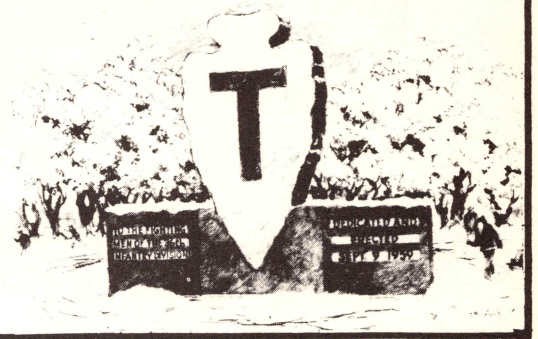


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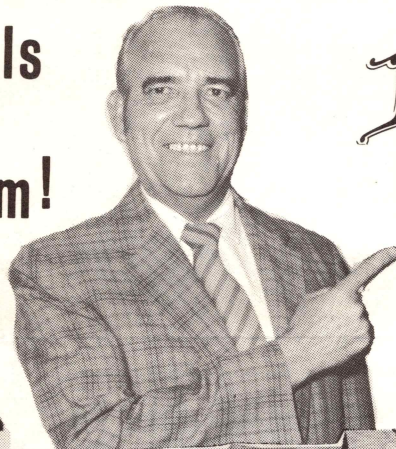


AUGUST, 1971

HOUSTON OR BUST

King-Size Diggin's Planned, Sept. 3, 4, 5

Sir Lancelot Hails
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Here it is men, a regal setting for all you T-Patchers. We've got a great C.P. waiting for you, and a fun-filled agenda you won't want to miss.

"We've had 26 reunions since VE Day, and here's one that you gotta make", says LANCE MULLINS, President of the 36th Division Association.

ROYAL COACH MOTOR HOTEL, located in Sharpstown at 7000 Southwest Freeway is a city within itself. They've got everything, fine restaurants, bars, great room accommodations (hot and cold running chambermaids), you name it . . . all yours Labor Day weekend!

"We're looking for a king-size turn out", says Sir Lancelot, "and if you've missed a bunch of reunions in the past, you can make it up at this one,"

Sen. John Tower to be Guest Speaker

FLASH: As we go to press, word has just come from from Washington that the Senior Senator from Texas, John Tower, has accepted the invitation of Pres. Lance Mullins to be the guest speaker at the General Session, 1:00 PM in the Sir Lancelot Room, Sat. Sept. 4th.

RUMOR DEPT. (Kentucky Fried Division)

We heard that WICK FOWLER, the Chili King challenged Col. Sanders to a "Cook-Off", but the Colonel "Chickened-Out". Seems the Chicken King promised not to do any Chili cookin' if WICK would stay out of the hen house.

Mid West Chapter Turns Out Strong at Grand Rapids

One of the Associations most active unit gatherings is the MID-WEST CHAPTER of the 36th. With Grand Rapids as headquarters, this group which was a nucleus of 111th Engineers now includes ANYONE who wore the T-Patch.

At their recent reunion in Grand Rapids, attended by 35 T-Patchers from Wisconsin, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio plus three renegades from Texas: J. R. Ramsey, Garland, Texas; Helen and Henry Sullivan, Sinton, Texas and of course, "Mr. Bowie" Col. Oran Stovall.

Guest speaker for the meeting was DONALD CHAFFEE, father of the astronaut who

lost his life along with GRISSOM and WHITE, a Michigander who gave a very interesting speech.

Stovall presented a copy of General Walker's book: "Texas to Rome" for the local library in memory of TRUMAN RICE, a member of Co. B., 111th who was killed at the Salerno landing.

