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Memorial Bridge Dedication for Lt. Eric Fisher Wood, Jr.



Rep. Jesse Topper, 78th Legislative District on the left, and Eric Fisher Wood, III on the right.

On April 26, 2019, the Dutch Corner Historical Society, the Wood Family, local community members and representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, joined together to dedicate a bridge to the memory of a well-known Golden Lion, Lt. Eric Fisher Wood, Jr.

See photos, the dedication ceremony program and read remarks given at the dedication ceremony on page 30.

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President's View . . .

Greetings to all,

By now I am hoping that many of you have registered for our upcoming 73rd Annual Reunion of the 106th Infantry Division Association. If not, it is not too late, so please consider joining us. This year's event will be held September 4–8, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Providence-Warwick (Airport), Rhode Island. In addition to the paperwork that was enclosed in *The CUB*, you can also register online through the Armed Forces Reunion website at: afr-reg.com/106inf2019/. For an overview of the planned program and tours, you can visit our webpage: 106thinfdivassn.org/reunion2019.html.

This December will mark the 75th anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Bulge. Elsewhere in this issue you will find an article from Carl Wouters, our Association Belgian Liaison, that will detail their planned activities scheduled for December 13 through 16, plus their contact information. In addition, Carl has listed four commercial tours (not affiliated with the 106th Association).

Each spring I submit ads regarding our reunion to the various military publications, eagerly looking forward to any new people contacting me. Veterans of the 106th, their siblings or their children, had no idea our Association



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existed, or that we were still active. They call or email, chat about their connection, and many have joined our mailing list. This year, Richard Manahan, 85-year-old son of Lt. Col. William T. Manahan, Ordinance Officer for the 806th Ordinance Co. got in touch. I enjoy trying to find them in prior issues of *The CUB* (using the Name Index on our website) to learn more about these vets. My favorite “find” was from several years ago when I received an email from James Dougher, Jr. He happened to be friends with Dr. Joe Schectman, a PFC from the 424th, 3BN, Hq. Co. — a radio operator. Not just any radio operator — he was my dad's radio man (Capt. Thomas. M. Dunn). And he still had his log books from the war which lists the dates, places and a comment about what they were doing. Very happy to have received it!

In the category of “what other excuse can be used to avoid household



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projects,” Bob Schaffner and I started to inventory and separate the contents of six storage bins of 106th material from Association Historian, John Schaffner. Somehow the boxes are now magically in my den where I plan to finish the inventory and post that on the website and then try and convert the paper into digital files, index the content and post that on the internet for all to see. There are many old pictures, newspaper clippings, diaries, etc., that hopefully people will find value in. Once I’m organized, I also plan to share all of this with Jim West for him to add to his fantastic collection.

Finally, I was very fortunate to have received the information from my father’s radio man, but it also made me think of all the notes, pictures, etc., that

people have laying around that just may get discarded. When my oldest cousin passed away about ten years ago, his wife sent me four or five photos of my father and grandfather from the early 1900s. When I called to ask if I could make copies of the many other photos that I knew she had, I learned they had been thrown away because she didn’t think anyone would want them. So, if you have anything related to the 106th and you plan on tossing it out, please consider making it available to the Association. If you promise not to tell my wife, I will be happy to make the information shareable to all.

Hope to see many of you
in Providence!

Wayne G. Dunn
President

Make your plans NOW!!

to join us for the

73rd Annual Reunion

of the

106th Infantry Division Association

at the

**Crown Plaza Hotel – Providence-Warwick
(Airport), Rhode Island**

from

September 4 to 8, 2019

**Registration forms and paperwork can be found
in the center of this CUB.**

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

www.afr-reg.com/106inf2019

Chaplain's Message . . .

From high above the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, the Wall looks like a deep slash made by a dagger into the heart of American soil. From the ground, it's nestled between two great Presidents, Lincoln and Washington. For many, it's a scene never forgotten.

The Memorial was dedicated in 1982. In the first 15 years, 54,000 items were left at the Wall. It still takes almost an hour every night and much longer on Memorial Day, to collect the mementos — flowers, a photo of a soldier's grandchild, a stuffed animal, a letter from a daughter who never knew her dad, a fellow soldier's dog tag, even a motorcycle. The "Harley-like" bike was created to honor fallen brethren, POWs, and MIAs by a group of Vietnam veterans from Wisconsin who ride to the memorial in Washington every year in Operation Rolling Thunder.

Every item is labeled and taken to a warehouse. The U.S. Park Service doesn't know quite how to deal with it all. "No one ever expected this to happen," a park ranger said. "It's so personal. It caught everyone by surprise."

Engraved in the granite are names — names on a wall — names of the fallen. There are names of a mother's child, a wife's husband, a child's father, a daddy's daughter. Each name is a story and each story inspires. Every one of them is loved. Every one of them is more than a name on a wall. All bear witness to the chilling loss sacrificed by 58,286 precious lives and their families.

Loss comes to us all, and we are never prepared for it. We often carry our grief for years. We struggle with our emotions and deep grief can sometimes



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settle into anger or cynicism. Is healing available for our sorrows and the wounds of life?

The psalmist proclaimed, "I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2) "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

When loss comes, look up. Remember to lift your eyes to the Lord. Your help will come from Him, the maker of heaven and earth.

When loss crushes, look ahead. Remember the Lord is close. He is with you. He is leading you. He understands your brokenness and feels your crushed spirit. He yearns to heal your heavy heart and bind up your deepest wounds.

When loss continues, look back.

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Remember the Lord's past goodness. The psalmist wrote of a difficult time when his soul refused to be comforted and his spirit was overwhelmed (Ps. 77:2-3). But in the midst of his trouble, he shifted his focus from his sadness to his Savior, saying, "I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High. I will remember the works of the Lord . . . Your wonders of old" (vv. 10-11).

When loss is cured, look out. Remember to help others who are suffering loss or despair. Remind them to stay close to the Lord. He is our Shepherd. With Him we lack nothing. He leads us beside quiet waters, he refreshes our souls. He guides us along the right paths for his name's sake.

Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we don't have to fear evil, for He is with us; His rod and His staff, will comfort us.

Life can be both wonderful and disappointing — filled with joy and full of sorrow. When disappointments come, we can focus on our loss or we can focus on God. The Lord invites us to look to Him and see His goodness, His comforting presence, and His endless love. May our disappointments cause us to turn to God, the only true hope for us and the world.

Chaplain:
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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.

Pfc. Willard H. Keeber, with Co. G, 424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division, was placed on-line December 11, 1944 near St. Vith, Belgium, two months past his 19th birthday, five days prior to the German Tank Assault that smashed directly through his position, launching the Battle of the Bulge.

This is the story of a *veteran's* legacy that left his world better than he found it.

Online at **www.amazon.com** (simply type the title in the search bar)

Print copy – \$9.99; Kindle – \$4.99

The Adjutant's Message . . .

At the time of this writing, Memorial Day is fast approaching. That means the Indianapolis 500, the Memorial Day Parades, and the family gatherings to celebrate the holiday. Our Community has a parade with Patriotic Floats, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops marching, Tractors, and a speaker at the conclusion of the parade at the local cemetery. Sometimes the speaker is a Veteran and sometimes it is a politician honoring our fallen heroes. Memorial Day is a time to visit the graves of our Veterans lost in times of war, to decorate their resting place with nature's colors or just our presence. The Greatest Generation is best at visiting the graves, more so than Baby Boomers and the younger generations.

Memorial Day originated in the years following the Civil War. Groups got together in those years to decorate the graves of the thousands of lost soldiers of both sides. From that effort a tradition began called Decoration Day. Over time it became a nationwide tradition. The holiday was celebrated on May 30th because it was a date that was not an anniversary of a Civil War battle. It wasn't until 1971 that the holiday was recognized as a Federal Holiday and the name was changed to Memorial Day. Unfortunately there were more than 19,000 lost and remembered just from the Battle of The Bulge.

Our Reunion 2019 in Providence, Road Island, is fast approaching and we need ALL of our Veteran families to begin to plan on being there. We want all of our Veterans to have the opportunity to visit their comrades in this year of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle. Please make the effort.



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We are combining most of our reunion activities with the 104th Timberwolves. One of those activities is their "Beer Bash" on Friday night. It includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks, and lots of visitation of all the attendees. We are invited to participate if you choose. This is the event when the raffle of the donations brought by the attendees takes place. We are asked to bring donations to be included in the raffle. If you are artistic in any way please consider bringing examples of that art or anything that you feel someone else might treasure. Our association will prosper from the raffle if we bring items to be raffled off.

I want to mention also that after being out of 106th Challenge Coins, we are now resupplied. See the advertisement elsewhere in this edition

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of *The CUB*. Also, we had requests for the 106th wooden Christmas Ornament (pictured below).



We had some made and they are now available to purchase. They cost \$10 each with a \$2 shipping fee. If you buy 10 or more ornaments, we will quote the shipping charge. We will have both at the reunion as well. All profits go to our association. See you there.

Randall M. Wood
Adjutant 106th Infantry
Division Association
Robert Wood 423-I

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 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. To order, visit iuniverse.com or call toll-free at 877-823-9235. The book is priced \$9.95, plus shipping.

Becoming your Association Historian was an unexpected change for me when it happened. It was a situation of me being there at the place and time when it sort of fell on me. When I was just a lad we had lots of books and other reading material available at the house so I began to read about a wide variety of subjects. I didn't know it at the time but it hooked me on history so I accepted the new challenge. I was, from that time on, The Historian. I assumed the job of preserving and perpetuating the division history of men and deeds whenever and however possible. It turned out to be a team effort. Memoirs, diaries, publications, etc., came from mostly our veterans and their families. They were slow coming at first but then the WWW Internet came along and websites were established by Jim West, Henri Rogister, Carl Wouters, Wayne Dunn and now others. The once obscure sources of information are now instantly available to anyone with the electronics at hand. Ask and you shall receive!

It seems that it was not very long ago I would receive hard copies of the writings from an individual, but all that has changed. Tradition is "out the door" when it comes to recording history today. Even though we as individuals wish to hold on to those traditions we have lived with (like books) we must realize that those coming after us have acquired their own traditions, likes and dislikes.

The post-WW II generations have accepted the responsibilities of continuing our Association into the future. To them I say, "Just do it!" The guy we used to see on TV said, "Let's



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gitter done!" That's what I want to see. Make things happen! Writing a column for our Cub magazine has been a privilege and honor that I don't take lightly. It has always been a concern for me to select a subject that would appeal to our readers. I hope that I have been successful with that. Over the years something has been on my mind to write about that I never approached and now it is time. Today I will talk a little bit about those who were our enemies. As with our veterans, there were German and Japanese veterans who have recorded their experiences during those time when they were considered our mortal enemies, and in most cases they certainly were. I do not mean to soften or justify any action of warfare with the following narrative or recommendation to read these books. I found them interesting and I think you will too. During that time we were trained to use our weapons and kill each

other. Which ever side had the most still standing was considered to be the "winner." Following are four books from my collection, but there are many more. Treat yourself with exploring the stories of someone you may have wished harm to.

My late years experience with men who were my enemies has not all been literary. I have met a few who were soldiers in the German Army while I was traveling the battleground. My relationship with them was not only peaceful, but warm and friendly. We have read of events on the battlefield where soldiers of opposing armies gave aid to wounded of the other side at the risk of their own life. I have been to those locations and read the inscriptions on the monuments describing the action. They were people too.

