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36th DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Editor - James O. Quick

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/CITY OF DALLAS



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Thirty-Sixth (Texas) Infantry Division Association will hold their 45th Annual Reunion and Convention in Dallas, Texas on September 4th through September 6th, 1970, at the Royal Coach Inn, and

WHEREAS: America's future lies in the strength of its people, and the hopes of this nation rest upon genuine patriotism, firm religious convictions, and active good citizenship,

NOW, WHEREFORE, I, Erik Jonason, Mayor of the City of Dallas, do hereby proclaim the period of September 4th through September 6th, 1970, as

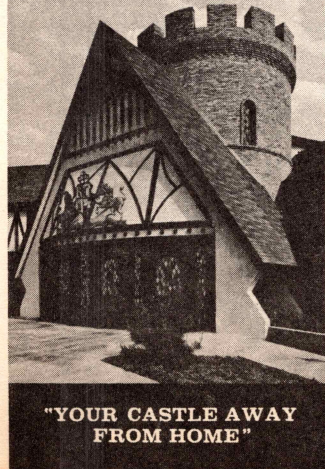
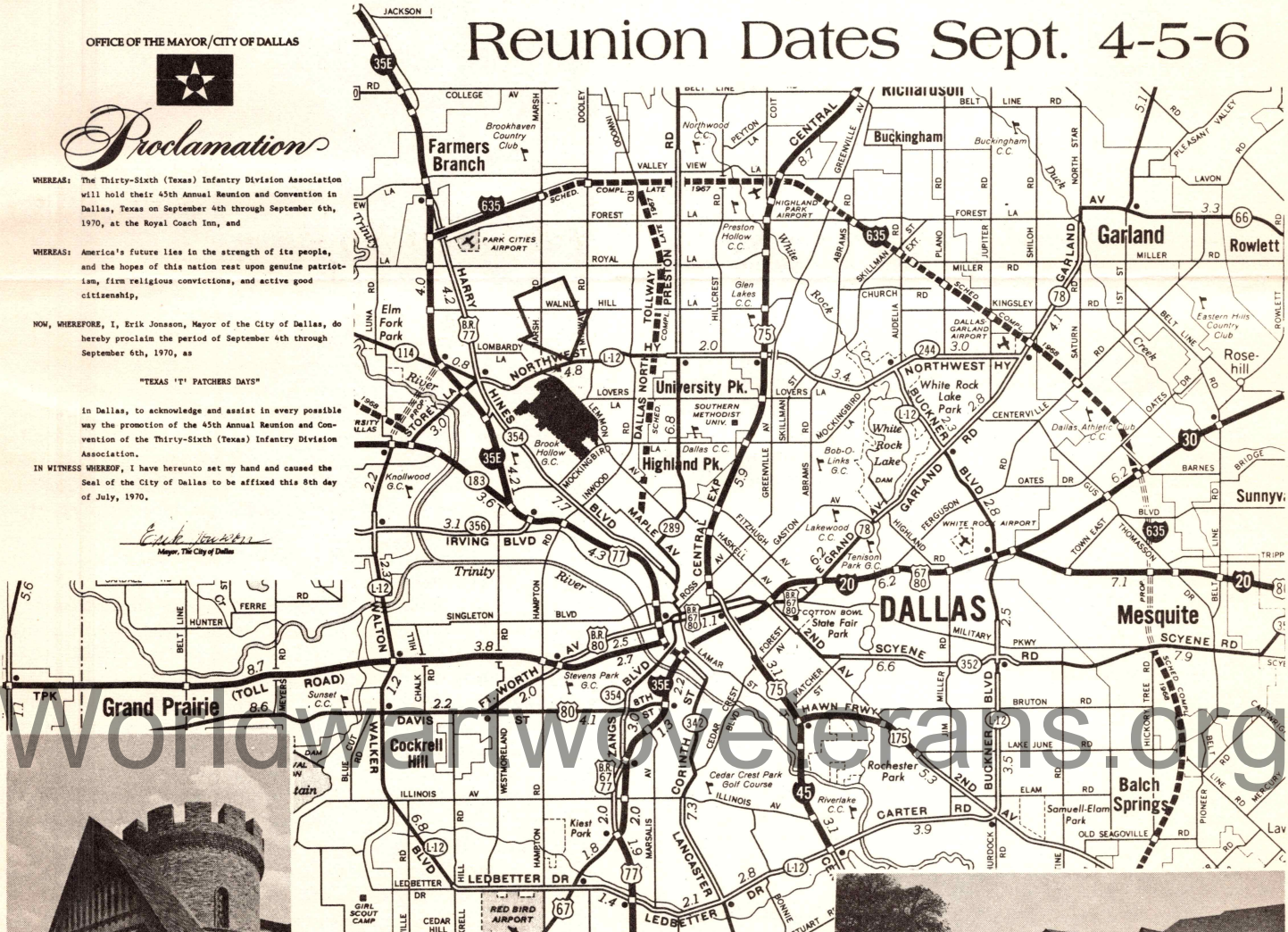
"TEXAS 'T' PATCHERS DAYS"

in Dallas, to acknowledge and assist in every possible way the promotion of the 45th Annual Reunion and Convention of the Thirty-Sixth (Texas) Infantry Division Association.

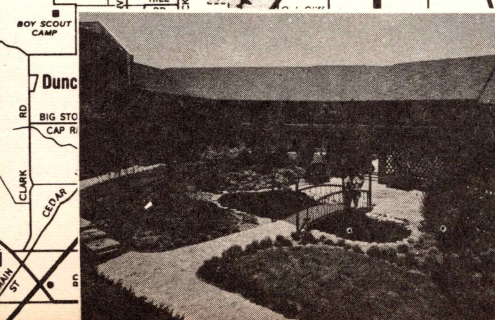
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dallas to be affixed this 8th day of July, 1970.

