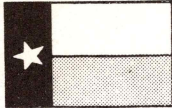
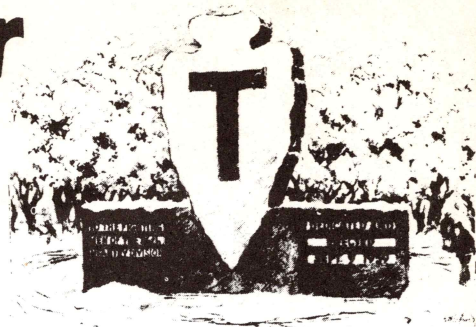


# The T-Patcher

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## Houston Reunion To Mark 30th Anniversary of 36th Division's Historic Salerno Invasion

### T-Patchers Made A Name For Themselves Three Decades Ago

It's H-Hour 0330, Sept. 9, 1943 and you are there! Enemy guns roar as men of the 36th Infantry Division leap into the water and start inland for the pre-designated assembly area.

Who could forget YELLOW and BLUE beaches on the right...RED and GREEN on the left. And quite a beach party it was...and history was made this day!

That was 30 years ago (in a few weeks). So this year in HOUSTON at the Astroworld Hotel, men who wore the T-Patch will come from every state in the union for another get-together.

This one set for Fri. Aug. 31, Sat. Sept. 1 and 'til noon Sunday the 2nd will probably make many feel a little older. But the memory of that great event (FIRST AMERICAN TROOPS IN EUROPE WORE THE T-PATCH) will to some seem only like yesterday.

This 48th Annual Reunion should be one of the best, and a large turnout is expected, so don't count yourself out. We had 500 in Dallas last year, and we hope to top it this time. A lot of new innovations are planned...like

### Special Activities Planned for Earlybirds

We really didn't realize how many troops show up a day early (on Thursday) until last Sept., we arrive on Thursday and found a helluva lot of T-Patchers already in full swing. This year in Houston, there will be planned activity for those eager-beavers who arrive early. Ole Bob Richie, who had to drive in from Florida, even arrived on Wednesday night. Also Zeb Sunday did same, and had to bring a pickup truck to haul all the goodies. As long as you're coming, come on a day early, cause you won't be by yourself.

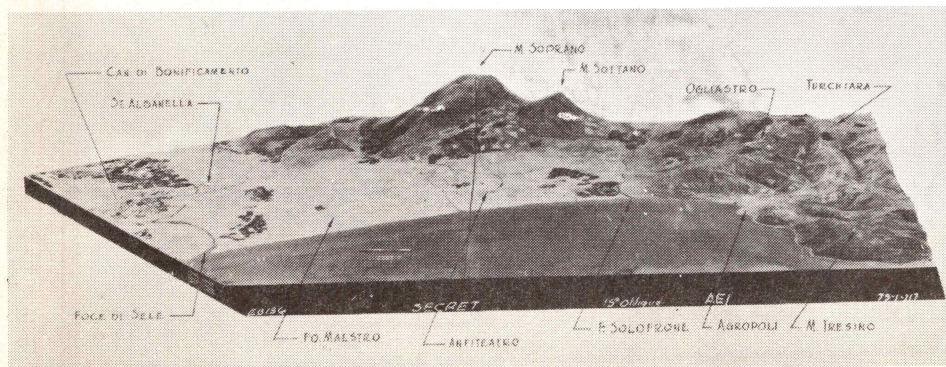


Earl Higginbotham sends this one in. Shows the marquee at the Astroworld last November when the Board held their fall meeting. The big welcome mat will be out next Labor Day weekend in Houston.

### Photo Of Scale Model Salerno Beachhead Is Collector's Item

Here it is: SECRET! Scale model of the Salerno Bay area where we hit Sept. 9, 1943. Tallest mountain top center is Mt. Soprano, next to it is Mt. Sottano. Villages at left are: Di Bonificamenmto and St. Albanella. The Anfiteatro at Paestum in center along the shore line. (They failed to mark the Tobacco Warehouse, where Div. Hqs., Corps. Hqs. spent a few days). And how about "Black Monday"?

This scale model was made at Fort Belvoir by the Engineer Board. Photos of this were circulated among the regiments for study of the problem ahead. This one sent in by Earl Higginbotham and we are grateful for this rare photo.





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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS?**

A new roster is in the works, for distribution at reunion time. SEND IN NOW any changes to Amil Kohutek, 2404 Lincoln Ct., Irving, Texas 75061

**Simonton To Take Over From Bricker**

Due to repeated illness and the possibility of surgery in the near future, I regretfully resign my duties as President of the 36th Division Ladies Auxillary. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the organization for the past several months.

All correspondence for Auxillary should go to La Verne Simonton, 1st Vice President, who will assume the duties of the office. La Verne's address is 7703 Twin Hills, Houston, Texas 77071. I shall be working with La Verne as much as health permits, and I hope to see all of you at the September meeting.

Be watching for the next T-Patcher issue, for the exciting details of the plans that have been made for the September meeting in Houston, Texas.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Naomi Bricker, President  
Ladies Auxillary, 36th Division



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**The President's Report ...**

It has been my privilege and honor to represent the "T" Patch Association twice recently at two important functions. I was a guest of the National Guard Association of Texas during their 14th annual conference in Fort Worth, 30th March to 1st April.

The second function was of added interest to me since "G" Company, 143rd infantry had been the unit representing the Houston Light Guard before being inducted into federal service in 1940. The occasion was their Centennial Anniversary held at the Rice Hotel, company men and officers, both WW I and WW II were there. Believe it or not, but on former member from the Spanish American War, now 94 years old attended. You can never get too old to attend these get-to-gethers if you have the desire. Age should not keep you from making the "T" Patch reunions either.

May I thank each of you who have thought enough of the "T" Patch to send in that extra something, be it a buck, five, ten, and in one case a fifty dollar check to help along with the expenses of the association. I have found it impossible to find the time to thank each one of you personally by letter, but please be sure that it is appreciated. Thanks a lot.

Those of you who have and are contributing to the Sustaining Fund, 36er Club, and Memorial Fund, are doing a great job. We have at this time two C. D's or two thousand dollars earning interest. There is also an overage towards another C. D. and this too is in savings until he next thousand is accumulated, when another C. D. will be purchased. Please forgive me for not acknowledging each contribution, time will just not permit my doing so. I know you are wondering about the Certificates being issued for the above group of fund contributions. It is hoped that this can be done by or before reunion time, please bear with us, we will get this done soon.

I am on the road just about every week-end working on the operation of the association and more especially the planning of this years reunion. His 48th Reunion can be the best yet provided each member will make an all out effort to attend. Special plans are in the making for those who will stay over Sunday as well as Labor Day. For you Early Birds arriving ahead of time, we are planning several activities for you too! The August issue of the "T" Patcher will have full details pertaining to the reunion.

I want to especially mention that all you WW I members will have a C. P. of your own. It will be set up and operated just for you. This will be your 55th Anniversary since Meuse-Argonne, make plans to be present for this one for sure.

Much effort and time is being spent in the preparation of a new Roster. This should be available at the reunion. Here is what you can do to make it a better Roster:

1. Check for correct spelling of Name
2. Check for correct Address and Zip Code
3. Do we have your Unit?
4. Are you getting more than one mailing?



PLEASE, advise us before 1st July of any changes or corrections that should be made to the above four items as soon as possible.

36TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
EARL A. HIGGINBOTHAM

P.O. BOX 91  
BURNET, TEXAS 78611

**Special Display of Historic Maps,  
Photos of Salerno To Be on View**

For several years now an attempt was made to have a "Map Room" or "War Chest" set up in a C. P. for the troops to see. Well, it never came about, but this year, an old "Country-Try" will be made to provide such a place. For example: This reporter has a hugh 1:200,000 map of the whole Italian area with situation dates and lines posted (This one somehow escaped the "fire". Stovall has donated many of his large photos, and there will be many other interesting items on display. WE URGE YOU TO BRING WITH YOU, anything of interest regarding the SALERNO operation for the "Map Room".

We think this is most appropriate on our 30th Anniversary of historic, earth-shaking event. This room will be guarded to keep any over zealous T-Patcher from "borrowing".

