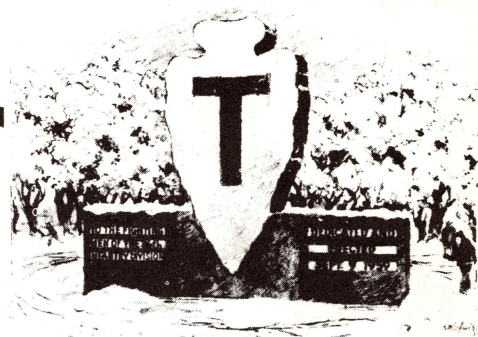


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ASTROWORLD TO HOST T-PATCHERS 48th ANNUAL REUNION



This is probably the World's largest sign ever made to welcome a group: Come to Houston on Labor Day and see for yourself. The red carpet is out, and all you have to do is be there. So start planning now. Action starts Aug. 31 through Sept. 2nd 1973.

Hotel Selected After Much Deliberation

Houston is a great convention city . . . has 15 or 20 thousand hotel rooms, all kinds of things to see and do. Your board of directors had a problem in deciding WHICH hotel to choose.

Many of the fine hotels had bid for our group. All of them are great. Your president, Earl Higginbotham made several trips to the Bayou City, scouting the facilities, etc.

A meeting was held Nov. 25th, at which time a vote was taken, and the ASTROWORLD was selected as our bivouac for Labor Day 1973 . . . site of our 48th annual clambake.

This hotel is relative new, unique and has facilities far beyond your wildest dreams, and only a stones throw from the Astrodome (eighth wonder of the world).

T-Patch Decals Big Deal, Says Amil

Ole Amazin' Amil gets alot of mail. And alot of it is from guys who want more decals. You see, Amil has been a champion of the "decal" bit . . . he has regularly asked for funds to buy these little jewels that go on the car window, or what have you.

Well, you'd be surprised how many guys have written in and said . . . "I saw this car with the T-Patch on it, I knew it had to be one of our buddies" . . . and so on. Point is, Amil has sent out probably 10,000 of these in the past four years he has handled memberships . . . so the pay off is "exposure". the decals you get are for FREE, by that we mean the general account of the Assn. treasury paid for them. We want all red-bloodied 36thers to have 'em. If you haven't one for your car . . . write to Amil (and enclose a 'small' donation, and you are in like Flynn).

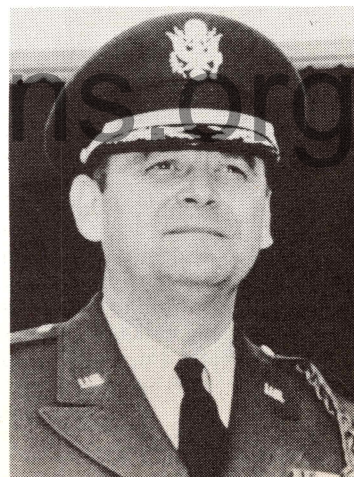
Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Bishop Appointed Adjutant General by Governor Briscoe

Since 1946, the Adjutant General of Texas has been in most cases, a former T-Patcher. Last month, the new Gov. of Texas, Dolph Briscoe appointed Maj. Gen. Thomas Sams Bishop, Texas Army National Guard, the new A/G.

A native of Houston, Gen. Bishop enlisted in Co. F, (later Co. C of the 141st Inf. in San Antonio, 1943. Later became company commander of C, then Battalion S3. Also saw duty with the 99th Division.

An active 36ther, Bishop was President of the 36th Div. Association 1952-53. As the new A/G, this will be a second time around. He was appointed by Gov. Price Daniel in 1962, and held that office until Mar. 1969.

It's possible we will have a report on our Museum located at Camp Mabry (Hqs. for the Adj. Gen) in our next issue. Our best wishes to you, General Bishop!



The Big Round-Up Is On

Round Up of Strays and Drop-outs—Pays Off!

Membership dues for the year 1 Sept. 1972 to 31 August 1973 are being received faster than Amil can find time to record them. Even with the added oil lamp burning into the late hours when he is at home and off the road.