*Erik Jonason*  
Mayor, The City of Dallas

## Reunion Dates Sept. 4-5-6



"YOUR CASTLE AWAY FROM HOME"



## MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS



The Memorial Day address will be given by Chief Justice Frank G. McDonald of the Tenth Court of Civil Appeals in Waco, Texas. Most of you know him as Colonel McDonald, and as Chemical Officer for the 36th Infantry Division. He has made even the strongest among you cry like a baby.

Anyone not knowing that he is a judge would probably think of him as a salesman. He was born in Meridian in Bosque County, later moved to Hillsboro where he went to school and worked about town—sometimes mowing lawns, and again sweeping floors. He graduated from high school and enrolled in Hillsboro Junior College in 1933, and was elected president of the student body.

As soon as he was 18, he joined the National Guard and was assigned to Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 143rd Infantry, in Hillsboro, and has long been a member, either active service or as a member of the National Guard.

He graduated from Baylor in 1936 and immediately enrolled in the Law School at Texas University where he received his law degree in 1938, returned to Hillsboro and started to practice.

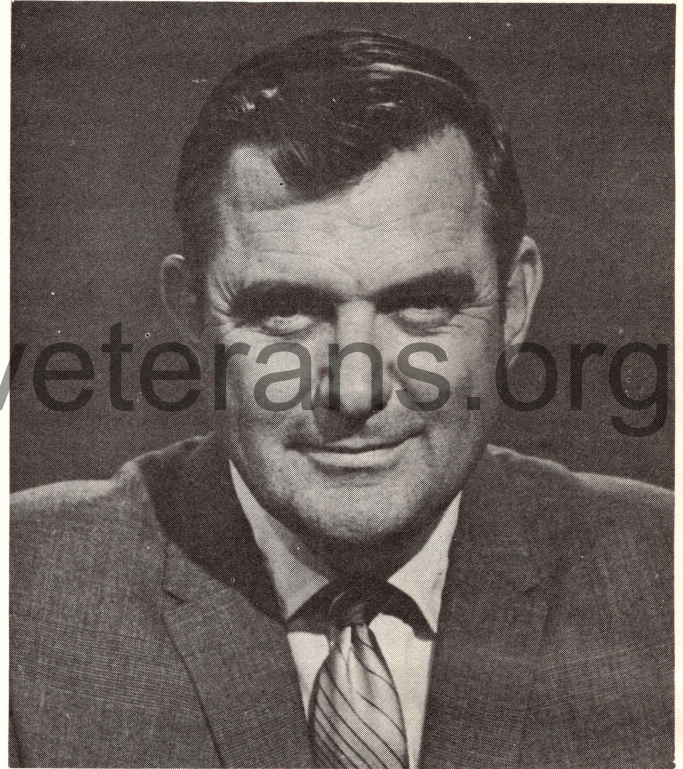
In his first political venture, for the Legislature, he was defeated by only two votes.

The mobilization of the 36th Infantry Division ended his political activities for a while as he was called into Federal service in 1940. He was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant and transferred to Post Headquarters at Camp Bowie. He was never able to rejoin the 36th Division until after the war was over. He did manage a visit with the Division in Italy, where he was assigned as an Intelligence Officer and participated in the campaigns of the Mediterranean Theater, and earned nine decorations, among them the Legion of Merit. This was presented in connection with the execution and landings of the invasion armies of Southern France. He came home as a Lt. Col. in 1945 due to the serious illness of his father.

He announced his political aspirations as a candidate for District Judge before he was relieved from active service and won in the first primary, and was re-elected in 1950.

Then in 1952 he was elected to the Tenth Court of Civil Appeals after a vigorous personal contact campaign with the help of his wife, Louise. After a long residence in Hillsboro, they finally moved to Waco and reside at 2407 Starr.

## 45th ANNUAL REUNION PLANNED FOR SEPT. 4-5-6, IN DALLAS



The 45th Annual Reunion is to be held at the Royal Coach Inn, 3800 West Northwest Highway, in Dallas, Texas 75220 on September 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1970.

The guest speaker will be Murphy Martin, president of the newly-formed, non-profit, non-partisan organization, UNITED WE STAND. Take 22 years of broadcasting experience and add some exciting adventures in the field of communications, and you can describe our guest speaker. Murphy Martin joined WFAA, the American Broadcasting Company Dallas-Fort Worth affiliate, in 1961 as a reporter and news producer and as Texas correspondent for ABC News. He returned to WFAA-TV in 1967 following a five-year stay with ABC in New York.

