

VIEWS ON THE NEWS.

It seems high time that there should be some official news on the 106th Division. Either it was virtually wiped out as the Germans reported two weeks ago, or it wasn't. If it was we might as well have the bad news. If it wasn't, what is the point to withholding the good news?

The form of the German announcement was ominously specific. It gave an exact number of men which it said was the strength of the 108th when attacked at its point of the break-through. Unless this was a complete fabrication, it suggests the possibility that divisional head-quarters was overrun and the divisional records captured. We hope that is not so, but on the basis of statements issued—and not issued—there is more reason to believe it is than that it is not.

The only reason we can see why announcement of the 106th Division's fate is being held up is that the War department may be following its policy of notifying next of kin of casualties before announcement of a disaster. The belief that there was one is growing and appears supported by the fact that news has been cleared on every division but the 106th claimed by the Nazis to have been destroyed or badly mauled in their offensive.

Meanwhile, news about the two other divisions and the part of a third which were trained at Camp Atterbury continues to be good—as good, that is, as war news can be. The 30th and 83rd have made names for themselves in France, Belgium and Germany, and the 92nd "Buffeloes" have been doing excellent work in Italy. All three have been mentioned a number of times in dispatches from their fronts, and always favorably. No doubt the 106th would have been successful, too, if it hadn't had the worst possible "breaks" in its introduction to the deadly business for which it was trained.

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