If you have paid your dues and have not yet received your membership card, please bear with us, it will be in the envelope with this issue of the "T" Patch. This will help to take off some of the load Amil is under at present.

Then too, this will reduce a great deal of the postage cost which is not "Peanuts" these days. It is felt that the delay in receiving your card will not inconvenience you too much.

Due to the long delays in the 3rd Class mailings, it has been decided that this issue would be mailed FIRST CLASS. Our budget will stand this extra cost if the members continue to send along the extra donations which many are doing. Some members are sending a five or more to help with the cost of operation, rather than just the \$3.00.

Membership dues have since the re-union been received from thirty six states. New York State leads the list of out of Texas memberships with 21. Ohio is a close second with 19; Illinois, Indiana, and Pa. each have 9 received. New Jersey is next with 7; Calif. 6, followed by Mass. with 5; Michigan, Florida, Conn. and Maryland each have 4 recorded. Maine, New Hampshire, Washington, and Oregon States have members being the four greatest distances from Texas sofar. How about it Alaska and Hawaii?

Earl A. Higginbotham, President 36th Div. Assn.



Dudley Dropout and Sammy Stray are being rounded-up by the BIG DRIVE now on for memberships. Here is the straight-shootin' trio of infantrymen who are part of the push to get those critters into the fold, and their \$3 for membership.

SINCLAIR 141st; RICHIE 142nd and RUCKER 143rd are your dedicated Vice-presidents who are helpin' ole Grand Marshall Higginbotham. These 3 guys will be YOUR hosts at your CP at the Houston Reunion, so get those dues in now . . . and save your money!



JAMES M. ESTEPP, Rt. 2 Bx 498, Lucasville, Ohio 45648, Co. E 142, first wrote that he never got any news from the Assn all the year. We checked it out and found him on the mailing list, so did the next best, by sending him all we had, and a post card to report back. Ten days from Irving to Ohio. Glad you got it Jim, sorry you lost out, now lets try for Houston.



OUT OF THE MAILBAG

ALFRED BRANDT, 2617 Fulton St., Dubuque, Iowa 52001, took time out from shoveling Snow to mail us a Five. Was with George Kerrigan, A 142nd. George made it to Dallas, we didn't see Al. Missed you Buddy.

LYNDON CREWS once asked if Riley Tidwell was once called Little of Big Nasty. We asked Charles Barker. He didn't say, but we deducted he was called Both. How 'bout that.



Our good and loyal buddie, L. B. Easley, 8642 Shagrock Lane, Dallas, Texas 75238 sends in this one taken at the Dallas reunion, Co. H, 141st T-Patchers, left to right: E. A. Foster, Irwin E. Wells, Raymond C. Wells, Pete Walters, Lawrence "Bush" Easley Benjamin J. Morasco and Fred J. Ross. A great bunch, and a great reunion.

Ladies Auxiliary 36th-Report from Naomi Bricker

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation for the honor of being chosen president of the 36th Division Auxiliary.

We had a good reunion in Dallas at the Royal Coach Inn. There were 62 members at the Luncheon-Beauty Show, and the total membership, which is increasing annually, was 109.

Planning sessions are under way for the 1973 reunion at the Astroworld hotel in Houston. It was my pleasure to meet with the enthusiastic board members of the 36th Division on Nov. 26th. I have met with the hotel management on two occasions since then, with much success in planning details of the reunion.

It is my hope that members of the 36th look forward to September with excitement as I do, and that this will be a year to bring the entire family to the event. Young family members as well as older ones can enjoy the Astrodome, Astroworld, and numerous other attractions which Houston has to offer.

The program for the reunion last year was planned by Marie Waldrop, and was a very interesting one. We are fortunate to have Marie again for 1973.

Naomi Bricker, President
Ladies Auxiliary, 36th Division
Bricker Clinic
4302 Center Street
Houston, Texas 77007

Brecksville, Ohio to Host Co. B, 142nd



Here's Dempsey & Company on a Xmas Card: Front row, left to right: Henry Grace, Jr. Bob Grieger and Joe LePresti. Middle row: Julian Bernard, Dewey Mann, Emil Hardulak and Tony Ranello. Back row: Joe Matko, Victor Davidson, Pershing Freeman and Clarence Bunnell. Pres. Dempsey Albritton was absent when pix was made.

