

106th Infantry Division

The 106th "Golden Lion" Infantry Division was activated at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, on 13 March 1943. After participating in the Number 5 Tennessee Maneuvers, the division transferred to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and subsequently deployed to the European Theater of Operations (ETO) in November 1944.

The 106th was activated as a "triangular" division organized around the 422d, 423d and 424th Infantry Regiments. However, during the Battle of the Bulge, the 422d and 423d Infantry Regiments were virtually destroyed near Schonberg in the Schnee Eifel salient. Accordingly, the two regiments were replaced with the 3d and 159th Infantry Regiments. Although the 422d and 423d Infantry Regiments were reconstituted, they did not rejoin the 106th Infantry Division until May 1945.

The division returned to the United States on 1 October 1945 and was inactivated the following day at Camp Shanks, New York.

In 1942 a typical infantry regiment consisted of a headquarters and band, a headquarters company, a service company, an anti-tank company, a cannon company, and three infantry battalions.

In March 1943 the basic infantry regiment was reorganized to include a headquarters, a headquarters company, a service company, an anti-tank company, and three infantry battalions.

Each of the three infantry battalions consisted of a headquarters and headquarters company, three rifle companies and a heavy weapons company. Within each regiment, the 1st Battalion consisted of Companies A through D, the 2d Battalion consisted of Companies E through H, and the 3d Battalion consisted of Companies I through M (there was no Company J).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Headquarters and Headquarters Company</u>				
Bandurak, Walter	Box 1	SSG		Newspaper clipping of his obituary and photographs [Photographs transferred to the WWII Veterans Survey Photograph Collection; see Box 64]
<u>422d Infantry Regiment</u>				
Benigno, Russell A.	Box 1	T/5	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Two surveys and an article, "Benigno Recalls Lager 118"
Black, Ewell C., Jr.	Box 1	CPL	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Brannstrom , Arnold J.	Box 1	T/2	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey and a photocopy of four photographs [Photographs transferred to the WWII Veterans Survey Photograph Collection; see Box 64]

Buchanan, Paul C.	Box 1	SSG	3d Battalion, Company L	Typed memoir, "My Life As A Prisoner of War"
Cucarola, Joseph F.	Box 1	SSG	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey, "Synopsis of Audio Tape on the Battle of the Bulge," "Synopsis of Audio Tape on Being a POW of the Germans," three maps, and a post-War photograph [Photograph transferred to the WWII Veterans Survey Photograph Collection; see Box 57]
Freedman, Henry E.	Box 1	T/4	Regimental Headquarters Company	Survey, German form used to send correspondence to POWs, POW decal, Certificate of Appreciation from the Governor of Massachusetts, 106th Infantry Division shoulder patch, Bronze Star medal, miniature POW medal, and six photograph [Patches and medals transferred to the AHM; photograph transferred to the WWII Veterans Survey Photograph Collection; see Box 57]
Gaal, Frank Jr.	Box 1	T/5	Anti-Tank Company	Two surveys
Gardner, James	Box 3	CPL	2d Battalion	Survey
Griffin, Glenn C.	Box 3	CPL	1st Battalion	Survey
Harter, Harry B.	Box 1	MSG	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
Hawkins, Marlin H.	Box 1	1SG	2d Battalion, Company F; 1st Battalion, Company B	Survey and short typed
Higgins, Robert E.	Box 1	PVT	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey, letter dated 21 November 1944, four War Department telegrams, a lengthy handwritten reflection on his military service, a schematic diagram of POW Camp Stalag IV, a photograph and a rolled panoramic photograph of the Anti-Tank Company, 174th Infantry Regiment [Photographs transferred to the WWII Veterans Survey Photograph Collection; see Box 64]
Kelch, Eugene B.	Box 1	SSG	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey

