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The 106th days are frequently in my thoughts. I joined the 106th before activation. The 589/C and 591/S were my first units. From Dec. 12, 1944 on I was attached to DIV HQ (Forward) and was in St. Vith at the start of the Battle of the Bulge (which I still fight but under my belt now!). A memorable experience was my being detailed to set up and run a last ditch defense (fox holes) around DIV HQ should the Germans break through our gallant infantry units, the 81st Engineers and the HQ Defense Platoon. I stayed with DIV HQ leaving it in Sept., 1945 to be assigned to STARS AND STRIPES (S. Ger. Edition) in Altdorf bei Nurenberg. The paper was printed on the most modern presses in Europe. Goebbels had moved and modernized his "hate literature" plant so that it wouldn't be destroyed by the Allied bombing of Nurenberg. I shall never forget sitting in the gallery one day observing the Nurenberg Trials with fat Goering sitting in the front row of the Nazi defendants.

On transfer to the Reserves in 1946, I went back to college and earned a BA degree and a Master of Social Work degree just in time to be recalled to active duty on Dec. 16, 1950 for something called the Korean Conflict (when men and women die in armed conflict, it is a WAR in my book!). The Army's Medical Service wanted me because of my training and later sponsored further education which resulted in the award of the Ph D degree. Most of the time I was on Army hospital staffs as the Chief, Social Work Service (both Medical and Psychiatric Social Work).

While with the DCSPER at HQ USAREUR in Heidelberg, Germany I and my wife attended our first 106th reunion at St. Vith. To the best of my knowledge, I was the only active duty person there, in uniform, proudly wearing the 106th patch on my sleeve. Our second reunion was in 1986 in Columbia, SC where we were married in 1943.

Retirement from active duty as a Colonel came in 1976. I was with the State of Hawaii Child Protective Service for a while and then fully retired becoming "gainfully unemployed."

After 20 years altogether of life in Hawaii we now live in Minnesota where we both have family ties. When it came/^{time}to get a house number this fall, after building a house, I requested "106" and was given it! We live on Wood St. (remember the story of Eric Wood of the 106th in the Battle of the Bulge?). Interesting??

I'm very impressed with the super job being done by John Kline, CUB Editor. Now that is real dedication to a job! We hope to meet him and his wife for the first time in person at the Dec. '90 Minn. 106th luncheon in St. Paul.

I would enjoy hearing from anyone who shared experiences with me in the 106th.