**FOR RESERVATIONS, Call: AC 713-748-3221  
or write Astroworld Hotels,  
P. O. Box 1555, Houston, Texas 77001**

# THEN AND NOW ... 29 Years Apart



ARCHIE C. HARRIETT, 1324 Surmerlin Ave., Sanford, Fla. 32771 who says his nickname was 'Speedy' on Bat. C, 132nd shown a March, 1944 pose, taken by ole Amil Kohutek and his camera. At right is Arch and his digging machine March 1973. Says "I never stopped digging holes". Our thanks to Arch and Amil, two great artillerymen. We welcome these "New and Then" shots, so send'em in.

## Sustaining Fund In High Gear

The Sustaining Fund has been our salvation, but we still need more. So if you have not considered this as a gesture of gratitude to a great association, get out that check book & write!

Send it to: Earl A. Higginbotham, P.O. Box 91, Burnet, Texas 78611.

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.

## Board To Meet, Set Final Reunion Plans

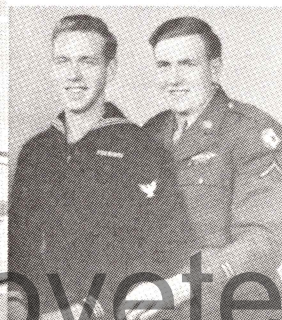
His honor, Tex Higginbotham has called a board meeting to be held in Houston at the Astroworld on Sat. July 14th.

At this time all the final plans will be nailed down, and all REUNION information will appear in the AUGUST issue of this rag.

However, it won't hurt if you go ahead and MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS now . . . address is shown at bottom of page 2. Be sure and mention that it is for the 36th Reunion. This one, this year ought to be the best, and you can rest assured that a lot of expertise has gone into the planning. So be there!

## Don & Troy Find Themselves Working For Same Outfit

DON STILL, 10031 Southlake Blvd., P-3, Parma, Ohio 44130 ran across this bunch of photo that appeared in a Dairypak house organ in 1959. Shown at right is Don as he sits at his desk, the other photo is Don and Navy brother John taken in 1944. Don served with Co. B, 142nd and by chance



discovered that TROY STRICKLAND, whom he served with in Italy was also employed by the same firm. Here the editors of the Dairypak house organ make a story. Troy is shown at left in the maintenance division, and the other photo shows him receiving the Bronze Star, Feb. 6, 1945 in Bischweiler, France. These are rare occasions where old buddies meet after all these years, find themselves employed by the same large firm.

We welcome photos and news stories like this one, anytime

# Heard from

**Mother Pays Dues:** MRS. LOUISE MORGAN, San Antonio, Texas had been receiving mail addressed to ROBERT BARNES. She sends this note to Amil: "I am his mother and I am enclosing his membership dues. Robert now lives at 8339 Nisqually, Dallas, Texas 75217, and I am forwarding you letter". And all of this on Mother's Day.

ROSS AYRES, Maj. Gen. (ret) sends in change of address after leaving Adj. Gen. Office in Austin last January. Gets his mail now at: 4206 Far West Blvd., Austin, Texas 79731

**BOB PASSONS sends in address change:** 3001 Forest Trail, Temple, Texas 76501. Bob was in 143rd, and never misses a 36th Reunion. Do again this year!

VEBNON B. BRIGHT, 4921 Atwater Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43229 drops ten and picks up tab for FLOYD J. CARROLL, 1369 Urban Dr., same town, of Bat. A, 155th. Vern says he'll try like hell to be in Houston, was with Co. B, 111th Engrs.

**WESLEY DALTON, Lockhart, Texas sends in thanks for all that's been done, plus a book of stamps. Wes served with 141st Medics.**

STEVE PALMARI, 1360 W. 14th Ave., Corsicana, Tex. 75110 writes to Amil: "I want you to know how proud I am to know its such people as you left in the world". Steve was mess sgt. Bat. A, 132nd F.A.

## T-Patch Blazer Suggested

NICK IMPAGLIAZZO, 2708 West Ave., Ocean City, N.J. 08226 ole 133rd FA Bn. man sends in a suggestion that has some merit.

"I am wondering if the 36th has color, if so why not have some sort of field jacket with a "T-Patch on the pocket", says Nick.

Sounds good to me, but I think you mean "Blazer", as used by a lot of firms at their conventions. Would be great if we could find an underwriter. There are many mail-order companies that make these to-order.

The going price is about \$40 a throw, and would have to order a dozen or more. If enough guys wrote in, with their desire to have one we could possibly have them by Labor Day.

the Assn. could no authorize it without board action, so it could be done quicker by "voice of the troops". So all these interested, write to me: P.O.Box 1816, Fort Worth, Texas 76101 and I'll get facts and figures. How bout that! (Bill Jary).

# Heard from

**LEROY A. KATTNER**, rt. 1 Box 157, Riesel, Texas 76682 is too dern busy to send in his dues, so his wife took care of it. Seems Leroy works an 800 acre ranch, is Sub. mail carrier, Supt. Riesel water and sewer works, drives a school bus and very active in Lions Club. Kattner is one of Richie's Co. H, 142nd men, has yet to make a reunion. Amil says Houston not too far away, right on down the Brazos.

**COL. GENE FALLWELL** writes in to join us. Said he has retired after 28 years (1st Div. Marines), but spent most of his later years attached to the General Staff at AG in Austin. Since the AG is loaded with T-Patchers, it's a pleasure to welcome you aboard, Colonel.

**RUSSELL M. LEWIS**, 3619 E. Camelback, Apt. 129, Phoenix, Ariz. 85018 joins the ranks. His buddie, Michael Comis of Hamden, Conn. sent him a copy of last years reunion issue of the Patch, and that did it. Russell served with Co. F, 143rd from Sept. 1943 thru VE day. Now try for houston.

**GLENN E. MILLER**, one of most active WWI boosters, postcards from Tarjeta, Peru where he recently visited his daughter. Judge Miller also sends clips of a two-page feature story that appeared in the Sunday supplement "TRIBscope" of Lincoln (neb.) A great tribute to a loyal T-Patcher. Heading was "Glenn Miller: Soldier, Teacher, Public Servant, Attorney, Family Man". Wish we had space to run the entire text. We salute you, Judge.

**EDWIN P. ARNOLD**, 28319 Lincoln Road, Bay Village, Ohio 44140 pays dues and sent stamps. On this same street, Amil found a **JAMES NORTON** parked at 27904. Wonder if the two guys know they are supporting the Texas T-Patchers. **JIM** built bridges for Stovall.

**JAMES J. CAVALCANTE**, USAID Area, A. P. O. San Francisco, 96352 who have been in Laos, sends dues and stamps, and says he ought to be home by now. Failed to give unit.

**CHAFFEE A. SCARBOROUGH**, M. D., 460 N. E. 52nd Terrace, Miami, Florida was lassoed by Bill Hogue, Lewisville, Texas. Both were in 111th Medics.

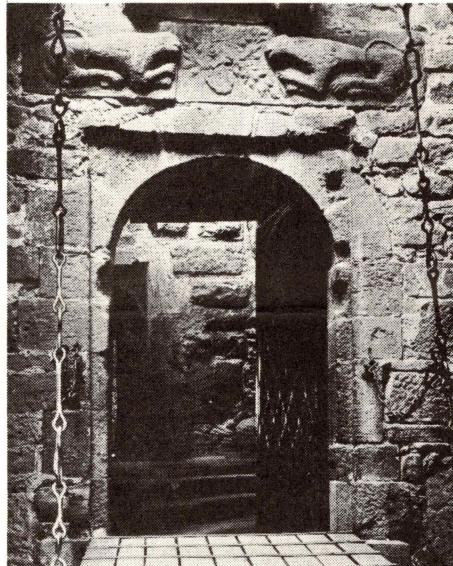
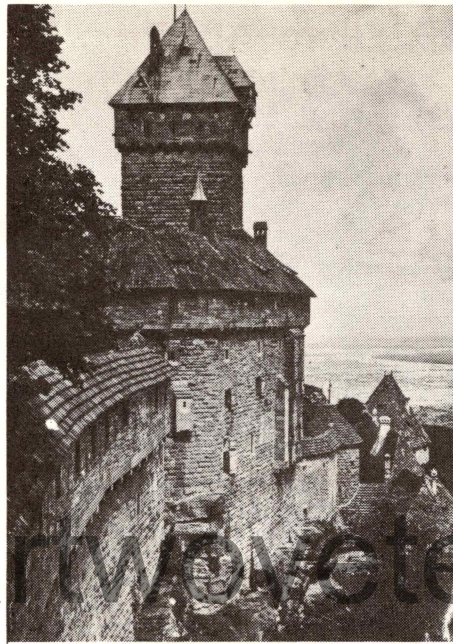
**ZEB SUNDAY** rounds up this one: **NAST HUNT**, Nueces Trust Co., 311 S. Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403, of 143rd Inf.

