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106th Veteran attendees at the 2017
106th Infantry Division Association's annual reunion
January 17–21, 2018.

Left to right: Herb Sheaner (422/G), Al Sussman (424/HQ),
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President's View . . .

Greetings to all,

I trust that you are surviving the winter season. In Philadelphia, we have had some very unusual weather. Today, Wednesday the 21st of February, it is sunny and going up to 76 degrees. I am looking for my bathing suit.

As many of you know, we sold our house this past summer and moved to a very nice apartment building, several miles from where we had lived. We have finally settled in. We probably should have done this some years ago, but it is hard to move from where I'd been in since 1964. It was the right thing to do and we are happy and comfortable in our new digs.

In the course of moving and downsizing, you sometimes lose or discard possessions you value. I lost my 106th Infantry Division cap with the lion's head insignia. I missed it and began looking for a replacement. I settled on a cap that read simply

Battle of the Bulge
POW MIA

I am amazed at the recognition I have received from people wherever I go with that cap on. Folks come up to me to shake my hand and say



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“Thank you for your service!” One gentleman told me that his father was in the 423rd and was also a POW. He passed away several years ago. Another man called me from the Midwest just to talk about the Bulge. Whenever I receive a call from folks like that, I encourage them to join us at our reunion this fall. I hope some of them do.

Which leads me to thinking about the future of our country and the world. What can we do, if anything, to reduce the tension and fear of another full-scale conflict? There is constant fighting in many parts of the world and we have troops and military advisors in many countries. It scares me when we challenge other countries like schoolboys, but with nuclear weapons,

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not fists. I remember as a teenager in the schoolyard seeing two boys arguing and saying, "My father can beat up your father." When will we really grow up and learn to live in peace? Perhaps it will help if we can organize discussion groups to talk about conflicts and offer some solutions, both local and international, and try to encourage our children and grandchildren to pay more attention to world problems. Just a thought ...

A reminder to those of you who are thinking about signing up for Honor Flight, which I reported on in the last *CUB*: Go! You will appreciate it and remember it. Please let me know if you misplaced the information and I will send it to you again.

With that, I hope everyone stays well and that you are all making plans to join us for our reunion in September.

Best regards, Leon

If you haven't done it yet —

Make your plans NOW!!

to join us for the

72nd Annual Reunion

of the

106th Infantry Division Association

at the

Crown Plaza Hotel – Dayton, OH

from

September 5 to 9, 2018

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For additional information about the reunion or
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Chaplain's Message . . .

It has been an honor to serve you all as we remember and honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's finest and bravest. This will be my last entry as the Chaplain of the 106th.

We should take time to reflect on one sentiment, uttered many years ago by President John F. Kennedy: "As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Words, he believed, were useless unaccompanied by action.

Back in 2003, as a 22-year-old Army medic of the 82nd Airborne, Alan's platoon came under attack in Iraq. He watched a fellow soldier go down in the line of fire. Without pause, without hesitation, without thinking of himself or his own safety, Alan sprinted to his wounded brother, only to be shot himself.

The bullet entered his torso, ripping a massive hole through his stomach and tearing several vital organs. This was early in the war in the midst of an intense firefight. He lay clinging to life for three hours until it was safe enough for members of his platoon to medically evacuate him.

A few weeks later while he was lying in a hospital bed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Alan contracted meningitis and suffered a massive, debilitating stroke. He was paralyzed, unable to communicate, and completely dependent on others for care. All that, with so much life ahead of him.

After more than 70 operations, including five brain surgeries, Alan's family hesitantly brought him to a rehabilitative event in Aspen, Colorado.



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It turned out to be a life-changing event for the entire family.

For years Alan has returned annually to the event and — in spite of the challenges he's faced in his recovery — he is now on the verge of becoming an independent sled skier. His coach, his parents and all those who have watched him progress say his road to recovery has been nothing short of an absolute miracle.

Alan would tell us today that he was no hero and that he was just doing his job, the day he was wounded. But we all know that he like so many other men and women are true heroes.

I'm not sure I have ever heard a veteran or service member call him or herself a hero.

This is why we gather each year, to honor our brothers-in-arms, both here today and the ones who did not make it home. We gather to remember

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the few who were so willing to give of themselves to defend their brothers and their country.

It is a small fraction of our population that are charged with keeping us safe, with keeping our liberties intact.

There is a commonality throughout all generations of veterans. This commonality is summed up in one word — humility. Their humility shows in their absolute insistence that all gratitude be deflected to their fallen brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

This leads me to believe that the best way to thank them is to honor the fallen, remember their sacrifice, keep the reality of what they did alive for generations to come and last but not least, continue to safeguard their families and this country.

Warriors are selfless creatures. They fight as a team and as a family, and they look out for one another to their last dying breaths.

Veterans like Alan who were so profoundly injured have given one life for their country. Yet, they would do so again. As would our fallen brothers and sisters who gave the

last measure of devotion.

It's daunting, I know. When we think of the tremendous sacrifices our veterans have made, physically and emotionally... how can we possibly say thanks?

What could possibly be good enough to say to Alan or our many other true heroes that would convey how truly grateful we are someone like them had the courage to do what so many others could not and would not.

For those who never left the battlefields, we must hold them up in our hometowns and honor their memories.

We should spend today reflecting on their service and sacrifice and live in gratitude each and every day for the precious gift they have given to us.

As a nation, we made a promise — a promise that must be kept. To honor our fallen, to honor you as veterans and we must keep that promise.

Thank you, and may God bless and keep our fallen, our veterans and active military, and the United States of America.

Be Blessed
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**See enclosed Reunion paperwork and Registration forms
in the center of this CUB!**

Mail them in today!

**For additional information about the reunion or
to register online visit:**

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The Adjutant's Message . . .

Yes, we just got home from our Reunion held in Kissimmee Florida. We had a fun group and several first time attendees. We also felt the loss of several participants having to cancel at the last minute due to family situations that could not be avoided. Our President, First Vice President, *CUB* Publisher and our Chaplain were not in attendance. This made for some program changes and last minute people adjustments. Be that as it may, we had a great reunion.

Our Memorial Service was exceptional in part because of the excellent service provided by the Leesburgh High School Jr. ROTC Color Guard posting our colors. We had great entertainment at our Friday luncheon. Brian Welke had arranged for a four lady troupe from the “Sweet Adeline” organization to come and sing many songs from the WWII era. We also had a presentation from Benjamin Mack–Jackson, a 15-year-old student who has made it his life’s mission to interview as many veterans as possible. He has built a website to show the interviews and to raise money to perpetuate his efforts. Go to www.ww2veteranshistoryproject.com and you will see what a special person he is.

At our banquet, we had an excellent speaker, Chris Edmonds. He is the son of Rodie Edmonds, a 106th INF DIV veteran who was captured and thru his leadership, bravery and faith in God, saved a lot of the lives of his fellow prisoners by standing up to his German captors. We also honored our newest Order of the Golden Lion award recipient, Brian Welke. Brian was cited for exceptional contribution to the



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operation and continuation of the 106th Infantry Division Association. Thank you and congratulations.

The board meetings were held and several decisions were made that will help to continue our organization. The board authorized the addition of three new board members, Al Sussman, John Beville and Bob Pope, all of which are 106th veterans. We look forward to their leadership and wisdom. The board decided that since we had had such an eventful reunion where our President could not attend, that the officers would remain the same for the 2018 Reunion. Our President is Leon Goldberg, 1st Vice President Wayne Dunn, 2nd Vice President Robert Schaffner.

As mentioned earlier, we had several first time attendees. Al Sussman, 106th veteran; John Beville, 106th veteran; Carolyn Whitener and her daughter Kathy Spinnella, daughter

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and granddaughter of a 106th veteran. We also had Ken Rhoden, Marvin Rhoden, and Mel Rhoden sons of a 106th veteran. The odd part about the Rhodens was that Ken and I have been friends for years never knowing that our dads had fought in the 106th Division together. This points out that you may find a person interested in the Golden Lions of the 106th Infantry Division, so keep your eyes open and explore the possibility. Put a notice in your local paper about the 106th and see who lives next door.