I will start with a Japanese fighter pilot whose name was Saburo Sakai. His book is titled, "SAMURI!" and was written with two well-known American military authors, Martin Caidin and Fred Saito. Saburo Sakai became a living legend in Japan during World War II. Pilots everywhere spoke in awe of his incredible exploits in the air. He flew 200 missions, was severely wounded many times including the loss of one eye, but still went back into aerial combat. He had a reputation of never having lost a wingman. His skill was such that he never overshot a landing or crash landed a plane despite personal wounds or the condition of the airplane. His final score was 64 enemy planes. Sakai was a formidable enemy and gave no quarter.

"The Last Knight of Flanders"

Then there was the Belgian who was a member of the German Army. When Germany took over control of most of Europe in the late '30s they inducted all of the able bodied young men they could from areas formerly under German control. This book, "The Last Knight of Flanders," was written by Remy Schrijnen, who was one of them. Many Belgians lived in areas that had been German prior to WW II and were a part of the WW I reparations. Even though borders had been changed, the people were ethnic Germans and still held on the their (unofficial) relationship with Germany. Even today one can find areas where assimilation of various backgrounds of the populace is slow occurring. (St. Vith, for example. Don't speak French there.)

The book, *The Forgotten Soldier*, by Guy Sajer, is another story of a German who survived the invasion of Russia by Hitler's army. Of course this operation was doomed to failure from the first order given by the intractable Adolph Hitler. The main themes that this book explores include why soldiers fight; what is the difference for them between fighting soldiers, and fighting partisans, and which is more barbaric and nasty; which leaders are followed with love and which are not; and most interestingly, the dichotomy of being a German soldier while being only half German. Sajer writes a very powerful book and his prose is detailed and conveys his feelings and what he sees of his surroundings in a believable way. I found this book to be spellbinding and

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one where the author manages to convey the horrors of war and the camaraderie of the front line soldiers in an exceptional and very realistic sounding way. The details made the story very believable and personal and made this book one of the great pieces of literature to cover this subject. Sajer calls the book *The Forgotten Soldier* because of his own situation, but also because he was keenly aware when he wrote it that there were no celebrations of the German soldiers who fought in the war. Everyone wanted to forget World War II and what took place then; And certainly a half-French, half-German soldier wanted to forget this more than most.

German Boy by Wolfgang W. E. Samuel is a most interesting account about the life of a child during the war in Germany. As the Third Reich crumbled in 1945, scores of Germans scrambled to flee the advancing Russian troops. Among them was a little boy named Wolfgang Samuel, who left his home with his mother and sister and ended up in war-torn Strasbourg before being forced farther west into a disease-ridden refugee camp. *German Boy* is the vivid, true story of their fight for survival as the tables of power turned and, for reasons Wolfgang was too young to understand, his broken family suffered arbitrary arrest, rape, hunger, and constant fear. Because his father was off fighting the war as a Luftwaffe officer, young Wolfgang was forced to become the head of his household,

scavenging for provisions and scraps with which to feed his family. Despite his best efforts, his mother still found herself forced to do the unthinkable to survive, and her sacrifices became Wolfgang's worst nightmares. Somehow, with the resilience only children can muster, he maintained his youth and innocence in little ways—making friends with other young refugees, playing games with shrapnel, delighting in the planes flown by the Americans and the candies the GIs brought. In the end, the Samuels begin life anew in America, and Wolfgang eventually goes on to a thirty-year career in the U.S. Air Force. Bringing fresh insight to the dark history of Nazi Germany and the horror left in its wake, *German Boy* records the valuable recollections of an innocent's incredible journey.

A wise old man once told me that, “Nothing stays the same, change is inevitable, like it or not.” Well, I have seen a lot of changes in 95 years, and yes, I did not like them all. Ah, but, there have been plenty of changes that I do like and I am sure, if only you think about it, you have witnessed changes that have affected you most beneficially. I thought that my life actually began when I was a child growing up, and sure, it was a learning age. Then WW II happened and the changes really happened fast and furious. I may have been grown up physically, but there were changes to come that shaped my life forever.

Mark your Calendar NOW!!

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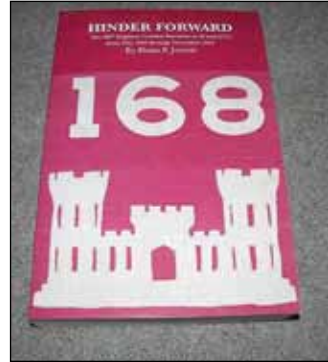
Hinder forward: The 168th Engineer Combat Battalion in ZI and ETO from May 1943 through November 1945

By Dean F. Jewett (168th Eng)

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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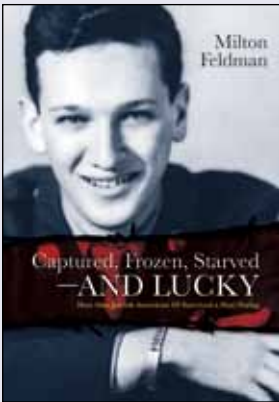


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A Self-published Memoir . . .

Captured, Frozen, Starved — and Lucky: How One Jewish American GI Survived a Nazi Stalag

By Milton Feldman



The book is
available at
amazon.com

“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.”

is now a
**Minor
Motion
Picture**



The film, which documentary filmmaker Eduardo Montes-Bradley titled *A Soldier's Dream* after a poem Feldman had written during the war, premiered at the retirement community where he lives.

The film has now been accepted for several small film festivals.

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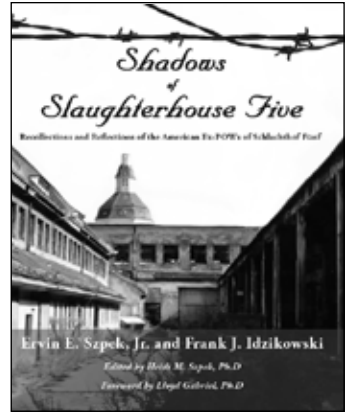


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Shadows of Slaughterhouse Five

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.

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.