**LAWRENCE J. GLEASON** sends in new address: Apt. 1711, 316 W. Berry, Chicago, Ill 60657. His father was a 2nd Lt. of Co. I, 143rd was killed at Rapido. sends in membership and bought all the WWI books. Thanks.

ONE OF THE funniest items of last year's reunion was the unknown trooper who wrote this on the blackboard in the Special Troops CP:

"DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST,  
TOMORROW HAS BEEN CANCELED"

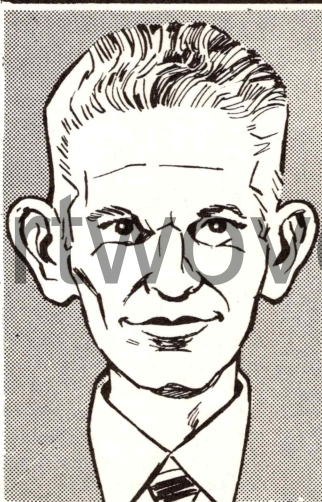
**HOUSTON in '73**



## Castles On The Rhine Ain't Necessarily Devine

**EARL R. PEBLEY**, 1006 Ash St., Johnstown, Pa., 15902 saw the story and pix of Koeinsborg Castle in Feb. 1972 T-Patcher. Wrote to Cewin Johnson (St. Paul) who had just been to Europe. They corresponded and now Earl sends in his photos of same castle. Seems Co. L, 142nd took the castle, but Earl and his Co. M. 142nd also spent a night in the same historic rockpile. "Make that cat-naps," says Earl. "We could see the Krauts in forest by peeking out the window." This castle will bring back memories to a lot of men of the 36th.

Better make that 'nightmares.'



## Bat. C, 132nd Meet in Brownwood June 22

According to a bulletin received from **JOE JUSTICE**, ramred for that very active bunch of artillerymen, Bat. C, 132nd will carry-on June 22-24 at the Flagship Motel in Brownwood.

This will be a look-back into history, as this is the site many will recall as where it will started. One of the events of the reunion will be tour of the old Camp Bowie, boat rides on Lake Brownwood, and of course a lot of the usual.

Bat. C, 132nd is Amil's old outfit, along with a mother lode of great T-Patchers. A big turnout is predicted.



Send For **FREE**  
**Astroworld**  
**Bumper Stickers**

**Tex Higginbotham** has a large quantity of colorful bumper stickers for the troops. Write to Earl, and he'll send 'em . . . That's P. O. Box 91, Burnet, Texas 78611.

## Heard from

**GEO. SUTTERFIELD**, P.O. Box 783, Enid, Okla. 73701 says he has not yet been able to attend a reunion, but wants to visit some old buddies of Div. Hqs. So don't worry George, we're going to send for you in a Yellow Cab, all the way from Houston to Enid. Nothin' to good for an old T-Patcher!

**RUSSELL TRUMAN**, Idaho Falls, Idaho sends money and stamps ... says he is grateful to people of Texas, and especially all 36thers. Thanks, Russ, our cup runneth over.

**BILL SKIDMORE**, M/Sgt. 132nd F.A. Bn., sends dues and stamps, and that is what it is all about (didn't give address, so maybe next issue).

**GEO. W. CHOATE**, Box 851, Port Neches, Texas 77651 sends in stamped envelopes and money. Wants to get back in good standing with the Assn. George, you are in like Flynn!

**R. H. ROBBIE ROBERSON**, 4505 Edgewood St., Wichita Falls, Texas 76338 didn't give his unit, but did send dues and stamps, and orders for the Texas Army and Co. K, WWI Book by Miles Hart.

**TOM P. BIRKHEAD** 3642 Merrick, Houston, Tx 77025 says he'll be at the reunion (and that will be a short drive) orders a "The Texas Army" book, and advises Amil that his Capt. label is no longer. He is now a retired Lt. Col. from the Army. See you at the Astroworld, Tom.

**RAYMOND C. LYENDECKER**, 606 Lewis Ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130 writes in to advise us that we had moved him to Lancaster, Pa. This is not true. Lancaster is in Ohio, not Pa. or Texas. So we just fired our proof-reader and ordered another six-pack. Anyway he heard from **PRESTON [Hominey Grits] R. FERRELL** of Erie, Pa., so everything is A-OK.

**MRS. ROSS RYERSON**, 186 E. Vermont Ave., Sebring, Ohio 44672 writes in for her old man to inquire about the Houston reunion. Sent dues, plus hopes to attend. Ryerson served with Co. H, 143rd.

**CEWIN JOHNSON**, 1473 Woodlyn Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 55113 is a real fine T-Patcher. Sent in dues plus **EARLE GRAY**, 2018 N. Lexington Ave., St Paul, Minn. 55113 [who he says he ran across in a health Spa recently, who had served with Co. A, 143rd ... then sent in also one for **AMOS E. TESSIER**, 9154 Sophia Ave., Sepulveda, Calif. 91343 of Co. L, 142nd. Cewin even sweetened the pot with a little extra for stamps, he served with Co. L. 142nd Inf.

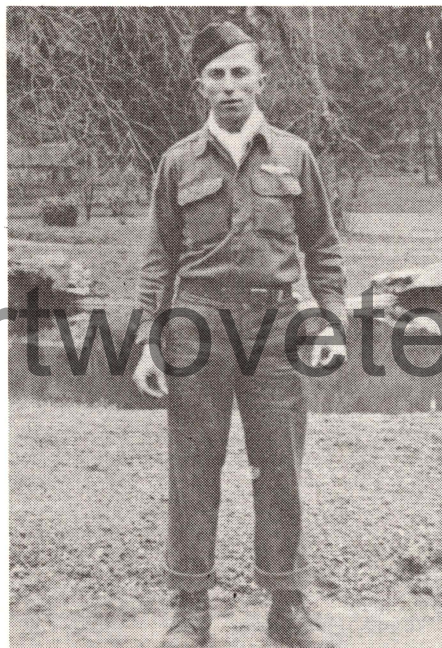
**ROBT. J. MASSAGO**, Box 614, Puleski, Tenn. 38478 says he has been wanting to come to a reunion since 1945, and maybe this time. Bob served on forward observer team with Bat. A, 132nd. Try hard to be in HOUSTON and bring a case of Jack Daniels.

**HENRY KAEPFNER**, Co. H, 142nd [no address given] pays dues and adds \$20 to the Sustaining Fund. Says he can't make the reunion but sends "hello" to all the gang [who showed up good last year in Dallas].

## Calling All Wooden Nickle Collectors

"Don't take any wooden nickles", doesn't apply to **GEORGE W. PARFET**, 729 Euclid Ave., Temple, Pa. 19560. He says he has the 4th largest collection of wooden nickles in the world.

Don't know how many that is, but it must be a bunch. George stays pretty busy, claims he belongs to 12 clubs, and has 700 pen pals in the wood biz. All you collectors need to contact him for his list. Needs some help from Texas collectors. George served with 143rd Inf.



**EUGENE P. VIGUE**, P. O. Box 664, Sanford, Maine 04073 served with Co. H, 143rd and wants to hear from some buddies. This photo was made at Rest Camp, Spring 1944 in France. Gene says he'll be in Houston looking for you guys of 143rd.

## Heard from

**HENRY McCUBBIN**, 25236 Acacia Road, Southfield, Mi. 48075 sends in a Mobilization Anniversary issue of the overseas T-Patch dated Nov. 25 1944 which was published out of Besancon, France. Thanks Hank, am returning as these are RARE and we have file copies. **KENNETH M. AXELROD**, P.O. Drawer A, Borger, Texas 79007 of 142nd dropped another Ten spot for the cause. One more of many. Ken never lets the T-Patch down. How 'bout Houston - and look in your investment.

**'PAPPY' WHITTIER** of Bat. A, 132nd of Paris Texas, paid his dues. Amil said he thought he'd lost him, but glad to have him back.

**WILLIAM H. 'Skinny' PRUITT** of Co. D, 142nd sent in dues, plus three bucks for a buddy and, cause he was late sent additional \$16.00 for 2 rolls of stamps for Amil to Lick. How 'bout that?

**C. W. COOK, SR.**, P.O. Box 2765, Freeport, Texas 77541 says he was sorry to be late on dues, but its OK as long as they come in. Cook is a WWI T-Patcher of Co. E, 143rd. Thanks C. W.