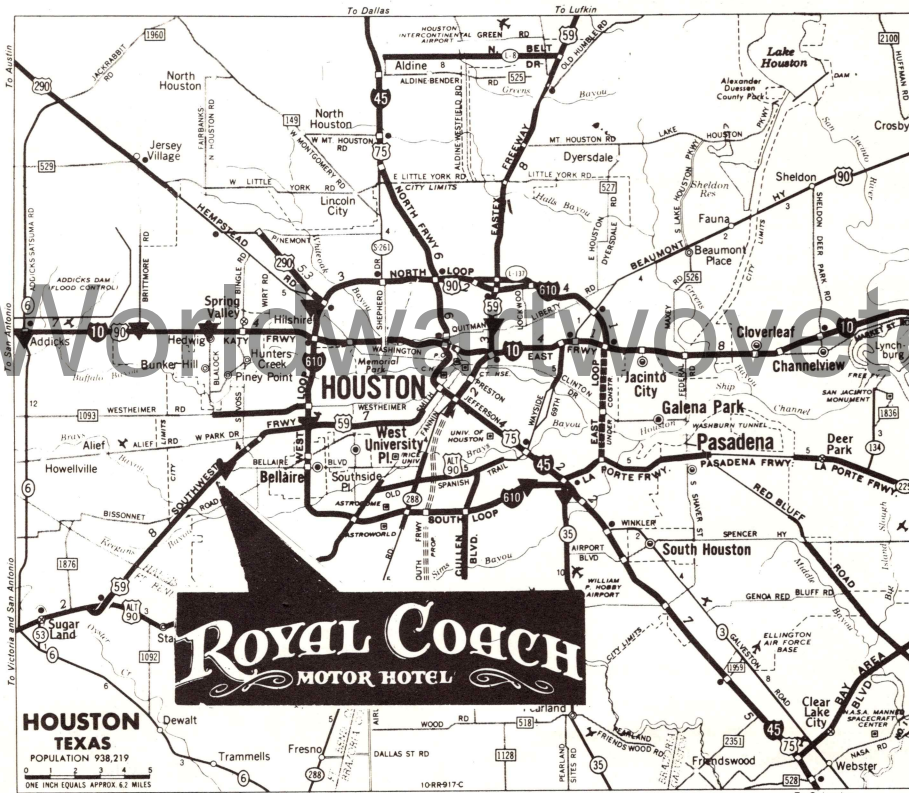
Interested T-Patchers can write any of the new officers: Edward Northouse, 1456 Emerson N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504 president; Donald Schied, 820 Park, Belding, Mich. V/P; or Sec-Treas.: Robert Reinhart, 127 Allen, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48413.

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If you have a Resolution, please put this in writing, mail to Wesley Garrison, 405 Yellowstone Dr., Birmingham, Ala. 35206, or to Morris Gitman, 1330 3rd National Bank Bldg., Dayton, Ohio, 45402. Send any Resolutions you have or want considered.

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Ride the Orient Express, the Sherpa Slide and Rhino Land.

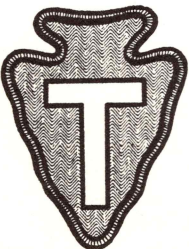
And of course, the Budweiser Hospitality House where you can get a cold one.

COME A DAY EARLY, or stay a day longer. BUSCH GARDENS is just one of dozen fabulous things to see in HOUSTON. Let's go, T-Patchers!



BERNICE B. MAXFIELD, 1007 Marion, Fort Worth, Texas, former president of the Auxiliary has attended MORE reunions than anyone. She claims at least 40 reunions, 20 Pre-WWII reunions, and has made every one of the 26 WWI reunions.

Bernice is also a darling of the American Legion. At a recent meeting in Fort Worth, when Ralph Yarbrough was guest speaker, she button-holed the former senior senator of Texas (13 years) and got his \$3.00 dues. Seems that Yarbrough served with the 36th in the early 1920's with the 111th Engineers. (Stovall, please note).



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Heard from



REUNION AGENDA



ROBERT BRIEGER, 347 Locust St., Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449 is happy to get all the news about the division, tells about his visit to Arkansas (where he purchased property) ran into FRANK NAHLAN, Conway, Ark., both were in the 142nd, Co. B, at different times. Made no difference, says Bob, "We both got shot down on some of his home made grape wine he keeps in the smokehouse".

H. ROSS GLOVER, 7 Van Campen St., Dansville, N.Y. 14437 is a delegate of his district for American Legion, and plans to make both conventions in Houston. Ross served with the 142nd.

JOHN E. CURTIS, 517 S. Farley St., Whitewright, Texas 75491 sends in check for \$5.00 (wasn't sure the exact amount). A real 36th booster, John doesn't think he can make the Houston reunion, says: "You know, at 80 its a little rough to fight this traffic". (Footnote: It's a little rough at 60). Extra footnote from Amil: "Somebody driving through Whitewright pick up John. You'll be glad you did".

HENRY W. RITTMAN, 94 Riva Ave., Milltown, N.J. 08850 of Co H., 142nd claims he's not attended any of the 26 reunions, and wants to be in Houston. All info has been sent posthaste. Be there!

SALVATORE A. MELE, 1969 West 5th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223, and paidup "Texas Yankee" sends in the name of CHARLES RUGGIERO, 211 East 9th St., also Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218. Both hope to make it to the Bayou City clambake. Sal was with the 141st.

GAYLE S. ALBRITTON, 402 Marcus Dr., Lewisville, Texas 75067, served with M Co., 143rd Inf., name was sent in by W.P. Hogue.

SEYMOUR R. TODD, Box 1344, Jacksonville, Texas 75766 wants on the mailing list, and thanks to Amil, he's on and in. Todd joined the division in Jan. 1941, served with Co L, 143rd until he was wounded at Salerno.

PAUL HEINEMANN, 2 Hillcroft Road, Windy Hills, Newark, Del. 19711 drops in out of the blue with his \$3.00 dues, so welcome to the club, Paul. He took basic training with Co. A, 143rd, then assigned to Co. B, 111th Engrs., and stayed with Stovall's outfit 'til war's end.

