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The 72nd Annual Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel (Dayton, OH) from September 5 to 9, 2018. Another terrific time was had by those in attendance. Read about the 72nd Reunion in the officers' articles and look for photos of the 2018 reunion starting on page 22.

(Photo by Janet Wood)

Veterans who attended the reunion are left to right:

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Greetings to all,

I am happy to be writing to you as the newly appointed president of the 106th Infantry Division Association. In this role, I promise that I will do my part to continue the great efforts that have been put forth by all the hard-working individuals that have preceded me. Fortunately, for me, our Association's Board has a great depth of experience for me to tap into and the new officers in the pipeline are well-qualified to continue our organizational well-being far into the future.

Having just completed our very successful 72nd annual reunion in Dayton, it warmed my heart to see so many people come together to celebrate and remember our veterans. I thank all those who were able to attend and was especially pleased to see so many new faces! In addition to the photos you find in this issue of *The CUB*, there is a photo slideshow, with captions, online at: <http://106thinfdivassn.org/slides72wood.html>

During our Saturday night banquet, as my mind wandered to the task of writing my first column, I soon recognized a theme as a number of people addressed the gathering and spoke of their experiences. Honoring and remembering our veterans is something that we all can take pride in!



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Outgoing President Leon Goldberg related that he often wears his 106th POW-MIA hat when he goes out. He does that as a personal reminder of his experiences; so that strangers will be aware of our organization; and to engage the curious into conversations about the great sacrifices that so many made for the betterment of the world.

Beatrice Keeber spoke of her recent visit, with her daughter Annie, to Belgium for a guided tour of the Ardennes. She was moved to meet third-generation Belgian citizens who continue to care for the graves of our fallen veterans — and their mantra that they will never forget.

Our Adjutant and past President, Randy Wood, spoke of his tour back in 1985 with his family and what a moving experience it was to encounter so many



grateful people wherever they went. Although the man with whom they were staying spoke only French, they were still able to communicate with each other.

As for myself, during a tour with four 106th veterans in 2012, I got to witness firsthand how excited the Belgians become when they learn there is one of our veterans nearby. Arriving early at Parkers Crossroads for a wreath laying ceremony, I overheard a gentleman on his cell phone excitedly saying to the person on the other end, "Come quickly! The Americans are here!" And in very short order there were cars parked haphazardly all over the place.

Finally, to put an exclamation mark on the deeds people are performing to ensure our vets are not forgotten, we had a 16-year-old lad by the name of Benjamin Mack-Jackson in attendance at our reunion. He is the founder of the WWII Veterans History Project which conducts interviews with veterans. He has speaking engagements for both young and old to educate them about WWII. He has traveled far and wide recording the stories of our veterans, and has a "traveling museum" of memorabilia. He started this project when he was 13 and is currently working on a PBS documentary.

As indicated by the above, many people are already engaged in honoring our veterans. However, we should not allow ourselves to rely on the actions of others, so I call upon each of you to find some way to raise awareness for our veterans. A bumper sticker, window decal, a cap, a Golden Lion patch, or a flag at a gravesite, are just a few

small ideas that any of us can easily accomplish.

Now, having said all of that, it is a perfect segue into another topic that is equally important. As our veterans continue to age, their ability to attend our annual reunion becomes more difficult. Long ago, the 106th started having Mini-reunions, held in December close to the 16th of the month, in cities throughout the country. These gatherings provide a way to include veterans that may be unable to travel to the national reunion. It is now up to the younger generation to do whatever is possible to assist. That means contacting veterans, making arrangements and possibly arranging transportation. The Association can provide you with the names and addresses of veterans near where you live. If there are no veterans near you, then invite a friend or neighbor to lunch and take the opportunity to explain why you are gathered. Doing these small things will let our veterans know that they are deeply appreciated and they will never be forgotten!

Finally, I want to make you aware of our project to convert all of the old *CUB* magazines into text so that you can search for names. Roughly 70% have been converted. You can find the links here: [*http://106thinfdivassn.org/nameindex.html*](http://106thinfdivassn.org/nameindex.html)

If you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year.

Respectfully,
Wayne G. Dunn
President

Chaplain's Message . . .

Thank you for the honor to serve as your Chaplain. I'm sure my father, Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds of the 422nd Regiment, is "grinnin" in heaven. Regina and I are "grinnin" too and happy to be part of the 106th family.

As I prayed about our memorial service, I got happy thinking about our veterans. I praise God that I live in a nation that is protected by soldiers, both men and women, who wake up every morning with one goal in mind: to fight for freedom.

Because they do, the United States of America remains free. Soldiers spend days, weeks, months and even years away from their loved ones defending our freedom. The love that they have for our country is unfailing, and it is displayed by their bravery and dedication. For them, I'm grateful to God.

I also got happy about our valiant veterans who have departed us. Some departed us on the battlefield and never made it home. They are our heroes! Some departed us after making it home and living a meaningful life. None were ever the same.

It may sound strange that I got happy over those who are no longer with us. But my heart was overjoyed with gratitude because they were with us. Yes, we love them and miss them dearly. But we were blessed to have loved them. Then the Lord led me to Psalm 100.

Psalm 100 is A Psalm of Thanksgiving. It is the only Psalm to bear this title. It is very appropriate for today. It is a happy song sung by a celestial army marching home in victory through the gates of heaven. Triumph reverberates through the ages with shouts of joy calling all the earth



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to celebrate the Lord. I pray, as we remember our beloved veterans, we will join the chorus of praise.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Psalm 100:1-5

I read recently that happiness is getting a shopping cart where all the wheels work... that happiness is seeing your husband's old girlfriend who looks much older and much larger than you... that happiness is a ten-minute sermon. I know that last one, makes you very happy. It almost makes you shout for joy!

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What makes me happy is knowing the tribe we call the “greatest generation.” They make me shout for joy to the Lord.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt would agree. He said, *“In all of the far-flung operations of our Armed Forces, the toughest job has been performed by the average, easy-going, hard-fighting young American who carries the weight of battle on his own young shoulders. It is to him that we and all future generations must pay grateful tribute.”*

I and a grateful nation praise God for our “brave boys” of the 106th and all our WWII veterans. With gladness, we *“come before him with joyful songs”* and *“enter his gates with thanksgiving.”*

All of you marched to unknown lands with a Divine sense of duty. All faced the horrors of war. All fought with grit, honor and sacrifice. All secured victory over indescribable evil. All are heroes! A more noble generation we have not met nor may ever know again.

Some, like my father and far too many loved ones, have promoted to their post in the heavenlies. Taps played for them the last time as réveille joined the refrain. Their earthly tents are pitched no more.

Some, like you and others, remain on duty here below. Your orders are clear and your Commander, the Lord of Hosts, gives you all that you need to finish the mission. We love and cherish you all.

All of you are great examples for us. You served our country well and overcame the hellish conditions of battle with strength and grace. Frankly, we don't know how you did it. We are in awe!

My father described the terror of battle in his wartime diary, “No one can realize the horrors the Infantry soldier goes through. If a man lives through a major engagement, he isn't much good after that. You get scared and I mean scared, and don't let anyone tell you that he wasn't scared.”

But you were good after that! Your victory over the horrors of war didn't defeat you but rather inspired you to return to America, start a career, finish college, marry your sweethearts, raise a family, be terrific citizens and lead ordinary lives of extraordinary influence. What a Godly legacy you've given us.

Thank you for choosing to selflessly serve our country. Thank you for risking your life, your dreams and your future. Thank you for placing yourself between right and wrong, good and evil, safety and danger. Thank you for braving the unspeakable horrors of war. Thank you for becoming teachers, clergy, business owners, employees, pilots, civil servants and more. Thank you for loving our country and for being a conscience to our nation. Thank you for your heroic influence in our lives.

God thanks you as well. In Psalm 16:3, The Lord says, *the godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them!*

Gratefully, we take pleasure in you too, our true heroes!

Chaplain:
Pastor Chris Edmonds

The Adjutant's Message . . .

We had a great 2018 reunion at the Crown Plaza, Dayton, Ohio. We met with our group as well the members of the 104th Division and the USS Missouri. Overall, we had quite a crowd and it was a very festive occasion. The 106th Division had peak attendance at our banquet of 54 including six veterans.

