling and camping. We also spend some time as a "Winter Texan." I assist my wife in her genealogical pursuits.

Blodgett, John Q. 423/I

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With my 70th birthday looming on October 16, it seems time for me to check in with my World War II division. I am presumably too old to be drafted for World War III.

I was the leader of the second platoon of I Company, 423rd Infantry Regiment from the summer of 1944 at Camp Atterbury until my capture on the Belgian-German border near Shonfeld on December 19 of that year.

Since you were in the same regiment,

fighting for glory under Col. Cavender, I won't bore you excessively with stirring tales of our combat record. On our first afternoon in the front line, I fired a magazine of star gauge rounds at K company on our left, thinking they were Germans, hitting (of course) nobody. To this day, the K Company commander assumes I was an infiltrator. On the third day I went into no man's land with three others to check out a German Focke-Wulf that had been shot down. We hauled back the propeller after nearly setting off demolitions left by the 2nd Division. On our fourth day (this time under orders), I led a patrol to our front until we were fired upon. I failed to crest the hill beyond which we might have seen scads of Germans ready to jump off on the 16th. Meanwhile, my squad leaders (Sgt. Deming, Sgt. Prather and others) and I killed off my liquor ration from Camp Atterbury, which unaccountably reached us at that time. After dark we played hearts in a cabin assigned to me as platoon H.

When the attack came before dawn on the 16th, we bunkered down, but the German columns went by us on both flanks. By the morning of the 17th it was clear to us that our only chance was to mount an offensive to our rear, which by that time was where all the Germans were. After walking all day and finding no Germans, we found ourselves on a road in Belgium outside Schonburg. When tanks came up the road from our front we held fire because the tank commander shouted "we're Yanks". Then they started firing and we took some casualties. By that night our whole battalion had retreated to a hill top where we were in radio contact with division in St. Vith. The orders we got were not reassuring. We were told to demolish our weapons and sit tight. In an attempt to get out, I led what was left of my platoon in a direction where we could not actually hear German voices. After a half mile, we

One under fire from hidden Germans and surrendered. The German commander, as it happened, was riding in my jeep.

We were taken first to an aid station, where our battalion doctor was working, and were then marched (with the doctor) to a house about five miles into Germany. On that march I succeeded in stopping the German harassment of one of our Jewish soldiers, a minor achievement. The following day we marched to Gerolstein, froze all night, and boarded a freight train. Three nights later, on December 23, the train was bombed by the British in the Limburg marshalling yards, killing about 60 of us. On Christmas morning we arrived at Stalag 4-B in Bad Orb.

I won't repeat my prison experience here. It was beyond the pale of the Lion Division. It is enough to say that I escaped twice - - once for three days helped by Task Force Baum at Hammelburg and the second time for eighteen days from a column of prisoners south of Nurnberg. Two others and I reached American lines on the second try.

After the War, in 1965, I was struck by a remarkable coincidence. I was then assigned as Economic Counselor at the Embassy in Helsinki, and who should arrive as our new Army Attache but Col. Wayne J. Moe, my company commander in the 423rd. Better yet, I outranked him at the embassy. Over our nearly two years of overlap we got thoroughly caught up on events in 1944-45.

I am enclosing a check for \$28.00 to cover my membership dues and a copy of the book on your quarterly journals. I look forward to meeting with all of you when we next gather.

(Editor's Note - John I received your app and story just as I was closing off *The CUB* (10/24/93). Your story is so interesting that I added it to this column.

Your story interests me because I was with 423/M who was supporting both "L" and "I"

Companies. "L" had bogged down trying to enter Schönberg and "I" was filtering through us to go to their support. Of course, none of us succeeded in the end, with the order to surrender and and destroy weapons coming at 4:30p.m. on 19 December.

Colonel C.C. Cavender is still alive, and celebrated his 95th birthday on Oct 2, 1993. He is in a medical care facility at Riverside, California. He still insists that the right decision was made by both he and the commander of the 422nd, although they did not consult with each other as to their actions. They had lost radio contact with each other. I guess after pouring over the facts as they have unraveled these last few years, I would have to agree Colonel Cavender.