EASTERN UNIT of Co. B, 142nd will meet Aug. 3-5 1973 at Brecksville, Ohio, according to dispatch received from Barbara (Mrs. Victor) Davidson, 22 Queen Ann St., Friendship, N.Y. 14739. For info write to Barbara. (This is a small but very active group).



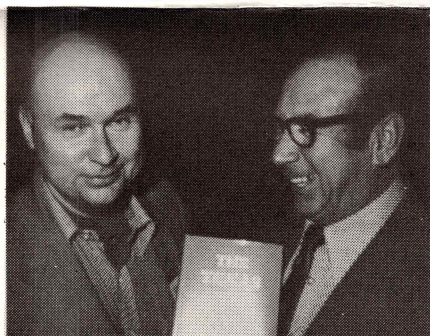
Dempsey Albritton Receives Silver Star

After 27 years, Dempsey Albritton received his Silver Star Medal. Albritton was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry action on March 22, 1945, in Germany while with the 142nd Infantry of the 36th Division.

He personally neutralized heavy hostile fire from enemy pillboxes while his platoon maneuvered into position.

While in the army Albritton also received the Bronze Arrowhead and the Purple Heart

Albritton now enjoys racing hydroplanes. He has won many trophies and ribbons while racing.



ROBT. WAGNER, author of the new book, "The Texas Army" shown here (left) delivering a copy to HANK GOMEZ, San Antonio, at the 141st Reunion, Nov. 25, 1972 in the Alamo City.

Send \$10.50 to Robert L. Wagner, P. O. Box 13488, Austin, Texas 78711 and he'll send you a copy. Great book.

FROM STOVALL: Word has just been received, Master Sgt. Frank D. 'Doc' Savage, Victoria, Texas died last month of cancer. Was with 111th Engineers, a great T-P atcher; made most all our reunions.

Cornice B. Willingham, Vinemont, Ala., died Nov. 1970, his widow remains a member of the Assn.

Newton L. Craven, Leander, Texas died in VA Hospital, Temple, Mar. 22, 1972. Was with 142nd in WWI.

Amos Rose, age 79 died Ingram, Texas Oct. 23, 1972. Served with Co. K, 143rd, wounded at the Meuse-Argronne offensive. Was Post and District chaplain of VFW.

Billie Leroy Miller, Peoria, Ill., died Dec. 23, 1972, as reported by Noel Kurtz, 1704 Kenwood Cts, Decatur, Ill. (Can anyone give us his correct unit?).



LENI RIEFENSTAHL AND ADOLF HITLER IN 1938



Old T-Patch Overseas scrapbook: Leni Riefenstahl, now 70 years old, was a famous German movie star and friend of old Adolph, as shown in above pix. Not to be outdone, the 36th rounded her up along with a lot of Hazi biggies at war's end, and the shown above is pix of Leni made in May 1945 by T-Patch photographer, Max Shaffer, which appeared in the Victory issue of the 36th Division tabloid newspaper. Some of you still have copies of this epic issue, when the Fightin' 36th rounded up a mother lode of the baddies.



A great loyal T-Patcher and all-time 'joiner' is GEORGE E. ECKOLS, of San Antonio. Left to right, here are the CAP-tions: (1) Charter member No. 31058, Sam Houston Post VFW, (2) Honor degree, American Legion 40 and 8; (3) Alamo Post No. 2 American Legion; (4) Past Commander Pup Tent No. 7, MOC "Cooties". Wow, that's bunch. Eckols was with the 155th F.A. BN., was jeep driver for Lt. Jack Stewart, KIA in Germany 1945. Gets his mail at: 609 Gulf Street, San Antonio, Texas 78202.

Heard from

GEN. CLAYTON P. KERR, who has made (almost) all reunions has a new address: 6211 West N. W. Highway, Preston Towers, No. 2201, Dallas, Texas 75225. In a letter to Stovall he expressed high praise for Bob Wagner's book: "THE TEXAS ARMY". Gen. Kerr was former Chief of Staff, 36th Division.