Guess what? It is now time to begin talking about the 2018 reunion. It will be at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Dayton Ohio September 5–9, 2018. Inserted in this *CUB* you will find a registration form, reunion program and a description of the tours offered. We will have a great crowd at this reunion not only because our 106th veterans and 2nd, 3rd and 4th generations but also because we will be joined by the 104th Division

Timberwolves and the USS Missouri veterans. We are combining with the other units to garner better facilities and amenities at the hotel.

We have several events together including a Welcome Mixer on Wednesday evening, a Welcome Reception Thursday evening and three tours. We also will have breakfast together each morning as well as the time spent together in our hospitality room/foxhole. Our banquet will be our own on Saturday night as well as our Memorial Service Saturday morning. Our prime military tour is at the Wright Patterson Museum and it is included in your registration package.

Please read the registration form and program then schedule your submission of the registration before August 2, 2018 to avoid higher costs and to avoid the possibility of being left out.

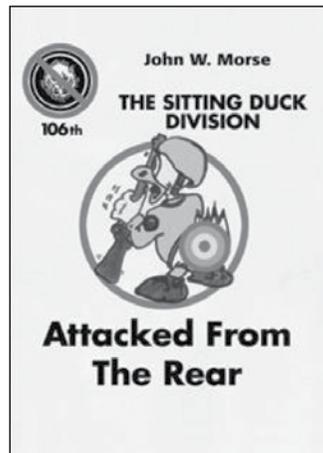
See you there.

Randall M. Wood, Adjutant
Robert Wood 423-I

The Sitting Duck Division: Attacked from the Rear

By John W. Morse (422/C)

This is the story of one boy soldier and his fellow GIs from draft to disaster and back. John W. Morse's (422/C) self-published book describes being taken prisoner in the Battle of the Bulge. This book can be ordered through your local Barnes & Noble book store. The book is priced \$9.95, plus shipping.



I have been negligent lately. I like to blame it on my age. Sometimes I need a prod to get me going for the column I promised our editor. Strange how sometimes things just fall into your lap. I opened my email this morning and found a message from webmaster, Jim West containing this essay. This statement by the father of a young Marine says a lot. As I have heard, “the only sure things are death and taxes.” I believe there is another and that is “change.” Having lived this long, I have seen my share of changes. If you are as old as I am that doesn’t need to be expanded on. This essay illustrates something that will never change.

“John Is My Heart”– An Essay

written by: Frank Schaeffer
for *The Washington Post* –
April 25, 2017

Frank Schaeffer's 2002 essay “John is My Heart,” also known as “My Heart is on the Line,” has been widely circulated since it was first published by the Washington Post in 2002.

“Before my son became a Marine, I never thought much about who was defending me. Now when I read of the war on terrorism or the coming conflict in Iraq, it cuts to my heart. When I see a picture of a member of our military who has been killed, I read his or her name very carefully. Sometimes I cry.

In 1999, when the barrel-chested Marine recruiter showed up in dress blues and bedazzled my son John, I did not stand in the way. John was headstrong, and he seemed to understand these stern, clean men



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with straight backs and flawless uniforms. I did not. I live in the Volvo-driving, higher education-worshiping North Shore of Boston. I write novels for a living. I have never served in the military.

It had been hard enough sending my two older children off to Georgetown and New York University. John’s enlisting was unexpected, so deeply unsettling. I did not relish the prospect of answering the question, “So where is John going to college?” from the parents who were itching to tell me all about how their son or daughter was going to Harvard. At the private high school John attended, no other students were going into the military. “But aren’t the Marines terribly Southern?” (Says a lot about open-mindedness in the Northeast) asked one perplexed mother while standing next to me at the brunch following graduation. “What

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a waste, he was such a good student,” said another parent. One parent (a professor at a nearby and rather famous university) spoke up at a school meeting and suggested that the school should “carefully evaluate what went wrong.”

When John graduated from three months of boot camp on Parris Island, 3,000 parents and friends were on the parade deck stands. We parents and our Marines not only were of many races but also were representatives of many economic classes. Many were poor. Some arrived crammed in the backs of pickups, others by bus. John told me that a lot of parents could not afford the trip.

We in the audience were white and Native American. We were Hispanic, Arab, and African American, and Asian. We were former Marines wearing the scars of battle, or at least baseball caps emblazoned with battles' names. We were Southern whites from Nashville and skinheads from New Jersey, black kids from Cleveland wearing ghetto rags and white ex-cons with ham-hock forearms defaced by jailhouse tattoos. We would not have been mistaken for the educated and well-heeled parents gathered on the lawns of John's private school a half-year before.

After graduation one new Marine told John, “Before I was a Marine, if I had ever seen you on my block I would've probably killed you just because you were standing there.” This was a serious statement from one of John's good friends, a black ex-gang member from Detroit who, as John said, “would die for me now, just like I'd die for him.”

My son has connected me to my country in a way that I was too selfish and insular to experience before. I feel closer to the waitress at our local diner than to some of my oldest friends. She has two sons in the Corps. They are facing the same dangers as my boy. When the guy who fixes my car asks me how John is doing, I know he means it. His younger brother is in the Navy.

Why were I and the other parents at my son's private school so surprised by his choice? During World War II, the sons and daughters of the most powerful and educated families did their bit. If the idea of the immorality of the Vietnam War was the only reason those lucky enough to go to college dodged the draft, why did we not encourage our children to volunteer for military service once that war was done?

Have we wealthy and educated Americans all become pacifists? Is the world a safe place? Or have we just gotten used to having somebody else defend us? What is the future of our democracy when the sons and daughters of the janitors at our elite universities are far more likely to be put in harm's way than are any of the students whose dorms their parents clean?

I feel shame because it took my son's joining the Marine Corps to make me take notice of who is defending me. I feel hope because perhaps my son is part of a future “greatest generation.” As the storm clouds of war gather, at least I know that I can look the men and women in uniform in the eye. My son is one of them. He is the best I have to offer. John is my heart.”

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Money Out:	\$3,224.21
Difference:	\$1,554.23
Ending Balance:	\$15,940.23

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July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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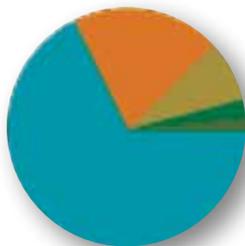
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Conferences, conventions, meetings	- \$276.84 (2.42 %)
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PayPal Transaction Expenses	- \$47.08 (0.41 %)

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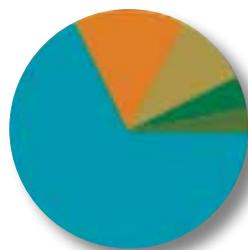
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Milton Feldman, Pleasanton, CA	Veteran
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The Importance of a Mini Reunion

Our veterans will always remember December 16, 1944, when they were thrust into the chaos of war. The years may have thinned the ranks, but those that remain still have the pride of knowing they played an instrumental part in slowing — and ultimately defeating — the German war machine.

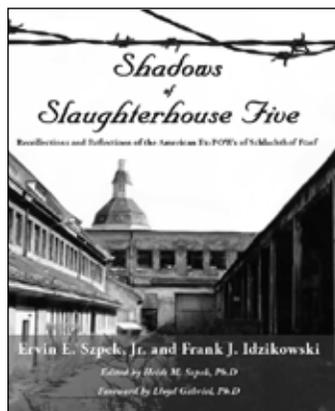
As it becomes more difficult to travel, it is of critical importance that mini-reunions be held wherever our vets can join in. Any city, town — or even in someone's home — would be a fine place to gather to honor, cherish and remember all of our veterans. ***Plan one in your area today!***

Contact Mini-Reunion Chair Wayne Dunn at host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org and he can assist you with members in your area.