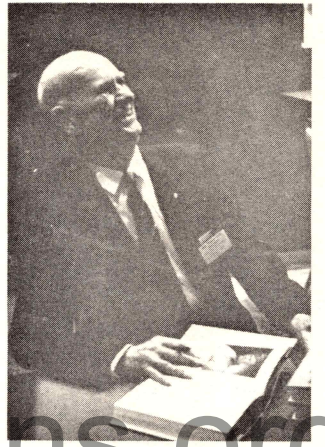
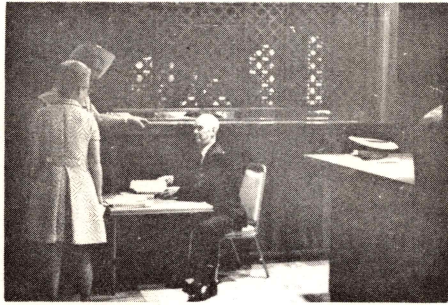
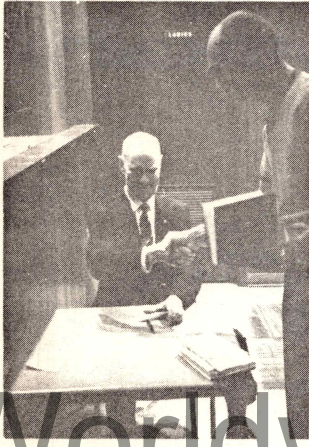
As former director of Special Projects Department of Channel 8, he wrote and produced many award-winning documentaries. He was the first reporter to do a total news-cast originating in Paris, France, via satellite; and in 1969, he returned to Paris when he accompanied four Dallas-Fort Worth area women to seek information about their prisoner-of-war husbands from the North Vietnamese delegates to the Paris peace talks.

Mr. Martin is remembered by many for his Sunday night program "Face to Face," where he interviewed and talked with nationally-known personalities.

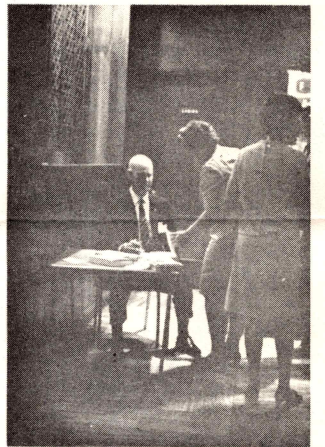
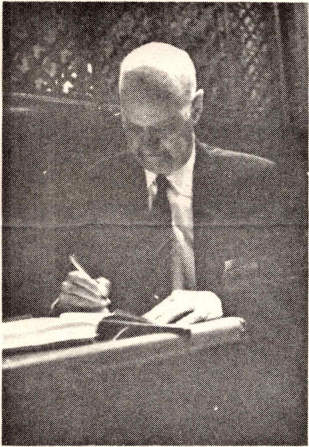
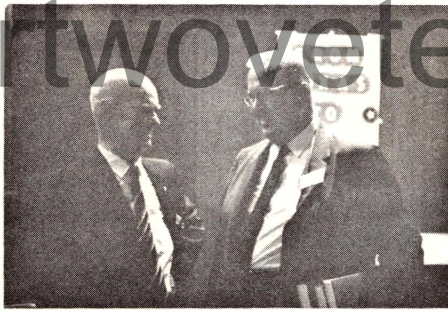
He recently joined the staff of UNITED WE STAND, formed last November by H. Ross Perot, in an effort to release the American prisoners of war being held by the North Vietnamese. It was in this connection that he coordinated the trip to Southeast Asia last Christmas, when Mr. Perot tried to deliver a plane-load of gifts and food to the men being held prisoners.

Mr. Perot, in naming Martin to head UNITED WE

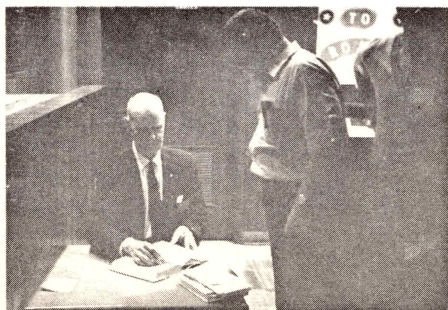
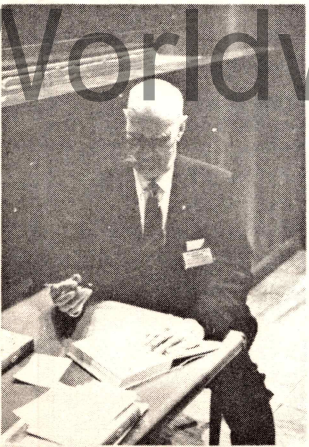
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## THE BATTLE STORY OF TEXAS' 36th DIVISION

By Bill Jary (World War II Editor of the  
36th Division Newspaper, T-PATCH)

### Siegfried Line to War's End

#### Chapter VI

##### "Siegfried Line to Austria"

Having set a new endurance record of 132 consecutive days in the line, the 36th Division pulled out of Strasbourg, where it had spent Christmas and moved to a rest area near Sarrenbourg.

The rest period was short-lived. The division had barely begun to train its reinforcements when the effects of the Bulge brought a hasty summons from the Seventh Army.

German action had quickened on the bridgehead across the Rhine, and fresh troops poured forward in an offensive to retake the important cities of Stradbourg and Saverne.

The 143rd Infantry Regiment was rushed into position to blunt the attack which threatened the entire VI Corps front, and it was immediately followed by the 142nd. The defensive line was an arc from Rohrwiller to Weyersheim, and the Nazis slammed squarely into the middle of it.

The area was partly wooded, but the woods gave way to wide-open spaces ideal for armored warfare. In the woods the infantry fought tenaciously, but when the enemy tanks came into range in the clearings, then the tank destroyers cut loose. Outnumbered five to one, the 636th Tank Destroyer's gunners drove off the enemy, cost him seven tanks, never gave him a chance to fire a single retaliatory round.

##### Patton Drives In

Up in the north, there was sensational fighting; in the States there were screaming headlines. Patton drove in from the south and Montgomery smashed in from the north, and the German bulge was eradicated. Newspapers howled with black, bold letters and long communiques about the Third, First and Ninth Armies, and then a few words about the fighting in Alsace.