**S. KRAMER**, whose letterhead says "Watch Materials and Jewelry Supplies", Box 2661, Orlando (Disneyworld) Florida 32802 pays dues and then some. Kramer served with 736th Ord.

**JOSE SANCHEZ** of 111th Med. Bn., asked for decals, paid dues and though he has not made their reunions, hopes to some day. Jose was in on the first draft [Jan. 1941] and served till Aug. 1945. Claims he is proud to have been a 36ther. Bravo!

**JOHN R. GRAVES**, 320 S. East St., RFD 3, Box 28, Virginia, Ill., 62691 says he'll be in Houston for the "biggie", which is a hot bed of old Postal Section men like Charlie Linton. Sends in dues plus, and thanks, John we'll get you a hotel reservation blank. Come early and stay late, there's things planned for early birds and hanger-ons.

**GEO. K. FELL**, 4112 o'Keef Dr., El Paso, Tx 79902 fo 36th Recon sends in dues for buddy **PHILLIP VANN**. Be sure an recon the Houston bash, George!

**EARNEST G. DAVLIN**, 243 Lively, San Antonio, Texas 78213 served with Co. B, 142nd from Coleman, Texas orders decals and Amil says he took care of him.

**WALTER A. KIZYSTOFIAK**, [Known as Chrkie] would like to hear from Co. K, 143rd troopers. Call him at LU5-7771 or spend .08 and address it to: 5044 S. Lamon, Chicago, Ill. 60638 - and do it now.

**GEORGE 'YUM YUM' KERRIGAN** postcards from Galway, Ireland with best wishes to the troops. Seems all good loyal Irishmen sooner or later return to the Emerald Isle. George did time with Co. A, 142nd and won fame with his capture of a phonograph and old record in Italy back in 1944.

**GEO. T. 'RED' GRIFFIN\*** 1419 Wolfe City Dr., Greenville, Texas 75401 sends dues, served with co. M, 144th and Can. Co., of the 143rd Inf.

## OUT OF THE MAILBAG

Note to LEONARD RUBIN of Punxsutawney, Pa., when we ran your items a few issues ago, we were intrigued with the name of your town. Then we found that we have a good friend who is an amusement writer for Dallas Times-Herald WHO CLAIMS he is from Punx-sut-a-wney ...one Francis Raffette who says he even has a hard time pronouncing it.

**HENRY T. DREYFUS, JR., 3732 Dover, Houston, Texas 77017** writes in that he did not know we had an Association. So ole Amil took care of it. Hank served with Co. G, 143rd, and be sure and get on over to the Astroworld on Labor Day weekend.

**REV. MORGAN JOSEPH P. MURPHY OFM, Saint Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch St., Boston, Mass. 02107** says he heard from a lot of the troops; sends in name of a new one: Bro. Frank Baggan, OFM, 49 Rawson Road, Brookline, Mass. 02146. Rev. Murphy served with 143rd, Rev. Frank with 141st.

**LUTHER MEEK, 3203 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720** writes to Amil to thank him for the guy that paid his dues, then drops a fiver just for good measure.

**Mrs. FRANK A. STANEK, 7802 N. E. 51st St., Van Couver, Wash., 98662** writes in for her husband, who says is not too good at getting her husband to write (failed to give his unit) anyhow we are glad to hear from the Staneks.

**WM. G. "Smitty" SMITH, 7528 Primrose Dr., Menter Lake, Ohio, 44060** inquires if we have in our midst - **RODGER B. HODGES, ROBT. GRAHAM or DERWOOD C. MOORE**. Smitty was in the 63rd Division and says many T-Patchers were transferred to the 63rd after the war. This is true. So if anyone knows whereabouts of these three guys, drop a line to Smitty. He served with Co. F, 253rd Inf., of the 63rd.

**JOHN M. KURTZ, 748 Brian Dr., SW, Wyoming, Mich. 49509** says he will be in Houston, served with Co. C, 143rd Inf.

**LEO E. MYXTER, Sheriff of McHenry County, N. Dakota. Towner, N. D. 58788** sends in dues for 2 years, was recently in a serious auto accident, but says he will be at the Houston Reunion.

As we go to press, the men of Co. B, 142nd are gathering for their annual get-together in COLEMAN, Texas, so says **GEO. H. EPPERSON, 108 Hollywood Dr., Coleman, Tx 78611**. Geo. also says he heard from one of his squad leaders: **ROBERT RIDNER, Ruth, Ky. 42552**.

**OTTO 'Chico' MUNGUIA, 6912 Ave. P, Houston, Texas 77011** writes to Higginbotham, to remind him that he "thought" about him, seems he built a house in Brownwood, and the company that built it was "Higginbotham Lumber Co". Wooden that floor you.

**CHARLES REETER, 2028 Valentine Ave, Bronx, N. Y. 10457** reports the "we did have an organization in New York, but not sure if is still in operation". Check on it, Chas. and let us know.

**STAN CROSS, Howard, S. Dakota 57349** of Bat. A, 132nd sends in dues for a buddy: **DELMAR HANSEN, 306 N. Dakota, same town and zip, who was in 141st, wounded in Alsace-Lorraine.**



Robert Richie, you 142nd VP, sends in this one made at the Royal Coach Inn, last Labor Day in Dallas is men of Co. H, 142nd. Front row, left to right: Art Cosner, Ace O'Hara, Howard Watson, Tony Pellerin and John Kirkpatrick. 2nd row: Monte Heard, Marcus Parker, Roy Barton, Angelo Tedesco, Tom Best, Cecil Rhodes, Milford Purcell and Lucian Lee. Back row: Geane Hetmanski, Alvin Myers, Norman Groner, Russell Holster, Milton Crow, Luke Benedette, Joe Tousha. (Not shown but at reunion: Robt. Richie, Alex Kota, Paul Borelle and Bernard Dryz. Photo belongs to Tony Pallerin of Port Arthur, Texas.

## Fabulous Prizes for Nickname Contest

As announced last issue, our Nickname Contest got off to a slow start. Mostly, I believe because we can't print most of the good ones according to **PAYNE RUCKER, V/P 143rd**.

Ole Rucker who nick was "Peavy", sent in this list, and we will use these for openers: "Stumpy" Halcomb; "Cow Chambers"; "Screwdriver Arnold", "Colonel" Moss (who was a private); "Stud" McCoy; "Big Chief" McKeon; "Goose" Geeslin (that's a good one); "Fort Worth" Jameson; "Shoat Foot" Brooks; "Doc" Brinkley; "Slow" Quick; "Pig Foot Brooks"; "Yard Bird" Smith (there must have been a zillion of those); "Napy" Rainbolt; "Wild Bill" Fuller; "Cowboy"

**PAUL J. BORELLI, 553 Williams St., Painesville, Ohio 44077** one of Richie's Co. H, 142nd men is out husslin' "strays" for the Assn. Made the Dallas bash last year. How bout HOUSTON?

**ROBT. RICHIE** trigger man for 142nd lasso's **CHARLES DAKE, Greenfield, N. Y. 12833**, who sent in check for **DAVID STRADER, Rt. 1, Box 447, Amarillo, Texas 79601...plus CHAS. STEINMAN, 480 Evans Rd., Marion, Ohio 4330 FRANCIS J. SLYMAN, 17 Clark St., Malone, N. Y. 12953 and CHAS. KANTOLA, 510 Norwood, Marquette, Mich. 49855** all 142nd troopers.

**RAYMOND HERN, 1514 Mill, Jasper, Indiana 47546**, another Co. H, 142nd man recently received Life Membership in D. A. V. for his work in Dubois City Chapter 77. Ray is also active in V. F. W. and the American Legion. We salute You!

Collins and "Nigger Willie" Disher.

AND A FEW MORE ... from 736th Ord. man, **W. P. Gabbert** of Stephenville, Texas. Gab had two he says might win grand prize. Like: Horace (Gone Ass) Nichols, welder-mechanic from Dallas. Got his nick from the fact he just didn't have one.

Second: **Roy (Radar) Kinsey** from Austin, Texas. He got his handle because he could hear and spot an enemy plane 2 minutes before anyone else. **Capt. B. F. Swank** always had him as his jeep driver during combat.

One of our favorites at Div. Hqs. was "Noisy" Bennett of the G-3 section. He earned that because he never said anything.

SEE HOW EASY it is. Send'em, and I'll give you an "Oklahoma" Guarantee that the winners will get some booze (and a few other things) at the Houston Reunion.