Shadows of Slaughterhouse Five

From Ervin Szpek Jr., Non-Veteran Member

Ervin Szpek Jr. (Associate Member) is pleased to announce after many years of research that his and his colleagues' book on the infamous *Arbeitskommando Slaughterhouse Five* has been released. Nearly every man of this POW work camp (near Dresden, Germany) originated from the 106th Infantry Division including former 106th Association President, Gifford Doxsee. The book is their story, in their words and accounts for nearly every POW at the camp. It also chronicles the recollections and reflections of the 150 American



Ex-POWs, many of whom are members of the Association. Newly released by iUniverse press at www.iUniverse.com, the book is also available at www.amazon.com and www.BarnesandNoble.com. With best wishes for 2016 and with appreciation for your efforts — thank you.

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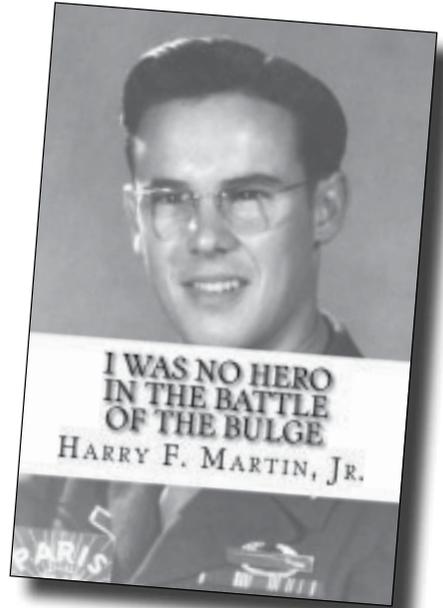
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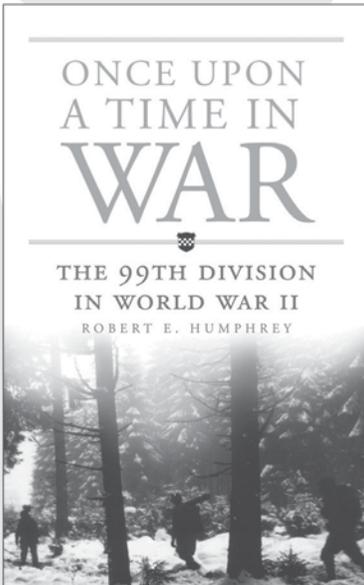
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From the editor of The CUB of the Golden Lion

Hello, my name is William A. McWhorter and I am the editor of *The CUB of the Golden Lion (The CUB)*. I am an admirer of your outfit and hope that I can assist in keeping open the lines of communication for our Association. Please send news items that you would like reviewed for

potential inclusion in upcoming issues of *The CUB* to me. Whenever possible please send them to my email address (williammcwhorter17@gmail.com). If you do decide to send them via postal mail, if possible, please **TYPE OR PRINT** your messages (it helps me get names spelled correctly). Thank you.

Just a reminder . . .

If you have pictures, an article, or some other form of information you would like included in a future issue of *The CUB*, the due dates are as follows:

May 1, 2018 — mail date July 15, 2018 (issue will include reunion paperwork)

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Visit the 106th Association's Website!

By Wayne Dunn

To complement the wonderful websites that are already out on the Internet, including our own members Jim West (www.IndianaMilitary.org) and Carl Wouters (www.106thinfantry.webs.com), the association has launched our own website at www.106thInfDivAssn.org.

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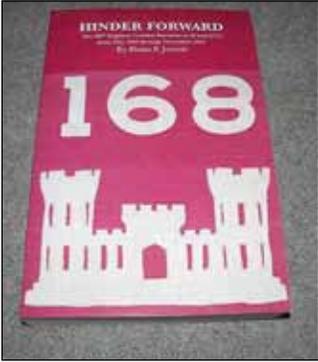
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This is where you can find up-to-the-minute information and where you can connect with friends and make plans for the next reunion.

If you have any additional reunion photos or information that you would like to see on the website or Facebook page, please contact the Webmaster, Wayne Dunn at Host106th@106thInfDivAssn.org or 410-409-1141.

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By Dean F. Jewett (168th Eng)



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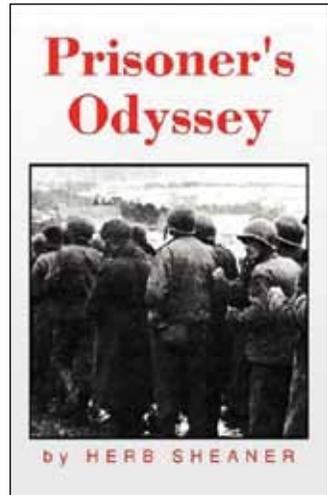
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by Herb Sheaner (422/G)

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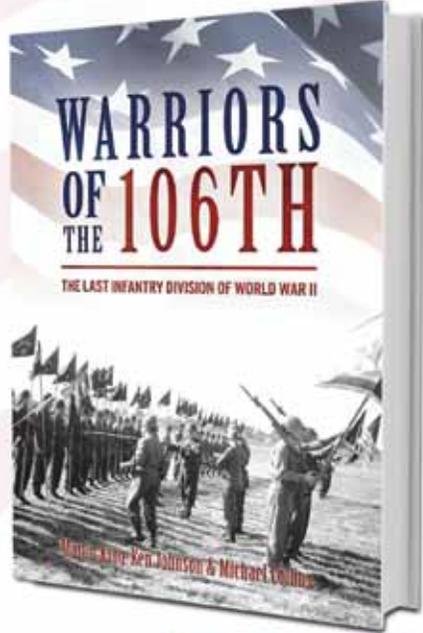
A new book on the 106th Infantry Division was recently published and is now available. Association Historian John Schaffner reports that the authors, Martin King, Ken Johnson and Mike Collins have decided that partial proceeds will be contributed to the 106th Association.

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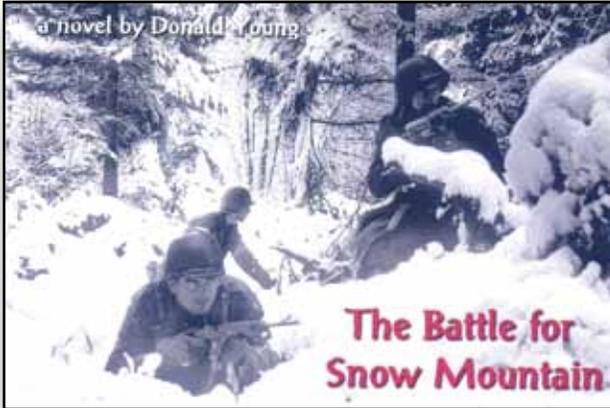
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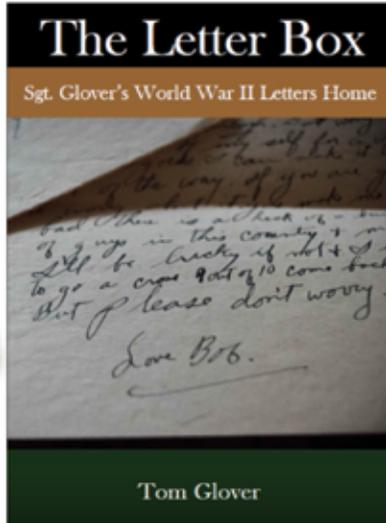
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The Part of My Life Spent in the Army

by Newton William Weiss, written May, 2012



I was born on July 1, 1925 in a two-story house on the second floor. I was delivered by a local physician, Dr. Sinexson. I started school in the first grade at age five as there were no Kindergarten classes then. After attending all of the grades in the Paulsboro, NJ school system, I graduated from high school at the age of 16. I was accepted and attended two semesters at Penn State University and was immediately drafted when I turned 18. The superintendent of Paulsboro schools was the head of the draft board.

