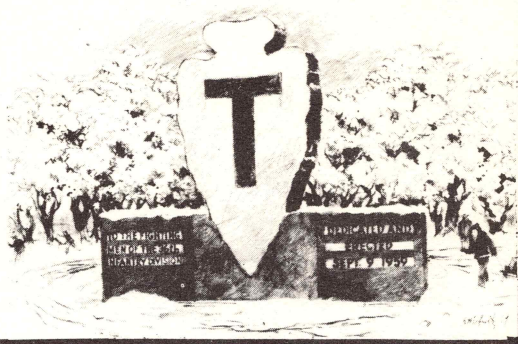


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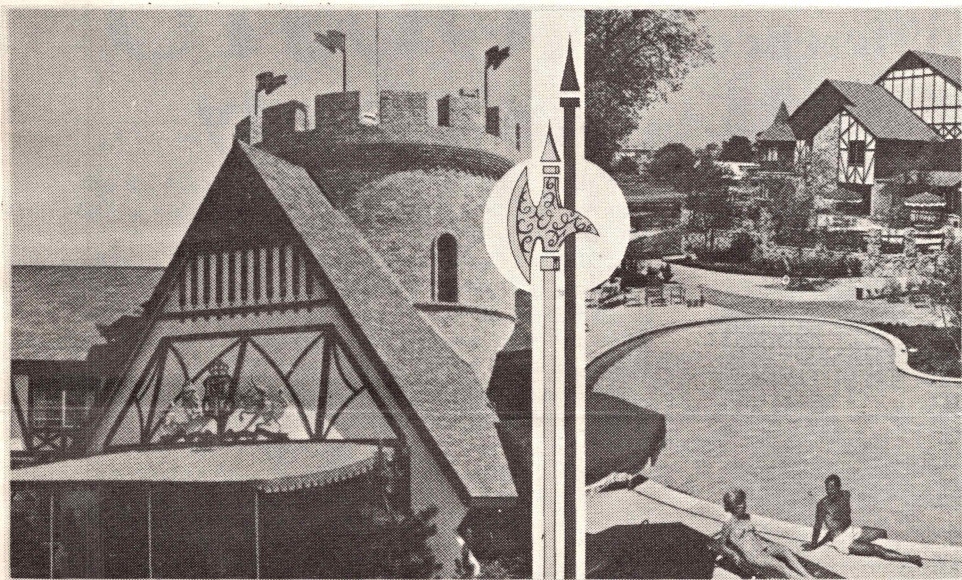
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Letter From the President

I want to thank each of you for the wonderful response we have had on the membership drive. At this time we have almost 1500 Paid up members since the Reunion in Dallas.

With your continued support I really believe we will have one of the largest and best Reunions ever this year in Houston. The City of Houston should certainly be thanked for all the welcome letters and calls I have received from them. They really know how to make anyone feel welcome in their great City.

If I personally can be of any help to anyone concerning the Reunion please feel free to contact me at any time.

Lance Mullins

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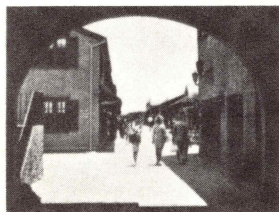
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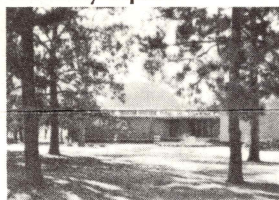
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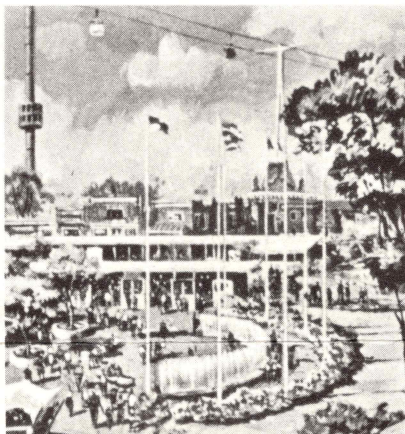
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Greetings from the Auxiliary. If you missed the Dallas Reunion and or the Ladies luncheon, you missed a wonderful time.

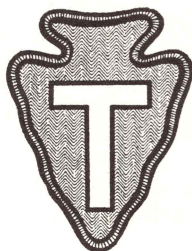
Two Vietnam POW wives spoke to us and we pledged our time and prayers to help them this year. Some of our members have obtained signatures to send to North Vietnam to protest inhuman treatment of our prisoners.

Won't you join us in daily prayer for these unfortunate men and their families? God is able and will help if we ask believing.

Our Auxiliary dues are only \$2.00, and the money is spent only to support the 36th. Send them in soon.