Our board met Wednesday evening followed by a get-acquainted gathering in our hospitality room. The next day all of the 106th attendees along with most of the other two groups went to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum. We could have used a couple more days there and still would not have seen it all. It is a wonderful museum.

We had two more tour events including a tour of the city and an event at the Spaghetti Warehouse including a good meal and playing a lively game of trivial pursuit.

Friday afternoon in the hospitality room, Ben Mack Jackson made a presentation to all members of the 106th, 104th and USS Missouri. Ben is the founder of the not-for-profit WWII Veteran's History Project as well as the curator of the Traveling Museum of WWII. He then interviewed many of the veterans present. (Ben was at our January reunion when we met in Kissimmee, Florida.)

Our Memorial Service, held Saturday morning, saw the debut of our new Chaplain, Pastor Chris Edmonds. Chris was at our reunion in Kissimmee Florida as the guest speaker for our banquet where he educated us on the actions of his father, Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds 422nd, while he was a POW in Germany. Welcome Pastor Edmonds, we are happy you are with us.



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We had the official Color Guard from Wright Patterson Air Force Base post our colors. Very professional, thank you.

Next came our banquet. We had a fine meal and a good program. The event was officiated by our President Leon Goldberg. Our speaker was a representative from the museum, Ray Robb, and his presentation was on the actions of the Doolittle's Raiders. Our entertainment was four songs beginning with *God Bless America* from Miss Lilly Rose. She is 16 years old, has a beautiful voice and just happens to be the granddaughter of Randy and Patty Wood. We were fortunate she was available

We made presentation of the Order of the Golden Lion to two deserving individuals. Patricia Wood was awarded the Companion Class of the OGL. Patty had put forth a considerable amount of effort to the organization of our recent reunions. When we went to Florida we had to organize the September reunion

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and then had to do it all again after we had to postpone the reunion till January 2018. Her efforts were invaluable. We also honored Eddy Monfort with a Companion Class OGL of Malempre, Belgium. Eddy was honored for his generous contributions over the years to honor the actions of American soldiers during the Battle of The Bulge. His award was mailed to be presented in Belgium.

The Board had decided on the slate of officers for the 2018-2019 year. They are as follows: President Wayne Dunn, First Vice President Bob Pope, Second Vice President Robert Schaffner, and Third Vice President Janet Wood. Leon Goldberg, being our first President in recent times that spanned two years, made a heartfelt farewell speech. Wayne Dunn was sworn in then made his

acceptance speech. The first timers were called upon to introduce themselves.

Looking towards the 2019 reunion, we are working with the 104th Timberwolves and arrangements are now being made for the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Providence–Warwick, RI for September 4 through 8. Our board has overwhelmingly approved the choice. The hotel sits out by itself a bit, but we will have fun tours and lots of time to visit. To my knowledge, we have never been there or if we have, it has been before the turn of the century. We look forward to the coming year.

Be safe and plan to attend!

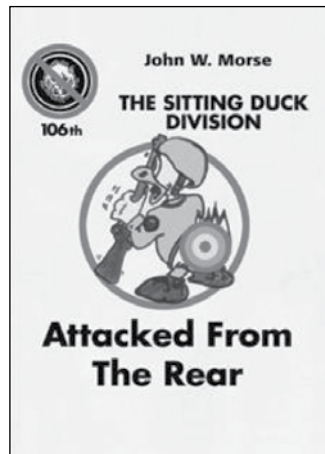
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The Sitting Duck Division: Attacked from the Rear

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.



Historian's Message . . .

It's a strange age that I am living now at 94. It's not easy to explain. Maybe it's a case of, "you have to be there," to understand. Oh, I'm not complaining. It's just that I am now thinking about what has happened to me in the past more than what I am going to do today. I only set the alarm for days that I really have to get up early. As a result, I wake up and then lay there in bed with my mind traveling back through time to some event or another that left an impression with me. Or, I might be thinking of something so profound that I want to remember after I get up. Then, when I do get up and dressed for the day, that thought has disappeared like steam from a tea kettle. Oh well, that's just me. Or is it?

The big reward is that I have met some notorious people along the way who turned out to be also very nice, congenial, warm and generous individuals. They would be only another name in the newspaper to most every one else. Somehow we think of a "Hall of Fame" member as untouchable. Not so. They are people, too.

I have also done a lot of things (when I was younger) that I'll bet the "average" guy has never thought of. Some day I may get all nostalgic and write about them, but only the good stuff.

Over the years I have been a collector. Not everything, like a hoarder, but selective stuff. Now the big question is who will be interested in my "collections" to accept what I have accumulated and add to it for the next generation? My library alone will require a fair size truck to move.

As I write this column the Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division



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Association in the city of Dayton, Ohio is now history. I was not present and it pained me to miss it, but time marches on and I feel like I have now been trod underfoot by Father Time. The simple fact is that I am an airplane nut and that is one reason enough for me to have wanted to be there. Of course the prime reason was to be with my good friends. Participation by the Association's veterans is now minimal only because those of us still breathing air are fading away as in General MacArthur's farewell speech. I understand that the Navy veterans are doing the same except they just "wash away."

I feel good about the future of our Association because our second-generation members have stepped into the positions to carry it on. Most obvious are our *CUB* Editor and Publisher, William and Susan. Communication is the key to a successful organization and we have

had the best. When the members are aware of what is happening they can and will participate. It is imperative that *The CUB* be there for the members. As the years pass, general interest in the history of WWII will diminish within the public venue. This happens in spite of the warning about “forgetting history.”

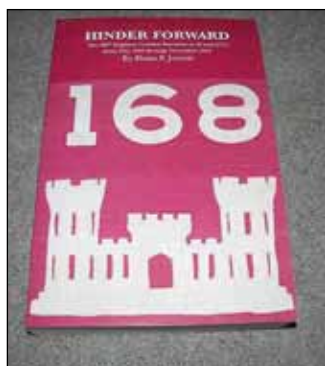
Our current President, Wayne Dunn, has been to visit me concerning my position as Association Historian. We spent the best part of a day with Wayne and Bob Schaffner (1st VP) browsing through about 300 pounds of written material, including many memoirs and correspondence. Decisions must be made as to the final distribution of these items. Our Association guidelines say that it goes to the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA when we no longer have anyone in the Association responsible for keeping it. There are listings (rosters) of Association members that can, and

will be, merged with existing rosters in the internet sites. These rosters will be up-dated as complete as we can make them. Also there are printed memoirs currently not included in the websites that will eventually be up-dated. This is a formidable task and will take time to accomplish. I believe that we need a volunteer with interest, time and talent to step up and say, “I can do that!” *Where are you?*

I maintain a connection with the Valley Forge Military Academy and must tell you that plans are now being laid to host an event on the Post in December 2018 honoring 106th Infantry Division veteran, and alumnus of VFMA, 1st Lt. Eric F. Wood, Jr. The monument, dedicated to the service and memory of Lt. Wood will be permanently located on the Post where, in the future, all Cadets will be urged to render a snappy hand salute when walking past it.

Hinder forward: The 168th Engineer Combat Battalion in ZI and ETO from May 1943 through November 1945

By Dean F. Jewett (168th Eng)



Note: the cover may not look like the pictured image.

Dean F. Jewett has written a book about the 168th Engineer Combat Battalion, which was attached to the 106th Infantry Division during the Battle of the Bulge. The book is 456 pages and sells for \$75, which includes postage, sales tax, etc.

New copies are only available through Mr. Jewett at P.O. Box 148, Saco, ME 04072 or by phone at 207-284-6778.

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PLEASE NOTE: Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy is working to update the Association's roster with veterans and their units. If you use email, please email her directly at ***membership@106thinfdivassn.org***. In your message, please let Jacquelyn know your name and 106th Infantry Division unit. Thank you.

To the widows of Golden Lions, if you would wish to continue to receive *The CUB* after the passing of your husband please let Membership Chair Jacquelyn Coy know. Her contact information is located above, in this box.