At the end of December 1943 and being medically fit, I was inducted. My choices were to join the Army, Navy, or Marines. Having already passed the ASTP (Army Specialized Training

Program) test at Penn State College, [not becoming PS University until 1953,] I chose the Army. They let us stay home over Christmas and New Year's and I was to report to Fort Dix, NJ on January 3, 1944.

After spending only 10 days at Fort Dix, where I had worked a few days on a Hospital detail helping with meal preparation, we were shipped out to Fort Benning, GA which I thought was for my 13 weeks of basic training. The train ride ended with a stopover in Atlanta where I visited and slept at the USO that evening. Basic training was to be 13 weeks and then followed by a college education in anticipation of receiving a commission after then attending Officer Candidates School. But because of the approaching "D Day" to happen on June 6, and the need for more men, we were sent to Camp Atterbury, IN, in March 1944.

We started the 13-week basic training cycle, but after only just six weeks the program was cancelled and we joined the 106th Infantry Division which was coming off maneuvers in Tennessee. I was assigned to the "M" Co., 423rd Reg. Having scored high on the Code test, I was transferred to the 3rd Battalion, HQ to attend radio school. However, for some reason, I never finished and ended up in the A&P (Ammunition and Pioneer) Platoon, where my "MOS" or military occupation specialty was changed to 504 which meant ammunitions handler.

On about November 12, 1944, we

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were sent to Camp Myles Standish which was a U.S. Army camp located in Taunton, Massachusetts, outside of Boston. The next day we traveled by rail to New York City, and then onto the port of NY where we boarded the RMS Queen Elizabeth 1 ocean liner bound for Europe. The ship sailed unescorted and zigzagged her way across the Atlantic for six days arriving at the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. We had a stateroom for two — all 19 of us soldiers. The 423rd Regiment was the only other 106th personnel with us. The rest of the troops were from the 87th (Acorn) division. They slept on deck, taking 8-hour shifts. The ship was divided into different color-coded areas, for example red, blue, yellow, etc. You had a colored tag and could not go out of your area. This was so the ship would stay balanced.

We disembarked and were put on a train to southern England arriving at Cheltenham Race Track. We were

boarded in the horse stables and after many field trips and forced marches near Stratford-upon-Avon, we were ready to cross the English Channel. This we did, one dark and cold December night in a British fishing boat.

The voyage landed us the next morning in La Harve, France. That morning, we trudged through the water to reach land, and with full backpacks, marched through the town of La Havre to an area which was a cow pasture. We pitched our pup tents only to have it pour rain, which then turned to snow the next day. After approximately three days, we were loaded onto 2 ½-ton trucks, ours was loaded with ammo, and headed toward Luxembourg on our way into Belgium and the front lines.

We arrived at our bunkers, which were built by the Germans, at the Siegfried Line on December 10. We were there to relieve the 2nd Division, who told us it was a quiet front that we were about to occupy. On December 15, I and four comrades, one of them being Joe Kramer from Philadelphia who was already in the A&P platoon when I joined it, were sent to Liege (Belgium) to pick up a truck load of coal for our pot-bellied stoves used in the bunkers. Returning later that day, we passed through the town of Bastogne on our way back to the front. Being so late that evening, we stopped at the Service Co. of the 423 Reg/HQ where we bedded down, planning to continue back to the front line the next day. However, at 5:30 am that next morning, we were awakened by loud noises. The word was that the Germans were starting a counter attack and they were shelling our area. We were told to evacuate.



Joe Kramer and I started to leave the area by commandeering a jeep, only to get bogged down by the two feet of snow on the ground. We pulled the rotor, abandoned the jeep and continued on foot. We were picked up by a 2 ½-ton truck filled with other soldiers. It eventually broke down and we began walking again. We reached a ravine, which we believed was in Schoenberg, and the Germans were up on the top ledge dropping mortar rounds all around us. They were hitting the trees and other objects very close by as we hunkered down. I lost contact with Joe Kramer at that time and I found out later that, along with the other two comrades we had originally started out with to get the coal, he had been captured by the Germans.

Also at this time, I was classified MIA and all of my mail that had been sent to me was being returned home marked “MIA.” At one point, I don’t recall where, 10 care packages finally caught up to me and were delivered all at the same time.

With about 50 other men, I was trapped in the valley and with an officer in command — I thought he was a warrant officer, but now think it was Lieutenant Ivan “Ike” Long leader of the I&R platoon of the 423rd Regiment. Note: I met Lt. Long at a 106th Association reunion and he remembered several men from the A&P platoon had escaped with his group. I have not yet been able to prove this however—we traveled through the Ardennes forest at daylight and set up a perimeter guard around the group at night, to try to get a little sleep. On the third day, we met up with the 7th Armored Div. They had



come down from the north to help out in the Battle of the Bulge. They were dug in west of St. Vith. Our small group dug in with them for the night.

The next morning I rode on one of their tanks through the town of St. Vith to the aid station of the 331st Medical and was diagnosed with “trench foot.” I was later placed in an ambulance and driven from St. Vith straight to a hospital in Paris. It was a Catholic hospital with the nuns as nurses. After two months there, I was sent to a Rehab, the 8th convalescent unit near Paris, where I met up with a Fraternity brother from Penn State and a pharmacist friend of my brother-in-law. [See photo on page 24.] I spent several days there and then went back up to the front lines joining the remaining unit of the 424th Reg. Co M. I was with them for little over a month when they had reached the Elbe River in Germany.

Orders came to the 424th to go back to St. Quentin, France to reassemble the 106th division. We went by train,

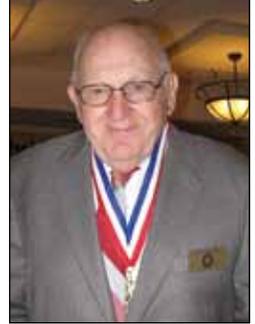
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traveling in the box cars. At that time, I ended up in the hospital again, this time diagnosed with Rheumatic fever. My medical profile now showed that I could no longer remain in the infantry and was reassigned to the 58th Quarter Masters Sales Co., in La Havre, France. I arrived there after having served 19 months and was still a Private. Shortly thereafter, I received my PFC, and made it to T5, the rank with which I was later discharged. I was assigned to the motor pool where I became the dispatcher. We had German POWs working for us as mechanics, barbers and cooks. We had a convoy of five trucks and traveled to Heidelberg and Manheim and back.

Under the point system with which you were awarded discharge, I had 41 points and in April of 1946. I was sent POE [port of embarkation] to Antwerp. Not being with any unit, I had to wait 40 days — eating stew at every dinner meal for those 40 days — until I was assigned a ship home, the U.S.S. “Vassar Victory.” After 11 days on the high seas, we passed the Statue of Liberty and reached Long Island, NY. A barge appeared with a band aboard

playing the Star Spangled Banner, welcoming us back to the U.S.A.

From there, I was transported to Fort Dix, where this whole adventure began, to be officially discharged on March 16, 1946. I returned to Penn State and received my BS in Industrial Engineering in 1948. I married my wife of 58 years so far, Ruth, and we have two daughters and a son. I began working in the family hardware business, where I still work today, six days a week, with my son who is now my boss.



***Editor’s note:** It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of long-time association member and past-president Newt Weiss on Feb. 16, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 64-years Ruth, daughter Susan, publisher of The CUB magazine, daughter Ellen and son Phil and their families.*

MY WAR

by Fredrick Smallwood

This is the story of my experiences as a young boy from a small town in south Georgia with the 106th Infantry Division during World War II. I was initially in the A&P Platoon of 1 Bn. Hq. Co. of the 423rd Regiment. I was one of the few who made my way through the German lines back to the Allied lines at St. Vith.

Books are \$15 plus \$4 for shipping. You can contact me at fsjs@mchsi.com or P.O. Box 1923, Bainbridge, GA 39818.