How 'bout starting a "kitty" now with your small change so nothing can keep you from attending the HOUSTON REUNION. Let me hear from you.

LaVerne Siminton, President
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REPORT FROM THE BULL PEN COMMITTEE OF ONE

Dear T. Patcher:

Association President Lance Mullins saw the pressing need for changes to be made in the Executive Board of Directors. After careful study much research, time and effort was put into this. We won the whole-hearted support of those we personally contacted. We trust we now have yours. It has long been my argument that the job is too much for one office to handle. I have found that one man needs to handle membership, and only that, this alone can be a full time job; whereby only one man handling this can somehow stay above the water.

Up until May 1st, 1971, the job has been a one man Task Force, Membership, Recording Secretary, Editor T. Patch and a dozen other details all related, such as mailing out membership cards, making bank deposits, answering all personal mail, keeping books up to par. This Department is now in three parts. The Executive Secretary, proud to have on the team Kenneth L. Nixon, Route 11, Box 294, Houston, Texas 77016, phone 713 442 7694. Printing the T Patcher will be William E. (Bill) Jary, picks up his mail at P. O. Box 1816, Fort Worth, Texas 76101, phone 817 738 2828. Bill was the War Time Fox Hole Editor of the T Patch. Bill has good Newspaper know-how and will make the T. Patch interesting. He has in the past sent news that many have enjoyed. I am looking forward to working with Bill, rounding out the trio making it an even number. Standing in the rear ranks, line forms to the rear, keeping his mouth shut, eyes and ears open will be yours truly, Amil Kohutek, Membership Dues Publicity, keeping card file up to date, mailing the T Patch; sort of Charge of Quarters between Reunions. Postman delivers my mail to the above letterhead address, new mailing address 36th Division, P. O. Box 1429, Irving, Texas, 75061.

Report on paid up membership, May 1st, 1971 - we caught up and overtook our best year ever of 1300 are now piling them up for 1972. Financial condition, while I am not the Treasurer, we are solvent, by far better than in the past. To this we are indebted to those that have supported the Association by mailing in their Dues. Many have added a generous contribution which was used for stamps. In this manner we reached many more T Patchers, that otherwise would have been AWOL, and received many notes and letters from you that goes something like this: "Don't let the Association fold, Houston Reunion promises to be the best ever, made better with your presence in the front ranks."

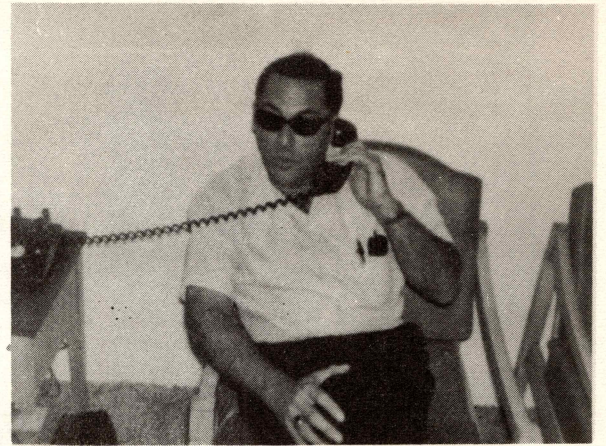
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Amil Kohutek

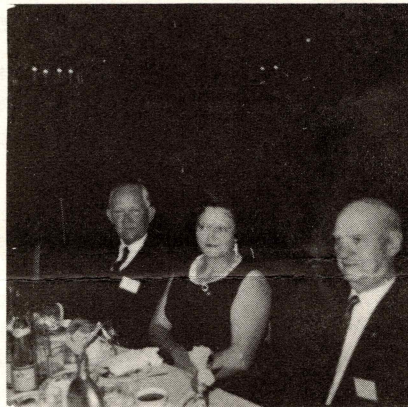
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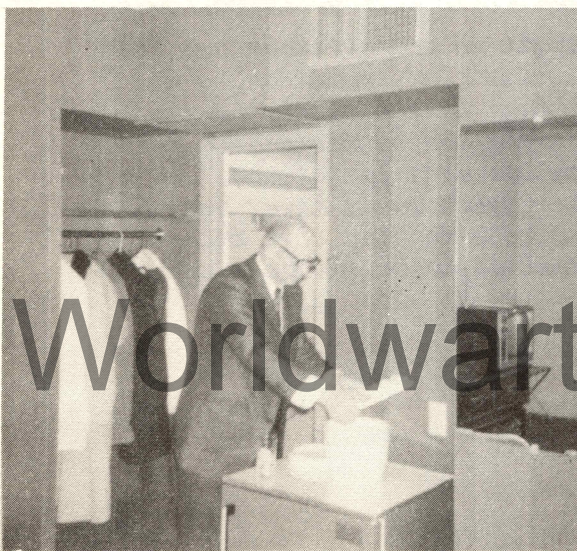
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Heard from

EDWARD J. "EASY" KILPATRIC, 142nd, 3619 Benhill Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45239 sends in his dues and best wishes to his buddies, but will not be able to make the reunion.