CUB Staff occasionally receive ***requests to stop the mailing*** of their issue of *The CUB*. If you no longer want an issue to be mailed to you, ***please contact Jackie Coy, Membership Chair.***

Treasurer's and Membership Chair's Report . . .

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NEW Release!



Warm Memories of Cold Spring

by Beatrice Fulton Keeber

A Golden Lion's war experiences forged a boy into a man. But what really defined him as the person he became was his "happily ever after" with his family and his 60-year love story. *Warm Memories of Cold Spring* is *not* a war story! It's a smile-producing tale of "what came next" that reminds other vets of their own "afters," their children and grandchildren of Dad's and Mom's or Grandpa's and Grandma's lives.

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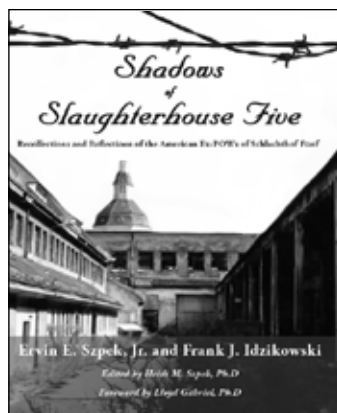
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Shadows of Slaughterhouse Five

From Ervin Szpek Jr., Associate 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.



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.



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.

My Grandfather's War

A Young Man's Lessons from the Greatest Generation

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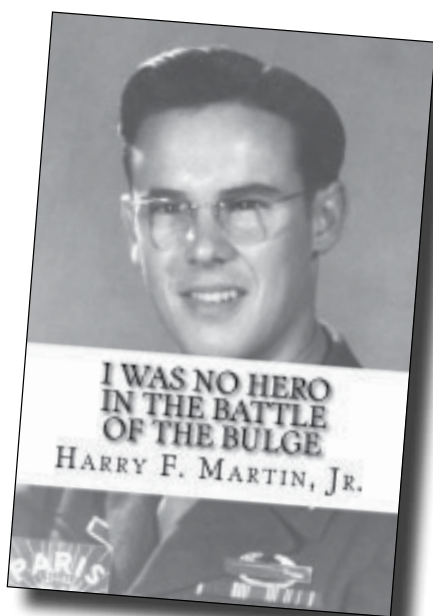
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THE 99TH DIVISION
IN WORLD WAR II
ROBERT E. HUMPHREY



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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:

January 31, 2019 — mail date March 30, 2019 (issue will include reunion paperwork)

May 1, 2019 — mail date July 15, 2019 (issue will include reunion paperwork)

October 1, 2019 — mail date November 30, 2019 (to include reunion photos and remembrances)

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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.

This is where you can find: info on upcoming events; copies of the membership application for your family to join; the complete latest issue plus additional photos and articles from *The CUB*.

Also look for our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn](https://www.facebook.com/106thInfDivAssn).

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.

Jim West and the www.IndianaMilitary.org Website

Additional 106th Infantry Division information can be found on Jim West's (OGL 2000) website at www.IndianaMilitary.org. It includes the following:

- Reconstructed Roster of the 106th at <http://tinyurl.com/106th-Roster> with 18,902 entries to date, including more than 300 individual photos
- Every issue of *The CUB* from 1946 to present (searchable)
- Every issue of the *Camp Atterbury Camp Crier* with articles on the 106th
- Local Columbus, Indiana, newspaper articles featuring the 106th
- 106th member diaries and accounts
- Articles include – Battle of the Bulge, Important dates, Unit publications, Photo Albums, After Action Reports, General and Special Orders and much more
- Information on the 106th guarded PWTE (Prisoner of War Temporary Enclosures)
- The official history site for Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

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*)

There were no Tattoo Requests submitted for this issue.

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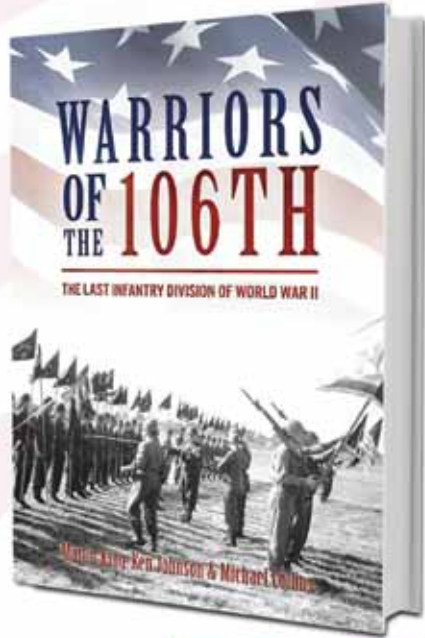
A new book on the 106th Infantry Division was recently published and is now available. Association Historian John Schaffner reports that the authors, Martin King, Ken Johnson and Mike Collins have decided that partial proceeds will be contributed to the 106th Association.

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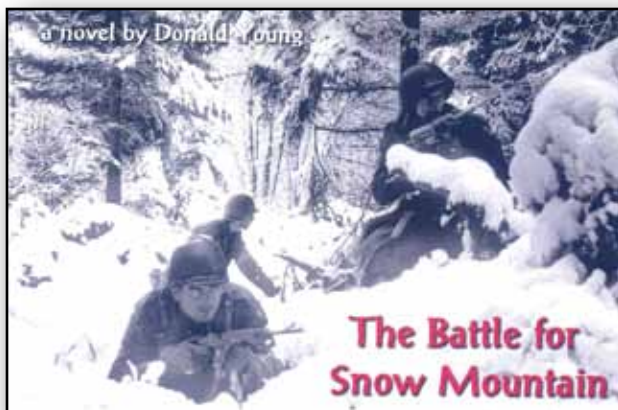
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WALLACE WOOD, BOOK REVIEWER

The Battle for Snow Mountain by Donald Young
can be purchased by April 1, from Pocol Press, 6023 Pocol Drive,
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It can also be ordered at *Amazon.com*, \$17.95, ISBN 978-1-929763-48-1

Order of the Golden Lion Committee

This award is provided in three classifications depending on the qualifications of the recipient. The most prestigious is “**Commander Class**” issued in gold finish. This award is usually provided to someone who has served the Association faithfully over an extended period of time.

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The specifications for making the award are intended to fit many instances where an individual is deemed worthy. *The award should be determined by the recipient's contributions to the Association.*

The Co-chairs of the Order of the Golden Lion committee will poll the members of the Board of Directors for recommendations for the OGL awards. The President or Co-chairs may select additional members to the committee.

Nominations will be submitted in a format suitable for composing a formal citation to accompany the award of the medal. This must be done in ample time prior to the next Reunion in order for the manufacturer to produce the medal(s) on time.

All citations should be kept confidential between the nominator



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Send nominations to any of the Co-chairs of the Order of the Golden Lion Committee at:

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**The 72nd Annual Reunion of the
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Always a welcome site at the hotel of the reunion.



**Trip to Wright-Patterson
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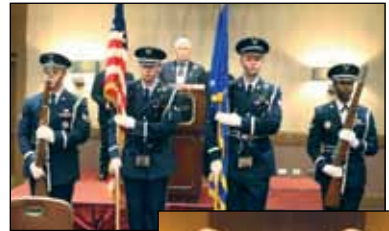
*(left) Veteran Bob Pope,
Michelle Pope and
Teresa O'Streicher.*

*(below) Veteran Herb
Sheaner's family.*



Memorial Service:

**Color Guard from Wright Patterson
Air Force Base.**



**Veterans
Bob Pope
and Herb
Sheaner
carry in the
memorial
wreath
for the
ceremony.**



Randy Wood on a flight simulator.



**Veteran Harry Martin and Jackie Coy with Herb Sheaner
listening to the WWII Veterans History Project speaker,
16-year-old Benjamin Mack-Jackson.**



**Please bring
your younger
generation family
members to the
reunions to keep
the association
going to honor
the veterans.**



Feature Stories . . .



New president Wayne Dunn and wife Lisa.

**Attendees at the
Welcome dinner,
Luncheon meeting and
Banquet:**



**Board member
Henry LeClair
attending to
honor his
father (422/G).**



**Beatrice Keeber and
Gloria Sheaner**



The veteran Richard Idstein (far right) family.