If you want his address look in the roster that I have included with your welcome letter as a new member.

Thanks for the interesting story of your career... J. Kline)

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Born January 12, 1924 at Green Bay, Wisconsin. Served in the Armed Forces April 1943 to November 1945. Married September 1945 we have three children and seven grandchildren. I completed college at St. Norberts College, DePere, Wisconsin 1947-51 with a B.S. in Physics. Worked for U.S. Government in Washington in various departments, Bureau of Standards, Bureau of Aeronautics - Navy Dept and the Manned Space Program, - NASA (Gemini and Skylab.)

I retired in 1975, presently living in Winchester, Virginia among peaceful mountain settings. Raise Christmas trees as an avocation. Active in the Catholic Church, ordained Permanent Deacon in 1981.

My wife and I like to travel, mostly Europe, going on a leisurely pace. We

visited the 106th Monument at St. Vith, Belgium in 1991. In 1993 (September - November) we will visit the Eastern Europe Capitals and surrounding countryside by car. I hope to do something on the 50th Anniversary that is coming up. Shortly after World War II, Lt. Dave McMillan put together a diary of Co. "C," 331st Medical Battalion and sent all of us a mimeographed copy. I lost my copy and would like to find a replacement. If any person has a copy I would be happy to receive it.

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After being captured, I went to Stalag 4-B at Bad Orb. I was discharged in October 1945. I worked for the Trane Company, LaCrosse, Wisconsin for 36 years. In the summer I cut grass for the elderly and in the winter I blow snow for them.

(Editor's Note - Luther, interesting to find that you were in LaCrosse all those years. I lived in Viroqua, Wisconsin, 35 miles south, from 1958 to 1970. Too bad we didn't run across each other then... J. Kline)

Hauxwell, Burton R. 423/H

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Graduated High School in 1940, married in March of 1942, five children (four living) with nine grandchildren.

I was inducted July 1942, 80th Division, 318/M Camp Forrest, Tennessee. Cadre to Fort Jackson and the 106th. Overseas in 1944, The Bulge, Prison Camp and

back home 1945.

Worked from High School in the Retail Meat Trade until 1952. I then joined the Banking business, retiring in 1984. My hobbies are Golf and Grandkids.

Heck, Howell H. 423/SV

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John Stewart found me. Enclosed are dues to join. It is possible that I received a letter from the Association right after the war. I was ASTP at Vanderbilt.

Heim, Henry P. 424/F

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(From a July letter - Henry joined in August.. editor) I am a former member of "G" Co. 424th Infantry. I am interested in finding any information regarding the 424th Regiment.

I retired from the Army in 1968 from Fort Mommouth, New Jersey. I was in 2nd Platoon of "G" Co., 424th going overseas with the Division from Camp Atterbury. I would like to hear from some of the 424th men.

Commander of "F" Company was Captain Cassidy (Hop-along). Squad Leader was Staff Sergeant Rydbom, Platoon Leader was 1st Lt. Masinkowski.

(Editor's Note - Henry, in your application you show "F" Company, but in your letter you refer to "G" Company. Maybe you were transferred, am I right? I have a copy of the Combat Infantry Badge General Order #2 dated 4 January 1945. In there I found "F" Company personnel - Staff Sergeant Robert M. Rydbom, Captain Wiley L. Cassidy and 1st Lt Edward P. Marcinkoski. I also found your name Pfc Henry P. Heim 42060307. I will send you a copy of that order as it pertains to "F" Company, 424th Combat Infantry Regiment. Maybe it will refresh your memory on other names. Looks as if there were 185 men and officers in that rifle company as of the date of the order. Unlike the 423rd Regiment Combat Infantry Badge order #51

ated July 1945, the 424th does not break out the awards as to living status e.g.: "Post-humous awards," so I cannot tell if the names reflect the "living status" of the soldiers involved. Good Luck - Good Health... J. Kline)

lezzi, Calvin D. 106 RECON

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Joined the RECON TROOP March 1943. Went overseas October 1944 captured December 16, 1944. Spent short time in Stalag 4-B, then in Stalag 8-A the remainder of the time. I was liberated April 15, 1945. I have three children all married with four grandchildren.