WALTER C. LUEB, 5101 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, Texas 77005 who served from 1940-45 with Service Co., 143rd sends in his \$3.00 and promises to help recruit more members, and will be at the Royal Coach Inn come Sept.

RICHARDS S. BUCCA, Morningview Drive, York-141st sent in his 3 bucks and names of others who might join. Good work, Dick

Dues paid up 'til 1972 received from: ROGER SMITH, 141st Med., 2001 Travis Hts., Austin, Texas 78704; ALTON RAY, 1715 Preusser, San Angelo, Texas 76901 of 142nd AT: GARLAND PURCELL, Box 133, Hawley, Texas 79525 of the 132nd; J. C. PHILLIPS, 3208 Harwood Dr., Tyler, Texas 75701 who pulled time with the 143rd; WILLIAM KAUPERT, 927 Melissa, San Antonio, Texas 78213, 141st; FRANCIS J. KOVAR, 3329 Half Moon Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76111 of 143rd; ALBERT RICCI, 91 Humbert St., North Providence, R. I., 143rd and Col. LAWRENCE D. GILMER, 1611 South Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77006, of 155th F.A. A round of applause for these guys!

Former 36th MP, EARL WILLIS sends change of address to read: 1507 Virginia Ave., Nacogdoches, Texas 75961 deep in the piney woods of East Texas. Last reunion was Abilene. That's too long, SLIM, let's see you in HOUSTON come Sept.

ZACK PERRY picks up his mail at 968 E. Fairview, Montgomery, Alabama, paid his dues and then some. Zack promised to make the scene in HOUSTON, (served with G 141st) he and his lovely wife teach school.

ROBERT C. RITCHIE' 903 North 70th Avenue, Pensacola, Fla., 32506 sent in a bunch of names, and most all joined up, and they too sent names. (This is the kind of response we like). Bob foxholed with the 142nd. Let's have more.

AL BRANDT of Co. A., 142nd and buddy of "Yum Yum" Kerrigan, is a new paid up member, served with Col. Minor, hopes to be in HOUSTON, and get his mail at 2617 Fulton St., Dubuque, Iowa 52001.

KENNETH AXELROD, P.O. Box A, Borger, Texas (in the Panhandle) 79007 came thru with his dues, calls 142nd home, and hopes to make it to the Bayou clambake.

HUBERT ADAMS, longtime Master Sgt. (retires after 30 years) now lives Saginaw, Texas 76079. Was 1st Sgt. in 1941 in C Btry. 132nd F.A. (Amil's old outfit).

THOMAS DURBIN, 264 Bengaw St., Woodridge, N.J., formerly 141st Anti-tank outfit looking for names and address of old T-Patchers lost all his maps and souvenirs, is seeking copy of 36th Div. History. Write him if you have an extra copy.

REYBURN P. HADDOCK, of Co. G, 143rd is now an Attorney at Law, Drawer 1839, Lakeland, Florida 33802, was rotated after the RAPIDO action, and has had little contact with the division. He sent in his dues and would like to hear from any of the old outfit. Welcome aboard "Phil".

PAUL J. TEMBORIUS, 2016 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa, served in Co. H, 141st in Germany saw our notice of the Reunion in the American Legion magazine and requests more info. He got it, and we hope he'll show.

A. M. SEIFERT, 134 Parket St., Middlebury, N. J. 08846 pulled time with I Co. 142nd writes for info about the HOUSTON Reunion. So did HENRY W. BIELFELDT, 19 Whiton Ave. Quincy, Mass 02169. (Editors note: best way to get ALL the information is to pay your \$3.00 annual dues).

JAMES G. LITTLETON, Box 597, Soap Lake, Wash., 98851 (dig that town's name) is looking for a copy of the 1945 Newsletter by the 142nd with roster. Anybody got one???

ALFONSO MOJICA, served with E Co., 141st, sent in his dues and an extra \$3.00 for payment for someone else's. It was used, and appreciated AL. His address: 3232 Monroe, El Paso, Texas 79930.

Gen. WILLIAM H. WILBUR, Division Hqs., has moved from windy Illinois to warm southern Florida, paid his dues, plus a most generous contribution. Resides at: 3220 Brunswick Lane, Sarasota, Fla. 33580. We haven't seen the General since Austin. How 'bout Houston this year?