**(left)
Beatrice
Keeber
and Annie
Keeber**



**Veteran Anthony
"Tony" Rand.**



**Veteran Harry Martin and
Norman Berzonsky.**



**Kathy Spinella, Carolyn Whitener and
Dawn Walker**

**Past and current
association
president
attendees.**



**Patricia Wood receiving
the Order of the Golden
Lion award.**



**Past recipients of
the Order of the
Golden Lion award.**

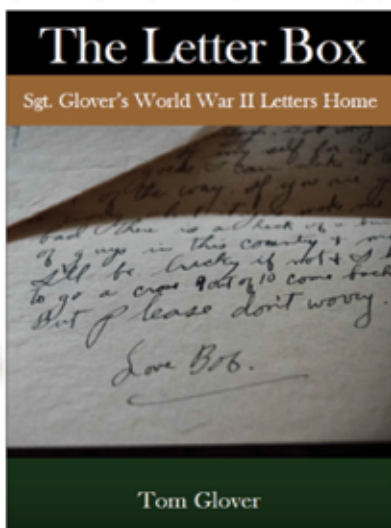


First-time Reunion attendees.

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pictures from
the reunion,
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THE LETTER BOX

Sgt. Glover's World War II Letters Home



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Written in his own words to his family from 1944–1946, this collection of hundreds of personal letters are virtually a "daily diary" chronicling one young man's desire to serve his country in Europe while staying connected to his family's daily life back home and, in the process, to imagine and value life's goals.

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Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

By Marilyn and John Robb 422/D

With their article for this *CUB*, the Robbs would like to share with you how much their tree has grown since 2010 when it was the subject of their Christmas message!

In 2005, John and I had the good fortune to be able to attend the dedication of the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. We stayed at the Marriott in Falls Church, VA where the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge were meeting. Friends of the VBoB from Belgium brought seedlings from the Ardennes where John and the 106th 422D were located during the battle. Although John is not a member of the VBoB, we helped ourselves to a few seedlings that were left over. It took a long time for the little seedling to take off as you can see from the 2010 photo.



In full view from our picture window, we track our tree's growth and beauty on a daily basis and it brings us great pleasure every season. We nursed it through a disease infestation and, in spite of harsh pruning, it regained its beautiful shape. Rabbits nest underneath its branches and birds like to perch there. A Blue Spruce, also an Ardennes seedling, is beautiful too, although not so well shaped and smaller due to competition from a Maple. We do so appreciate these trees from our Belgian friends of VBoB. It was such a nice gesture to bring Ardennes seedlings to celebrate the dedication of the WWII Memorial and such a fond memory of the occasion for us as well as a remembrance of December 1944.

My Life — Now a Minor Motion Picture

By Milton Feldman

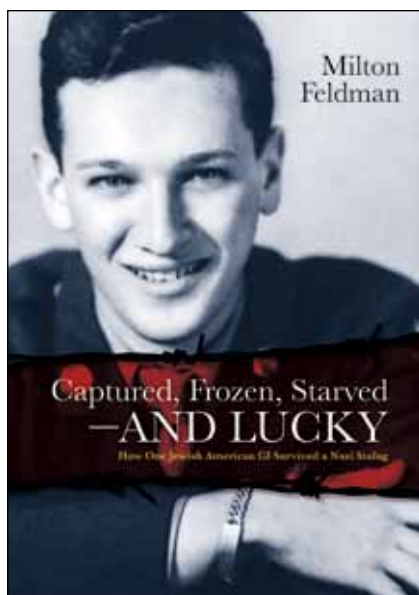
Like many of my fellow division members — and it seems like more as our group gets smaller — I wanted to record my memories of my youth and experience during the war so that later generations would know what we experienced and endured. After many years of notetaking, storytelling and some first attempts at writing, I got serious last year. I worked with my wife's son, Seth Bauer, a professional writer and editor, to produce a short, self-published memoir which we titled *Captured, Frozen, Starved — and Lucky: How One Jewish American GI Survived a Nazi Stalag*.

As we worked on the book, my stepson's wife had another idea. She knew a documentary filmmaker named Eduardo Montes-Bradley who had helped her family make a short film about her parents, primarily as a family

keepsake. I met Eduardo and realized that, while a film about my experience would only show a fraction of what happened, it could, through the use of archival footage and interviews, put one soldier's experience in a larger context. It would also bring the story to audiences that may not have otherwise been engaged.

I was able to commission Montes-Bradley to create the film and we started down an exciting road together. On-camera interviews, family photos, archival war footage, the music of the times, even a trip to Belgium to find the area where I'd been captured were all part of the process. As Eduardo posted information about the film online, we heard from the son of Jimmy McCormick, one of the men I'd mucked in with at prison camp — we'd helped each other stay alive. His son told me that all his life, Jimmy had carried an address list of fellow prisoners in his wallet. Jimmy had drawn stars next to the names of the four of us who'd mucked in together, and his son, Kerry, had always wondered what those stars meant. Now he knew. Hearing from Jimmy's son was perhaps the most exciting part of the whole endeavor.

After about six months, the film, which Eduardo titled *A Soldier's Dream* after a poem I'd written during the war, premiered at the retirement community where I live. Nearly four hundred people, including my fellow veterans from the community, a representative from our Congressman's office, and some of my close relatives who I now



rarely get to see, attended. So did Kerry McCormick, and Chuck Caldwell, the son of another of the four of us who'd bonded together to survive.

The film has now been accepted for several small film festivals, the book is available on *Amazon.com* and I'm having the time of my late life hearing from people who have seen the movie or read the book. I never thought I was a hero, and I do not think so now, but I'm rewarded every day by the knowledge that one private's experience of capture, deprivation and release can help show others what war really is and help them understand what it took for the Allies to win the most devastating war in history.



**A SOLDIER'S
DREAM**
UNRECORDED
STORY

An Open Call for the Next Publisher and Editor of *The CUB*

Submitted by Susan Weiss and William McWhorter

Dear Association, it is with a profound sense of excitement that Susan and I let you know that after 15 years, we will be retiring as the Publisher and Editor of *The CUB*. We are excited because we know the next two people will have a wonderful and enthusiastic Association to work with and their own rewarding experience in helping keep the lines of communication open for our members. Often, veterans and associate members have told us *The CUB*, is the "Glue" that helps keep the Association together and moving forward! We could not agree more.

At the September 2018 annual reunion, we shared our announcement with the board. Together, we have produced nearly 35 issues of the magazine from 2007 to present. Susan and I will finish out 2018, and produce *The CUB* through the next Board's tenure in 2019. Afterward, we will retire from producing the publication. For now it's business as usual, but the sooner we find volunteers to serve as editor and publisher, the more time we will have to talk over the process of creating *The CUB* three times a year!

If you're interested, email us, our information is at the top of page 1!

The 106th's Meritorious Unit Commendation

By Jim West

Golden Lion veteran Donald Prell asked about the **Meritorious Unit Commendation** and as to which units it applied. He cited *CUB, Vol. 8, No 2*, from November 1951, which lists many of the awards. I have corrected the roster to reflect these awards and want to share this story with the readers of *The CUB*.

Article begins...

The 106th Infantry Division Association extends its thanks to Mr. Ralph G. Steed (423rd Regt), Robbins, North Carolina and U.S. Senator, Clyde R. Hoey (North Carolina), for obtaining this official information from the Adjutant General, regarding the Battle Participation Credits, Distinguished (Citations, Meritorious Unit Commendations and Foreign Unit Awards, won by the 106th Infantry Division during World War II.

Battle Participation Credits

106th Infantry Division Northern France, Rhineland and Ardennes Alsace; 422d Infantry Regiment Northern; France, Rhineland and Ardennes Alsace; 423d Infantry Regiment, 424th Infantry Regiment, 589th Field Artillery Battalion, 590th Field Artillery Battalion, 106th Reconnaissance Troops (Mecz), 591st Field Artillery Battalion Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe; 592d Field Artillery Battalion, 806th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 106th Signal Company, 106th Quartermaster Company, 81st Engineer Combat Battalion, 331st Medical Battalion, 106th Coaster Intelligence Corps Detachment.