**See enclosed Reunion paperwork and Registration forms
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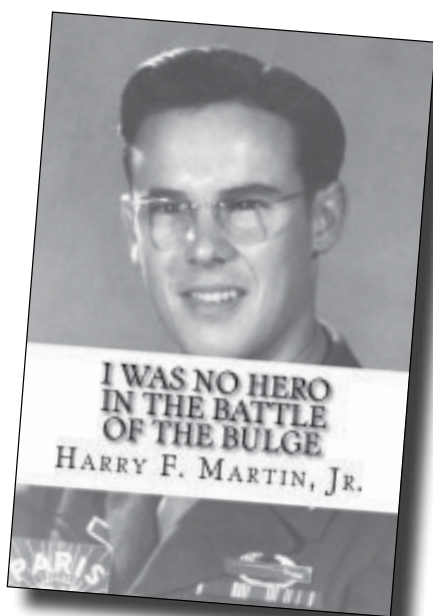
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From the editor of The CUB of the Golden Lion

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:

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

January 31, 2020 — mail date March 30, 2020 (issue will include reunion paperwork)

May 1, 2020 — mail date mid-July, 2020 (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.

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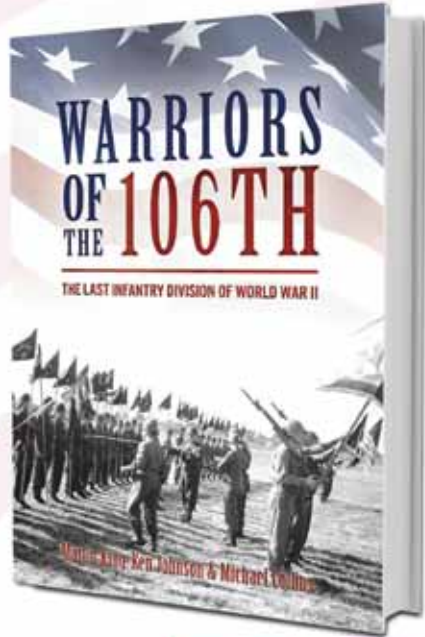
A new book on the 106th Infantry Division was recently published and is now available. Association Historian John Schaffner reports that the authors, Martin King, Ken Johnson and Mike Collins have decided that partial proceeds will be contributed to the 106th Association.

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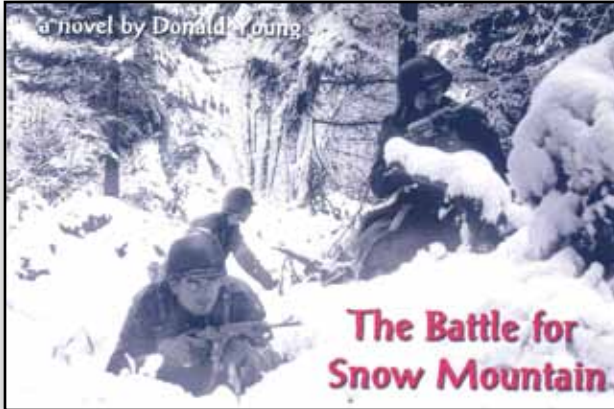
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The Co-chairs of the Order of the Golden Lion committee will poll the members of the Board of Directors for recommendations for the OGL awards. The President or Co-chairs may select additional members to the committee.

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Join Us in Belgium for the 75th Anniversary

By Carl Wouters, Association Belgium Liaison



The 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge is fast approaching and several commercial tour companies have recently published plans and itineraries. For solo travelers and small groups travelling under their own power, the Association Bulge Chapter offers an alternative four-day immersive voluntary itinerary. The focus naturally will lay on the history and experience of the 106th Infantry Division. There will also be participation in several official commemorative events throughout the larger “Bulge” area.

There are no fees involved. Donations are always welcome for the “Flower and Project Fund,” which enables the chapter to continue with annual wreath laying at official ceremonies and to move forward with several monument projects honoring the men of the 106th

Infantry Division in Belgium and Germany.

The proposed itinerary is as follows:

**Friday 13 December, 2019 —
An immersive tour of
the former battlefield**

We will spend the day visiting the positions of the 106th Division at the start of the Battle of the Bulge. We will cover the Schnee Eifel ridge with its countless bunkers, emplacements and positions occupied by the 422nd and 423rd Infantry Regiments. We will see the dragons teeth of the Siegfried Line in the 424th Infantry sector and much more. The attack on Schönberg and the surrender locations will be retraced by sharing stories of valor, sacrifice and survival on the actual terrain where the battle was fought.



A view on the impressive mock battle, performed at Manhay during the weekend of 15–16 December, 2018. This year, the events will be even more spectacular with the presence of several functional WW II tanks from both sides, transforming the village back to the winter of 1944–45. (Photo: C. Wouters)

Saturday 14 December, 2019 — Historical reconstitutions at Manhay

The village of Manhay, heavily contested over by the German 2nd SS Panzer Division and the U.S. 106th, 75th, 7th and 3rd Armored Divisions is again the scene of a mass spectacle with hundreds of vintage military vehicles and reenactors that reconstitute the heavy fighting that took place there in 1944. This year a recreated tank battle with authentic WW II armor and overflying liaison planes will create an even more realistic scenery. Special honors will be rendered to visiting WW II veterans and their families, including an honorary dinner. A visit to the new MHM44 (Manhay History Museum 1944) is also scheduled.

Sunday 15 December, 2019 — Remembrance at St. Vith & Vielsalm

Sunday 15 December will be a day of remembrance, where families and veterans of the 106th Division will take part in the annual Flag of Friendship ceremony in St. Vith and the Gallery of Giants induction at Rencheux (Vielsalm). Civic receptions and special honors for WWII veterans and their families will be part of this day. Tentative plans are being made with the town of St. Vith for other special activities on this day.

Monday 16 December, 2019 — Luxembourg ceremony

This day marks the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the battle with an official ceremony at the National Liberation Memorial of Schumann's



Eddy Monfort of Malempré, Belgium receiving the Order of the Golden Lion on 16 December 2018 at St. Vith for exemplary services rendered to the Association. This year will mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge and special events are being planned in the area to honor veterans and their family members. (Photo: C. Wouters)

Eck, Luxembourg. It will be attended by military officials, representatives of the Grand Ducal family and other dignitaries. This day also offers the opportunity to see more of the historic battle area in Luxembourg.