For the papers, maybe Alsace wasn't big news, but for every last muck-eating, shell-dodging doughfoot, Alsace was tough sledding. What about Oberhoffen? What about Hagenau? These towns in northern Alsace represented long, hard battles that raged in the late winter months of 1945.

The 36th Division closed the Krauts out of Alsace along the Rhine and Moder Rivers. It was a sluggish unrewarding grind—just a succession of tough battles, town after town, which the German troops had been ordered to hold. The Texans plugged through these objectives, taking on crack SS troops and the Volkstrum alike.

Troops of the 142nd slaughtered their way through Oberhoffen, taking 460 prisoners in a grim six-day battle. The German 257th Volksgrenadier Division took a worse beating than any 56th Division unit ever had, losing two battalion commanders and a third of its combat strength.

In Rohrwiller, the doughs of the 143rd captured 140 prisoners, and brought the division total of captured to 20,000 rounded up in five months fighting from the beaches of the Riviera.

The division never faltered in its advance. It pushed up to the Moder River and grouped its forces in Pfaffenhoffen and Hagenau. The 103rd Division on its left flank, the French forces on the other, gathered themselves, and then the entire front cracked wide open.

##### Last Big Push in France

The primary objective of the drive was to capture Wissenbourg, last large French town still in enemy hands, uncovering the Siegfried Line, penetrating it to seize Bergzabern and Landau and reach the Rhine River.

The co-ordinated attack along the entire Seventh Army sector was aimed at establishing a consolidated front along the Rhine River, seizing a great portion of highly-industrial western Germany, and rendering useless the last heavily-fortified positions in the Siegfried Line.

The first day, a task force made up of the 143rd Combat Team augmented with three companies of tanks and TD's, drove five kilometers to Gunstett. On the right flank, a task force from the 141st freed the Surbourg Road and cleaned out a pocket in the Hagenau Forest.

The second day, the 142nd moved through the 143rd and advanced 10 kilometers with the 141st racing beside it. On the third day after the jump-off Wissenbourg fell to the 36th Division, Col. Charles H. Owens, the 141st commander, personally led his regiment into Germany.

##### Dragon's Teeth Ahead

Ahead was the Siegfried Line.

As the 142nd drove forward there was strong enemy fire from artillery, mortars, and tanks. The 142nd pushed up 1,000 yards, probing cavities in the dragon's teeth of the Siegfried Line. It was met with furious nebelweffer, small arms and artillery fire. The day the 142nd stormed the Siegfried, the 2nd Battalion took out eleven pillboxes. The next day—twelve more. It was slow, deadly work.

Special "knock-out" squads of infantrymen and engineers had to drag themselves up to each pillbox under cover of heavy supporting fire.

One man would make his way to the rear and plant a "beehive"—a high explosive cone which directed all its force downward into the concrete and steel of the pillbox—to blow out the defenders.

Then another squad would go on to the next pillbox. Every pillbox covered the ones around it in a complicated system of interlocking fire. An entire sector had to be knocked out at a time.

As the Germans in their supposedly unbreachable defense line wavered, more and more pressure was applied. The 143rd stormed back into the line and made its way into Bergzabern, which fell after a furious, last-ditch defense was shattered.

Then like a football back, the 36th Division broke into the clear and headed straight for the Rhine. Two days after the division broke the Siegfried Line, the 36th was outposting its watch on the Rhine.

##### In For the Kill

Having fought all the way from the Riviera to the Rhine in seven months of gruelling warfare through France, and with very little rest, the division was relieved from combat and took up occupation duty in the sector of Kaiserslautern, west of the Rhine River.

These men of the Texas Division had seen heavy destruction in their battles through Italy and France. They had seen the havoc brought to civilian population in those countries—the burned and gutted houses, whole towns hammered into rubble, and the long, pitiful lines of homeless refugees.

Now they could witness for the first time devastation at its worst, and it had come to those who wanted war—the German people themselves.

The climax seemed near, late in April, and the 36th was again committed to combat, after nearly a month of occupation duty in the Kaiserslautern area. The tempo of the advance into Germany now was stepped up, and the Seventh Army was chasing a beaten enemy, who was retreating southeastward from Mannheim to Munich along Hitler's own Autobahn, blowing bridges as they went.

Crossing the Blue Danube at the battered city of Ulm, the 36th continued to ramble south towards the Nazis' National Redoubt. There was some fighting, some of it heavy, but mostly sporadic, until the end which came May 5 when the division had penetrated into Austria, and the CP was located in the beautiful resort town of Kitzbuhel.

#### Nazi Bigwigs in PW Cage

The German pocket facing the Seventh Army had surrendered three days before V-E Day, and the 36th took a lion's share of the Nazis' "big names" as well as liberating many notable Frenchmen, such as Premiers Daladier and Reynaud, Generals Weygand and Gamelin.

Most notable captive was the No. 2 Nazi, Field Marshal Hermann Goering, "a war weasel fighting for his life," who surrendered to the assistant division commander, Brig. Gen. Robert I. Stack.

Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, the brilliant Prussian military strategist, the designer of the Ardennes bulge, became the 30,000th prisoner to be taken by the 36th since the Riviera landing (August 15, 1944).

The Reich's leading Junker surrendered to Lt. Joseph E. Burke, of the 141st Infantry, at Bad Tolz, Germany. Also captured was General Sepp Dietrich, the first of the SS generals, and commander of the Sixth Panzer Army.

In all, twenty-four generals and marshals were rounded up by the 36th in the last phase of the war. Hungary's regent, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, was released from the Germans by an advance detachment of the division. Germany's notorious Reichminister Frank, Gauleiter of Poland, perpetrator of Jewish extermination pits, was trapped by Capt. Phillip Broadhead of the Division AMG team.