PHIL F. STROM, 4720 McKnight N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110, served time with James Quick, Archie McDugal, Frank Vondr, Herman Smith (Cannon Co., 143rd) has had a variety of locations since 1945. Lived in Los Angeles, Houston, Puerto Rico and points west. Didn't have a "Fighting 36th History" so one was found for him.

OTTO "Chico" MUNGUIA, Co. G, 143rd cook, is noted for his great apple pies, long time favorite of Generals ROBERT IVES and DAVID FRAZIER, lives in Houston - is looking forward to the Reunion. Chico was former pastry cook for the Rice Hotel, has made alot 'dough' in his long career.

**BE IN HOUSTON ON
SEPT. 3, 4, 5, 1971**

Friday 3 September 1971

Registration	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	2nd Floor Foyer
Bd. of Dir. Meeting	6:00 PM	Suite 1121
Welcome Party	8:00 PM	King Arthur 1 & 2

Saturday 4 September 1971

Registration	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	2nd Floor Foyer
Resolution Com. Mtng.	10:00 AM	To be Announced
Nominating Com. Mtng.	10:00 AM	To be Announced
Ladies Brunch	11:00 AM	Lord Nelson Room
Current Bus. Mtng.	12:45 PM	To be Announced
General Session	1:00 PM	Sir Lancelot Thru Sir Gawaine
Dinner	7:00 PM	King Arthur 1 & 2 Possible Outdoor In Garden
Dance	9:00 PM	(same) Randy and the Sernaders six piece band, playing tunes from the forties.

Sunday 5 September 1971

Coffee Hour	9:00 AM	Sir Lancelot & Bevidere
Memorial Service	10:00 AM	King Arthur 1 & 2

(Stay another day and see the sights of Houston!)

AMIL KOHUTEK reports that 53 strays joined the fold in June and July, a good record for hot summer months. We need more . . . send in names of any strays you have, Amil will take it from there.

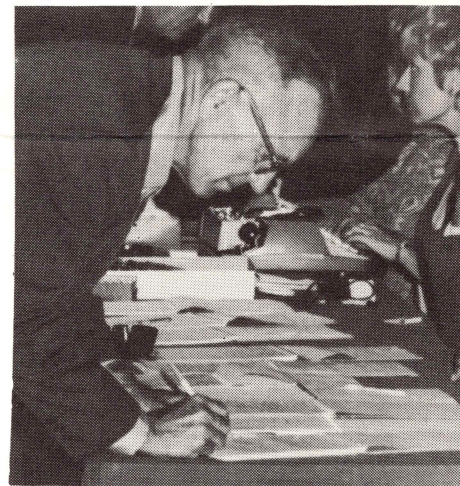
SID MCGEE, 131st F.A., 1529 19th Pl., SW, Birmingham, Ala., 35211 will be in Houston, and says he'll bring a flock of 'Bammers.

PETER WALTERS, P. O. Box 7, Union Rd., Wales, Mass. 01081 who served time with the 141st is coming to Texas for the Bayou City Bash.

ALEX E. AVILLA, 7909 Helmers, Houston, Tx. 77022 will be at the Royal Coach, also plans to take the Salerno Trip next spring.

WALLACE CARPENTER, buddie of Lance Mullins, (not a T-Patcher) but did pilot one of the boats that dumped us on the beaches at Salerno, says Hi to all the great T-Patchers he has met.

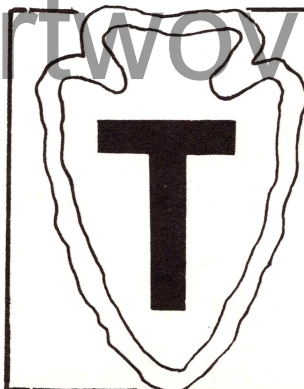
CRAWFORD C. MARTIN, Attorney General of Texas, received a copy of the June T-Patcher, acknowledges same with thanks to Wick Fowler for having requested that he be sent a copy.



MORE PIX from 1970 Dallas Reunion:

RICHARD R. MURRAY, Beaumont signs in early, never missed a 36th gathering, served with Hqs. Btry., 133rd F.A. Bn.

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by the late Major General Fred L. Walker, World War II commander of the famous 36th (Texas) Division. Now available in limited number, this is General Walker's highly interesting, personal diary of the honing of a National Guard division into one of the Army's finest fighting forces, proved in defeat as well as victory in the Italian Campaign—Salerno and Velletri as well as the bloody banks of the Rapido. Hardbound, illustrated, maps, index, 448 pages.

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Armand Jones, Spaghetti King



"Spaghetti Cuttin' by Mayor Vandergriff of Arlington, Texas for ARMAND JONES when he opened his third ITALIAN INN, in Arlington (midway Dallas-Fort Worth). This is the third in Jones' chain of 3 Italian restaurants.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR THE 36TH

The 36th Division piled up a whole lot of "firsts" during WW11. First troops to set foot on Fortress Europa, etc.