WILLIAM (BILL) RICHEY, 52800 Kenilworth Rd., South Bend, Ind. 46637 sends in dues for 2 years and some left over. 36th Div. Quartermaster was his bag, and we hope he can make it to HOUSTON.

HILL ANDERSON, 22 E. 44th St., Fayetteville, Ark. 72701 writes in for info on the reunion. Didn't give his unit, so if you shared a fox hole with Hill, drop him a line, and then let us know.

HOWARD JONES, formerly of the 142nd resides 2111 Center St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18017 writes in for info about the Association. Howard was associate editor of the 36th Division Pictorial History (now out of print) worked with Editor RICHARD A. HUFF, ROBERT SEIGER, and Capt. SUMNER S. WILSON who spent months after the war's end to compile a great-great history book. "The Fighting 36th" is one of the finest produced for any division that fought in WWII.

J. B. DICK WALKER, 3507 Dawes, Dallas, Texas 75211 (142nd) sent in his 3 bucks and new address, as shown.

JOE LEGAR, Parrish, Alabama, who served in Col. Minor's Co. A, 142nd, sends in his dues for a couple of years, and also got one of Kohutek's 1971 Membership roster. Says he can scare up a lot of guys who will join. This is the kind of letters that will be us going. Good work, Joe - hope you can make it to HOUSTON.

Ernie Pyle

Ernie Pyle



The issuance of an Ernie Pyle 16¢ stamp by the United States Postal Service, bring memories to many members of the 36th Division.

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Pyle visited the 36th Division during the winter campaign and the San Pietro battle. He later gave wide coverage to the story about the 143rd's Capt. Henry T. Waskow.

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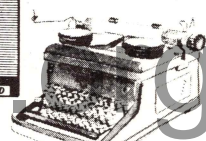
"In this war I have known a lot of officers who were loved and respected by the soldiers under them. But I never crossed the trail of any man as beloved as Capt. Henry T. Waskow of Belton, Texas."

Ernie Pyle became a standby to the people at home because he wrote so descriptive of their men at the front and to the fighting troops because he wrote it as it was to them.

Ernie won the Pulitzer Prize, wrote four books; had a lot of things named after him like: a bridge in Germany, theatres in Tokyo and Albuquerque, several VFW posts. He endeared himself to the T-Patchers, and those of us who knew him feel honored for his memory to receive a stamp issue in his name. A true tribute to a real American.

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NEW BOOKS

Many of you probably have a World War II library, and we'd like to suggest a couple of new ones, as reviewed by Col. Stovall:

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By. Major General E. N. Harmon

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All of it is good reading and is valuable to military history and it has a deep meaning and high value to members of the division who fought in the battles of decision in Italy. Excerpts are quoted for your information and consideration:

Page 153 "At a conference of his senior commanders General Mark Clark outlined his plan for the next operation of the Fifth Army."

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SALERNO TO CASSINO

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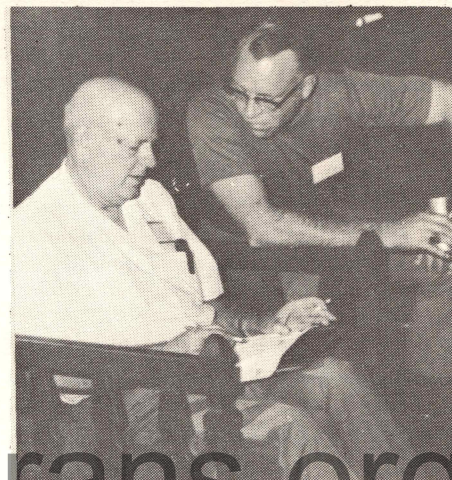
It is said that it is impossible to reproduce a battle as it was actually fought but it would seem that after twenty five years of a study of the records and interviewing persons of both sides most of the important details could be properly reported.

The trouble in this case seems to be that the writer has used information as it came from higher commanders and has disregarded the facts as known by division officers who knew the details at their level.

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T. J. Jud Sessions was the epitome of the 111th. Engineer Coat-of-Arms FORTIS ET FIDELIS.

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It's Ready

1971 ROSTER of 36th Divisional Membership

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It contains 24 pages of alphabetized names from AARON to ZILLICH, mailing address, plus zip and unit. We urge you to get your copy now, and use it to contact some of your ole buddies. Bear in mind, this is a "service" to the membership and not a money maker. Amil spent many hours typing this list.

Send your check or M.O., made out to AMIL KOHUTEK, 36th Division Association, P.O. Box 1429, Irving, Texas 75060.