The Luftwaffe chief, planner of the blitz on London, and defender of the Normandy coastline, Field Marshal Sperrle joined his fellow Nazis in the 36th PW cage.

One of the bitterest moments of the final drive was the carnage that was witnessed at the Landsberg, famous prison



ground of Hitler in 1923 and infamous as the site of twelve concentration camps. Evidence of unimaginable nature was uncovered here as a result of Nazi atrocities. Piles of bodies, mutilated, burned, half-buried were uncovered by formerly unbelieving Yanks.

#### Victory Dearly Bought

Thus the 36th Texas Division, which had landed at Salerno, September 9, 1943, closed its final chapter of combat in World War II, after two amphibious landings. The division had battled some 1,076 miles through Italy, France, Germany and Austria. The 36th was the fourth "hardest-hit" division of the war, with some 27,344 casualties.

Yes, it has almost made a complete revolution around Switzerland, back into the same country where it had started some 20 months before.

And Victory!



Shaffe T. Courey, National Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., P. O. Box 1191, Washington, D. C. 20013, S/Sgt. Company A, 143rd Inf., "I will be at the reunion."

#### LETTER FROM COL. ORAN STOVALL

We have just returned from the Annual Reunion of the Mid-West Chapter held in Grand Rapids, Mich. (not yet recovered).

As usual, it was a good one and we expect some of their members to be with us in Dallas. Their president-elect is H. L. King, 440 North State, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307.

If you publish a T-Patcher please give this information: HEADQUARTERS FOR THE 111th ENGINEERS IN DALLAS WILL BE THE 700 WING OF THE ROYAL COACH.

In your "TAPS" section please carry the death of: Doswell A. Conner, Edna, Texas, Co. A, 111th Engineers.

Will you also send "some" back copies and new one to: Paul O. Ballantine, 1230 N.W. 126th Street, North Miami, Florida 33167 (enclose a membership blank).

Engr. Hq. will open 3 Sept. in Suite 708.

Sincerely,  
Stovall

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143rd Infantry (not a chapter yet) is holding a supper at the Waco National Guard Armory on Tuesday night, Aug. 11, 1970, at 7 p.m. as a get-together prior to the biggest reunion ever in Dallas. If you are in the area drop in, but please notify either Rufus Cleghorn, 1413 Berkshire, Waco, Texas 76705, or Alvin Amelunke, 3001 James, Waco, Texas 76711 as arrangements for food is in order.



Borrowed from Joseph Wright (141st Inf.), Flushing, N. Y., picture of Col. Richard Werner and Crown Prince Umberto, Italy.

### IN MEMORIAM

Howard W. Johnson, Cheyenne Hills, Colo., formerly of Weatherford, Texas, a long-time member of Battery C, 132nd F.A. Bn., was mobilized with the unit and served throughout the war. At the time of his death he was a roughneck with a drilling rig. He died in his sleep, age 48, in Lamar, Colo. He is survived by a daughter and son, both of Lamar.

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Major Gen. (Ret.) Frank S. Ross, former El Paso resident, died at his home in South Laguna, Calif., May 9, 1970. He enlisted in the Army with Company K, 4th Texas Inf., 1916, retired 1946. Famed for his key role as chief of transportation in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II, Gen. Ross' work was described by historians thusly, "They moved more men and supplies during amphibian operations than any other outfit in the history of the world."

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S/Sgt. Manuel S. Gonzales died on November 24, 1947, in Fort Davis, Texas. His cousin, Joe Sillas wrote that S/Sgt. Gonzales was a great man but like many of our other heroes he was shot up in the war, and never recovered from the wounds.

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Mr. John Gumpert died recently after a long illness in Grand Prairie, Texas. John was a member of the 133rd Machine Gun Bn., WWI.

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Extra copies of General Fred L. Walker's memorium sheet which were sent with the December, 1969 T-PATCHER are available upon request from this office.

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Robert K. McLemore, 52, of 7318 Kenshire Lane, board

chairman and executive vice-president of American Title Co. of Dallas. McLemore, lifetime Dallas resident, was one of the founders of American Title Co. in 1953. He was also president of R&W Development Co. and K&M Development Co. in Dallas. He was a director of the Home and Apartment Builders Association of Metropolitan Dallas, a member of the Dallas Club and past president of the Exchange Club of East Dallas. He was a member of St. Rita Church and Northwood Country Club and was a former member of Holy Trinity Church and Knights of Columbus. He was an Army Veteran of World War II, having served as asst. Finance Officer for the 36th Division for five years during the war.

## BLOODY FUTILE RAPIDO RIVER ATTACKS WERE BLUNDERS OF FIFTH ARMY'S HIGH COMMAND

By Walter R. Humphrey, Editor Fort Worth Press

January 18, 1946

One company, 164 strong emerged with only one officer and 21 men. For a picture of the losses sustained in the crossing attempts a glance at the "morning reports" of the 141st is adequate.

Co. A, First Bn started out with seven officers and 157 men . . . wound up 1 officer and 21 men! Co. B with six officers and 116 men was whittled down to 3 officers and 54 men.

Co. E Second Bn went into action with 5 officers and 141 men . . . staggered out with one officer and 37 men left! Company G with 5 officers and 147 men was reduced to a single officer and 20 men! Company H was reduced from 6 officers and 133 men to 2 officers and 27 men!

. . . and for 35 days, First Lieutenant Dube of Corpus Christi was battalion commander after the Rapido killing was stopped.