Distinguished Unit Citations (United States Army)

3d Platoon, Company F, 423d Infantry Regiment Cited for action at St. Vith, Belgium from 17 December to 23 December 1944, 81st Engineer Combat Battalion Cited for action in Germany from 16 December to 23 December 1944.

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Service Company, 424th Infantry Regiment Cited for service from 16 December 1944 to 15 March 1945 106th Signal Company Cited for service from 1 February 1945 to 1 April 1945 106th Quartermaster Company Cited for service from 1 December 1944 to 29 January 1945 331st Medical Battalion Cited for service from 12 December 1944 to 12 February 1945

Foreign Unit Awards

Hq & Svc Co, 81st Engr Combat Bn 3d Plat, Co F, 423d Inf Regt 424th Inf Regiment; 591st FA Bn (Attached to 7th Armored Div) : CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army by Decree No. 7253, 13 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom with the following citation: During the crucial period of the German offensive of the Ardennes, in 1944, the American 7th Armored Division attacked by enemy forces estimated at eight divisions, among them 3 SS Panzer Divisions and 2 Panzer Divisions, held the important center of Saint Vith, preventing any advance and any exploitation on this main line, thus dooming the German offensive to frustration and, by its

sacrifice, permitting the launching of the Allied counteroffensive.

Co C, 81st Engr Combat Bn; Co C, 331st Med Bn; 424th Inf Regiment; 591st FA Bn (Attached to 7th Armored Div): CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army by Decree No. 7253, 13 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgian, Regent of the Kingdom, with the following citation: Passing over to the attack on 20 January in the Saint Vith sector where it had fought previously, the 7th Armored Division pushed the enemy out of the position that it had been organizing for two weeks and pushed it without respite seven kilometers beyond the Belgian frontier, inflicting heavy losses on this enemy. During these nine days it captured more than 1,000 prisoners.

424th Inf Regiment; 591st FA Bn: BELGIAN FOURRAGERE (1940), awarded under Decree No. 7253, 13 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom 589th FA Bn (105-How)

French (Mix De Guerre with Silver-Gilt Star)

Awarded under Decision No. 247, 15 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation: A remarkable battalion whose brilliant conduct was greatly valued during the battles of St. Vith and Manhay on 16 to 23 December 1944. Attacked by an enemy operating in force but filled with the desire to conquer at any cost, it remained in position and, with direct and accurate fire, kept the attackers from access to vital communications south

of Manhay. Short of food, water and pharmaceutical products the 589th Field Artillery Battalion endured three attacks without flinching, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and forced him to retire.

Bronze Star Medal

Under the provision of Current Regulations, the Bronze Star Medal may be awarded to those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, on or after 7 December 1941, have been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge or Medical Badge, or whose meritorious achievement or exemplary conduct in ground combat against the armed enemy between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1945, inclusive, has been, between 7 December 1941 and 30 June 1947, inclusive, otherwise confirmed in writing by competent authority.

Individuals who have been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge or Medical Badge for service between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1945 by Department of the Army Letter Orders dated subsequent to 2 September 1945 are eligible for the retroactive award of the Bronze Star Medal. Applications for this award may be made to the Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C., furnishing therewith full name, service (serial) number and copy of orders awarding the badge, if available.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The only authentic authority available at the editorial office at the present time is Headquarters 106th Infantry Division General Orders Number 52 dated 1 August 1945, pertaining only to the 423rd Infantry Regiment.

American Red Cross Clubmobile “Veteran” Honored

Submitted by Nancy Johnson, neighbor and friend

Jill Pitts Knappenberger celebrated her 100th birthday on September 11, 2018. Jill was a driver of the American Red Cross Clubmobile (Cheyenne), which was involved in the Battle of the Bulge. Her twin brother Jack was a Battery Commander in the 590th Field Artillery Battalion, killed on December 16, 1944.

The following is from a September 10, 2018 *news-gazette.com* article, *Those Who Served*|Red Cross driver knew value of morale boost during Battle of Bulge, by Paul Wood.

“Her memory is so sharp that she can remember the unit numbers where she served coffee, doughnuts, cigarettes and gum to soldiers at the front. She



Photo by: Stephen Haas/The News-Gazette

Jill Knappenberger, who served with the American Red Cross during World War II, looks at the pins and patches on her hat during an interview at her home Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, in Champaign.

served 22 months in the war. Wearing a bracelet that shows her Red Cross Clubmobile, Knappenberger has done

heavy lifting in her century. To show for those years: an Honor Flight, five Army battle stars, a Nazi flag she brought back from the war and [much more...]

A University of Illinois alumna, she dropped out for a couple years to graduate from the American Red Cross School at American University in 1943. Knappenberger

volunteered to be an American Red Cross Clubmobile driver — boosting morale with coffee and doughnuts and her vivacious personality. ‘Gen. (Dwight) Eisenhower said there was nothing more important than keeping up the morale at the front,’ she said. She was there partly in support of her twin brother, Jack.

After being on the largest convoy ever landed in England, her unit landed on Utah Beach during the last week of July, then was attached to the Eighth Corps, Third Army. They advanced with them through northern France. The “doughgirls” visited hospitals and foxholes to raise morale. She worked in semi-safety until Dec. 16, the first day of the Battle of the Bulge. In the siege, it was Knappenberger who brought hot coffee, doughnuts and cigarettes to



Photo by Nancy Johnson

soldiers freezing in the forest. But soon, she and the troops were completely cut off from food, ammunition and communication. The siege would last for six days. That's when the twin suffered her worst tragedy.

At 26, she found out that Jack had arrived from England and moved up into Germany. She earned two days' leave just before the battle. 'I was blessed to see him for a bit. I said, 'See you soon,' she said. On Dec. 16, the German counter-offensive began.

'It was in the coldest winter in years,' she remembered. 'And the Germans were all around us.' Jack Pitts died during the first day of the Battle of the Bulge, shortly after visiting with her in Germany. He is buried in the military cemetery in Luxembourg. 'It was shrapnel. He died instantly,' his twin said. Her Clubmobile was the only one to be swallowed up in the Battle of the Bulge. She and a couple other Red Cross workers escaped to safety.

Golden Lions Morris Levine, Cannon Co 422 and John Robb, 422D Honored in Erie, PA

Submitted by the Robbs

Former Prisoners of War, Morris Levine, 100, (left) and John Robb, 93, reunited at the Erie VAMC POW/MIA

Remembrance Ceremony after 73 years. Both Levine and Robb served in the 106th Infantry Division and were captured during the Battle of the Bulge. They spent about three months as POWs until being



liberated on April 2, 1945. While it was hard to put their time as POWs into words, they reminisced about their shared journeys of Bad Orb, Germany, their POW camp and their time at Camp Lucky Strike, France prior to returning home. As they parted ways with smiles on their faces, Robb simply said, "Weren't we the lucky ones. And we were."

The Story of Bernard “Barney” Mayrsohn, a Real and True American Hero

By Seth Bramson

This is a story like no other. This is a story that, were it not completely and absolutely truthful and factual, would be fodder for an incredible novel, which the book on and about Barney’s life is anything but.

In the technical literary sense it is a biography. But what a story that biography is, for the story of Bernard (“Barney”) Mayrsohn and his family goes back to “the old country” and continues to and through today. It begins in 1811 and is in full bloom and blossom as these words are being written, with Barney’s son, daughters, granddaughters, nieces and nephews all very much a part of it.

This is the story of “a Brooklyn boy” who, like his older brother Casper, and then his younger brother Jack, attended the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University in Ithaca. However, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941, Barney immediately volunteered for service in the United States Army.

That service, detailed in the book, is what made an even-then incredibly gentle and humble man a true American hero, for Barney Mayrsohn was awarded a Bronze Star for his gallantry and bravery, earned two Purple Hearts after being wounded twice in combat at the Battle of the Bulge and in addition received the revered Combat Infantry Medal.

Following his Division’s capture by the Wehrmacht (German army), and his and their being interned in German POW Stalag (Camp) 4B, the story becomes

even more novel-like as Barney, in a fascinating twist of fate, suddenly became a sergeant and guided both the British and American POWs in his Stalag

through a near-horrific five months prior to the end of the war. It was during that five` months in captivity that his weight dropped from 150 to 100 pounds.