Unit Reunions



The Mid-West Chapter of the 36th Div. Association will meet JULY 10, 11th at the Mr. President Motor Inn, Grand Rapids, Michigan. HENRY L. KING, president, reports this chapter, organized largely by the 111th Engineers has now spread to include ALL units of the Division from several states.

BATTERY C of the 132nd Field Artillery will hold its third nation-wide REUNION, June 25, 26, 27 in Arlington, Texas, at the Cibola Quality Motor Hotel, according to JOE JUSTICE, 7701 Deaver Drive, Fort Worth, Texas. This close-knit group has about 135 members, was formed in 1965 with only a dozen members. Amil Kohutek is past president.

COMPANY B, 143rd will have their own Reunion July 2-3 in Mexia, Texas at the Natl. Guard Armory. Riley Tidwell is top kick.

Another COMPANY B, 142nd will get together Aug. 13-15 at the Holiday Inn, Nashville, Tenn., Dempsey Albritton is president.

Ed. note: If we missed your group, its only because we didn't get it in time. Send 'em in, we'll print.

"T-Patchers Mourn Their Strongman" Eulogy to Gen. Walker, by Felix R. McKnight, Dallas Times Herald, In Congressional Record

On Tuesday Nov. 25th 1969, Hon. Olin E. Teague of Texas, in the House of Representatives said:



J. I. "Ike" SANDERS, who was one of Stovall's ENGINEERS, is shown above receiving an ETMF emblem for 25 years service.

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WICK - Mr. Wonderful

The T-Patchers were fortunate indeed to have a guy like WICK FOWLER on our team. He spent 14 months with the 36th writing great stories about our men for his newspaper, The Dallas Morning News.

Wick was a rare treat for us all. He covered every unit, ate and slept with the troops, swapped stories and filed a dispatch every day for over a year.

He joined the division at Salerno, went on to Cassino, Anzio, Rome and Northern Italy, plus Southern France invasion and Germany. His great personality and keen sense of humor was welcomed by all the 36ers.

He wrote warm and interesting stories about the exploits of our men, and in 1965 when Gov. John Connally asked for memorabilia of the war for enshrinement in the State Archives Building, Austin - Wick Fowler turned over nearly a thousand stories and momentos for posterity.

(Note: In this same building you will find microfilm copies of the official records of the 36th - totaling some 150,000 pages).

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One of Hollywood's leading producers has considered a re-issue of his famous Ernie Pyle film, "G.I. Joe." Many of you saw it when it was first shown in the summer of 1945. Robert Mitchum was the star and much of the material was based on action that Pyle had observed and written about while he covered the 36th Division. The sequence about Capt. Henry T. Waskow was most notable.

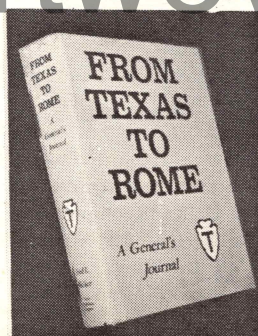
In a recent conversation with Wick Fowler, who is a personal friend of Cowan, he states that the re-release of this great movie may be this year. If so, it will take place in Texas and many T-Patchers will be invited to attend. More on this in the next T-Patcher for August.



"Mr. Speaker, my good friend Felix McKnight of the Dallas Times Herald has written one of the finest eulogies on an individual I have seen . . . that being the former commanding general of the 36th Infantry Division, Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker."

Under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I wish to include Mr. McKnight's editorial for Sun. Nov. 23, the subject of which is a man who was loved and idolized by a great number of Texans, as follows."

(Editor's note); The text of McKnight's eulogy is too long to present in this issue. We have made re-prints of this exact sheet from the Congressional Record E 10052 available to all 36thers who wish a copy. Just write: T-Patcher, 36th Div. Assn., P.O. Box 1816, Fort Worth, Texas 76101, and we'll send it to you.