Interested to take part in the above?

For more info you can contact: Doug Mitchell (doug.mitchell@t-online.de) or Association Belgium liaison Carl Wouters (carl_wouters@hotmail.com).

For more information on the known commercial tours, please see:

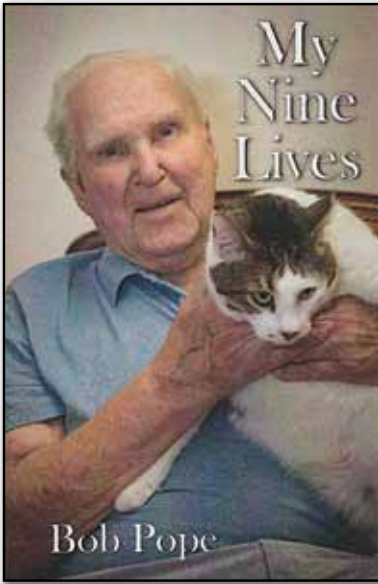
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General info on activities and commemorations in Belgium:
belgiumremembers44-45.be

ANNOUNCING THE PUBLICATION OF *My Nine Lives* BY BOB POPE



Excerpts from *My Nine Lives*:

Early on the morning of December 16th, 1944, just before dawn, German shells began exploding in front of us, behind us, and on our flanks. Later that morning our position was hit hard by German 88s. Our Battery Commander, Captain Luzzi, became our first casualty.

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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Lyon's Metropolis Actu on Monday, June 4, 2018

“Jean-Paul Mandier Meets the American Veteran Whose Military Dog Tag He Returned”

by Brian Welke

At the well-attended 106th Infantry Division Association Mini-Reunion in Sarasota, Florida, on December 15, 2018, Boris Stern, 424/2nd BN, told the attendees a story about his dog tags. Boris received a message from Jean-Paul Mandier, who lives in France, and the message said “I found your dog tag, do you want it back?”

Fifty-five years ago, when he was just ten years old, Jean-Paul started to collect military items that he found using his metal detector, mainly in Normandy. He has found helmets, canteens, paratrooper scarves and dog tags. However, he did not actually find Boris’ dog tag buried in the ground. He purchased two dog tags from a fellow collector, one of which was Boris’. The fellow collector found the dog tag near Le Havre, France. Jean-Paul was determined to find the dog tag’s owner. It was a long process which involved assistance from others but finally he tracked down Boris. When he asked Boris if he wanted it, “Yes” was his reply. Jean-Paul sent the dog tag to Boris in January of 2018.



Picture of Boris Stern's recovered dog tag.



**Article from
the French paper, Lyon's
Metropolis Actu on Monday, June 4, 2018**

The two men continued to correspond through email and in June of 2018, Boris traveled to France to meet Jean-Paul at the D-Day celebration. The two were supposed to meet at a ceremony on June 2, but Jean-Paul could not wait and arranged to meet Boris on June 1. Their meeting was emotional. “I went to him and presented myself” said Jean-Paul. “He looked over his glasses repeating my first name and then we shook hands and patted each other on the back as if we were of the same family” he continued.

Their short meeting was extended the next day in the town of Sainte Mere Eglise, the village close to the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944. Boris and Jean-Paul attended the Freedom Banquet, organized every year by the American Veterans Association. The event welcomed 800 guests, U.S. generals and descendants of presidents.

Because he could not let Boris leave empty-handed, Jean-Paul gave his friend a French flag and a medal of his hometown, Saint Priest, offered by its mayor.

When he was asked where his dog tag was, Boris said he left it at the hotel because "I was too afraid to lose it a second time."



*"This moment is magical. I'm very lucky."
~ Boris Stern, American
World War II Veteran*

Well, he didn't lose it. At the mini-reunion six months later in Sarasota, Boris showed to those in attendance the dog tag he lost 74 years ago.

From the landings on the beaches 74 years ago and the Battle of the Bulge where he found, the 92-year old has not forgotten anything. Thanks to a good memory and his notebook where he recorded the dates and places where he found himself, Boris can tell you about his days on the front line spent in the middle of the forest.

A reunion is promised for next year. The American and the Frenchman have promised to return to Normany.

Share Your Story!

by Wayne Dunn

Did you read my WW II Diary of my time with the 106th?

Of course not, I wasn't there! But I have read many of the diaries written by veterans of the 106th and each one is priceless because it shares events, emotions and perspectives that were unique to each soldier. Over my lifetime, I have probably been asked about a dozen times "Do you remember where you were when Kennedy was shot?" I will make a safe bet that you know exactly where you were and what you did on 16 Dec. 1944!

While a good number of our vets have taken the time to share their personal experiences, I know there are many more of you that have not, or just want to block out that period of time from your memory.

Would you please consider either writing down your story to share or contacting Benjamin Mack-Jackson, the founder of the WW II Veterans History Project, to arrange a formal interview?

Benjamin, a teenager, is trying to preserve the stories of as many veterans as possible. If you submit a document or an interview, then I promise that your story will be placed on the 106th Association's website, on Jim West's Indiana Military site and will be made available to all on Ben's social media and WW II Veterans History Project website. You can find my contact info inside the front cover of *The CUB*.

To contact Benjamin, his phone number is 352-708-4644, his website is: ww2veteranshistoryproject.com and the contact page is ww2veteranshistoryproject.com/contact-1

Your story can continue to be told forever!

Memorial Bridge Dedication for Lt. Eric Fisher Wood, Jr.