## Last Call For 36th Midwest Chapter Reunion

Be reminded, that all T-Patcher within a few hundred miles of LOUISVILLE, KY., are urged to attend their blow-out.

July 14-15th at the Midtown Holiday Inn (in the great city of the Kentucky Derby). Write to: **Carl McCluggage, 3240 Ellis Way, Louisville, Ky. 40220** - and be there! This is a growing-and-going bunch.



Hard-working PNC SCHAFFE COUREY shown here presenting a check for \$1,200 to Paul Battisti, Director of Martinez VA Hospital. Money was raised by MOPH Chapter 15 of San Francisco for patient use at the hospital. Courey served with Co. A, 143rd, lives at: 121 Carolyn Drive, Pittsburg, California. Good work, Schaffe, and our congratulations for a job well done.

# Heard from

LORENZO J. COVARRUBIAS, 1638 Ceralve, San Antonio, Texas 78237 orders decals, and got 'em says Amil. Was with Co. F, 142nd Inf. H. E. YARBROUGH, 4309 Highland Drive, Wichita Falls, Texas 76368 called in for info on the Houston reunion. He got it, but failed to give unit.

GEORGE R. COOK, 322 A, N. 6th St., Cambridge, Ohio 43725 is one of Amil's best 'scouts' for tracking down 'strays'. He goes to alot of work, and has been successful. Sends in his 1974 dues plus a buddy: THOMAS KAWA, 620 N. 4th Street, same city. Says Tom was in Hqs. 1st Bn., 142nd. Keep up the good work, George!

CHARLIE R. WEAVER, 2972 Werner Dr., Orchard Lake, Mich. 48033 of Co. L, 143rd orders a TEXAS ARMY book, loves the 36th and says he especially likes the T-Patcher. Hopes to be in Houston.

RALPH W. YARBOROUGH, former Texas State Senator for many years in now in private law practice: 721 Brown Bldg., Austin, Texas 78701 drops his dues on Amil, and best wishes to the troops. He served with 111th Engineers back in 1923-26.

C. T. MERRITT, Rt 1, Box 69, Hermleigh, Texas 79526 is a new one. Says he did not know the Assn. was in business. Pays dues and we're glad to welcome C. T. He was mess sgt. with Co. G, 142nd Inf.

STUART R. KESSLER, 707 Timken Dr., Richmond, Va. 23229 saw a notice in VFW magazine, and writes for reunion info. He got it, so we'll be looking for you in Houston. (Hqs. Co. Rangers, 2sd Bn. 143rd Inf).

SIDNEY MCGEE, 2121-B Pearson, Birmingham, Ala. 35211 writes in to say how disappointed he was he could not attend the Dallas reunion last year (was Artillery V/P) sends in dues and dues for a buddy. Hope to see you in Houston!

MICHAEL C. WALES, P.O. Box 65, Notre Dame, Ind. 46556 of Co. B, 143rd sends thanks to JONES ROMAINS of Mexia, Texas for sending in info on the Assn. Also sends dues for ROBT. E. O'BRIEN, P.O. Box 445, Northville, N. Y. 12134 of same outfit, and memorial fund in memory of Michael Hanifan of Co. D, 143rd who died 6/29/71.

ROBERT H. BIGGS, 1615 Homewood Ave., Mishawaka, Indiana 46544 also say a notice of our reunion the VFW magazine. Writes for info and got it. Served with Co. A, 143rd from March 1943 to time of his capture in France Sept. 1944. Wants to hear from old buddies.

LOUIS N. BOGACZYK, 924 N. Pearlst., Stevens Point, Wis. 54481 saw an announcement in American Legion magazine, and writes for more info on the reunion. Amil says "he got it."

## 144th Inf. Regiment Has Hard-Working Secty. Named - Bill Hefner

A few months ago we received a lot of very interesting material from WILLIAM J. HEFNER 1221 W. Drew Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76110.

Hefner is the ramrod for the 144th Infantry, and for all you guys that joined the 36th in Blanding or later, should know this outfit was part of the old "square" 36th as it was activated in November 1940 at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas.

On December 9, 1941, two days after Pearl Harbor, the 144th was dispatched elsewhere, along with some other units, and the 36th was "triangleize" as they called it.

The history of the 144th is a very interesting one, and we regret we do not have space to run the entire text. However, interested parties should contact Hefner for a copy.

They currently have 500 members, and have a reunion each year that is almost as big as the Association reunion. Last fall it was held 6 weeks after ours in Dallas during the Texas State Fair, October, 1972.

We have many 144th men in our association, and welcome more, after all, they are blood brothers of the ole T-Patch.

LEONARD OSMUS, 1407 Winter St., Salem, Oregon 97303 of 111th Engineers writes to ask about "records" so the fellows can get the Croix de Gueyre. [Can anyone help?]

ANTHONY REALMUTO, 676 Fenworth Blvd. Frankin Sq., N. Y. 11010 drops \$15 for dues and other things. Served with Co. F., 141st says he going to try like the devil to be in Houston. Also is ordering "The Texas Army."

Guess we've all had enough of WATERGATE. What we ought to do is to send STOVALL and his 111th Engineers to Washington and let them build a Bailey Bridge over it.



FELIX J. MARCHELEWSKI, 215 Washington, Mineola, L.I., N.Y. 11501 sends in these two of a couple of buddies of Co. H, 142nd. Top pix is MALCOM V. FORD, Route 1, Mundy, Texas, who at that time had a cold and was sniffin' some remedy from the states. Other one is KENNETH A. MOX, Rt. 6, Box 9, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 looking out over the Siegfried Line before it was broken. Thanks Felix.

# Taps

JAMES H. ROBBINS, of Co. H, 141, died January 30, 1973 in VA Hospital, Dallas.

ROBERT E. BARNES, Co. A, 142nd of Graford, Texas, letter returned marked "deceased", no other details.

ALBERT SCHULTZ, died September 30, 1972, lived in San Angelo, was with 36th in WWI.

DR. RAY COONRAD, Denison, Texas, Co. L. 144th, no date given.

ALONZO A. FILES, Jacksboro, Texas of 131st FA died September '71.

SNUFFY STEPHENSON, of Bat. A, 132nd died November 1972, no address.

EDWIN G. Chubby TUBLER, of Co. B. 142nd, sent in by Geo. H. Epperson, Coleman, Texas.

FRANK 'Doc' SAVAGE, Victoria, Texas died March 1973 according to his widow, who says she plans to be at the Houston Reunion.

THOMAS B. HENDERSON, Seagraves, Texas died February 18, 1973, was with Hqs. 3rd Bn. 141st.

BROOKS KALMBACH, Kerrville, Texas, no date or unit given.

LEON ARNOLD, Houston, Texas of 141st, no date given.

HUGH S. DALTON, Amarillo, Texas, no date, no unit given.

HOLLIS ALLEN, Jacksboro, Texas died June 12, 1972, 2nd Bn. 131st, was author of "The Lost Battalion".

ALBERT MUDD, ERNEST SCHWEIHS and WILLIAM TOWNS all of Co. K, 141st, names sent in by Elroy and Ann Boysen.

WM. J. SUTTON, Arlington, Va., died September, 1972 according to his widow. No unit given.

PATRICK E. KVETON, Dallas, Texas, WWI commander of Co. L, 141st, died January 4, 1973, was first Dept. of Texas, V. F. W. commander.

COL. LEON B. MOYE, Atlanta, Georgia died february 2, 1972.



HERMAN HEIL, 135-06 118th St., Ozone Park, N. Y. 11420 sends in these two memory-shakers. Top photo shows the 141st on parade in North Africa, July 4, 1943. And who could forget the rope-ladder-trainer at Camp Edwards, Mass. sometime in early 1943. Thanks Herman.

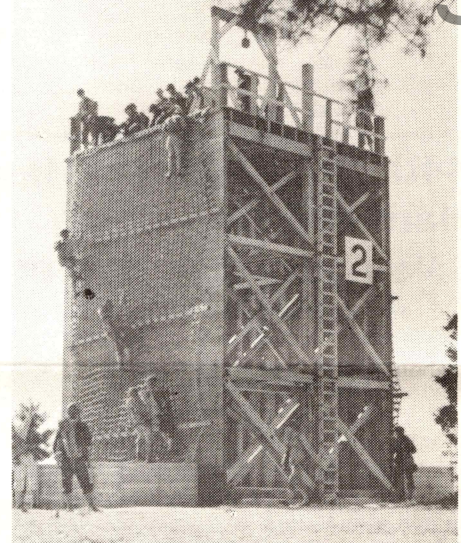
## Heard from

AL TOWSLEY, 1433 Sterns, Toledo, Ohio 43613 of the 143rd sends greetings to the troops.