A similar ratio of losses prevailed in other companies of both battalions and throughout the Third Battalion as well. In killed, wounded, and missing the 141st lost 49 officers and 958 men! One battalion lost all its company commanders.

Two battalion commanders and every member of their staff were killed, wounded or missing.

Lieutenant Col. E. W. Richardson, 22 Spring St., Westbrook, Me., commanding officer of the 3rd Bn and Capt. Ford of Rusk, Texas, S-3, were badly wounded the first night. Maj. Bob Mehaffey of Breckenridge, Texas, took command. The next day he was seriously wounded.

Maj. Milton Landry, San Antonio, commanded the 2nd Bn and was wounded twice. Maj. Red Lehman, San Antonio, his executive officer was wounded. Capt. James Glenn Jr., San Benito, his S-3 then took charge and was killed.

Another battalion commander, Lieutenant Col. Henry A. Goss, was killed the day after he arrived at the front to take command. Many company commanders and platoon leaders died there.

The story of the 143rd was the same, 48 officers and 958 enlisted men killed, wounded, or missing in action.

To Texans of this proud division, the Rapido was reminiscent of the Alamo!

Comrades died by the hundreds on that river. Few crossed . . . more than 1,000 died in the assault. Some of the bodies were not recovered until May (five months later).

## TO COL. WILLIAM HUGO MARTIN

This issue of the T-Patcher is dedicated to the memory of one (of many) of the greatest Peace and Wartime Commanders that the 36th Infantry Division had—Colonel William Hugo Martin. I intended to take my pen in hand and write but I came across a letter to the editor of the Waco News-Tribune that I thought does it better than I could ever do. I quote:

To the Editor:

When I read the article in Sunday's paper—"General's Death Recalls Grim Battle at Rapido"—I could not but agree with its author's statement in saying of the countless Central Texans who were there, "their war has been eclipsed by time and other conflicts." I was indeed appalled to realize that in five or more columns dealing with the Texas 36th Division's part in the European campaign not one mention was made of the commander of the 143rd, Waco's and Central Texas' own regiment, Colonel William Hugo Martin. Colonel Martin commanded the 143rd almost from the time it was federalized at Camp Bowie, at Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Edwards, Cape Cod and the campaign in Italy.

The Rapido River Crossing might well be "just one of those things that happen" to those who weren't there, but to Colonel Martin it was and remained to the end of his life, a personal tragedy. It was his responsibility, as commander of the regiment that suffered such grievous casualties in this engagement, to order his men again and again against the heavily fortified German defenses. He was in full agreement with General Walker, whom he preceded in death by a few short weeks, that the crossing was an impossible undertaking, but unlike the General, Hugo Martin was personally involved with those Central Texas men whom he was forced to send to their deaths, and it broke his heart.

At the close of the war, Colonel Martin came back to his home state which he served for several years as Adjutant General, and then came home to the town where he was born and grew up, to take on the difficult job of getting the first civil defense program started for Waco and McLennan County. A quarter of a century has passed since the Rapido River Crossing tragedy and memories are indeed dimmed, but I must insist that in any account of what happened there, some mention be made of one of the greatest of the many brave men among the Central Texans at that heroic effort.

Mrs. J. S. Barnett, Jr.  
3125 Morrow  
Waco, Texas 76707

End of quote.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since our association is fully dependent on the \$3.00 annual membership dues as its **only source of operating**, it is imperative that we obtain maximum enrollment from our potential membership each year.

The annual reunions are a very necessary and important function of the Association; however, the events are hopefully set up on a "break even" basis to attract attendance (thereby adding to the fun and enjoyment) rather than as a source of revenue. The membership dues paid through reunion enrollment are normally the only gain for our operating funds.

Upon checking the paid membership files for past years, it appears that some members erroneously associate attendance at reunions as the sole requirement for annual mem-

bership enrollment and payment of dues. Perhaps this is partly due to the date of our membership year very nearly coinciding with the reunion date and partially to the fact that we are together at the time and organized to make enrollment easy.

Current indications are that we will have a very fine reunion this year. The Royal Coach Inn in Dallas has been very pleased and enthusiastic over receiving inquiries from members all over the country—in **advance** of their mail-out to the membership. You can contribute to the success of the reunion and the association for the coming year in several ways requiring little effort:

1. Make your own plans to attend the reunion now.
2. Talk to every T-Patcher you know or can contact about attending the reunion.
3. If you or the T-Patchers you contact do not plan to attend the reunion—renew your membership enrollment by mail.

It may be that we have not adequately publicized our "mail in" enrollment plan. Under a policy adopted a few years ago, membership enrollments mailed to the Association on or after June 1st each year are automatically extended to August 31st of the following year. Members may mail in their personal checks or money orders for \$3.00, payable to the Association, accompanied by a slip of paper or card legibly showing name, complete mailing address including zip code, and their unit. The address is 36th Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 4113, Waco, Texas 76705. A correctly validated membership card will be returned to the member by mail.

We hope to see each of you and as many more as you can get to come along at the reunion in Dallas on September 4th, 5th and 6th. Let's make this a really good one.

## NEWS FROM AMIL KOHUTEK

Heard from Thomas F. Garvey, St. Windsor Locks, Conn., another Forward Arty Observer. Tom is looking up some friends and will try to make "Big D."

A group of former Hay Burners that once called themselves the 1st Cavalry Div. met at the Holiday Inn, Irving, Texas May 2nd for the purpose of forming the North Central Texas Chapter. This group boasts a potential membership of 250,000 and at present the 1st Air Cal men are in the Cambodia area.