On August 15, 1944, the T-Patchers hit the beach in Southern France.

On Sept. 16th, just 31 days after the invasion, the 36th liberated LUXEUIL, near the Moselle River.

Pfc. ERNEST BIDDULPH (Elizabeth, N.J.) spied a mamselle named Germaine standing by a tree. The weather was threatening. Ernest offered her his field jacket. Before long he found himself quite wet walking her home. She invited him in to dry his clothes and meet her family.

The courtship lasted 3 days, and after the family consent on Sept. 20th, Ernest and Germaine said "I do".

Thus, a "Jersey-Texan" set a new world record for being the first American GI to wed in Southern France.

Unit Reunions



Co. B, 143rd Inf.

Mexia, Texas was the location for the Co. B, 143rd Unit Reunion on July 3-4 at the Natl. Guard Armory. Total of 38 T-Patchers attended. General David Frazier, Belton, Texas, was guest speaker; and Mrs. Mary Lee Barr, also of Belton was special guest. (Mrs. Barr is sister of the late and beloved Capt. Henry T. Waskow). Amil and Pauline Kohutek also attended.

Ray Purcell, Mexia was elected president; Arthur Wagle, V/P, and former Assn. President, Riley Tidwell, Secty/Tres.

Serving on the entertainment committee: James McClintic, Groesbeck, Texas; Zeb Sunday of Pasadena, James Rose and Calvin Prayton.

Armand Jones, a former San Antonian who migrated to Fort Worth 20 years ago, runs the most popular Spaghetti Joint in town. Armand has probably made every reunion since 1946. He served with the 155th F.A. 4½ years, and is best known (and liked) for bringing several cases of fine Vino from his restaurant to all the reunions.

The success story behind Jones entrance in the food business is legend. He was an ace announcer on WBAP-TV when he and another coworker leased an old shack and started dishing it out. It caught on, and became a mecca for local bon vivants and visting celebrities. The atmosphere he created in his ITALIAN INN was right out of Naples, Rome or Sorrento.

His popular spot in the exclusive area of west Fort Worth is like a visit to Italy. In fact Armand has made two return visits to Italy and re-traced the path of the 36th, as sort of a roavin' gourmet tour with lots of pasta and vino thrown in.

The walls of his private dining room are covered with authentic posters collected in Rome and Naples. And, a photo gallery of big and little shots cover the walls of his cocktail lounge (now an open saloon with the new Texas liquor laws). Many of these glossy prints include a flock of T-Patchers who have stopped in to "break bread" with Armand and sip a little vino.

Runnin' a bunch of restaurants doesn't leave him much spare time, but he does handle campaigns for guys like Ralph Yarbrough.

Ricoverio!

When the 36th first arrived in NAPLES, October 1943, there was a guy named AL RICOVERO with the 141st. All his buddies began to think he must be a real popular Italian-American. His name showed up on buildings all over Naples.

However it wasn't long until the T-Patchers found out that Ricovero meant "BOMB SHELTER".

This brought back memories of a 36th MP named BOATRIGT, who was more frequently called "WRONG CANOE".



The village of St. Die, in southern France, re-named their main street "TEXAS AVENUE" in honor of the 36th Texas Division which liberated them from the Nazis. T-Patchers hit the beaches at St. Raphael Aug. 15, 1944.

The above sketch of the sign was released to Walter Humphrey, then Editor of the Temple Telegram, who in turn released it to all major newspapers in Texas, October 1944.



UNIT REUNION: Company K, 141st Infantry met in Gonzales, Texas a couple of years ago, and here they are:

Back row; Hugo Ehrig; Curtis Harris; Weldon Price; Arnold Boysen; James Routt and Don Howell. Front row; Elroy Boysen; James Morgan; Mac Fisher; Bert Ehrig; Joe Mikesch; Barney Griffin and Thomas Hovenkamp.

Heard from

WILLIAM STRAND, 2022 Columbia Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, an ole buddie of Wick Fowler, has joined the Association as an Associate member. Welcome to the club! Bill Strand, who calls himself an old broken-down newspaperman and ex-war correspondent says: "I was there with you in Italy, making sure ole WICK'S big feet preceeded me through all mine fields, and always ready to cooperate in every way in the quenching of a great thirst.

Welcome, Bill to T-Patch land, hope you can make HOUSTON.

WILSON P. CLARK, Ellsworth, Wis. 54011, wants to know if there is a 36th Division chapter in his area. Mid-West group, with hqs. in Grand Rapids, Mich., is probably the closest. Can anyone help? Clark, who used to hangout at Div. Hqs. made a trip to Texas last winter and visited old buddies in San Antonio, namely LESTER CHUMBLEY of G-3.