DR. DAVID D. KAPLAN, sends in new address, which now reads: P. O. box 9292, Amarillo, Texas 79105. Old address showed Las Vegas. recon he ran into "Amarillo Slim?"] Doc Kaplan did time with 143rd.

ZEB SUNDAY rounds up this one: NAST HUNT, Nueces Trust Co., 311 S. Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403, of 143rd Inf.

Memorize these dates: Aug. 31st through Sept. 2nd, and direct yourself by plane, train, car, motorcycle, camel, ox cart or even hitch-hike to HOUSTON.. We could almost give you a "money-back guarantee" (almost that is), that it will be worth every dollar you can beg, borrow or steal.



R. NEWTON SNEDEN'S scrapbok yields this photo taken somewhere in France. this old 40 and 8 this time is leaded with high-1/2 point GI's on their way home. Take magnifying glass a you can see the T-Patch by Idaho. Also listed were a dozen other states. Many of you will recall with unfond memories these crates with four wheels. Newt served with Co. K, 142nd Inf., lives in Rockleigh, N. J.

## Letter From Rome

Rome, March 14th 1973

Mr. A. F. Kohutek  
2404 Lincoln Cts.  
Irving, Texas 75061 USA

Gentleman,

I am an Italian student and I am doing some researches about the Campaign of Italy of the Allied forces during World War II.

I should be very glad to receive some letters from veterans of 36th Infantry Division, who may send me their remembrances about the landing of Anzio. and liberation of Rome. To this purpose I am asking your help.

I thank you in advance very much indeed and I am send you my warmest regards.

Stefano Graziani  
Via Cogoletto, 112  
00168 Roma, Italy

Cost 15 cents to mail 1st Class letter.



# Heard from

JAMES K. BARRON, one of Stovall's subjects of Co. A, 111th Engrs. moved to Dallas recently from Memphis. He is V/Pres. of Real-Tex Enterprises, with address: 1850 W. Mockinbird, Dallas, Texas 75235. Jim is a new one, and welcome him to the clan.

**STERLING STEVES, Fort Worth atty., was aide to Gen. Ainsworth back in the early 1950's. Ran for of Fort Worth recently, but lost. Gets mail at: Fort Worth Club Bldg., Ft. Worth, Texas 76102**

**CHARLES L. HOWELL, Box 73, Powhatan Point, Ohio 43942** says he thinks about the 36th often.

Has never made a reunion, but hopes to soon. Served with Co. G, 143rd from Camp Edwards to Cassine, and would like to hear from all the gang of Co. G.

**DEWEY MANN, former Capt. B Co., 142nd is a champion dues-getter. Sends in 3 more: BERNARD C. FAUBLE, 329 King Edward West, Columbus, Ohio 43228; CHESTER V. McKEEN, 35 Pole st., Woodburn, Mass. 01801 and PAUL F. HEATH, 2538 tannat way, Rancho Cordova, Calif. 95670. Good huntin' Dewey, and Dewey-it-again.**

**ROY G. JOHNSON, 2223 N. Leamington Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60639** served with Co. K, 142nd heard about us through a friend, and writes to Amil for info. He got it, and decals, too. Welcome, Roy!

**GEORGE D. DOBBS, of Co. D, 143rd comes in. He is new manager of Dairy & Services Div., The Borden Company, P.O. Box 5007, Savannah, Ga. See if you can make it to HOUSTON, George and bring a few "fifths" of Bordens. ROBERT H. CASTEEL, 4810 Beech St., Bellaire, Texas 77401** served with 36th MP's and Co. D, 111th Engineers, and sent in his renewal. Thanks Bob.

**TONE BOZ, 202-05 26th Ave., Bayside, N. Y. 11360** needs more decals for his motors. He got'em, and Amil says the decal business is great. Tone served with 141st Inf.

**W. E. COOPER, 8410 Holmen, Houston, Texas 77022** wants to hear from his WWI buddies of Bat. C, 132nd. Do it.

**G. ROY HEIFRIN, 902 Magnolia, Lancaster, Texas 75146** was gunnery Sgt. Bat. C, 132nd, went to OCS and landed in the South Pacific. Roy is rabid T-Patcher, sends in generous contributions to the cause and helps round-up strays, like: **TOM GORE, Baby Snooks TANNER, HERMAN GILBERT and ART L. JOHNSON.**

**A. J. "San" LAUGHLIN, 146th S. 10th St. Edinburg, Texas 78539** sends greetings to all buddies of the 36th.

**JAMES C. GOSSETT, 605 S. Elm St., New Boston, Texas 75570 Major, AUS, Ret., of 736th Ordnance** says he enjoys the T-Patcher and drops ten for the cause, and this is always good news.

## Believe It Or Not

Dorothy Schwarzkopf, (1500 Nueces Way, El Paso, Texas 79925) writes in ... " On a recent trip to Goodwill salvage yard, my husband T-Patcher DONALD, picked up a stretcher that he thought his scout troop could use. He would see the canvas was split, so he didn't bother to open the litter until he got home. IMAGINE his surprise to see '143 RD INF. REGMT' printed on the canvas." Don served with 141st.

## The Texas Army

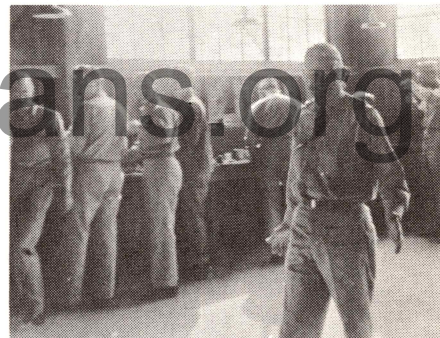
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W. P. GABBERT, 1571 W. Washinton, Stephenville, Texas 76401 sends in these two. Top pix taken at Camp Blanding in 1942 of 3rd Echlon shop of 36th QM, opening party celebration. Above: Capt. Hand 'Hammer' Clewis, same place, same time. Gab also served with 736th Ordnance. Who could forget those days at Blanding (and Starke).

The Pre-Reunion Issue out early in August...



WOODROW J. BAXTER, Box 961, Coleman, Texas 76834, sends in co. B. 142nd photos: Above, in Germany is Dempsey Albritton and Woody; doing a little plowing is Carl F. Stewart (Italy) and at right is David Sisco and Pershing Freeman, near Belheim, Germany. As you know, Coleman is a hotbed of Co. A, 142nd men, making up the western half of that great company B.



# THE *Editor* COMMENTS

The issue marks the ninth edition that this old dog has hammered out since June 1971. It has been quite an experience.

I've worn out 23 typewriter ribbons, gobbled up 5 reams of paper, 2 bottles of aspirin, 117 six-packs, licked 842 stamps, and had a ball.

Lot of you probably wonder how it's done. So here goes. All you need to be is a little crazy, familiar with all the lingo and have a guy like AMIL who is a very clever and amazin' "Mexican Bohunk" as he personally bills himself.

As membership chairman, Kohutek is a 24 hour worker for the cause, he gets most of the heard froms - makes comments, looks up unit, tries to decipher some handwriting, and in the end, they wind up on my desk.

Then the fun begins. After you read all the hundreds of letters from the troops - and I mean from ALL over it is quite an experience. In fact, I wish all the troops could get to read the full text of all this mail.

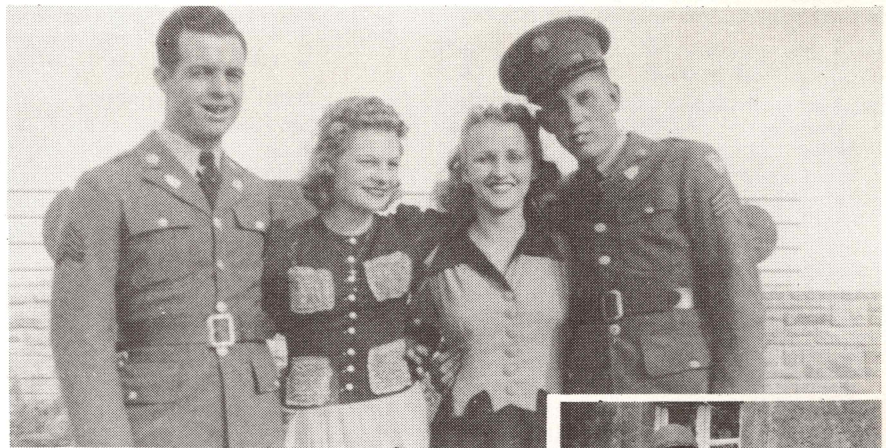
We find drop-outs, strays, and "lost". Guys who only recently found out that the 36th was alive and well, and kickin'. Much of these letters are humorous. This we try to pass on to you readers. The photos, now 25 to 30 years old are fantastic.