Submitted by Hugh Roberts

Remarks by Hon. Jesse Topper, 78th Legislative District

“In Harrisburg, we deal with many pieces of legislation. Over 5,000 ideas for new laws are introduced every session, but of those, very few actually become law. Naming a bridge goes through that same process... introduction with a cosponsor memo, vote out of a House committee, vote on the floor of the House, vote in a Senate committee, vote on the floor of the Senate, signed by the Governor. It’s a long and arduous process that seems like a lot of hoops to jump through to name a bridge, but it’s important that we remember that this is not something that we do without a thoughtful process; this is important. We remember the sacrifice of those who have served the public good in a very tangible form and that is why we name highways and bridges and why it goes through the same strict process as any other piece of legislation.

I’ll be honest, I wasn’t familiar with the events that bring us together for this remembrance today until the story was brought to my office by members of this local community and the Dutch Corner Historical Society. I’m an avid history buff, son of a history teacher and the events that surrounded the life of Lt. Eric Wood captured my interest immediately. It was like something out of a Hollywood script in terms of the bravery displayed by this young man, but it certainly had a different feel for his family, to whom the events were all

too real. The word that kept coming to mind as I found out more about this forever young man, was sacrifice.

It’s a word that we can certainly attribute to all those who have served us under the banner of the American flag in our armed services.

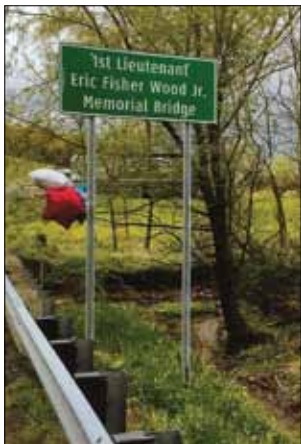
In this instance, however, we see something remarkable... a young Lt., separated from his men after an ambush and finding refuge with a local family, who chose not to attempt to preserve his own life, but instead, to go back into the fight that had already cost him many brothers in arms. The story of one individual rallying a small number to fight a much larger, numerically superior number is certainly not new to history, but it certainly appeals to our love of underdogs and over his time in the cold and snow fighting the Nazi army, Wood was the decided underdog. But it’s important to remember that what happened in those woods is only part of his story.

Eric Fisher Wood was born in California, but grew up in Bedford with two brothers, Alec and Peter and a sister, Eleanor. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Valley Forge Military



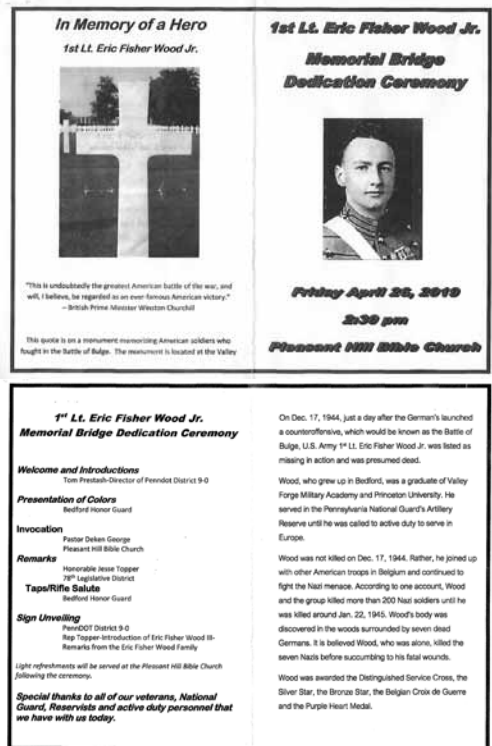
**Rep. Topper and painted
portrait of Eric Fisher Wood, Jr.**

Academy and School and then went on to Princeton. I don't think you could describe him as an underachiever! He was married to Margeret and the couple had two children, Pamela and Eric III. Eric was born after his father was overseas and never had the opportunity to meet his Dad. A son, brother, husband and father who gave up life's greatest pleasures to serve our country and rid the world of an unspeakable evil. American's such as Lt. Eric Wood are the reason that we are able to celebrate in the way that we do today, amidst great freedom, but that freedom came at a steep cost to his family and community. That is why we name bridges such as this one. It's not an exercise in vanity or a way to pass a unanimous bill out of the legislature; it's so that we have constant and tangible reminders of what sacrifice really looks like, not just Eric's sacrifice, but that of his family and friends. Family and friends who either shared time with him all too briefly, or never had the opportunity to share that time at all. (Story about



Placement of sign at the Imlertown Road Bridge over Imlertown Run in Bedford Township, PA.

Crocus the dog) I've said this before and I'll say it again, before being elected to serve in this office I passed many signs along the roads with names and I never paid much attention.



Now that I see what this process is from the inside and understand the stories behind these signs I look at them in a much different way and that's part of the reasons that remembrances like this one are so important. My hope is that after today each of us will look not just at the Lt. Eric Fisher Wood Jr. Memorial bridge, but at any bridge or roadway with the name of a fallen hero and take some time to think about what those names really represent. The sacrifice that led to our freedoms and continue to provide us with those freedoms, must never be forgotten. History preserved is history remembered... we must do our part to do both so that coming generations may appreciate the sacrifices of those who have gone before and also understand the sacrifices that may be

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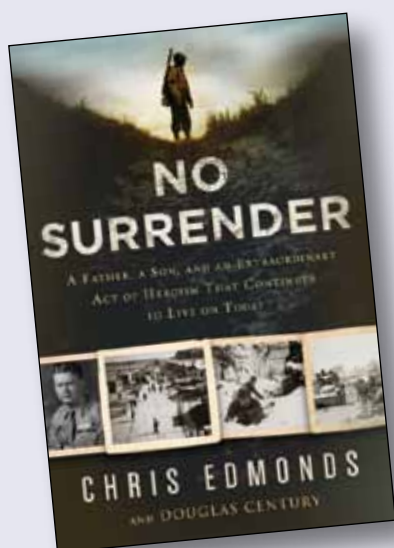
required in the future to maintain the greatness of this country. By each of you coming here today, you have already demonstrated your understanding of these facts and I would ask that together, we continue to pass it on.