Hobbies, Golf, and very active in Bowling for over 30 years. Member of the New Haven County Bowling Association Hall of Fame. Member of the Connecticut Chapter of American Ex-POWs and the North Haven AmVet Post #9.

(Editor's Note - Calvin, it's always with great interest that I come across some other person that was in the same camp. You like me went to Stalag 4-B at Mühlberg, Germany about 35 miles north of Dresden on the Elbe. I was there one week and was shipped overnight (train) to Stalag 8-A at Görlitz on the Polish border just north of where it meets the Czech border. On Valentine's Day, February 14, 1945 we were evacuated out of the camp due to on-coming Russians and spent two months on the road, finally being liberated on Friday April 13 in the town of Helmstedt, Germany, about 15 miles east of Braunschweig (Brunswick). I will send you a copy of my diary. I kept track of all the towns we went through. Nice talking to you on the phone - Good Luck... J. Kline)

Jenkins, Hayward L. 422/G

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I entered the service October 6, 1941. My home was Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. I had moved to a small town, Germantown, Maryland and worked on a dairy farm. I also worked in a county ga-

rage. I then met a young lady named Betty, her dad owned the garage. This all happened in 1938. We saw each other daily till I entered the service. We wrote as often as possible - she was still a school girl.

From Fort Thomas, Kentucky I went to Camp Wolters, Texas. I was on a weekend pass in Denton, Texas when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Two weeks later I was on a troop train to Fort Lewis, Washington. Three days later I was on a small supply boat headed for Guam. We were attacked by a submarine. We ended up eight days later in Kodiak, Alaska with the 37th Infantry Division, 2nd battalion, "G" Company.

The island was small. We had to back-pack supplies to all the outposts, as well as stand guard - "God's World," no trees, once in awhile a sunny day, mostly rain and cold winds. From Kodiak went to Dutch Harbor-Adak Amchitka, Agotore a couple of small islands next to Kodiak as observers.

Returned to U.S.A. on "rotation" to Fort Ripley, Kansas. Went to Fort Benning school. Returned to Fort Riley to rejoin the 37th. They were sending troops to other units. I was one of the lucky ones, I had the honor of joining the 106th at Camp Atterbury. Three weeks later I was at Fort Dix, then on overseas. I made "driver" for the Company Commander and for the Supply Sergeant. From there it was one day at a time until we were captured on 18 December 1944. On that day the Supply Sergeant Chaplin and I picked up the records for the company. We had those when we were captured. I did not have time to get close to many 106th men, only two while a POW. Those two have died.

By the way - I married the lady that I mentioned in the first part of my letter after completion of school at Fort Benning on July 22, 1944. We will be celebrating 49 years this year. One of my sons is a Viet-

nam vet.

Jones, Russell P. 423/C

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I was inducted at Fort Bragg in October 1944. IRTC at Camp Blanding, Florida, sent overseas. Through LeHavre, France in March 1945. Joined the 106th at Rennes as a replacement. In April we relieved the 66th Division in the Brest, France pocket. The Germans gave up and the 106th came home. I went to a replacement depot.

During my time with "C" Company, 423rd Infantry I was a BAR man. From the replacement depot I was assigned to the 4284 Quartermaster Railroad Company, Augsburg, until July 1945. I was discharged August 7, 1946. Still keep in touch with some of the old Q.M. gang. After coming home I married a neighbor girl in June 1949. We have four girls, one son, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. I worked in the freight industry for 37 years, taking my retirement due to health reasons. Retired from "Yellow Freight." All my family live within driving distance, which I enjoy. Pete House sent me a list of members of the 423rd "C" Company. I didn't recognize any of the names, perhaps they were mostly the "original" group. I did keep in touch with most of my squad for years, but most of them have passed away.

Kawtoski, Edward J. 106 RECON

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I was a member of the 106 RECON. We were stationed, during The Bulge at Groslagenfeld, when our troop and most of the 106th Division were over-run. I was taken prisoner on 17 December and was kept on the march avoiding allied troops

most of the time until April 15, 1945. Spent four days in Stalag 4-B, Mühlberg then in Stalag 8-A, Görlitz, Germany, near the Polish border east of Dresden. I was liberated near Braunschweig when the American troops came through.