We try to print as many as space will allow. These old pixs from wartime scrapbooks are priceless. So, we still want'em, and I feel sure I have returned at least 99% of them to the rightful lender. Some are as faded as a summer love, but come through amazingly.

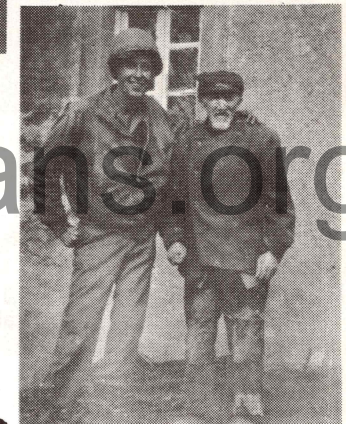
It is the desire of any editor to give little bit of everything to make it 'readable' for most, and here we sometimes pull items from our 1941-45 wartime files, and much of it from the overseas edition which was my assignment (on loan from G-2 to Special Service).

We still have dozens of prints from film taken by Max Shaffer who was official 36th Div. photographer last 2 years of the war. Ole Max generally had an extra print for ole Dad.

Our president, Tex Higginbotham



MELVIN C. WALTHALL, Maj. AUS. Ret., 5430 Ecoff Ave., Chester, Va. 23831 sent in the above to "brighten" up the Patcher. Says this photo was made in front of the Camp Boile gate, after we returned from Louisiana Maneuvers (Oct. 1941). From left: Sgt. Lake White, Doris Virginia Brooka and Sgt. Curtis M. Walthall. Both were in Co. B., 144th Inf. Regt., and says Melvin: "No, neither of us married these particular gals. I understand that Lake White is deceased." Major Walthall also sent in some great information of the 144th, which we hope, along with his POEMS to use in a future issue. Thanks Melvin (or Curtis as he was known in the old days.)



has been a great help in the publishing of the T-Patcher. He forwards most all of his material, photos etc., and has in the past year made many trips that included a stopover in Cowtown, which we appreciate.

The most gratifying thing about being a T-Patcher is the great loyalty and warm-feeling that the troops still have for their old outfit, after all these years. In fact it seems to be getting more-so as we get older. Most letters contain this one line - that makes it all worth while: "I'm proud to be a member of the fightin' 36th, the greatest outfit in the world." Amen, brother.



OWEN W. PARKER, 1025 Corral, Rt. 1, Cedar Hill, Texas 75104 sent in the above two photos. Top one is BOBBY G. CARR, with an old Italian in Naples, Italy 1943, of Co. I, 143rd. The other: Somewhere in Italy: "The one near the truck facing you is Baker, the one next to truck with back turned is named Armstrong. Can't recall others", says Owen.

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AMIL KOHUTEK, Membership Chm.  
36th Division Association  
2404 Lincoln Ct.  
Irving, Texas 75061

I was in \_\_\_\_\_ unit of the 36th Div.

Attached is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my membership dues for 1973. It's made out to the "36th Division Association", and I understand I'll get four copies of the T-Patcher.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_



The Sinclairs hit the road! And, what a way to go. Katy sends in this snapshot of L. M. Buddy Sinclair (141st VP) of their new mobile home.

You could call this a travelin' billboard of the 36th. And Buddy and Katy are roamin' all over East Texas, stopping at all Veteran's Organizations, and shaking the piney woods for 'stray'.

Here's a new address for Buddy: 415 Locust St., Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482.

THOMAS O. LAWTON, Jr., Attorney, P. O. Box 646, Allendale, South Carolina 29810 wrote to Amil for some back issues of the Patch, and was delighted. Says he was in Co. G, 142nd, Sgt. Swints platoon. Clinkenbeard and Charlie Cook were good friends, also "Moose Seitz, "Bluebeard and Blueballs." Also Moon Mullins, Morris Gitman and Don Adams. tom is interested in the history of the 142nd. Why not contact RICHIE and ask for the mother lode.

G. S. SIMPSON, 6207 Shealwood, Austin, Texas sends in dues and more. Was with Co. M, 143rd, now with Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

## 29 Reunions Since End of W W II

1946.....	BROWNWOOD
1946.....	FORT WORTH
1946-47.....	SAN ANTONIO
1947-48.....	DALLAS
1948-49.....	WACO
1949-50.....	CORPUS CHRISTI
1950-51.....	HOUSTON
1951-52.....	FORT WORTH
1952-53.....	SAN ANTONIO
1953-54.....	AUSTIN
1954-55.....	DALLAS
1955-56.....	BROWNWOOD
1956-57.....	SAN ANGELO
1957-58.....	FORT WORTH
1958-59.....	WACO
1959-60.....	SAN ANTONIO
1960-61.....	AUSTIN
1961-62.....	ABILENE
1962-63.....	AUSTIN
1963-64.....	SAN ANTONIO
1964-65.....	FORT WORTH
1965-66.....	AUSTIN
1966-67.....	HOUSTON
1967-68.....	DALLAS
1968-69.....	FORT WORTH
1969-70.....	DALLAS
1970-71.....	HOUSTON
1971-72.....	DALLAS
1972-73.....	HOUSTON

This is published for the benefit of the "lost" members who have just been "found", and could not believe that we have been in business all these postwar years.

Note: The 2 in 1946 was because the Brownwood reunion was a quickie, held in January, with the first big one held in Oct. 1946 in Fort worth (where all WWI 36th reunions were held).

Dallas and Fort Worth are tied for 5 times each, Houston, San Antonio and Austin have had 4 each! Makes no difference, it's a ball where ever it is held, so be there!

## Heard from

RED STACK, P.O. Box 147, Lindstrom, Minn. 55045, former radio operator with Bat. C, 132nd [Amil's outfit] drops \$18.00 though his dues are paid up. Bravo!  
KENNETH A. MOX, Rt. 6 Box 9, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 of Co. H, 142nd (Richie's old outfit) comes in with dues and big desire to be in Houston. Work on it, Ken - and get in!

JOE M. WATSON, Chief of Police for City of Hurst, Texas [that's between Fort Worth and Dallas] was with Bat. B, 155th and 636th TD Bn., drops a bunch: dues, copy of The Texas Army, stamp money ... and a free ride in his paddy wagon anytime. Thanks Joe. Gets his mail at P.O. Box 247, Hurst, Texas.

LORENZ F. BADING who bills himself as "Larry & The Premiers" is still playing that horn with a fine group of musicians. Sends in ten for dues and stamps. Played in 36th Div. Band during WWII, gets his mail: Route 1, Box 168, New Braunfels, Texas. Has played for our reunions in the past, and wants to do it again. How about that, Earl!

SETH S. GRACE, JR., Rt. 1, ox 158-1, Katy, Texas joins up and says he'll be in Houston [didn't give his old outfit].

WINFIELD S. (Dick) WILSON, of Shreveport, La., says he was mobilized with the 36th in Waco. Mov. 25th 1940, Hqs. 3rd Bn., 143rd. Sends dues and stamps money. "I will always have a very Special and warm spot in my heart for the Fightin' 36th," says Wilson.

JOHN R. POTTS, P.O. Box 118, Lockhart, Texas 78644 says that since he was AWOL on his dues this time, he fined himself \$3.00 to be used for stamps. How 'bout that?

COL. CHARLES A. WINGO, RR 2, Box 109, Denison, Texas 75020 who ran the 36th Signal outfit sends greetings, and regrets that he missed the Dallas reunion last year, but comes through with the green. Now, we hope to see the Colonel at the ASTROWORLD Hotel in Houston. come Labor Day weekend.