EUGENE VIGUE, P.O. Box 664, Sanford, Maine, 04073 sends in his 3 bucks, and is packing for the HOUSTON reunion, will bring wife and daughter and may win the prize for the "longest" trip. Gene pulled time with Co. H, 143rd.

WALLACE CARPENTER, Route 1, Archer City, Texas 75411 sent in a battered copy of an official document issued by the commander of U.S.S. Charles Carroll, reprinted a letter from the late Ed McCall, C.O. 3rd Bn. 141st Inf. praising the Carroll's boatmen for the great job in getting the 141st on the beach at Salerno.

JOHN C. DAVENPORT, 633 E. Louisiana St., Evansville, Ind. 47711 sends in dues, bought a '71 ROSTER, sends greetings to all his buddies, can't make this one, but will be on tap in 1972.

WHITLEY L. BRAGG, who handled officers payroll in Div. Hqs., Finance Dept. sends in his \$3, hopes to be in Houston. Gets his mail at 5658 E. Lancaster, Apt. 215, Fort Worth, Texas 76112.

GEORGE "Red" JOHNSTON joined up, didn't give his unit, but lives at 1869 Bronson Ave., Peninsula, Ohio 44264.

ROY W. WINKELMAN, 126 Milwaukee St., Johnson Creek, Wis., 53038 is packing for the Houston Reunion. Hope to see you there, Roy. Next time send your unit designation.

KERMIT McFARLAND, Chief Editorial writer for the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance of Washington, D.C., sent his copy of the June issue tribute to ERNIE PYLE to the Postal Service for their exhibit. He has our thanks.

WICK FOWLER will defend his title again at the TEXAS state Chile Con Carne Cookoff, SAN MARCOS Sept. 17 - 18 - 19. Winner and runnerup will compete in the WORLD SERIES Cookoff Nov. 6 at Terlingua. T-Patchers interested can get info: Write San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, P.O. box 2310, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

We're looking for news items and photographs. Send it in, and we'll see you get your pictures back. Write: T-Patcher, P.O. Box 1816, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.



Remember The Alamo

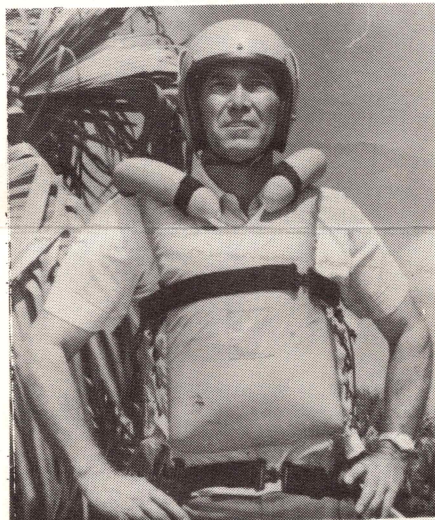
141st Has Great History

There are many books on the exploits of the Fightin' 36th. One of the best is a wrap-up of activities of the 141st Infantry Regiment, whose motto is "Remember the Alamo". And Rightfully so, as their heritage goes back to 1836.

This illustrious history was edited by Clifford H. Peek, Jr., Layout by Alfred H. Ellis, Maps by George Harney, and illustrations by John E. Pretsch.

"Five Years, Five Countries, Five Campaigns" is graphically illustrated by Pretsch, creator of "The Immortal Pfc", is in the same league with Bill Mauldin.

Published in 1945 in Munich, Germany, we do not at this time know if any copies of this history is available. It should be in the hands of all T-Patchers. If copies are available, we'll print it next issue.



DEMPSEY ALBRITTON, Bowling Green, Fla., in his uniform for hydroplane racing which he does all over the U.S. In addition to that thrilling sport, Dempsey fishes in Florida, hunts in Texas, and is ramroddin' his old units' meeting of Co. B, 142nd scheduled middle of August in Nashville, Tenn.

NEW BOOKS

THE SECOND "D" DAY

By Jacques Robichon

The assault on Southern France landing made by the U. S. VI Corps was made on 15 August; a French Corps followed the Americans. Together, they made the American Seventh Army commanded by Lt. General Alexander Patch.

This book, as written by M. Robichon as translated to English, is the first extensive coverage we have seen of this operation. Though the reason behind the book is to present the operation from a French point of view, it is well-documented, well-researched and is highly favorable to the Veteran 36th. T-Patch Division, that was, as usual, given the most difficult assignment.

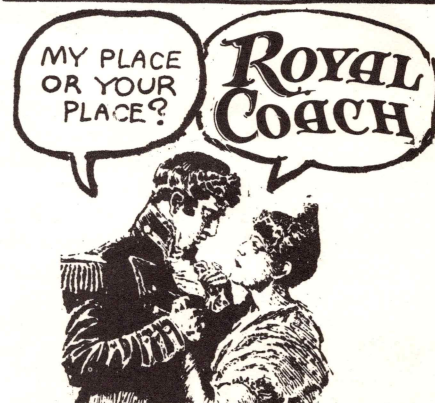
M. Robichon points out that for at least the third time the Corps Order directed a direct attack on the most heavily fortified position. General Dahlquist, remembering the blundering of higher headquarters at the Rapido River and at Velletri where General Walker fooled everybody by his classical attack of encirclement, slipped the division through two small beaches and captured the fortified Red Beach - from the rear.