To the Dutch Corner Historical Group, thank you for the work that you do in preserving our history and helping

to bring these events to life once again. To the Wood family, thank you for your sacrifice and your willingness to be a part of this day. We are truly grateful. And thank you to each of you who took the time to come out today for this event...God bless each of you as He continues to bless these United States of America. Thank you."

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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.

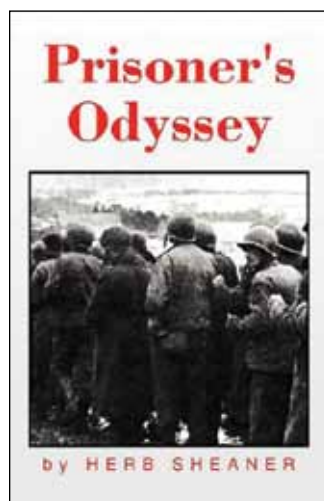
At the September 2018 annual reunion, we shared our announcement with the board. Together, we have produced nearly 35 issues of the magazine from 2007 to present. Susan and I will finish producing *The CUB* through the end of the current board’s tenure that ends in September 2019. Afterward, we will 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!

Prisoner’s Odyssey

by Herb Sheaner (422/G)

Prisoner’s Odyssey is a story of survival, hunger and reflection from a teenaged prisoner of war inside Germany near the end of WW II. From capture at the Battle of The Bulge to the final escape from his German guards, Herb Sheaner allows us a glimpse into the despair and agony of being a prisoner in a foreign land. During World War II, Herb Sheaner served as a private first class in Company G, 422nd Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division. After receiving ASTP training at University of Alabama, he joined the 106th at Camp Atterbury in Indiana where he earned Expert Rifleman honors and was designated Co. G Sniper and Regimental Scout. Fifty years later he recalls his experiences.



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Forced March from the Bulge to Berchtesgaden

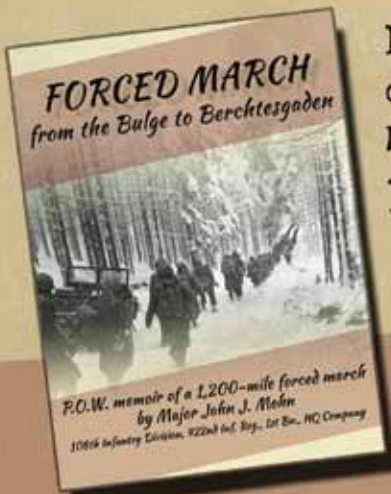
Major John J. Mohn
106th Division, 422nd Infantry,
1st Battalion, HQ Company

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.

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BY RUSS LANG

**Captured at the
Battle of the Bulge**



Memoir of a P.O.W.
by Sgt. E. Russell Lang

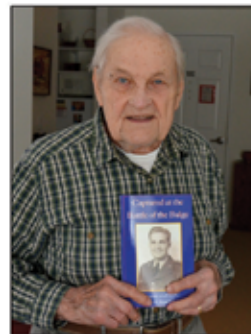
In December 1944 a young American soldier's division, newly-arrived in Europe, was sent to the front line to a quiet position on the Belgian- German border. Days after their arrival the Germans launched the great counterattack that came to be called the Battle of the Bulge. Russ Lang and his regiment 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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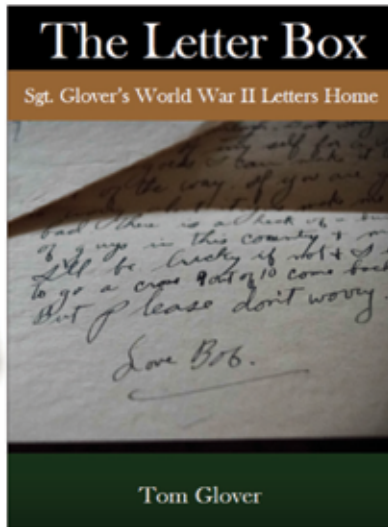
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BEAL, RICHARD B., JR. 422/I

—*Date of Death: September, 2019*

“My Dad, Richard B. Beal, Jr., died last September. He always liked reading *The CUB*”

Reported by his son, Jeff

DEDEIAN, ARA 590/B

—*Date of Death: May 28, 2016*

Ara Dedeian, 90, was with the 106th Infantry Division, 590/FABN. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and was a POW at Stalag IXB Bad Orb. After almost 50 years, there was a memorable reunion with two of his fellow prisoners during the 106th Infantry Division Reunion. He was a member of the American Ex-POW Garden State Chapter One and past Commander of the Glen Rock, NJ VFW. He is survived by three sons, several grandchildren and his loving wife, Dorothy.

Reported by his wife, Dorothy

FLEMING, GEORGE Unknown

—*Date of Death: March 19, 2015*

George Fleming, age 88 of Long Branch, died Thursday, March 19, 2015 at home. He was a Contract Manager for Pan American Airlines at J.F.K. Airport in NY for 21 years, retiring in 1990. Mr. Fleming had a love for travel. He served

our country honorably in the U.S. Army during WW II and was a member of the Long Branch V.F.W. Post 2140, and past post commander of the Jersey City V.F.W. Post 1447. Born and raised in Jersey City, he moved to Long Branch in 2005. Mr. Fleming was predeceased by three brothers, Howard, Francis and Harold; and two sisters, Gertrude and Marguerite. He is survived by Ethel Fleming; and many nieces and nephews.