After liberation by the Russians, Barney returned to Cornell, married the great love of his life, and spent more than sixty years with his beloved Ethel until her passing in 2007. They raised their three children, Janet, Barbara and Mark together and Barney’s son, Mark, continues his father’s heritage. Like his uncle and father, Mark attended Cornell and eventually took over management of the family business, Mayrsohn International Trading Company, known worldwide for its many years of trade in the fruit and vegetable businesses, going back to the late 1890s.

Janet, Barney and Ethel’s older daughter and oldest child, was born in 1949, and is named after Joshua Kleinberg, Janet’s Great-Grandfather. After Ethel and Barney moved to White Plains, New York, in 1955, Janet attended public school there. In 1967 she was accepted at Case–Western Reserve University. Majoring in psychology, sociology and art, she graduated in 1971. Coming back to New York, she earned her master’s



Barney Mayrsohn
(423/CN0, past president of the 106th Infantry Division Assoc., 2014–2015)

degree in 1978 in therapeutic recreation at Columbia University in New York City. A thirty-year career as an activities director and recreation therapist, Janet married twice and has no children.

Barbara is Barney and Ethel's middle child, born in 1950. She also attended White Plains public schools and was on the twirling squad in junior high and high school as well in drama and glee clubs. In 1968 she went to Quinnipiac College (now Quinnipiac University) in Hamden, Connecticut. After graduating in 1972 with a degree in history, Barbara worked for her father in the produce business for about fifteen years before starting a personal development seminar business. Married once, she has no children and lives in White Plains.

Ninety-six year old Barney Mayrsohn is now as active as he has ever been, spending half the year at his home in Purchase, New York and the other half at his condominium in Miami Shores, Florida, anything but retired.

Today, Barney not only continues to spend time at Mayrsohn International's office in Miami, but is an active member of the Northeast Miami-Dade Kiwanis Club as well as the Cornell Club of Greater Miami. In addition, he is a

regular at numerous social and civic events in the Greater Miami area, a revered and honored guest at each.

His story is beyond incredible and he is called upon often by civic associations, fraternal organizations and veteran's groups to share that story, riveting his audiences each time he speaks. In addition, he is an honored guest lecturer at Barry University in Miami Shores, where, each term, he addresses the Twentieth Century World History classes, telling them his story, astounding and amazing them with the tales of his life and his exploits, especially since every word is factual.

The book, then, is that story and it is the story of a true American hero who today remains as gentle, kind and humble as he has been throughout his life. He is, at the least, remarkable, and as you read and enjoy the Barney Mayrsohn story you will doubt that it is not a novel. Be assured that it is not and as his friend, this book's author likes to say, "the good lord willing and the creeks don't rise" you will have the opportunity to learn about a man who is not only "one of a kind," but who was likely the real-life character for whom the phrase, "they broke the mold when they made him" was coined.

From Brooklyn to the Battle of the Bulge and on to Building an International Business: The Incredible Story of Bernard (Barney) Mayrsohn

by Seth H. Bramson

The book can be purchased online at **amazon.com**. Type "Seth Bramson" in the search and it will come up.



Forced March from the Bulge to Berchtesgaden

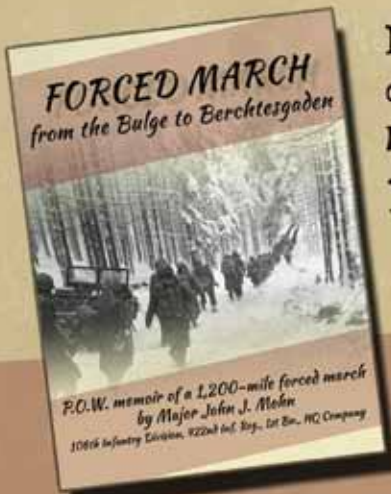
Major John J. Mohn
106th Division, 422nd Infantry,
1st Battalion, HQ Company

Major John J. Mohn (then Captain) was taken prisoner at the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, along with 7,000 other men. As prisoner camps were too full and the German officers were unsure what to do with so many prisoners, Mohn's POW group was forced to march 1,200 miles.

He was liberated three times, twice recaptured. His final liberation was on May 2, 1945 at Gars-am-Inn. Of the 7,000 men he was only liberated with about 100 men.

John Mohn recorded his POW experience in a memoir. Unfortunately Mohn passed away in January 2005. His book was never published.

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*CAPTURED AT THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE***

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**Captured at the
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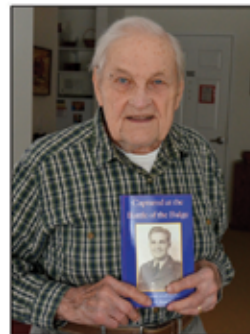
In December 1944 a young American soldier's division, newly-arrived in Europe, was sent to the front line to a quiet position on the Belgian- German border. Days after their arrival the Germans launched the great counterattack that came to be called the Battle of the Bulge. Russ Lang and his regiment were soon encircled. They attacked until their supplies and ammunition were exhausted, then held out until circumstances forced them to surrender.

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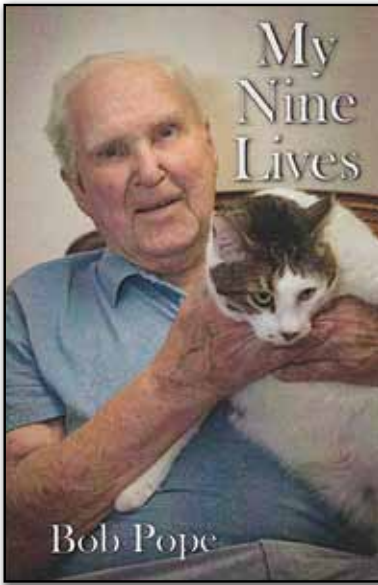
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When the order to fall back was received, the fog was so bad that even with our field glasses it was difficult to tell if the shadowy figures we saw were our soldiers retreating or German soldiers advancing. A German ME109 suddenly appeared out of the fog and strafed us. I have no idea how many of our guys were killed or wounded.

The German advance was so swift and met such little resistance due to the lack of fire power and experience that it was already too late. We were bivouacked in a valley on the night of December 18th when word came that we were surrounded. We were told to dispose of all gun firing pins and all vehicle rotors because we were going to surrender.

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ANDIORIO, ALFRED R. "DICKIE" **Unit Not Provided**

—*Date of Death: Aug. 12, 2018*



WWII soldier
in Europe and
VFW member,
of Bernardsville,
92 Alfred R.
"Dickie" Andiorio
of Bernardsville,
N.J., passed away
peacefully at his

home in Bernardsville, N.J., where he was a lifelong resident. Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Bernardsville, N.J. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Basking Ridge, N.J.

Alfred was the youngest of 10 children. He was born on Feb. 20, 1926 to Louis Andiorio and Maria Campanella Andiorio. He graduated from Bernards High School. He was immediately deployed to battle in the European theater of World War II with the U.S. 106th Infantry Division, fighting in the "Battle of the Bulge." A few years after returning home from war, he met and married Marie Esposito, with whom he had a daughter, Elaine Andiorio. Dickie was a loyal and diligent employee at Monroe Calculator, U.S. Radium, Bernardsville school system and finally Clark's Hardware in

Bernardsville until the age of 90. Dickie was a member of the Bernardsville Lions Club and a very proud member of Bernardsville VFW Post 7858. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Marie, and his nine siblings. He is survived by his daughter, Elaine, and many nieces and nephews. For further information, or to light an online condolence candle please visit gcfuneralhome.com.