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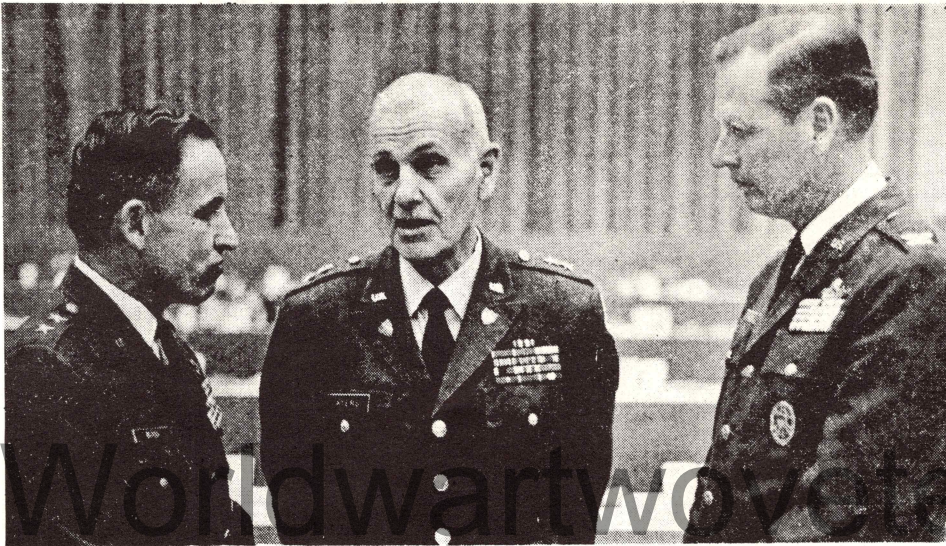
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CHICAGO

Dear Amil:

Received the T-Patcher immediately after joining the Association. My buddy SKIPPER BRANDT, 2617 Fulton St., Dubuque, Iowa, and I plan to HOUSTON Reunion. Hope to see some of our ole buddies from Co. A, 142nd. Glad to know Col. MINOR is still going strong. I know he had no love for the "Brooklyn Yankees", but we did our share of the fighting and the gang from the Yum Yum Treessand and danced when we should have been praying.

Ex-S/Sgt. GEORGE KERRIGAN

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(formerly Brooklyn).

Clipping:

Hollywood dateline Jan. 28, 1960, from a column by the late LOUELLA PARSONS, who reprinted GEORGE KARRIGAN'S letters as follows:

"I nearly fainted when I read your story of your play 'Under the Yum Yum Tree'. While I was in Italy in 1944, my squad found an old phonograph with some American records made in 1915. We played the phonograph at every stop, and in every battle in Italy.

"Now, Miss Parson's, our No. 1 Hit Record was "Under the Yum Yum Tree". I sang it constantly and also drew a picture of a tree on a board and labeled it the Yum Yum Tree.

"I carried it all over Italy and hung it on a tree or stuck it near my foxhole. As a result I was called "Yum Yum".

"So maybe you will understand now why I was so pleasantly surprised to hear that loveable name again. I hope my buddies from the 36th DIVISION also read your column."

(Ed. note: The Parson column was syndicated in 150 newspapers with over 5 million readers so I'm sure a lot of the troopers read it.)

Guardsmen Given Cleanup Chores

AUSTIN (UPI) - Soldiers of the Texas National Guard will be used to help clean up litter on public property during May.

Guard officials call the project "Clean and Green II"

"We feel this is a practical method for the guard to show Texans our vital interest in community matters in addition to assisting in times of emergency and disaster," Maj. Gen. Ross Ayers, Texas adjutant general, said.

Now, let's see what did 1st Sgt. MOON MULLINS call this detail?

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A meeting of forces

Two Air Force officers and the National Guard adjutant general of Texas got together briefly before the Abilene Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday night for a discussion. They are, left to right, Maj. Gen. Gordon F. Blood of Austin, commander of 12th

Air Force; Maj. Gen. Ross Ayers, adjutant general of the Texas National Guard; and Col. Joel C. Stevenson, 516th Tactical Airlift Wing commander at Dyess. Maj. Gen. Blood was representing Gen. William W. Momyer, commander of the Tactical Air Command. (Staff Photo by Billy Adams)

T A P S

COL. JOHN J. GARNER, former C.O. of 133rd F.A., Bn., fought in both wars with the 36th, died in Corsicana April 17, 1971. Was former President of the Association, suffered a heart attack before the 1969 reunion and was unable to attend the last two reunions.

FELIX J. STAUDT, 79, served with the 36th during World War I. Born and reared in Fredericksburg, moved to Waco from Dallas in 1932. Was head of the paint dept. V.A. Hospital in Waco for 27 years.

ELMER CARGILL, Houston, Texas died March 24, 1970 according to information received from daughter-in-law Mrs. James L. Cargill, 2123 Jean St., Houston, Texas 77023.

LOUIS G. GRANGER of Marathon, Texas. Served with Service Battery, 133rd Field Artillery.

Remember Her?

Getting ready for "Anvil-Dragoon" (Southern France invasion) and those hot early days in August 1944, in the staging-area at POZZUOLI,



T-Patchers got to see alot of this dirty little suburb of Naples.

Remember those little Italian urchins begging for candy. I remember one. A 13 year old skinny girl with high cheek bones.

Guess I'll never forget that look on her face.