Well established in the book is the grim fact that the Air Arm saturated the attack area with over 1,000 lbs. of explosive for each twenty square feet and the Navy guns fired 6000 guns point-blank into the German defense for two hours - they were unable to break the defense.

reviewed by Col. Stovall

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Those un-sung heroes of combat, is a small group of arsenal artisans who keep the implements of war in repair. A lot of T-Patchers might have taken for granted that shootin' material came from never-never land.

But 8 officers, and 150 EM's comprised the total strength of our own 736th Ordnance, and a busy bunch they were.

JAMES C. GOSSETT, 605 South Elm, New Boston, Texas 75570 was kind enough to send us the chronological events of the 736th. Wish space would permit complete details. Here's one entry: 28 Nov. 44 - "Found time bomb with 500 lbs. TNT under Command Post building, still running."



R. NEWTON SNEDEN, Roaring Brook, Rockleigh, N.J. 07547 sends in this photo of himself and the shy little Italian girl, whose packets bulge with candy. Picture was made in Naples when Newt was on a pass from Combat Re-Conditioning Camp located at Lake Areno.

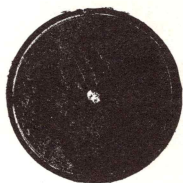
This was the place, says Sneden, where 36thers were sent after being discharged from the Hospital. Lt. Col. Simpson of the 3rd Bn., 142nd was there also at the same time.

Sneden joined the Division as a replacement, July 1944, assigned to Co. K, 142nd, was wounded at Remiremont and sent back to Naples. Rejoined his outfit in March and saw war's end in Austria. We'll be looking for you in Houston, Newt.

THANK YOU... KATY SINCLAIR

Mailing out the T-Patcher is no small job. You have to staple, stamp and apply a label, for nearly 2,000 of them. When June issue arrived at the KOHUTEK's Irving pad, a phone call alerted KATY SINCLAIR, charming wife of Buddy Sinclair (Dallas) old 141st trooper. Katy dropped everything, worked all day, then boxed and hauled them to the Dallas Post Office.

We T-Patchers salute you!

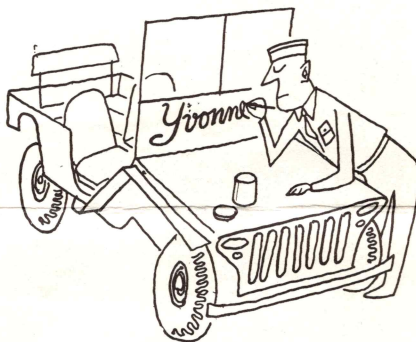


During the "Bulge" here's another one: 21 Jan. 45 - "Arms section removed cosmaline and prepared 600 rifles for emergency replacement."

The first CO of the 736th was Lt. Col. Walter Jennings of Fort Worth. Lt. Col. William O. Green, Houston was Division Ordnance Officer for most of the war.

Jim Gossett is presently Chief of Adm. Svcs., Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, and says he will be in HOUSTON.

REMEMBER...



Will all the T-Patchers who painted the name of their favorite mademoiselle on the front of their jeep - please stand.

We promise not to tell the wife, but if all the jeep drivers who did this were laid end to end, they'd reach from Remiremont to Ribeauville.

Heard from

HARRY McGREEVY, Hq. Battery, 155th F.A. operates a retail lumber yard in Versailles, Ohio, sends greeting to all his old artillery pals. Mac says he has all the T-Patcher books and enjoys re-reading them . . . memories. He joined the division at Camp Bowie and stayed 'til VE day, a real Texas-Ohioian. Receives mail at Box 31, Versailles, Ohio 45380.

HOWARD W. HAHN, 1719 W. 1st St., Dixon, Illinois 61021 sends in his \$3.00 dues plus an extra 3 bucks to keep the pot boiling. Good work, Howard (served with the 131st FA) hope you can make it to Houston.

TED ISAACSON, 20 Keys Drive, Apt. 11, Peabody, Mass. 01960, says he's glad to get any news about the ole "Fightin' 36th". Ted operates Gem Giftwares, Inc., of Saugus, Mass., offers to help anyway he can to keep the Association going. It's a long haul from Mass. to Houston, but we hope you can make it Ted.

GEORGE M. HOGAN writes in that due to failing health he cannot make the gig in Houston, maybe next time. George didn't give his unit, but picks up his mail at: 107 N. Ida St., West Frankfort, Ill. 62896.

C. O. WILSON, 1814 Summer, Waco, Texas 76708 ordered a '71 Roster plans to make the Houston Reunion - a family affair. Wilson served time with the 141st.