(Editor's Note - Edward see the notes above "CALVIN IEZZI," 106 RECON.)

I was on the same 415 mile march from Stalag 8-A to the area where we were liberated. I also am sending you a copy of my diary. Good Luck... J. Kline)

Kloberdanz, George 424/E

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I received information about the Association from Ed Wojahn. 81st Engineers. My son-in-law informed him of my being a 106th member after an article appeared in the LaCrosse Tribune about Ed.

My wife and I attended the Columbia Reunion. We especially enjoyed the trip back to Fort Jackson. I was a little disappointed that there were only two old members from my company, but otherwise it was a memorable event. Would you have names and locations of any of the 424/E members.

(Editor's Note - George, nice to see that you were listed in those that attended. I have sent you, as I do all new members, the most recent CUB, the annual roster showing all members and unit affiliations, a couple of information sheets on the Battle of the Bulge, a list of available books about that time of life and a list of the association members that belong to your company. I hope it helps you find some of your comrades... J. Kline)

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I became separated from the company

My. I had been back on ammo detail. When the shelling began on 19 December I was with a group of stragglers and ended up in Stalag 4-B, Mühlberg, Germany, It was a British Camp. I didn't see other members of our regiment during captivity but did meet a couple of the guys at Camp Lucky Strike who told me that all of our company had been captured. One of the guys told me that someone had seen my body on the ground. Fortunately he was wrong. I am glad to rejoin and find news about my old company.

(Editor's Note - Louis, nice to see another 423/M man on the roster. We now have 44 members that belong to the Association. You, have in the meantime, received my correspondence, which relates that we have accounted for 77 of our old 423/M buddies. Nice to see you aboard. Keep in touch... J. Kline, editor The CUB 423/M)

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I was with Headquarters Battery, 590th FAB at St. Vith, when the show started. I was a T4 Radio Operator. We were captured when an Infantry Colonel ordered us to surrender. We walked miles, then in box-cars, was at Limburg in the box-cars when we were bombed on Xmas-Eve.

I'm sure you have heard stories about how we walked across Germany. One humorous thing - in my box-car there were two tons of horse manure. It was two days before I got tired enough to sit down in it. The camps were 4-B Mühlberg, then 3-B

and I was liberated at 3-A. Lükenwalde by the Russians. Lived with them and walked to our lines in May 1945. I was evacuated out of Odessa. I was born and raised in LaCrosse, Wisconsin went back there last September. First time in forty years. I talked to "Ed Wojahn" who sent me this application blank, can't thank him enough.

Mitchell, William C. 106 RECON

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Drafted U.S. Army (Age 18) 11-6-44
Fort Sheridan. Discharged 8-26-46 Fort Sheridan. Infantry (Rifle Co.) Training-Camp Blanding, Fl. - 11/44 - 2/45

2/45 to LeHavre, France (Via Scotland and England)

2/45 Assigned as replacement 106 Infantry Division RECON

2/45 - /45 Participated in the divisions assignment to contain German units bypassed at Lorient and St. Milo pockets on the French coast (routine and lucky duty when one considers what the division had encountered in the "Battle of the Bulge", a few months previously)

5/45 - 8/46 The 106th RECON Troop moved through France, Belgium Luxembourg and finally Germany attending to variety of police type actions in the army of occupation (initially as a Pvt., never sure when the unit left 106th Division status)

Saw a great deal of war torn West Germany having been assigned to a variety of cities within the Republic and Eupen, Belgium for the next 16 months.

Traveled through St. Vith, Malmedy Liege and Eupen Belgium on initial trip to Aachen Germany, 5/45. This was a sobering trip since a large number of damaged 106th Division vehicles and equipment were still along the roads. The condition of the vehicles and equipment gave vivid

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testimony to the struggle put up by the 106th Division.

Discharged 8/46 as S/Sgt. Graduate De Paul University 8/49

Married - 5 children. Retired January, 1993 after 40 year - career in Commercial Banking.