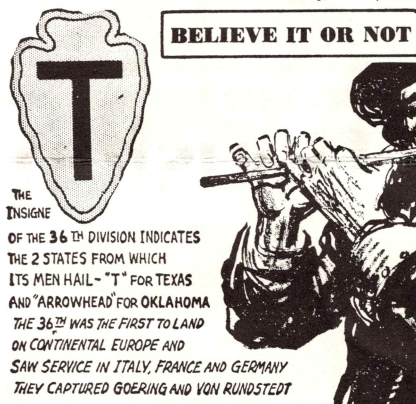
After all, we'd seen thousands of them. This one, however, grew up, filled out (really) and fate was kind to her.

I often wonder if she remembers all those crazy T-Patchers who passed out candy. I remember, and I bet you do too.

36th Division Featured In "Believe It Or Not"

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Fri. Morning, Feb. 22, 1946.



Those of you that missed it, here's how it looked when the famous syndicated column used it back in 1946.



Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Hugh Helms, of Fort Worth looks over some momentos with Riley Tidwell at the Dallas Reunion. Mrs. Helms, former president of the 36th Auxiliary is the mother of the late Lt. James L. Helms who served with the 36th, has attended most all of the 36th Reunions.

Return Trip To Salerno

Definitely Re-set for May 1, 1972

The return visit to old battlefield, scheduled for April 3 - 18th of this year, got a late start and was cancelled.

However, Your President, Lance Mullins has it re-scheduled for next May 1st 1972, and you might as well start now making plans. WE ARE GOING!

Our two week jaunt will follow as close as possible our actual battle routes. Start saving those shekles now, so you can take advantage of the low cost, group rate we can get by all going together.

A travel agency will handle all the details and arrangements. Complete information on this trip will be outlined at the HOUSTON REUNION.

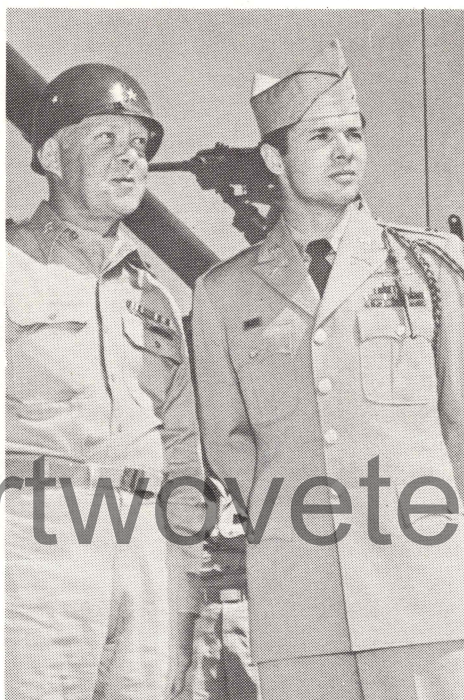
In the meantime, any question that comes up, feel free to contact your President, who will personally see that this will be a "trip to remember." Write me: Lance Mullins, 2727 Medina, Dallas, Texas 75228.

Division Chaplain Sends Regards to All Men of 36th.

HERBERT E. MacCOMBIE in a letter to Col. Oran STOVALL, Bowie, Texas wants to be remembered to all those who wore the T-Patch:

Dear Col. Stovall: Please give my regards to any of the men of the 36th you happen to meet. They have a "Texas-size" place in my heart.

Herbert E. MacCombie,
12 Indian Trail
Sagamore, Mass. 02561



Capt. Audie Murphy visited with Big. Gen. Carl L. Phinney and members of 36th Division TNG at North Fort Hood during summer training. Above photo was taken July 22, 1952, released by 1st Armored Division and furnished to the T-Patcher by Gen. Phinney.

DON'T MISS THE BIGGIE . . .

Houston

ROYAL COACH INN
Labor Day Weekend,
Sept. 3, 4, 5 1971

36th Mourns Audie Murphy

Heroes are often called on to define bravery or at least to give a reason for their own heroics. Audie Murphy offered a rather believable explanation: Being so mad and disgusted with war that you do something to get it over with so that you can get home.

In Audie's war, getting it over with meant winning it. The lack of any such clear goal to shoot at in Korea and Vietnam may explain why nobody has quite matched the Texan's heroics since. Heroism needs a stronger focus than those wars have given it.

Or it may be that the Audie Murphys of Korea and Vietnam were those that Audie himself thought the true honors should go to: The men who, like him, wanted to come home the worst of all and who dared the most, only to die.

Most of the Audie Murphys do not come home. He himself was an unlikely survivor of the philosophy of single-handedness against the enemy. Most of the others have as prosaic a view of their exploits as he did.