Ernest L. Broumley, Rt. 2, Terrell, Texas 75160 (36th Div. Band) is sick in the V. A. Hospital in Dallas. Broumley, wife and children ages 7, 9, 10 and 13 were living on a ranch east of Terrell but are having to move due to illness. Ernest is a strong supporter of the Association and could use our support.

Mr. Louis A. Parsons, 400 East 6th Street, San Angelo, Texas 76901, unit unknown, seeking information on reunion.

Mr. Eugene Calvert, Sunset Motel North State, Route 2, New Martinsville, West Virginia 26155, unit unknown, but was a POW in Italy is trying to get in touch with a Jerry Lee Toole, who was also a POW. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Jerry, please let him know.

Mr. Clayton Thornton, 282 North California, Chandler, Arizona 85224, unit unknown, seeking information on reunion.

Wendell A. Martin of 2102 St. Malo has been elected department commander of Veterans of World War I for the state. He will succeed M. C. Munlin of Bloomington as head of the 10,000-member organization. Martin was elected by the 17th annual convention, meeting in Abilene. He addressed the convention at the last reunion in Fort Worth.

## HEARD FROM . . .

Joe Leap, 312 N. Stuart Ave., Elkton, Va. 22827 . . . "I have recruited a new member. He is Randal R. Dean, Elkton, Va. 22827. I think the last issue of the T-Patcher did the trick. It was one of the most interesting ones yet. General Walker's book, 'From Texas to Rome,' is great too."

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Robert Adams, Box 284, Tuscola, Texas, Co. A and Reg. Hq. Co. 142nd, "I am enclosing check for dues. I failed to be at the Fort Worth reunion, but have never failed paying my dues."

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H. J. Alleman, Baton Rouge, La., Co. L, 143rd Inf. . . . "Just finished reading 'The T-Patcher' and enjoyed it very much. I am looking forward to the next issue. I have already read Gen. Walker's 'From Texas to Rome.' I believe all veterans who served in the 36th should read this book . . . will attend the reunion if possible."

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Steve J. Vitkovic, P. O. Box 96, Conway, Pa. 15027, Co. A, 141st Inf.: "Enclosed 1971 dues . . . If nothing goes wrong may see you at the reunion in Dallas . . . I am a pipe inspector for Armo Steel and have a vacation last two weeks in August."

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Jim Evans, Syracuse, N. Y. . . . "I have been saving the articles by Bill Jary regarding the 36th in WWII but for some reason I am missing Chapter 1. Is there any way I can get a copy? I did not receive a copy of Gen. Walker's passing away . . . your help to get those copies will be greatly appreciated. The Feb. T-Patcher received its usual word-for-word attention."

(Editor's Note: There are extra copies of most back issues available on request.)

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J. A. Gloria, McAllen Texas: "The book **From Texas to Rome** is most interesting. We are going to donate it to the local library here in McAllen. Looking forward to The T-Patcher magazine . . . enclosed check for Raul F. Lopez, Co. L, 142nd Inf."

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Mr. Edwin Seymour, Long Island, New York (WWI editor of **The Arrowhead**): "I have been able to share my memories with several members of my old company, MG Company 141st Inf. Two years ago I read in the American Legion Magazine of the 36th Division convention, that was to be held in Dallas. . . . When I signed in at the Baker Hotel, I also listed my name on the WWI list of members present. Imagine my surprise next morning when I found a note under my door signed by Oscar (Mundine) Vest, a member of the MG Company. I have corresponded with him ever since at 4109 So. 18th St., Fort Smith, Ark. 72901. Through Vest, I got in touch with another member of the company, Adolph Sachtleben, 209 East Cannon St., New Braunfels, Texas 78130. I missed the convention last year but Vest attended and sent me the list of WWI men that had registered. I hope to attend the Dallas reunion."

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Charles O. Wilson, 2342 E. 9th, Stockton, Calif. 95206: "Being a former member of Co. D 141st and having missed

the last few reunions I would appreciate information as to location of the 1970 convention."

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Floyd B. Petmecky, 3907 Vineland Dr., Austin, Texas 78722, a former member of 736 Ord-Div Hq Co, Ser Co-142nd Inf. has sent in his dues for 1971.

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John B. Pope, P. O. Box 2858, Abilene, Texas 79604, a former member of Hq. Co. is a paid-up member for 1971.

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Alvin A. Klein, Rt. 1, Box 69, Spring, Texas 77373: "Would still like to buy, borrow or steal a copy of the 36th World War One. Understand that there are few copies in circulation but if you find one for sale please let me know."

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Charles Clayton Anderson, Director, Public Relations, Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, 200 Skirvin Tower, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73102, formerly with Co. C, 143rd Inf. in WWII is seeking additional details on the reunion.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. M. (Buddy) Sinclair, 141st Inf. Hq. Co. had Christmas dinner at the reunion site, the Royal Coach Inn, and a tour of the place. "It will be the nicest and best place the 36th Division Association has had a reunion . . . free parking, no elevators, two swimming pools . . ." he commented.

## MARK CLARK STILL IN GOOD CONDITION

Daily News, July 1, 1970

CHARLESTOWN, S. C., June 30 — (UPI) — Gen. Mark Clark, Allied commander during the World War II invasion of Italy, remained in good condition in the Charleston Naval Hospital today. Clark, 74, was admitted during the weekend because of a temporary change in heartbeat. He was expected to be released within a few days.



FLAG PRESENTATION — Raul F. Lopez, left, commander of DAV, Chapter 95, is shown presenting a U. S. flag to Erasmio Gonzalez of McAllen, Texas, commander of DAV Region V and member of the 36th Division Association.





Lt. Col. Price and Col. John W. Harmony (141st Inf.),  
Commando Kelly, center.