Kleppinger, Arthur J.	Box 1	CPL		Typed memoir, "My Memories of World War II Days"
Lapato, Frank	Box 1	T/5	Regimental Headquarters Company	Survey and photocopies of several official documents to include his "Enlisted Record and Report of Separation" and "Honorable Discharge" and six photographs [Photographs transferred to the WWII Veterans Survey Photograph Collection; see Box 57]
McKee, Richard	Box 1	SSG	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey and compiled memoir, "The Military Service Diary of SGT Richard McKee . . ."
O'Neill, Robert M.	Box 1	MAJ	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Penham, Gordon W.	Box 1		Anti-Tank Company	Photograph [Photograph transferred to the WWII Veterans Survey Collection; see Box 64]
Redmond, Dean T.	Box 1	CPL	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Seevers, Ralph C.	Box 1	CPL	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company, Anti-Tank Platoon	Typed reflections on his military service
Wojtusik, Stanley A.	Box 1	CPL	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Zordell, Jack W.	Box 1	CPL	1st Battalion, Company D; 3d Battalion, Company M	Survey

423d Infantry Regiment

Ansel, Joseph J.	Box 1	TSGT	Antitank Company	Survey
Blodgett, John Q.	Box 1	1LT	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey
Bottenfield, Paul	Box 1	SSGT	Cannon Company	Survey
Clark, Robert J.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Clotworthy, Harold W.	Box 1	PFC	Medical Detachment	Survey
Davis, John R.	Box 1		2d Battalion, Company K	Survey
Diehl, William A.	Box 1	CPL	1st Battalion,	Survey

			Company I	
Donnini, James	Box 1		Headquarters Company	POW history
Doxsee, Gifford B.	Box 1	CPL	3d Battalion, Company Headquarters	letter with recollections, survey
Edwards, James L.	Box 1		3d Battalion, Company K	veterans' association newsletter
Erbes, Richard C.	Box 1	CPL	Headquarters Company	Survey
Hoag, John W.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey, POW recollections
Kornfield, Bertram H.	Box 1	CPL		Survey, booklet for recovered personnel, v-mail, division history, recollections, newspapers
Kramer, Joseph	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Kuesport, Wilfred A.	Box 1	T/4	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey
Lane, Weldon V.	Box 1		2d Battalion, Antitank Company	memoir [See: WWII Survey Photos]
Lawson, William J.	Box 1	CPL	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey, letters, newspaper clippings, POW information
Lockhart, Richard T.	Box 1	CPL		Survey
Lowenberg, Howard	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Mills, James M.	Box 1	CPL	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey, discharge, service diary
Noon, Cletus E.	Box 1	T/3	Service Company	Survey
Peck, Robert B.	Box 1	CPL	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Penman, Gordon W.	Box 1	MSGT	1st Battalion, Antitank Company	Survey, brief bio sketch
Politano, Charles E.	Box 1	SSGT	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
Puett, Joseph F.	Box 1	LTC	2d Battalion	notes and interviews with POWs
Stranko, Peter P.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey, personal Army documents, POW recollections, copies of photographs of POW camp, Christmas card, POW reunion information, newspaper,

				POW rosters, articles relating to POW camp, federal documents relating to POWs [See: WWII Survey Photos]
Sulser, Jack A.	Box 1	SGT	2d Battalion, Company F	Correspondence regarding establishing a relationship between the MHI and the 106th Infantry Division
Swett, John A.	Box 1		2d Battalion	autobio sketch
Varju, John J.	Box 1	CPL	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey
<u>424th Infantry Regiment</u>				
Allen, Harold D.	Box 2	PFC	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Ashburn, Nolan	Box 2	PFC	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey
Bayles, Darrell R.	Box 2	CPL	Cannon Company	Survey
Bobela, John	Box 2			newspaper article copies
Carver, Dale R.	Box 2	1LT	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey, book of poetry
Clower, Robert G.	Box 2	CPL	Cannon Company	Survey
Douglass, John W.	Box 2	T/5	Headquarters Company	Survey
Emmert, David S.	Box 2	SSGT	Headquarters Company	Survey
Hines, Roy A.	Box 2	CPL	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey
Huminski, Edwin C.	Box 2	PFC	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey
Prewett, Edward A.	Box 2	PFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey, 2 French booklets on the US Army
Reed, Albert L.	Box 2		Headquarters and Headquarters Company	[Holdings have also been placed in Photo Archives and Unit Histories], veterans' newsletter [See: WWII Survey Photos]
Reid, Neel W.	Box 2	2LT	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Reynolds, James A.	Box 2	BSGT	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Ruffino, Louis	Box 2	SGT	2d Battalion,	Survey, discharge