Tried without success to make contact with 106th Division Alumni on several occasions over many years. A notice with a phone number in a recent issue of the American Legion Magazine (outfit Reunions) led me after two (2) brief phone calls to John Kline. John's prompt and informative response was much appreciated. We'll look forward to participating in future association activities and reading history of division.

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I escaped from the Germans on Friday April 13, 1945, was discharged November 1945. Returned to college and graduated from Fordham University, New York in 1948.

Married in 1950. Ginny and I had three sons. Worked for RCA then Panasonic until May 30, 1993 when I retired.

I sold to U.S. Military Exchange first, world-wide, then later in the Southwest (CA, AZ and NV). I seem to have been associated with the military most of my life, though the last 22 years involved more NAVY and MARINES than ARMY or AIR FORCE.

Would like to know the whereabouts of those I served with. A few names are noted: John Finnocci, Tom Roder, Ben Tourey, Sgt Whitman, Sullivan ("C" Co.), S/Sgt Wheeler and Captain Hines

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Sherod, Enclosed is a check \$10.00 which "Pete Frampton tells me is the Association dues, sign me up.

I was in the 424th Regiment, Radios Section, Headquarters Company, March '44 thru August '45. Was an Ass'n member until 1954 and then job and family took away limited time.

Interest re-kindled last year when they dedicated the monument at Camp Atterbury to all units that trained there.

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In Memoriam...

Serino, Michael 591/SV

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Michael Serino died August 9, 1993 at the age of 86. A member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Born in Orange, New Jersey, he was the son of the late Antonio and Philamena Serino. Mike was a member of several of the National Service Organizations.

He was a member of the South Carolina Hall of Fame, Fort Jackson Golf Club, Professional Golfers Association of America and Carolinas PGA. Mike designed and helped build the original golf course at Fort Jackson, after he returned to civilian life after WWII. He was the professional there for years. Michael is survived by his wife, Ellen Blackmon Serino.

Salazar, Ernest 423/M

I was notified by Anna Salazar, Ernest's daughter - 2100 Lewelling Blvd #24, San Leandro, CA 94579, that he passed away May 13, 1993. 423/M men were pleased to have met Ernest at the Sacramento Reunion and to have met him for the first time since 1944.

McGrew, Edward T. 423/M

Debbie, Ed's daughter, 4617 Tonawanda Rd, No. Tonawanda, N.Y. 14120, has informed us of his death on September 29, 1993. I have listed her address in case you wish to send condolences. McGrew was my Platoon Sergeant and shall be remembered forever. He was hopeful of making the Columbia Reunion, but illness prevailed.

Richards, Charles W. 423/SV

204 Crestview Dr, Hendersonville, NC 28739

Charles died August 10, 1993 at the age of 80. A native of Waldwick, N.J. he had lived in Henderson County since 1973 having moved from Wyckoff, N.J. He retired from the Singer Company, as manager of employee benefits and administration for 38 years.

A member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family in Etowah and St James Episcopal Church in Hendersonville. He is survived by his wife Blanche Kelsey Shatwell Richards, a son Timothy of Asheville and two daughters Mary Desaro of Central Islip, N.Y. and Melissa Bailes of Union, S.C., two sisters and one grandchild..

Bandurak, Walter, 81st Eng/Medical Detachment

A friend, Charles S. Garn informed us that Walter had passed away. Walt was a long time member of the Association and extremely active until the death of his wife in 1986. Walt had been "Association Adjutant" for three years from 1976 to 1979 (see page 324 of *The CUB of the Golden Lion: PASSES in REVIEW*). His wife, Lillian, worked right alongside of him, as the cover picture of *The CUB* of Oct-Nov-Dec 1979 attests. They both traveled back to Europe three times with the 106th Division Association and attended many of the reunions and December 16th Commemoration get-to-gethers. Walt's burial was a full military service. He and his wife are buried in lot #106 at Natrona Heights, PA.