LELLIE W. ENSLOW, 805 N. 4th St., Garden City, Kansas 67846 has only made one 36th reunion (Abilene 1962) and hopes to make it HOUSTON OR BUST to visit with any of the Cannon Co., 143rd T-Patchers that might be around. Les ordered a Roster and claims he's put it to use.

VICTOR DAVIDSON, 22 Queen Ann St., Friendship, N.Y. 14739, writes about the Company B, 143rd Reunion scheduled for Aug. 13 - 15 in Nashville, Tenn. Dempsey Albritton of Bowling Green, Florida is top-kick of this group.



Here's 8 members of Co. B, 142nd, Dempsey sent this in with no names. Amil says the tie has got to be DEWEY MANN, Nitro, West Virginia. Perhaps KEN O. PITNER, Snyder, Texas can name the rest.

Reunion Roster - We've Had a Bunch!

Year	City	Hotel	President
1946	BROWNWOOD	Brownwood	Miller Ainsworth*
1946	FORT WORTH	Hotel Texas	Miller Ainsworth*
1946-47	SAN ANTONIO	Gunter	Carl L. Phinney
1947-48	DALLAS	Baker	R. Wright Armstrong*
1948-49	WACO	Roosevelt	Charles Beacham
1949-50	CORPUS CHRISTI	Nueces	William Martin*
1950-51	HOUSTON	Rice Hotel	Ed McCall*
1951-52	FORT WORTH	Hotel Texas	Dave Frazier
1952-53	SAN ANTONIO	Gunter	Thomas S. Bishop
1953-54	AUSTIN	Austin	James O. Taylor
1954-55	DALLAS	Adolphus	Harry B. Kelton
1955-56	BROWNWOOD	Brownwood	William B. Mobley
1956-57	SAN ANGELO	Town House	Richard D. Bass
1957-58	FORT WORTH	Hotel Texas	Gene E. Jameson
1958-59	WACO	Roosevelt	Douglas N. Boyd*
1959-60	SAN ANTONIO	Gunter	Lee F. Allison
1960-61	AUSTIN	Austin	Marion P. Bowden
1961-62	ABILENE	Windsor	John N. Garner*
1962-63	AUSTIN	Commodore Perry	John N. Green
1963-64	SAN ANTONIO	Gunter	Samuel S. Graham*
1964-65	FORT WORTH	Hotel Texas	James I. Minor
1965-66	AUSTIN	Commodore Perry	Oran C. Stovall
1966-67	HOUSTON	Continental	Hubert Simon
1967-68	DALLAS	Baker	Riley Tidwell
1968-69	FORT WORTH	Blackstone	Amil Kohutek
1969-70	DALLAS	Royal Coach	Bert Carlton
1970-71	HOUSTON	Royal Coach	Lance Mullins

There's been a lot of Bourbon-Under-The-Bridge since the Fightin' 36th came home. Most of the high-point men were back at home base before the year ended in 1945. Hence, the first reunion was held in January 1946 in BROWNWOOD.

And why not. That's where it all started, and a logical selection it was. Enthusiasm was high, and attendance was great. Ten months later the T-Patcher invaded Fort Worth the old homebase for the 36th from old World War 1 days. Attendance at the October 1946 reunion reached 1,000.

Now 26 reunions later (with No. 27 coming up) the 36th can still show great signs of survival. Those who have not attended a 36th Reunion, just don't know what they've missed. Moral: Be in Houston on Labor Day week-end, and see for yourself.

secret weapon

THE AMERICAN GI SENSE OF HUMOR

When you look back thirty years and do a little counting, you'll find the winning side didn't have the weapons or manpower to equal that of Germany, Japan and Italy.

Yes, we got our lumps. We weren't as prepared as our enemies. They had planned their little worldwide conquest with methodical detail. They thought of everything.

But Hitler, Togo and Mussolini forgot about the one thing that they knew nothing about. The American sense of humor the ability to laugh when the going gets rough.

This has been proved over and over again every September when members of the Fightin' 36th get together and swap tales. For the past 26 years, old T-Patchers have gathered together in convenient hotel (somewhere in Texas) to shake hands, swap war stories, and mostly to tell about all the "funny" things that happened. Like old Joe who said "so-and-so" when the in-coming shells exceeded the out-going.

To make jest, to make light of, or ever ridicule the situation was the "escape hatch" that let off the steam, and the tension that mounts when troops are under fire.

One case in point, is the Sgt. at the Salerno Invasion. He was scheduled for D-Day plus 4 hours. It was daylight enough at the time to see the shoreline, the smoke, and the bomb bursts. He was loaded to the hilt, (and he wasn't in the assault group) . . . just a forward echelon map coordinator. He carried carbine, gas mask, 2 large map boards, (some of the Colonel's laundry) plus 50 pounds of odds and ends.