Reported by Jim West

BIRDSALL, CLIFFORD H. 422/AT

—*Date of Death: August 1, 2018*

Born June 19, 1924, he grew up in Brecksville, Ohio. Graduating in May of 1942, he attended the fall quarter of his freshman year at Ohio State University before being drafted into World War II. He went into the Army in January of 1943 and was taken prisoner on December 19, 1944 in the Battle of the Bulge. On April 26th, 1945, he was liberated by Allied forces. He returned to Ohio State University where he graduated with a degree in engineering. Shortly thereafter he met and married Ruth Hudder. Clifford Birdsall spent the next 40 years working as a civil engineer. Together, he and Ruth lovingly raised three children. Cliff and Ruth were married until Ruth's passing in 2001. He then met and married

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Margarete Boschert, who gave him many happy additional years of life he would not otherwise have had. He is survived by three children, Kerrie, Clark and Clifford, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Reported by Carl Wouters and Don Prell

HELMICH, LESTER A. 424/HQ

—Date of Death: June 8, 2018

My father, Lester A. Helmich, passed away on June 8, 2018. He was 100 years old. He was born November 22, 1917, in Cincinnati, OH. He met and married his wife, Margurette, and subsequently joined the Army in 1943. He was in the ROTC at the University of Cincinnati, and they were called up in early 1943. When General Eisenhower said that he needed more infantry troops, he was sent to Camp Atterbury in southern Indiana, where the troops became part of the 106th Infantry Division. In November, 1944, they moved to Portsmouth, England, and from there sailed to Le Havre, France. From there they traveled to Belgium. His division made a stand at St. Vith and this delayed the German timetable to where the German drive failed. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and stayed past the end of the war where he was part of the Army of Occupation. He returned to his wife and daughter, Barbara, and went on to have three more children, Bruce, Eugene and Elaine. He completed his B.S. in Chemical Engineering at the Univ. of Cincinnati. After retiring from Bendix Corporation, he volunteered with the International Executive Service Corps, as State Department program which provides

assistance to third world countries. In this program, executives are loaned to various countries to help local companies upgrade their technology. In this capacity, he volunteered in Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and South Korea. He and his wife enjoyed traveling, and visited many countries around the world. He was preceded in death by his wife Margurette, and two of his four children, Bruce and Elaine. He was active in the Sarasota VFW Post 3233, where he was Post Commander, and became District Commander, as well as a Life Member. He organized mini-reunions for the 106th Division in Sarasota. He was a long term member of both the Masons and the Shriners. He enjoyed playing Bridge and playing the stock market. He is survived by two of his children, 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Family and faith have been the guiding principles of his long life.

Reported by his daughter, Barbara Jones

HIMBERG, ROBERT (Bob) A.

Non-106th Vet

—Date of Death: August 20, 2018

Robert A. Himberg was the brother of Cpl. Carl A. Himberg, Jr. 592/FABN/B, who died while a prisoner of war. After the loss of his brother, Bob kept a Golden Lion Medallion with him every day of his 91 years. Upon his passing on August 20, 2018, in the emergency department of South Shore Hospital, Weymouth, MA, the medal was lost by the staff. His family is distraught over the loss of Bob and the medal, as he kept it in his pocket and clutched it daily to remember his

brother. *If anyone can assist in finding another Golden Lion Medallion, please email the funeral home: bmcnamara.sparrell@gmail.com*

*Reported by Brendan McNamara,
Funeral Director*

HULKONEN, ARTHUR A. 422/C

—Date of Death: April 25, 2016

Arthur Hulkonen, 93, of Kaleva, Michigan died on April 25, 2016. He was born in the Upper Peninsula in Nisula, Michigan on April 13, 1923. Art served in the US Army during World War II. He was one of many recruits to be trained as replacements for the men in the 106th Infantry Division, 422nd regiment, Battery C. He was taken as a Prisoner of War during the Battle of the Bulge. He spent 7-8 days being transported in a crowded box car with 60 prisoners, spending Christmas Eve and Day in less than desirable conditions. Their original destination was Stalag at Bad ORB some distance south of Berlin. From there, 38 of them were sent to a labor camp at Bad Schandau, south of Dresden on the Elbe River. After five months in prison camp working 7 days a week at a horse feed mill, given one meal a day consisting of rutabagas cooked in water and bread, they were finally freed when the war came to an end. On May 8, seven of the Americans broke away and finally reached the Americans at Karlsbad on May 13, 1945. After discharge from the Army, Art settled in Kaleva, Michigan where he met his loving wife of 65 years, Mildred Jouppi, who preceded him in death in 2012. Art was a local farmer and businessman, and went on

to work for International Chemical Company and later Agrico Chemical Company before his retirement in 1985. He was an active member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Kaleva and charter member of Kaleva Lions Club. He was proud of his Finnish heritage and served on the Finnish Council at Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan for many years. At the time of his death he was the last Finnish-speaking member in the community of Kaleva. In September 2015 the Village of Kaleva and Kaleva Historical Society honored him for his community service and business contributions to Kaleva. Art was the eternal optimist. He loved jokes and reciting his own poetry. He had a great appreciation for life and plenty of “Sisu,” the Finnish word for perseverance and determination. Being surrounded by his family was his greatest joy. He is survived by his three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Reported by his daughter, Karen Hilliard

LEVINE, MORRIS A. 422

—Date of Death: September 26, 2018

Morris A. Levine, age 100, of Erie, Pa., died on Wednesday, September 25, 2018 at the VA Medical Center. He was born in Philadelphia on June 4, 1918, to the late Louis and Tillie Cohen Levine. Morris graduated from Academy High School. He served in the 106th Infantry Division of the United States Army during World War II. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, where he was captured and was held

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as a POW. Morris married the former Minnie Boxinbaum and together they owned Levine Auto Supply in Wesleyville for many years. He was an active member of Congregation B'rith Sholom. In addition to his beloved first wife, Minnie, he was preceded in death by his second wife, Myrtle Fox, a son-in-law, Robert Snyderman, three brothers and a sister. Morris is survived by two daughters, Marian and Cheryl, a son, Sidney, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Reported by Jim West and John Schaffner

MARTZ, LOUIS HOWE 424/G

—Date of Death: August 13, 2017

Louis Howe "Pop" Martz, who served during the Battle of the Bulge with Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 424th Infantry Regiment of the 106th Infantry division, died August 13, 2017 in Jacksonville, Fla. He was 96. Born in Catawissa, Pa., Mr. Martz grew up in Elizabethtown, Pa., before enlisting in the Army after the start of World War II. Following Infantry Basic Training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., he was assigned to the 106th as a rifleman and served in France, Belgium and Germany during the winter of 1944-45. Following World War II, Mr. Martz worked for the government as a civil service employee and remained in the military reserves, first with the Pennsylvania National Guard and later with the Air Force Reserve. He retired from military service on July 17, 1981 as a Chief Master Sergeant after 31 years of duty in the Army and Air force. Mr. Martz was predeceased by his loving wife of 75 years,

Beatrice Jean Martz. He is survived by three children, nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren

Reported by his daughter, Bonnie L. Smedley

ROSS, REECE M. 423/A

—Date of Death: February 26, 2018

Reece was born on April 3, 1924. He was a sergeant in the 106th Infantry and fought his way through the Battle of the Bulge into Germany, and remained there as part of the peace keeping force. He was very proud to be a Golden Lion, and told his children many stories - some very funny, some very sad. After the War he was a driver for Greyhound for 35 years, then a charter bus driver out of Charleston, W. Vir., until he took "early retirement" at age 82. He was a good man who helped everyone he could, and always tried to pass on his values to his children. He lived in Coco Valley, West Virginia, the town where he was born, until 2015 when he moved in with his son in Fresno, CA. He was an avid golfer for 60 years, playing until the last six months of his life. And he always wore his WWII Veterans hat. He is survived by his sons, Adam, Frank, Darrell. Mike, and his only daughter, Lynn.

Reported by his son, Michael

RUNDLE, DONALD G. 423/F

—Date of Death: April 2014

Donald G. Rundle, passed away in April of 2014. He was a wounded POW during the Battle of the Bulge and I have always been very proud of his service to our country.