Rountree, Russell 424/CN

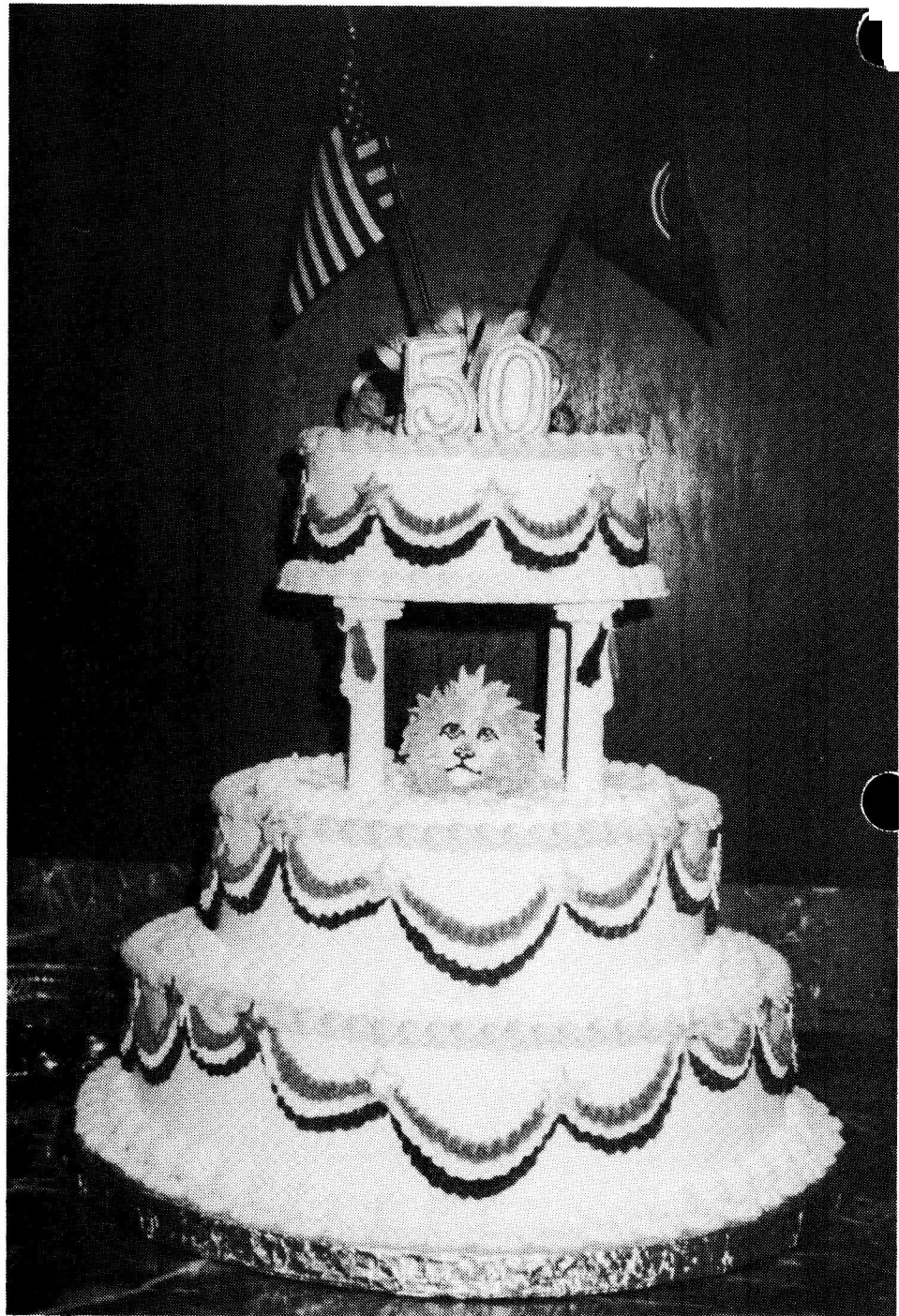
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Rhoda, Russell's widow informed us that he passed away June 23, 1993. He survived by her, three sons - Russel, Richard and Roger, a daughter Ruth Schmidt., fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She said Russ enjoyed two reunions with members of his Division in Chicago and Camp Atterbury.

Madden, M.D. Lawrence H. 424/F

Lawrence D. Madden, M.D. writes that his father Dr. Lawrence H. Madden, passed away September 9, 1993. Send correspondence to him at 2485 Glenwood Ave, Toledo, OH 43620

Rest in Peace Comrades



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