2017 Reunion in Pictures

Pictures by Janet Wood



Attendees gather in the hospitality room to visit and share stories.



Above, people on the trip to the Warbirds Museum.



Right, Herb Sheaner (422/G) at the Museum of Military History.



The Leesburgh High School Jr. ROTC Color Guard posting our colors at our Memorial Service.



First-time attendees at the 106th Association's 71st Reunion..



Brian Welke receiving the Order of the Golden Lion award from Randy Wood at the banquet.



All of the Order of the Golden Lion award recipients in attendance.



Wilma Wood with the banquet guest speaker, Chris Edmonds, son of Rodie Edmonds, 106th Inf. Div. veteran.

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Veterans and Family of the 106th Infantry Division TATTOO* Requests

With space in *The CUB* at a premium, yet Reunited Buddies and Their Families an important commodity, the editor of *The CUB of the Golden Lion* created the following list [*In Their Own Words, most often*] of inquiries submitted to him in hopes of helping people get in touch with the 106th I.D. Association Family. The following are requests for information. Feel free to contact them if you believe you can be of assistance. *The CUB* staff has received permission from all listed below to print their inquiry and their contact email (phone and address when available).

In addition, Non-Veteran member Connie Pratt Baesman, daughter of Lt. Gerald Pratt (Field Artillery), has been one of three people helping to manage the 106th's online "message board" (set up by Jim West) for people to write an inquiry, looking for comrades, or for people who might have known a relative who is now gone. Sadly, some inquiries sit unanswered when the answers may be out there with a reader of *The CUB* who doesn't use a computer. The list has gotten quite long and Connie has asked that whenever there is room in *The CUB* we add a few of the requests. You can find messages like these below, along with other searches on the 106th Message Board at the following Web address: <http://106thdivision.proboards.com/index.cgi>

*The original meaning of **military tattoo** was a military drum performance, but subsequently it came to mean army displays, or a form of gathering more generally. For our Association, letting members know that someone would like to speak with them is "why we do this! So keep sending in your stories, as an old friend may find you!" — Susan Weiss (Publisher of *The CUB*) and William McWhorter (Editor of *The CUB*)

Elman "Al" Miller (424/HQ)

My father, Elman "Al" Miller, was in the 106th (424/HQ). I grew up in Illinois going to reunions with my sister and my folks. As a child I had met many of dad's cronies . . . John Loveless, Alan Jones, Leo McMahan, Joe and Shirley Matthews, Doug Coffey, Pete House, Russ Enlow (dear family friend), Bob Gilder, Sherod Collins, just to name a few. I was wondering if any of the old veterans were still around, and I began an internet search. My heart stopped when I found that NOT ONLY was the Association still intact but that a reunion was going to happen "just down the street." (I live one hour from Kissimmee.)

Dad passed on in 1992 and my mother (Sophie) left us in 2007. Because of this serendipitous little journey I feel a need to reconnect with the 106th, and I think Dad led me to this. I have numerous items of war memorabilia that he gathered along the way . . . an iron cross, various pieces of German campaign hardware, an Einsatzgruppen armband, Dad's dog tags, his letters-home from "somewhere in Belgium" and a lot of things he carried with him; all pieces that I would view in amazement as Dad told his stories when my sister and I were growing up. I also have a photo album with numerous photos of past reunions as well as exquisite (albeit primitive) photos from the battlefield.

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It was not possible for me to make the reunion because of my work schedule, but I would like to be a part of the 106th from this point forward. None of us are getting any younger, and I feel this is something I need to do for Dad. I would love to say “hello” and spend some time with anyone that shared a foxhole or had any memories of sharing that unbelievable experience with him in 1944, if that is still at all possible. Please email us at our home email address tapdoll@aol.com. **Many thanks!!!**

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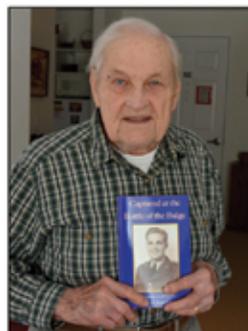
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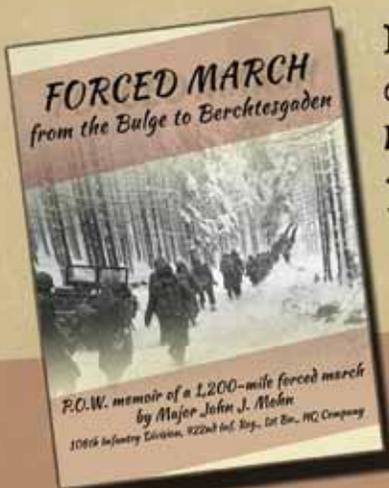
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ADSIT, JAMES P. 422/D

—*Date of Death: October 10, 2017*

Reported by his wife

**AUGUSTUS, ANTHONY J. ‘TONY’
106TH**

—*Date of Death: January 17, 2018*

Anthony “Tony” Augustus, 93, a long-time resident of Stamford, CT, passed away at his home. Anthony was born December 13, 1924 in Darien CT to George and Josephine Calvi Agosto. He attended Darien High School and was inducted in the U.S. Army in 1943. As a member of the 106th Infantry Division, he participated in the Battle of the Bulge, one of the largest battles fought in Europe during World War II.

On September 9, 1950, he married Mary Joan Casolo at St. John’s Church in Darien, CT. After the war, Anthony graduated from the Hemphill Diesel School in Detroit in 1952. Anthony, a dedicated husband and father, was also a highly skilled heavy equipment mechanic who began his career at the Luders Marine Construction Company that built racing yachts, commercial vessels and military craft that helped the country fight both world wars and the Korean Conflict.

After many years of work in the construction industry, he retired from

the Rondano Construction Company and became an avid golfer who also enjoyed working around his home and spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. Anthony is survived by his wife Mary and their two sons, Donald and Richard and six grandchildren.

Reported by John Schaffner

BABLER, HAROLD M. 590/B

—*Date of Death: December 14, 2017*

“I was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Harold Babler (590/B). He was a POW at Stalag IXB Bad Orb and IX-A in Ziegenhain. “Heinie” and I corresponded since 2007. Although his last name sounds German, he was actually of Swiss heritage.”

Harold M. Babler, age 93 of Monticello, Wisconsin, died at his home. Private graveside services were held in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Submitted by Carl Wouters

**BLADEN, JOHN ANTHONY
423 INF/C**

—*Date of Death: November 26, 2017*

Captured and held prisoner until liberated. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Submitted by Jim West

BOODA, CHARLES KENTON JR.

591/FABN

—*Date of Death: December 7, 2017*

Charles Kenton Booda Jr., 93, of Willow Valley Manor, formerly of Cherry Hill, NJ died on December 7, 2017 at Arbor View of Willow Valley Communities, Lancaster, PA. He was born July 28, 1924 in Lancaster. Charles lived in Upper Darby, PA until he was 12. His family moved to Merion, PA, where he graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1942.

A veteran of WWII, Charles served three years with the U.S. Army in the 591st Field Artillery Bn., 106th Infantry Div., and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

In 1949, he married Elizabeth Fulmer Whetstone. In 1950, he received a B.Sc.s. in Bacteriology from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (now the Philadelphia University of Sciences). Charles began working in the laboratories of Smith, Kline and French Pharmaceuticals. Later he accepted a position with the Campbell Soup Company, finishing his 33 year career as Manager of Campbell's Biological and Quality Assurance Laboratories.

Charles and Betty lived in Cherry Hill, NJ for 31 years. During that time they were members of Bethel Baptist Church. Charles was a Deacon; he taught Adult Sunday School and he was Treasurer of Bethel Baptist Christian School. He was a life member of both the 106th Infantry Division Association and the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge WWII. He served as Secretary of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the V.B.O.B. for several years. Charles was a train enthusiast and loved woodworking. Over the years, he carved

a full size carousel horse and made a detailed doll house for his wife, Betty. He shared his interests with all his grandchildren, who have many fond memories of time spent together. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, a son, Charles, two daughters, Elizabeth and Eleanore, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Reported by his family

BROCKMAN, ALBERT WILLIAM SR.