It was a little harry at the time. Things didn't look too good on the beach. The Sgt. who was about as scared as one can get, looked over the side of the ship at the boat bouncing about 50 feet below, watched his buddies scramble down the rope ladder, stopped as he put one foot over the ledge, then slowly turned to the Major and said: "Is it too late to become a conscientious objector?"

*Deceased

Unit Reunions



BAT. C 132nd

Cibola Inn, Arlington, Texas was rockin' for a couple of days in late June, when Artillerymen of Battery C, 132nd got together for their 3rd Reunion.

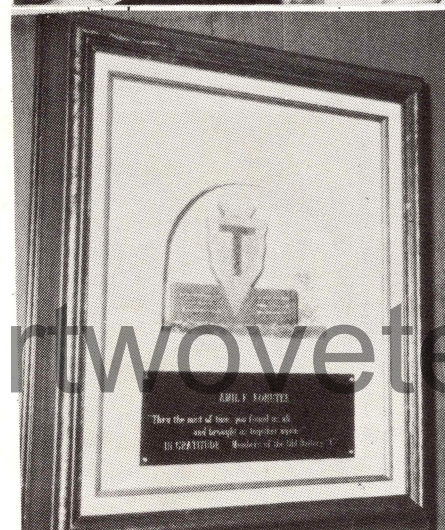
According to a story that hit the Fort Worth papers, PETE HARRIS who is bartender for a Fort Worth tavern fell off the wagon. And, why not? Thirty-five of these T-Patch Artillerymen talked over war stories, sipped beer, Scotch and Bourbon, and of course, a little business.

JOE JUSTICE was elected President; FRANK MOSLEY, 1st V/P, both of Fort Worth; PAUL ADELSPERGER, Lexington, Ky., 2nd V/P, making it a four-gun battery - with ROBERT CHILDERS, Fort Worth as Secty/Tres.

Highlight was awarding of a plaque to AMIL KOHUTEK, the hardest-working T-Patcher that ever came-down-the-turnpike, for his contribution to this unit. A real work of art, the plaque was designed and built by J. D. BAKER, Aledo, Texas, who spent three months making it. A great tribute to a great guy. It now graces the wall of the Kohutek den, 2404 Lincoln Court, Irving, Texas.

Bravo, Battery C.

Any redblooded T-Patcher in his right mind that couldn't have fun at the HOUSTON REUNION, has got to be out of his mind.



Joe Justice, Fort Worth, new president of Btry. C, 132nd talks with Pauline Kohutek and Weida Adelsperger.

Wall Plaque designed by J.D. Baker was presented to former President Amil Kohutek, for his contribution to this Unit.

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY-BABY



Last issue we ran SOPHIA's picture as one of the 12 year old urchins in the streets of POZZUOLI.

Shown above, our golden girl and her husband, Carlo Ponti are now rated the richest Romans of them all. Italian tax office claims 'Soph' earned 350 million Lire, and Ponti dragged down 250 mil Lire (about a million US bucks).

Too bad some enterprising T-Patcher couldn't have signed up Sophia for a movie contract.

This has prompted a request for photos of mascots, etc., that we feel sure many T-Patchers have in their files. In fact NEWTON SNEDEN sent in one. (See story in this issue).

Has anyone thought about inviting SOPHIA to the Houston Reunion?

All you have to do is decide now to make this one, write to the ROYAL COACH INN, 7000 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77036 and get your room reservations.

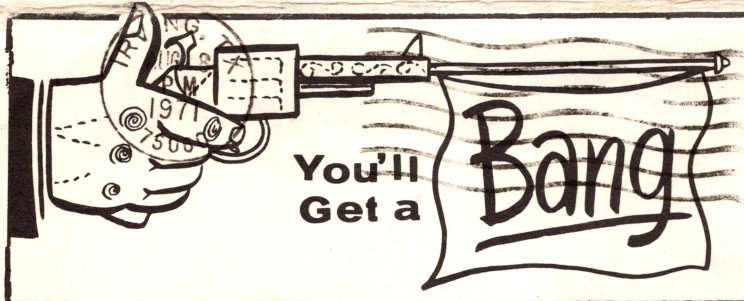
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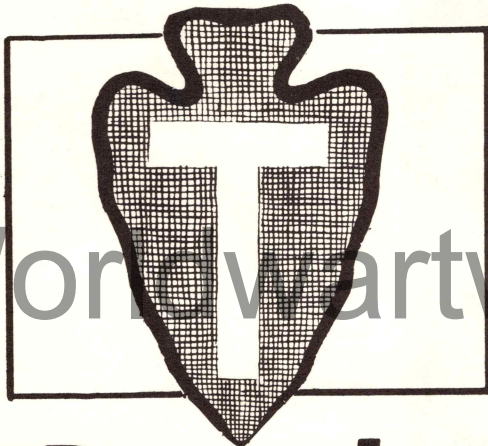
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