Reported by Jackie Coy

HARTMAN, WALTER A. 422/K

—*Date of Death: March 22, 2018*

Walter A. Hartman, 93 of Coloma, MI passed away March 22, 2018 at the VA Hospital in Battle Creek. Walter was born October 28, 1924 in Owosso, MI to Hubert and Isabel (Hogan) Hartman. Following high school he joined the Army and after being held as a Prisoner of War, was honorably discharged on April 12, 1946. While serving during WW II he was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, M1 Rifle Expert, WW II Victory Medal, “2” Purple Hearts, Bronze Star, the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and the Medal which was presented to him by the King of Belgium in 2004. Walter was a member of the National D.A.V., Veterans of the Battle of the

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Bulge and the Antique Auto Club of America. In his free time he loved going to garage sales and working on projects in his polo barn. Walter is survived by his wife Elnora, whom he married on September 23, 1956, a daughter Victoria, his son Richard, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Reported by his son, Richard

KORNFELD, BERTRAM 423/F

—*Date of Death: February 11, 2019*



Aged 94,
February 21, 2019,
of Philadelphia,
formerly of Wilson
Grove. He was
the beloved husband

of Adele, loving father of David, Robert and Anne and survived by six loving grandchildren. Bert's life was surrounded by music and his family. He was a long time educator in Philadelphia, a WW II veteran and POW — in short, a Hero. His son adds "He was a proud Cub and member of the 106th. He was captured and a POW. We have no idea (because he wouldn't admit it) how many lives he saved because he was able to befriend the German guards, as he spoke German, having come to the United States as a 13-year old from Austria.

Reported by his son, David

SALEMINK, RICHARD JOHN

424/G

—*Date of Death: February 28, 2019*

Richard John Salemink, 93, of Letts, Iowa, passed away suddenly at the VA Hospital in Iowa City on Thursday, February 28, 2019. An internment was

held in Letts Cemetery with military rites. Richard was born July 17, 1925 to Henry W. and Dora M. Epping Salemink at Nichols, Iowa. He married Wanda Lee on August 5, 1956 and were the parents of two children, Dennis Allen and Diana Lynn. Richard graduated from Nichols High School in 1943. He was drafted and served his country from 1943 to 1946 with the 106th Infantry Division in northern France, Battle of the Bulge, and the occupation of Germany. He was awarded the combat infantry badge, the bronze star, and four major battle stars. After he was discharged, he went to Chicago to work and attended trade school in 1947 and 1948. He was then called to service in Korea in 1950 and 1951. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal and three battle stars. He was a mechanic and truck driver for several years and retired from Thermogas Company in 1990 after 27 years. Mr. Salemink was a cancer survivor, having surgery and treatment for esophageal cancer at the University of Iowa in 2004. He enjoyed golfing and working on anything mechanical in his shop at home, helping a farmer friend at harvest time, and spending winters in Lakeland, FL for several years. He is survived by his son Dennis and wife, Nancy, five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Wanda and daughter, Diana.

Submitted by his son, Dennis.

SCHAFFNER, LILLIAN

—*Date of Death: April 26, 2019*

On April 26, 2019, Lillian Schaffner (nee Schlutz) beloved wife of John R. Schaffner and devoted mother of Robert and Barbara, Jeanne Buchanan and husband Richard, Paul Schaffner and wife, Carol. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Lillian supported the 106th Division to the “nth” degree and for her service was awarded the Order of the Golden Lion — only the second woman in the division to win this award. We will truly miss her. To John, our long serving Historian, and Bob, our Second Vice President, our deepest condolences.



Reported by Wayne Dunn and Jackie Coy

WENTZ, WILLIAM (BILL) J.

423/M

—*Date of Death: April 6, 2019*

William (Bill) John Henry Wentz passed away at age 101 on April 6, 2019, after a short illness in Kenton, Ohio, where he was born on September 22, 1917. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary in 2015 — they were married for 72 years. His two sons, William Alan and James Ray and their families survive him. In December 1941, Bill joined the U.S. Army where he initially served as part of the Defense Measures of the U.S. West Coast. He served as part of the 106th Division that moved initially into England and became the point of the German attack in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. Bill was among nearly 7,000

troops who were surrounded and cut off from supplies, whereupon U.S. commanders were forced to surrender. William endured four months as a Prisoner of War in Germany. He earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart, and he was honorably discharged from the Army in November 1945. He was a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and Ex POW Chapter 1 in Columbus. Bill often communicated with John Kline and other veterans he served with during the War. John called Bill “a warehouse of information.” He was a general contractor and his company built or worked on many homes, businesses and farm structures throughout Hardin County and other parts of Ohio. His work included installing new flagpoles at many of the National Guard Armories. Bill was a motorcyclist for nearly his entire life. He was one of the founders of the Kenton Lightning Riders and an active member of the Northwestern Ohio Motorcycle Association and the American Motorcycle Association. He and Mary actively rode well into their later years and were often recognized as top riders in a variety of family motorcycling events. After retirement they traveled the United States in their motor home towing their Harley-Davidson and sidecar with them. William finally stopped riding at the young age of 99. William was a lapidary who loved finding and collecting a wide variety of stones and gems that he cut,

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polished and mounted into jewelry or as decorative objects. He was a fisherman who enjoyed making expeditions into Canada and many states where he often took the family on extended canoe trips. He was an avid genealogical investigator and a member of the Hardin County Genealogical Society where much of his work resides today for others to build upon. Most of all, he enjoyed exploring, whether it be geographically, historically, on the internet or the library. He often combined his many hobbies to indulge in research and travel. In 2000, Bill and his sons made a trip to Germany for the dual purpose of genealogical research into the family history and to once again

see the Bulge Battlefields. Although Bill never spoke at any length about his time in the battle or captivity, he was able to explain much of the battle to his sons during the trip that included walking along sections of the Siegfried Line fortifications and into areas now used for forestry that still showed a variety of impacts. With Bill's passing, notes and diaries on his experiences in the service were found among his most important papers. Bill was active, both physically and mentally, to within days of his death, and he was buried in Hardin County's Fulton Cemetery with military honors.

Submitted by his sons Alan and Jim

We are all feeling the effects of the current financial upheaval, including the 106th I.D. Association. The *Annual Dues* of \$10 are no longer billed or collected. We are now accepting only donations for membership, memorials and LIFE PLUS. The previously-allowed payment of \$75 for Life Membership creates a financial shortfall, as our expenses exceeds our income.

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