423

—*Date of Death: December 20, 2017*

Albert William Brockman Sr., age



92 of Batesville, Indiana passed away at Margaret Mary Health. He was born on November 2, 1925 in Batesville. He married his

sweetheart, Nina Abbott on Sept. 24, 1955 at Crossroads Church. She passed away in August 2016. The proud U.S. Army Veteran was in WWII and served with the 423 regiment of the 106th Infantry Division. Captured during the Battle of the Bulge, he became a POW and held prisoner for four months.

Albert worked for Union Furniture and then Hill-Rom, from where he retired after 35 years. At one time, he owned his own taxi service and a restaurant as well. Albert was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Batesville. He is survived by his children Violet, Jane, Mary, Albert, Evelyn and Chester, along with 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nina.

As found on Legacy.com

BURNETT, JAMES L. 422/C

—*Date of Death: November 23, 2017*



James Burnett started his career with the Draper Corporation, but soon moved to work for the Clinchfield Railroad with his grandfather, J.R.

Burnett. World War II interrupted his career, during which he was transferred from Army Air Corps B-17 training to the infantry, and without having completed basic training, was assigned to the 106th Infantry Division. A company clerk in the 422nd Regiment, he was hurled into the Battle of the Bulge, was captured and imprisoned at Stalag IX-B near Bad Orb, Germany, in December 1944. In April 1945 the POW camp was liberated and James, like many others, was hospitalized and returned to the States to undergo extensive medical treatment for malnutrition and tuberculosis contracted in the harsh confines of the camp.

Through his long life, James approached many business opportunities with skill and hard work. James first went to work for a cotton merchant, then bought out a plumbing contractor and became a master plumber. He also partnered with his younger brother, Paul, in many ventures — one filling a need for a trucking business to move cotton from gins to mills in the area. They also developed subdivisions and built houses to meet the growing demands of the post-war era. James and Paul also got into the peach business with some 500 acres of peach trees.

James started Burnett TV and Appliance and later opened Ace Hardware and the Hummingbird, a retail store managed by his wife. He operated Ace Finance Company and Ace TV Rental Corporation, and in the 1980s was named Spartanburg Businessman of the Year. During the 1900s until 2010, James developed six subdivisions on the west side of Spartanburg. He was a member of the Lions Club and SEBA, and enjoyed fishing and traveling. He served as deacon at Southside and First Baptist churches and was a member of First Presbyterian Church. In addition to his beloved wife, Julia, James is survived by daughters Janet, Nancy and Letitia, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Reported by his son-in-law, Jeff Uyak

CALIFF, JOHN W. JR 423/HQ

—*Date of Death: October 30, 2017*



John W. Califf Jr., 94, died at his home. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Sarah McKinnon Califf, his sons, John and Robert,

and daughter, Sarah, 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was born in Charleston, SC on December 18, 1922. He had fond memories of his youth in Charleston and enjoyed taking family on tours filled with historical fact and family anecdotes. John earned BS and BA degrees with honors from Clemson University. His education was interrupted by service in WWII where he was U.S. Army I&R in the Battle

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of the Bulge. After graduation from Clemson, he worked for the university in publications and was the founder and first editor of the alumni newsletter. His lettering was used for the neon sign on the Clemson House. His architectural practice included the design of major projects in commercial, institutional, residential and educational field in the state, including the South Carolina State Library, SC Welcome Centers, the Federal Building in Charleston, USC Horseshoe restoration and adaptive reuse, Richland Northeast High School, Downtown Restoration and Adaptive Rescue projects several SC towns, many churches in the Midlands, and the Clemson University Alumni Center.

He received the SCAIA Recognition Award for service as editor of Review 1982 and the SCAIA Preservation Merit Award for restoration and adaptive reuse of USC Horseshoe in 1983. He was editor of the SCAIA Review of Architecture, 1966–1982 and author of manuscript, Millwood, Its Architecture and Ambiences. He was a member and designed the sanctuary of Bethel United Methodist Church in Columbia, SC. A member of The Historic Columbia Foundation, he was an avid student of history continuing to research and work on projects up until his death.

John enjoyed sailing when at his Lake Murray cabin which he designed and built with his sons. He took pleasure in spending time with his dogs Girl (deceased) and Daisy and tending the goldfish in his backyard pool.

As published in The State on Nov. 13, 2017

CUNNINGHAM, LOUIS EDWARD 106/RECON

—Date of Death: November 27, 2017

Louis E. Cunningham of Chesterfield, VA, died on Monday, November 27, 2017 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. Born in Bangor, ME in 1924, he was predeceased by three brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his sister, Ida (now 102) and his wife of 72 years, Charlotte Fletcher Cunningham, two sons, Alan and Timothy, three grandsons, a step-grandson and four great-grandchildren.

An honors graduate from Bangor High School Class of '42, he entered the U.S. Army and trained as a radio operator. Serving in Germany as a member of the 106th Reconnaissance Troop during the Battle of the Bulge, he was captured along with many others of the 106th Infantry Division and spent the rest of the war in German prison camps, almost dying of starvation. Upon his release by British forces, he recuperated in France before his return to the U.S.

In June 1945, he married his high school sweetheart Charlotte Fletcher and returned to Maine. After his career of 47 years with Merchants Dispatch Transportation Corp, he retired as Director of Administration. With job transfers, he and his family moved from Maine to Boston to Chicago and finally to the Philadelphia area. After retirement, he volunteered at Valley Forge National Park and served on the Board of the Lansdale, PA Community Concerts. Service organizations he belonged to include: American Ex-Prisoners of War, VFW, American Legion, 106th Infantry Division Association and especially

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the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, which he actively supported for years, serving as their National President from 2002–2003 and serving on their Board through 2016.

Reported by his wife, Charlotte

DIETERICH, THOMAS E. 423/HQ

—Date of Death: November 29, 2017

Drafted in 1943, he served mostly in Germany until 1948. He graduated from University of California, Berkeley in the early 1950s and later lived in Tigard, Oregon for many years with his wife, Evelyn. After her death, he moved to Ashland, OR and in 2015, until his passing, he received wonderful care at the Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon, OR. The family thanks the directors, nurses and staff for the respectful and loving care he received there.

*Reported by his sister,
Nancy Richardson Wynkoop*

FLORES, RUDY G. 627TH FAB/ B

—Date of Death: January 4, 2018

Rudy died at 91 years of age in Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on January 4, 2018. He was born on July 4, 1926 in Eagle Pass, Texas, where he was raised until his graduation from Eagle Pass High School. He moved to Pittsburgh, PA to live with his father, where he was drafted into the U.S. Army in October of 1944. He arrived in the ETO April 4, 1945. He was attached to the 791st Field Artillery Battalion and then quickly to 87th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. These Battalions were attached to XXII Corps, 15th Army which took part in The Central Europe Campaign. The 87th supported the 24th

Cavalry Squadron and the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment during the final days of combat at the Hartz Mountains. After combat operations ceased, Rudy was attached to the 627th FAB, B Battery which was assigned POW guard duty attached to the 106th Infantry Division, in Heilbronn, Germany. The 106th Infantry Division was detached from the 15th Army and then attached to the 7th Army and finally to the 3rd Army while at Heilbronn. Rudy achieved the rank of Private First Class, and was honorably discharged in 1946. He was the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, with bronze star, World War II Victory Medal, and Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp.