But however definitions of bravery may vary from man to man—or even from war to war—the crimson thread of heroism does unite the generations of lesser men in admiration of what is perhaps the highest manifestation of the human spirit.

Men may question wars but not courage. They may wonder at the motivation of the hero, but they reward the deed with respect.

So it was with Audie Murphy, whose death on the Memorial Day weekend, gave a deeper dimension to the remembrance we extend not only to the exalted courage of the few like him, but also to the quieter courage of the thousands who, like ourselves, were more ordinary men, but willing, too, to fight and die.

The above appeared in the June 2, 1971 issue of the Dallas Morning News. A great tribute to our most decorated hero of World War II.

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Traveling Texas: There is a place called Didy Waw Didy, and it is in Texas. It's not a town, but a kind of suburb of Juliff, in Fort Bend County.

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Here's a photo sent in by HENRY GOMEZ, San Antonio from his archives: 141st COMPANY CLERKS, somewhere in Italy 1944, and you can identify them "by the numbers": 1. ERNEST MERTON, 2. TRACY LEE VAN BUNKLES, 3. C. JOHNSON, 4. ALROMO-

WITZ, 5. ALLEN HINTO, 6. CARL KANDLHINDER, 7. JOE HESTER, 8. RICHARD KLECAN, 9. RAMON TORRES, 10. ABE ALTUS, 11. CHUCK —, 12. BEN SMART, 13. RICHARD WHARTON, 14. RAYMOND LODIG, 15. — and 16. LES NEIDENFUHR.

He'll Always Remember Salerno!



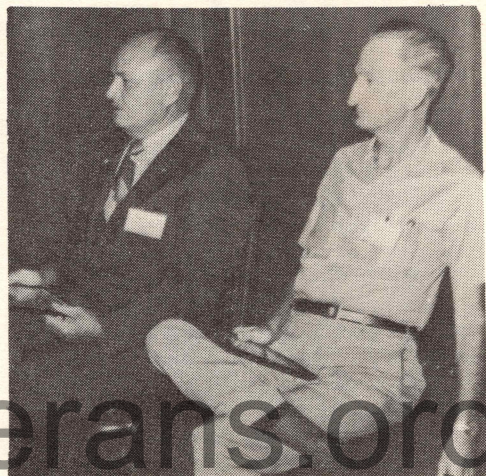
A WALK in THE SUN

with Texas' Own DANA ANDREWS

A Thrilling Step by Step Story of a 36th Division Platoon. You'll never forget!

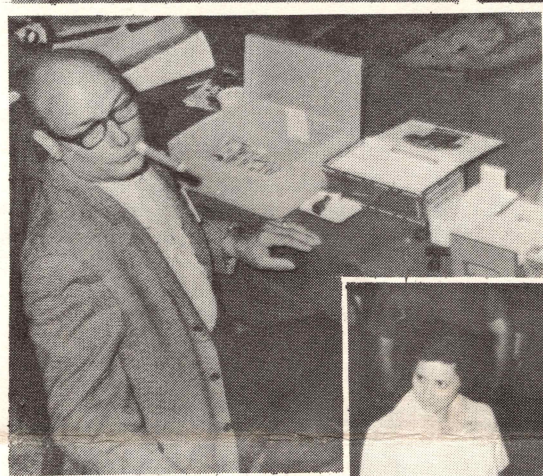
Here's ONE of the Many movies that Hollywood has used the exploits of the 36th Division as background for their films. "Walk In The Sun", starring Texan Dana Andrews was released over 20 years ago. More in the August issue.

More Pix From the Dallas Reunion



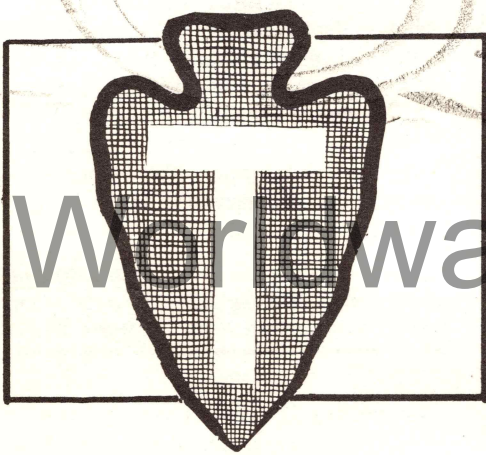
Top left: Ruth Petty is talking with John Arn while Sammy Petty is attracted somewhere else.

Top right: Robert "Rusty" Murphy and Ken Nixon caught while absorbing discussions at a meeting.



Morris Morgan, giving a hand at registration, looks more like Winston Churchill.

Signing in for the festivities is Gordon Rose, 143rd and his charming wife.



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