Reported by his son, Brian Rundle

STEFFEN, JOHN A.**423/E***—Date of Death: November 27, 2016*

John was born June 27, 1926 in Elroy, WI, the son of Ferd and Winnie Steffen. He served as an Army Staff Sergeant in World War II where he saw combat in France and played trumpet in a band as part of the Occupation Army in Germany. He received a Bronze Battle Star and the French Legion of Honor medal for his service. John graduated from UW-Madison where he met his wife of 66 years, Jean Schoonover Steffen. After a stint selling farm equipment in Elroy, he became an investment broker and moved to Madison where he retired after 28 years in the business. Over the years, he served on various Boards, including the Juneau County Board of Supervisors, YMCA, Methodist Hospital, MARC, and SCORE. He also earned a Master's degree in Adult Education from the University of Wisconsin. John was a member of Ionic Masonic Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason, a Life Master Bridge player, and an accomplished pianist. He volunteered his piano playing twice weekly at UW Hospital into his 90th year. He was a longtime member of Blackhawk Country Club. John is survived by this wife, Jean, his three daughters, Jane, Janet and Barbara and six grandchildren. Family was his pride and joy.

*Provided by Cress Funeral Home and
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TITONE, JOSEPH VITO, JR.**Unit Not Provided***—Date of Death: June 4, 2018*

The nation lost another patriot from its greatest generation when (ret.) Army Major Joseph Vito Titone, Jr., 100, of Seabrook, N.H. formerly of Lawrence, Mass., and St. Petersburg, Fla., passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, June 4, 2018.

Born on September 5, 1917 in Lawrence, Mass., to the late Joseph and Nunzia (Larosa) Titone, he started his lifelong military career in 1943 serving in World War II in the 106th Infantry Division rising to the ranks of Major before his retirement from the Army Reserve. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, two battle stars, European Theatre and American Defense Ribbons, and the Occupational Medal. He was very proud of his service to his country and was even once invited to be the Grand Marshall in the Lawrence, Mass., Memorial Day Parade.

Joe married Olga (Savinelli) Titone in 1941 and began 70 years of marriage together until her death in 2012. They enjoyed traveling the world, Caribbean cruises and especially visiting family in Italy.

Family was everything to Joe and there was nothing he loved more than having his family around him. The Italian feasts his wife Olga cooked were legendary and the house was often overflowing with family and friends. There were always competitive card games of 45's after dinner and Joe could still beat everyone at the table, even at

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100 years old. He tended to an amazing vegetable garden every year that always had abundant results, no matter the weather. He enjoyed keeping up with politics and was active in local Lawrence politics and community affairs.

Thoroughbred horse racing was a passion for Joe throughout his life; he was an owner of several race horses through the years, racing the New England circuit as well as Tampa Bay Downs. Saratoga Springs during the summer racing meet was a favorite destination.

On the occasion of his 100th birthday, his family surprised him with a party attended by many friends and family. It was a great celebration filled with laughter and shared memories. The family would like to thank Beacon Hospice Care and Amedisys VNA in particular Tracy, Tonya and Tanya for their compassion and care of Joe in his final days.

He is survived by his children, Joseph Titone and his wife Julie, Francis Titone, James Titone and his partner Jane Winn, and Marie Titone; daughter-in-law Gloria Titone; his eight grandchildren, Tammy Foster and her husband Robert, Jo-Ann Bellavance, Joseph Titone, Michael Titone, Angela Scanlon and her husband Jason, Jeffrey Titone, Tania Philbrook and her husband John, and Jonathan Titone and his wife Emily, as well as his 13 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Dominic Titone and daughters-in-law, Charlene Titone and Maryann Sullivan.

All arrangements will be private at Joseph's request. Donations in

Joe's memory may be made to the Veterans Legacy Initiative, 331 High St., Newburyport, MA 01950. veteranslegacyinitiative.org.

Reported by Jim West

TULLY, DONALD M. 106th

—Date of Death: July 7, 2018

Donald M. Tully, 92, of Waterville, ME passed away on July 7, 2018. He was born on December 6, 1925. He attended Waterville schools and served in the U.S. Army 106th Infantry Division throughout the European theater during World War II. Before returning to the U.S., he served at the Nuremberg trials and told many stories about that event. Don later worked at Lockwood Mills, Atherton Furniture, and for many years at Merrill/Federal/Fleet Bank in Waterville, retiring in 1997. Don loved to walk daily and was known by many Waterville residents, especially in the downtown area. He was also a member of the Waterville American Legion Post #5. Don was also a stamp collector all of his adult life and was a member of the Waterville Stamp Club. One of his greatest passions was dancing (and he was very good at it) which is how he met his wife, Lillian. They first met at a dance at the Waterville Legion, and enjoyed the rest of their lives together. Don was predeceased by his wife, Lillian, four brothers, a sister, and his first wife. He is survived by his stepson, nephew and several other relatives.

Reported by Jim West and John Schaffner

**VAN MOORLEHEM,
ARTHUR LEON**

423/D

—Date of death July 26, 2018

Arthur Leon Van Moorlehem was born of April 27, 1922 in Huron, SD to Octaaf and Marie Van Moorlehem, the third youngest of 13 children. He attended school at Alpena, SD and Minneota, graduating from Minneota High School. On December 11, 1941, he was united in marriage to Lucille Lantgen in Waterville, SD. Art enlisted and served in the US Army in WWII. He fought in central Europe and participated in the Battle of the Bulge, where he and several soldiers from his unit were taken prisoner of war and were taken captive in Germany for several months. Art was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Badge and Bronze Star. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Chicago. In 1949, the couple moved to Huron, SD and from there to Arlington, SD, where they farmed and raised four boys and a girl. In 2006 they moved to Marshall. For the last year, Art has been living at the Good Samaritan Society in Arlington, MN. Art enjoyed reading and following the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion Post 42, and the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. He is survived by his sons, Dennis, Edward, Brian, and daughter Jean, 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Reported by his grandson, Aaron Van Moorlehem

WELLS, SR., CHARLES EDWARD

422/F

—Date of Death: July 6, 2018

Ed was born on January 12, 1926 in Pacolet Mill, SC. Known to his friends as “Pete” while growing up in rural South Carolina, Ed graduated from Pacolet High School and worked at the local textile mill until he was drafted by the Army in 1944 during World War II. After completing basic training at Camp Blanding, FL, Ed boarded the Henry T. Gibbons and arrived in France 13 days later. Ed was assigned to the 106th Infantry Division, 422nd Regiment, Company F and began moving to the front to help fortify the Allied front against Germany at the Battle of the Bulge. When nearing the front, his regiment received word Germany had surrendered. Ed was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, 2 Bronze Service Stars, the WWII Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. After leaving the Army, Ed moved to Atlanta, GA and began a career as a photographer. During the 1950s, Ed was a staff photographer for the Atlanta Journal and Constitution photographing the Reverend Billy Graham for a news story highlighting Rev. Graham’s crusade being held in Atlanta. Ed went on to work for the Georgia Dept. of Transportation photographing construction projects across the state. A large number of his photographs were used in the GDOT publication “Georgia Highways”. Ed continued in the photographic industry doing commercial photography and selling photographic equipment before retiring in 1990. Ed was married to

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Leslie Jennet Burch on March 24, 1956 and they had 2 children, Karen and Charles. Ed loved his family, God, music, baseball, gardening and homegrown tomato sandwiches in the summer. He was truly a man from the Greatest Generation. Ed sang in the Chorus at Rosewell First Baptist Church and enjoyed playing the organ at home. Ed's love for homegrown tomato sandwiches led to his green thumb for gardening and growing tomatoes. He

would begin his tomato plants from seeds and nurture them before planting in the spring. Some of Ed's tomatoes would grow to three pounds and cover a slice of Sunbeam bread. The Wells family appreciates the services delivered by Roswell Fire Rescue each time they had to call 911. Ed is survived by his wife of 61 years, Leslie, daughter, Karen, son, Charles, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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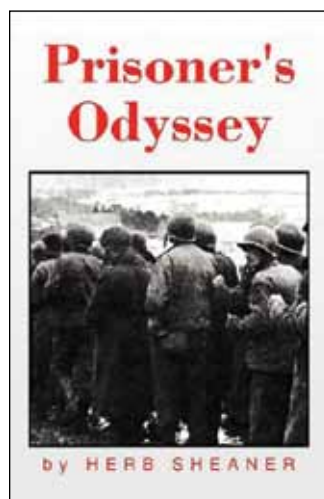
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by Herb Sheaner (422/G)

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