### COMMUNIST RULES FOR REVOLUTION

This article was first printed in 1919, printed again in 1946 . . . nearly fifty years later copies are still circulating and still being used by the Reds. It seems that this world of ours is full of willing people. Some are willing to work and some are willing to let them. . . . Stop and Think!

- A. Corrupt the young: Get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness.
- B. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby:
1. Get people's minds off government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.
  2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.
  3. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and disgrace.
  4. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.
  5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.
  6. Incite unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorder and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government on such disorders.
  7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of old moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, self-restraint, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.
- C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

### LETTER FROM ARCHIE

Dear Friends,

Most of you need no introduction to our new executive secretary, James O. Quick. James and Margie are present almost every year at the reunions. They have three children, plus a son-in-law. Quick was mobilized as a Sgt. of Anti Tank Company, 143rd Inf. and went overseas with Cannon Company and served as 2nd Lt. for the rest of WWII. He is a retired Army advisor and works for the V.A. in Waco.

Quick is a dedicated T-Patcher who is willing to work for the Association, but that is not enough. Membership is the life of the Association and we must get our dues in promptly in August and September and remind others to do the same. Many of us pay our dues some of the time . . . and never remind others . . . in this case we are guilty of "putting the Association down" just as surely as though we were trying to destroy it. You are to be commended on the way you have contributed to **The T-Patcher**. Please continue to get the material in to Mr. Quick, so that we can have something for the paper that will interest you. Keep the material short—mentioning dates, names, and places when possible.

The reunion this year should be a good one. The Royal Coach Inn is a good place to bring the family. The beds are oversize and there is no extra charge for your children in your rooms.

My family and I have made a big move. . . . I have retired from property book officer, Texas National Guard and we have moved from our farm near Waco to Sports Manor Marina, Eagle Mountain Lake, where I am service manager. You are invited to come see us any time. The address is Route 9, Box 261-C, Fort Worth, Texas 76106.

We hope to see you in "Big D."

Archie

### I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

*Wouldn't this old world be better,  
If the folks we meet would say,  
I know something good about you,  
And then treat us just that way?*

*Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,  
If each hand-clasp warm and true,  
Carried with it this assurance:  
I know something good about you?*

*Wouldn't things here be more pleasant  
If the good that's in us all,  
Were the only things about us  
That folks bothered to recall.*

*Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If we'd praise the good we see:  
For there's such a lot of goodness  
In the worst of you and me.*

*Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
This fine way of thinking too:  
You know something good about me  
And I know something good about you.*

—Author Unknown

## ANNUAL REUNION

(Continued from Page Two)

STAND, emphasized that one of the prime functions of the organization will be to utilize an Electronic Town Hall concept regarding problems facing America. UNITED WE STAND plans to provide a means whereby all Americans will be able to voice their opinions on crucial issues.

For an intriguing story, by a man whose normal day sometimes begins in Dallas and concludes in any city in the world, come to the reunion and meet Murphy Martin "Face to Face."

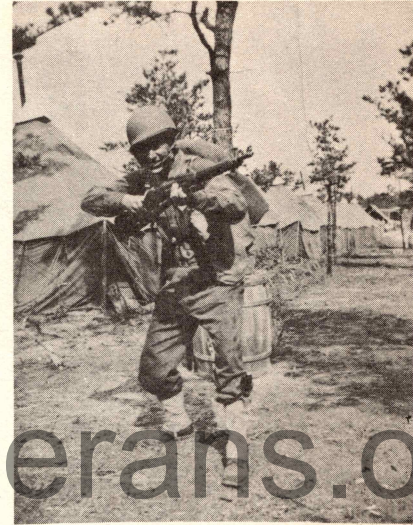
Registration this year has inflated some but I hope not enough to run you off. Dues of course are still \$3.00. The dinner-dance will be \$10.00 each ticket. We have been promised by Mr. Dan Barrie, Banquet Manager for the Royal Coach Inn, complete satisfaction. The band will be the same one that we have had in 1968 and 1969. If you have not received a letter from the Royal Coach along with a reservation card, there is one enclosed, and thank goodness it is postage paid.

### NEW BOOKS

(For information only, and not necessarily endorsed by the editor.)

**COMPANY K OF YESTERDAY.** Written by Archibald S. Hart, is "... a worm's eye view of the Meuse-Argonne Campaign of 1918 ..." to quote the author in his letter to the T-Patcher. He was a member of Company K, 142nd Infantry during World War I and has recently joined the Association. Copies of the book may be secured by contacting the author's brother, Mr. Miles M. Hart, RFD 1, Glen Rose, Texas 76043. The price is not known by us.

Not a new book but I believe Col. Oran Stovall has already shipped some of General Fred L. Walker's book, "From Texas to Rome," to the reunion site, so for those of you who have not already purchased or if you have purchased one and want another, bring an extra \$10.



From George E. Eckols, 609 Gulf St., San Antonio, Texas 78202. This snapshot of "Geronimo" happened at Camp Edwards, Mass., in 1943.

### PLANS FOR AUXILIARY

#### ATTENTION LADIES!

Your Auxiliary president, Mrs. Katherine McCauley, promises a good time for you.

The noon luncheon on Saturday, September 5, 1970, will be in a patriotic motif. Plan now to dress accordingly (or you may come as you are if you so desire).

I personally think Mr. Dan Barrie, Banquet Manager of the Royal Coach Inn, thinks by now she Katherine is his supervisor, and I am sure the food will be delicious. Keep up the good work, Katherine.

She has also asked that games and records be brought for the Teenage Room.

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