Sowell, Robert F.	Box 2	TSGT	Company G 2d Battalion, Company E	Survey, v-mail, recollection
Stenger, Charles	Box 2		1st Battalion, Company C	brief POW outline

106th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized

Johnson, Lawrence E.	Box 3	T/5		Survey, photocopies of his "Honorable Discharge," "Enlisted Record and Report of Separation" and "Separation Qualification Record," photocopies of four issues of <i>Trooper</i> , a photocopied issue of <i>Swiss Yodeler</i> , and the July, August, September 1996 issue of <i>The Cub of the Golden Lion</i> , and documents pertaining to the Camp Wither Recreation Center [<i>The Cub of the Golden Lion</i> transferred to the Periodical holdings]
Simpson, John C.	Box 3	LTC		Survey

106th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment

81st Engineer Combat Battalion

331st Medical Battalion

106th Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

589th Field Artillery Battalion

Gatens, John	Box 1	CPL	Battery A	Survey
Hunt, Robert L.	Box 1	T/4	Unidentified battery	Survey
McGinty, Edward F.	Box 1	PFC	Battery C	Survey, photocopies of his "Honorable Discharge" and "Enlisted Record and Report of Separation" and a handwritten reflections of his military experiences
Roberts, John M.	Box 1	1LT	Battery A	[See: 106th Infantry Division; 592d Field Artillery Battalion]
Wood, Eric F., Jr.	Box 1		Battery A	[See: 99th Infantry Division;

394th Infantry Regiment]

590th Field Artillery Battalion

Anderson, James R.	Box 2	PVT	Battery B	Survey, transcript of opening of Fort Jackson
House, Peter	Box 1	SGT	Battery A	Survey, typed reflections, "Air Drop Failed" and "Wacht Am Rhein (Watch on the Rhein)" and issues of Stalags 9A, 9B, & 9C Association newsletters
Peros, George	Box 1	T/5	Battery A	Survey

591st Field Artillery Battalion

Corrigan, Charles K.	Box 1	PFC	Service Battery	Survey
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592d Field Artillery Battalion

Lauman, Clarence W.	Box 1	CPT	Headquarters, Aviation Section	Survey
Roberts, John M.	Box 1	1LT	Battery C	Survey

Headquarters Special Troops**806th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company****106th Quartermaster Company****106th Signal Company**

Calhoon, Robert R.	Box 1	T/4		Survey
Ream, Granville C.	Box 1	PFC		Survey

Military Police Platoon

Hanke, Arthur K.	Box 3	PFC		Survey
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Attached / Unidentified Units

Attached units supported the 106th Infantry Division at some point during the war, but were not organic to the division. Unidentified unit means that the veteran's survey indicated service with the 106th Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

Bandaruk, Walt				[See: WWII Survey Photos]
Blodgett, Rush M., Jr.	Box 3		191st General Hospital	Medical activities report
Brannstrom, Arnold J.				[See: WWII Survey Photos]

Fisher, Bruce	Box 3	Unidentified unit	memoir
Fred, Berwyn A.	Box 3	3d INF REGT	[See also: 78th DIV, 3d INF REGT]
Haug, Charles A.	Box 3	Unidentified unit	[See 28th INF DIV, 112 INF REGT]
Walters, Dan			[See: WWII Survey Photos]
Yagura, Katsumi	Box 3	Unidentified unit	letters, drawing, various documents regarding Japanese Americans, excerpt from "The Quiet American", interview transcript