After the war, Rudy married Mary Lou Vivian Hoffman on February 10, 1949 in Cumberland, Maryland. They were married for 59 years. Rudy and Mary Lou lived in Pittsburgh, PA., St. Louis, MO. and then moved to Alexandria, VA. In 1968, Rudy worked in the retail furniture and fashion industry. Working with Gimbel Brothers, Inc., Vandervoort's, Mazor Masterpiece, Inc., The May Department Stores, Inc., Levitz, Wheaton Furniture Mart, Inc., and JC Penney Co., Inc., retiring in 1991 as a warehouse distribution supervisor. Rudy was also a member of St. Louis Catholic Church of Alexandria, Va. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Lou Vivian Hoffman, parents, Gilberto Flores and Dora Contreras Miller, brothers, Guillermo Arturo Flores, and Juan A. Flores.

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Survivors include nieces, Sandra Flores Stubbs and husband Louis of The Colony, TX, Cynthia D. Flores of Austin, TX, Maria Flores Tamez and husband Rene of Austin, TX, nephews, Guillermo A. Flores, Jr. and wife Beatrice of San Antonio, TX, Robert R. Flores of Austin, TX, Matthew G. Flores and wife Janet of Austin, TX, Juan A. Flores, Jr. of Raleigh, NC, and many great-nieces, great-nephews and many cousins.

A memorial service to celebrate Rudy's life was held on January 12 at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 South Washington St., Alexandria, VA, followed by his interment at Mount Comfort Cemetery, 6600 South Kings Highway, Alexandria, Va.

Submitted by Jim West

FRIEL, MYLES B. 423/M

—Date of Death: March 18, 2013



Myles B. Friel, 89, of Zanesville, died at Cedar Hill Care Center. He was born March 11, 1924 in Gipsy, PA. Myles was always on the go. He was a member of

Grace United Methodist Church and the Zanesville Country Club, and member of the Lafayette Lodge #79 F & AM as well as the Zavi Shrine. He was also an avid walker and founding member of the mall Meet-Loaf Gang.

Myles worked at Friel Coal Company, Central Ohio Coal and Horizon Coal. He retired from the coal business in 1987. He enjoyed playing golf and being part owner of the Green Valley Golf Club. He found great joy in attending all activities of his

grandchildren with his wife. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II and earned a Purple Heart in the Battle of the Bulge.

Surviving are two sons, Robert and James, and five grandchildren. He was predeceased in death by his loving wife of 64 years, Dorothy.

Reported by Jackie Coy

HIRSCH, RUDY 589/HQ

—Date of Death: November 14, 2017

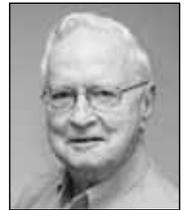
Rudy wrote a wonderful recount of his time in the army and he had several portions published in *The CUB* during my tenure as editor (William McWhorter)

Reported by Renee Hirsch

HOUSEMAN, DONELSON MARION 423/D

—Date of Death: October 23, 2017

Donelson Marion Houseman, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away peacefully at the age of 94. Born and raised in Dallas, Don attended Armstrong Elementary School and graduated from Highland Park High School. He enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.



The day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Army Reserves. In April 1943, Don was called to active duty and soon thereafter went to Europe with the 423rd regiment of the 106th Infantry Division. In December 1944, he was wounded, captured in the

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Battle of the Bulge and spent the next five months as a prisoner of war. For his service in the war, Don received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. This experience forever changed his outlook on life, living every day thereafter as if it were a gift from God.

Returning from the war, Don married his college sweetheart, Kathryn Buckley. While recovering in the hospital at Fort Hood, he commuted to Austin to complete his business degree at the University of Texas, where he graduated summa cum laude. He started his professional career by joining his father at Houseman & Company Insurance. In 1971 Houseman & Company merged with Marsh McLennan, the largest insurance broker in the world.

Don remained active in insurance and real estate, but he still found time for civic and charitable service. He served as mayor of the City of University Park, president of the Dallas Country Club, president of the Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation, and Governor Bill Clement's appointee to the Texas Teachers Retirement Fund. He also served on numerous boards, including Interfaith Housing Coalition, St. Philips School, Highland Park Education Foundation and Communities Foundation of Texas. He faithfully delivered Meals on Wheels until the time of his death. Don was an active communicant at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church for more than 70 years, serving as Junior Warden, a member of the vestry, present of the St. Michael Foundation and Sunday School teacher. To say "Daddy Don" lived life to its fullest would be an understatement. He knew exactly how

to balance his faith, family, friends, and fun. He loved people and he wouldn't simply meet them; he would befriend them. His favorite pastimes were golf, hunting and fishing. He was Club Champion at Dallas Country Club, a charter member of Preston Trail Golf Club, and a member of Horseshoe Bay where he and Katy enjoyed many years of couples golf. His love of fishing led him to help organize the Channels Ranch in Ennis, Montana, where fly fishing on the Madison with friends and family became a summer ritual. Don's happiest times were spent at Little Sandy Hunting and Fishing Club with Katy, his parents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. His greatest pride was his wonderful family. He is survived by his wife, Katy, of 72 years, his five children, 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

As reported on Legacy.com

LOGAN, ROBERT E. 424/AT

—Date of Death: November 12, 2017

Robert was born December 12, 1924.

Reported by his son

MASON, JAMES O. "JIM" 423/G

—Date of Death: March 7, 2017

James O. "Jim" Mason, 92, died in Joanne House at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs, FL. His first wife of 50 years, Louise (Madura) Mason, died in 1995. He leaves his wife, Irene Mason of Ft. Myers, two sons, James and Gary, a daughter,



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Mary Ellen, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was born and raised in Webster and attended St. Louis High School. He was an Army veteran and ex-POW of WWII.

Mr. Mason and his brother Robert were very successful contractors. They constructed many commercial, residential and religious buildings including Saint Louis Church in Webster and the Dudley District Court House. Their business took them from northeast Connecticut to southeast New Hampshire. He retired in 1981. He was a member of Saint Louis Church in Webster. He belonged to the VFW, the Exchange Club and the Webster Lodge of Elks #1466. He enjoyed traveling, was a skilled wood worker and was an expert mason.

Reported by Jackie Coy

PERRI, RALPH **Unknown**
—*Date of Death: October 2017*

Ralph was a resident of New York at the time of passing. Ralph upon the direct request from the President United States joined the U.S. Army in 1942. He achieved the rank of Technical Sargent in the 106th Infantry Division.

Reported by Jim West

RICHTER, RALPH M. **331/MED**
—*Date of Death: December 18, 2014*

Ralph M. Richter, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died at Holly Manor Nursing Home in Mendham, NJ, after a short illness. He was 91. Born in Freital, Germany, he immigrated to the U.S. in 1925, resided in Denville, Irvington and Kenilworth before settling in Whippany

for over 56 years. He was a veteran of WWII, including the Battle of the Bulge, serving from 1943–1945 in the U.S. Army, 106th Infantry. He received nine medals including the Bronze Star.

After the war, he was a diamond setter for Essex Jewelers in Newark, NJ for many years. Ralph was predeceased by his first wife, Audrey in 1975 and is survived by two sons, Roger and John, his daughter Susan, seven-grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Reported by Jackie Coy

RITCHEY, KENNETH E. **423/G**
—*Date of Death: unknown*

Reported by Jackie Coy

ROGERS, EUGENE “BUCK” 106TH
—*Date of Death: January 15, 2018*

Eugene “Buck” Rogers, 93, of Spring Hill, FL, died in Lakeland, FL.

Buck was born in Atlanta, GA in 1924 and was raised on a 200-acre farm in Norcross, GA. After graduating Norcross High School in 1942, he entered the army and was a paratrooper in WWII from 1943–1945. He chose to attend paratrooper training and was assigned to the 325th Glider Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division. Before deciding on paratrooper training he was assigned as a machine gun operator in the 106th Infantry Division. He credited this decision for saving his life, as the 106th was overrun in the opening days of the Battle of the Bulge and most all the troops were killed or captured.

After the war, he was a part of the occupation force in Berlin, Germany and sailed back to the U.S. on the Queen

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Mary. He marched in the Victory Parade in NYC on Jan. 12, 1946, walking down 5th Avenue.