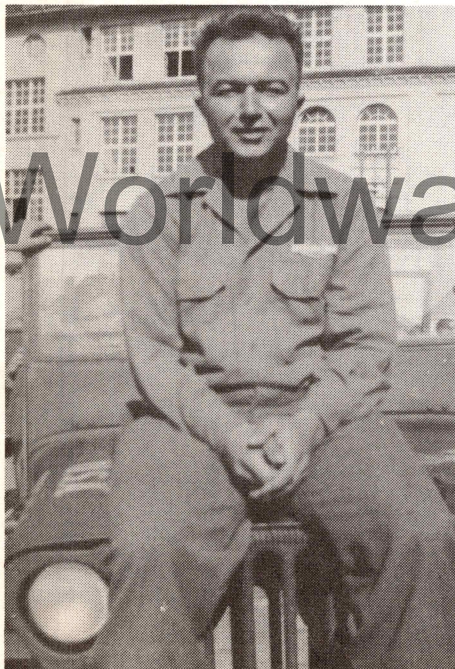
FRANCIS PHALEN, 185 Willow St., Johnson City, N. Y. 13976 of 736th Ordnance sent in \$3.00 for dues with note that if paid already, to apply for GERALD CUNNINGHAM, 24 Haynes Ave., [same town]. He was paid, so Amil get a new one on the roster.

JOHN RAFFERTY, 7835 268th St., Floral Park, L. I., N. Y. 11004, of 111th Medical pay dues and sends thanks for the Honorary Texas Citizenship certificate that was passed out last fall.

PHILLIP J. PRICHARD, 1220 E. 3rd St., (get this town) Thief River Falls, Minn. 56701, of Can. Co., 143rd drops a ten. A new member, Phil never heard of us before (after 30 years?). He was bagged by PAYNE RUCKER, V/P of the 143rd. do you suppose Phil remembers the "Mad Bohunk" Frank Vendra of Omaha, Neb.? or Jim Quick and Yardbird Smith, to name a few.

ABRAHAM SPIEGEL, 6392 59th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11234 says he is sorry he was late on dues, so makes up for it with a bonus. Abe walked with Co. G, 141st, and for good measure, Amil sent him a bunch of T-Patch decals. How 'bout that?

## THEN AND NOW ... 28 Years Apart



FELIX J. MARCHELEWSKI at Kirchem, Germany, 1945, waiting to return home, and Felix 1973 as he looks now after driving a United Parcel Service truck for 27 years. "But they were happy ones," says Marchelewski. (See other photos from Felix in this issue.)

# Heard from



"This is photo of happy days in Co. H, 3rd Platoon, 142nd," says Felix Marchelewski. "Can't recall the occasion, but with all those smiling faces, it must have been when Lt. Russell Holster told us that we were going to be sent back to the states." "That's me," says Felix, "front row left at bottom, and the guy without helmet is Michael W. Szyka, 105 N. 6th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y." Maybe the others can identify themselves, so let us hear from you.

## Here Are The Men To Write To And Let Them Know You Will Be in HOUSTON

With the reunion only weeks away...HERE ARE THE MEN TO CONTACT Now. Write to your own unit and tell 'em you'll be there. Time'S A WASTIN'.

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These are the men who will set up your C. P. at the ASTROWORLD with all the necessities of life.

CLARENCE D. BECWELL, 39 Hill Circle, Pontiac, Mich. 48054 Co. B, 142nd drops ten for stamps and that's good. Thanks. J.W. MOORE, 515 S. Gordeon St., Alvin, Texas 77511 will be ASTROWORLDING on Labor Day and wants to see all his 736th Ord. buddies. Orders "The Texas Army" book.

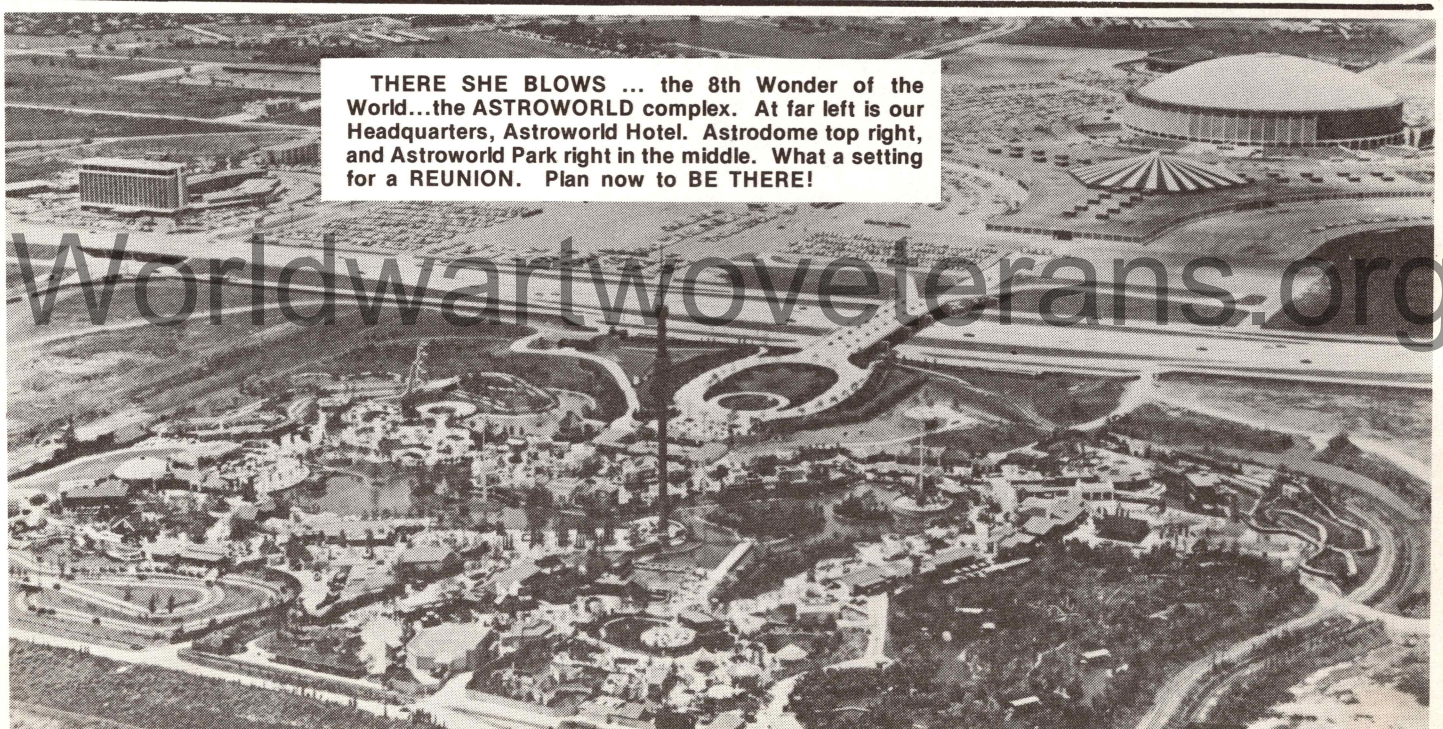
FLASH ... ole SAM ELLISON of Clute, Texas (outside Houston) says he'll serenade the gang at the reunion on Friday note with his guitar. (Sam is an old Co. B, 143rd, Zeb's outfit) and Amil says if we can keep Zeb and Charlie Barker from singing-along, it's a deal. Our scouts tell us Sam is great. Come and see. He sends in names of 2 strays: H. C. PULLON and FRANCIS HAYES. Says he'll try to get these cats at the reunion.

GLEN BECKETT, 515 Walnut, New Richmond, Ohio 45157 of Co. M, 142nd is a hard worker for the Assn. Sent in dues for EARL W. BOLENDER, RR 1, Felicity, Ohio of same company and IRVIN B. DYER, Jr., RR 2, Box 27, Georgetown, Ohio 45121. Great work, Glen, and thanx.

GOODWYN M. HANE, 2648 Craig Rd., Columbia, S. C. 29204 comes in from the strays with dues. Glad to have you in the fold, Goodwyn.

RALPH DeSANTIS, 460 Carol Pl., Pelham Manor, N.Y. 10803 sends dues and stamps, wants to be remembered by Sammy Petty, Buddy Fox and a few others. How 'bout: Billy McFadden, Odell Duran, John Elrod, Ed Fasiski, Carl Havins, George Lier, Chas. Marchluk, Tony Realmute and John R. Petts?

SAMUEL R. ANDERSON, 1457 Catalina Dr., Ann Arbor, Mich. 48103 drops 15 for his dues and 4 others of Co. L, 142nd. Thanks.



THERE SHE BLOWS ... the 8th Wonder of the World...the ASTROWORLD complex. At far left is our Headquarters, Astroworld Hotel. Astrodome top right, and Astroworld Park right in the middle. What a setting for a REUNION. Plan now to BE THERE!