Returning to Norcross, he worked as a mechanic, then at Sears & Roebuck in the stockroom. It was there that he met and courted his future wife, Sue Reid. They married in June 1947 and honeymooned in Biloxi, MS — the happiest days of his life. Sue provided Buck inspiration throughout his entire life, even after her passing in 1989.

Buck found his career at Gulf Oil Corp., starting in the mailroom, and eventually rising to be the Assistant Supervisor of the Payroll Dept. He was transferred to Sugarland, TX from 1976–1984, and after 36-1/2 years of service at Gulf, he retired to Spring Hill, FL in December of 1984.

Buck spoke often of his happy memories of childhood: swimming in the creek, fishing, playing baseball and marbles and enjoying his mother's Southern cooking. His favorite food was green beans, but loved Cracker Barrel chicken and dumplings and fried seafood, too. He proclaimed quitting smoking in the early 1960s as his biggest accomplishment. Fishing trips to Steinhatchee, FL and fish fries for the family was one of his great joys. At one point in time, Buck was listed as the State of Georgia record holder for the largest Largemouth Bass caught in Clarks Hill Lake. Family vacations in Florida were one of his pleasures, staying in Daytona Beach most of the time.

Buck was a hardworking, devoted, friendly Southern gentleman, eager to start up a conversation with neighbors on his walks around the neighborhood and watching ducks at the park. He saw

value in things others would throw out and occasionally would find treasurers, such as a 1948 portable Singer sewing machine and valuable rare coins. He was constantly on the go and would get frustrated if something slowed him down. He mowed his own grass until his final years of life, because he wanted to — and still could. Buck is survived by Drs. Elaine Rogers and Jo Greenawalt of Stroudsburg, PA, Robert and Shelley Rogers of Plant City, FL and Drs. Ron and Genelle Pernia of Tuscaloosa, AL, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Reported by John Schaffner

SCHIAVO, SAM JOSEPH 422/M
—Date of Death" October 16, 2017

Sam Joseph Schiavo, 93, of Brevard, NC, formerly of Kings Mountain, passed away at Charles George VA Hospital in Ashville. Born in Wayne County, MI, he was the son of the late Frank Schiavo and Angelina Favaleri. Sam was retired owner/operator of the Paint Pot, a paint store for over 40 years in Sunnyvale, CA. He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army and was a prisoner of war during WWII. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Brevard. He is survived by a son, Larry, a daughter, Nancy, one grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

Submitted by his son, Larry

TACKER, JAMES FRANK JR.
589/FABN/HQ

—Date of Death: unknown

Reported by Jackie Coy

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UNDERWOOD, JACOB H. “JAKE” 106th

—*Date of Death: January 15, 2018*

Died at the age of 98. A former resident of Uniontown, KS, and more recently of Ft. Scott, KS, died at Medicalodge of Ft. Scott. He was born on July 6, 1919, on the family farm in Uniontown to Jay and Hazel McKinnis Underwood.

Mr. Underwood graduated from Uniontown High School in 1936 and Fort Scott Community College two years later. In July of 1941, he was called to serve in the military. For three years, he was stationed at Camp Polk in Louisiana with the 7th Armored Division. Before leaving to fight the war in Europe, he married Doris Patterson on May 9, 1944. They were married until her death in 2002. He was shipped to Belgium in 1944 with the 106th Infantry and was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a prisoner of war in Bad Orb Prison Camp in Germany from December 1944 and was liberated in April of 1945.

After returning to civilian life, he began his career as the county clerk and later became the business manager for the Fort Scott School District where he faithfully served for 35 years. Mr. Underwood was an active community member both in Fort Scott and Uniontown. At the time of his death, he belonged to the Uniontown United Methodist Church and Ruritan. Jake was proud to be a lifelong Democrat. He was truly an example of the “Greatest Generation” — proud veteran, devoted family man and dedicated civic leader.

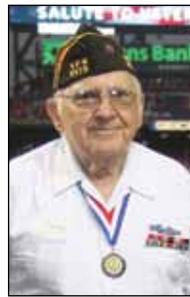
He is survived by two daughters: Susan Karleskint, Uniontown, and Mary

Gregory and husband Brad, Bolivar, Mo.; sisters-in-law Janice Patterson of Fort Scott, and Erma Patterson of Atlanta; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and a niece in Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Doris Underwood, daughter, Ruth Ann Burleson, brother, Gilbert Underwood; and brothers-in-law, John and Byron Patterson. Funeral services were held on January 20, 2018 at Uniontown United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Uniontown Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the Olson Frary Burkhart Post No. 1165 V.F.W.

Submitted by Jim west

WEISS, NEWTON “NEWT” WILLIAM 423/HQ/3rd BAT

—*Date of Death: February 16, 2018*



Newton (Newt)

William Weiss, of Voorhees, NJ, formerly of Gibbstown, NJ, was the husband of Ruth (Asroff) Weiss, father of Ellen (Richard) Freyman, Susan

(Joseph Tramutola, III) Weiss, and Philip (Rosina) Weiss, grandfather of Neal and Stephen Freyman and Sarah and Michael Weiss and brother of surviving sibling Jeannine Hamburg.

Newt was a 1942 graduate of Paulsboro High School and was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the Paulsboro High School Hall of Distinguished Alumni. He was a WWII Veteran and fought in the Battle of the Bulge serving with the 106th Infantry Division, 423rd/HQ 3rd Bat.

Memoriam . . .

Newt served on the board of the 106th Infantry Division Association for more than 15 years, was a past president and recipient of the Golden Lion Award. He looked forward to the annual reunions and attended many with his wife, Ruth.

After graduating from Penn State College in 1949 with a industrial engineering degree, Newt joined his family business, Weiss True Value Hardware in Paulsboro, NJ. He was beloved by customers and was a respected icon in the Paulsboro community. He was a member of the Paulsboro and later Gibbstown Zoning Boards serving for 15 years on each. He was a former president of Beth Israel Synagogue in Woodbury, NJ and was a member of Kiwanis International for over 55 years having served as past-president on two occasions.

Newt was an avid sports fan known to be watching one game on the television, listening on a transistor radio with an ear piece to another all while reading the sports section of the newspaper. Newt loved being a volunteer member of the Philadelphia Phillies Welcome Committee where

he handed out giveaways to the attendees. He was over the moon to see his beloved Eagles win the Super Bowl.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018. Interment was at Roosevelt Memorial Park, Trevoise, PA. Contributions in his memory may be made to Congregation B'nai Tikvah—Beth Israel, 111 E. Holly Ave., Sewell, NJ 08080 or The 106th Infantry Division Assoc., P.O. Box 140535, Dallas, TX 75214 or a charity of the donor's choice.

Reported by his daughter, Susan Weiss

ZABKAR, EDWARD F. 81ST ENG

—Date of Death: October 31, 2017

Edward F. Zabkar of Fort Myers, FL, died at the age of 93. Ed served in World War II with the U.S. Army, 106th Infantry Division at the Battle of the Bulge, was taken prisoner in December 1944 and liberated in April 1945. Ed is survived by his wife Margaret, son Neal, daughter Linda, sisters Dorothy and Nancy, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Reported by his wife, Margaret.

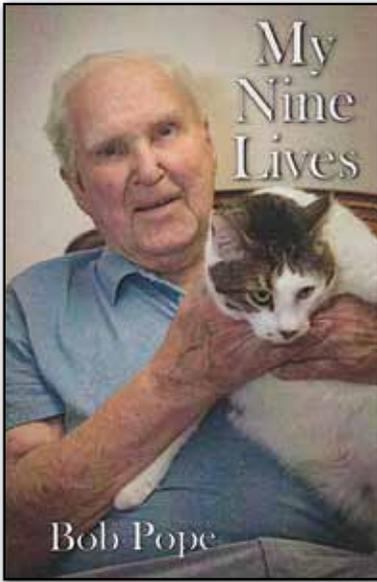
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