THOMAS O. LAWTON, JR., of the law firm, Lawton & Myrick, P.O. Box 646, Allendale, S. Carolina 29810 was thumbing through the Covention Magazine, and found Amil's address, pays his dues and becomes a "stray" that got in the fold. TOM served with Co. G, 142nd [Moon Mullins, Morris Gitman & Don Adams outfit] . . . and it's always good to get "new" T-Patchers.

PAUL J. CLEMENS, 839 Houst St., Fort Worth, Texas 76103, will be 77 shortly, sends in dues. Served with Ordnance in WWI, also 143rd and 144th Inf. in the last big one.

BIRD L. LINDSEY, 1019 Crand Dr., Euless, Texas 76039 [ain't far from Irving] dropped by to see Amil recently. . . paid dues, bought a Gen. Walker Book, ordered the 132nd Book and promises to show up at the ASTROWORLD. Bird is with Central Freight Lines, Dallas.

A. W. HOFFMAN drops a \$10 for the cause; gets his mail at 3728 Westcliff Rd. North, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, served with 142nd.

OTTO ANDERSON, of Div Hqs. has been AWOL, but comes in with a five. Now lives with his lovely wife Edith, 201 E. Telegraph, Dowagiac, Mich. 49047. Amil says between the two above buddies, Hoffman and Anderson, he paid dues for: [1] FRED J. DRISCOLL, 31 Cedar st., Bridgewater, Mass. 02334 of 143rd; [2] DAVID M. DEFFIBAUGH, Rt. 1, Imler, Pa. 16655 of Co. L, 142nd; and [3] PAUL DEWELL, 2970 Columbus Ave., Springfield, Ohio 45503 of Co. L, 142nd. How 'bout that?

Artillery V/P ARMAND JONES picks up dues from Mrs. CORNICE B. WILLINGHAM Rt. 3, Vinemont, Ala. 33175 who wants to be a member, tho her husband is deceased.

JIM GOSSETT picks up ART BROWN, former member of 736th Ordnance, who gives Art's new address as: 5900 N.E. 7th Ave., Boca Raton, Fla. 33432.

FRANK ADAMSON, 3642 Embassy Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78228 who is a loyal T-Patcher, adds another new member: ROBERT E. CROW, 9131 Sulphur Springs Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78220 of the 133rd Medics. Aside to Bob: Do you remember Judge Miller? Should have seen him in Dallas, and how about ALBERT KIRKLAND?

ROBERT E. "Hap" ADAMS, Teescola, Texas 79563 ran into an ole buddy, HARRY C. PRUITT, 1957 N. Mockingbird, Abilene, Texas 79603 and got his dues money, plus a little sweetin'.

JOHN E. MATHIS, 5035 Sierra Madre, San Antonio, Texas 78233 was out of state, out-of-touch and just 'discovered' ole 36th Assn. John served with 111th Medics, and now, tell us about your travels.

More Dallas Reunion Pictures



Besides holding down the registration desk at the Dallas reunion, Ole Amil had time to shoot a bunch of characters "in action" at the big Saturday night dinner dance.

At left: Katy Sinclair pays no attention to Warren L. Carter, White Lightning and his lovely wife, Etha of Kosciusko, Miss.

Below: Abe Spangler (left) who was 1st Sgt. Hqs. 132nd and ole buddie O.B. Jennings having fun at the big dinner dance.

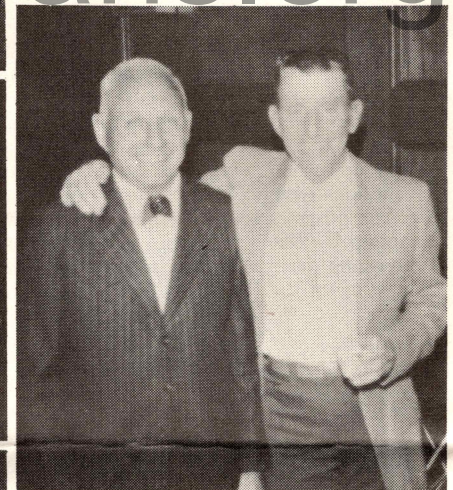
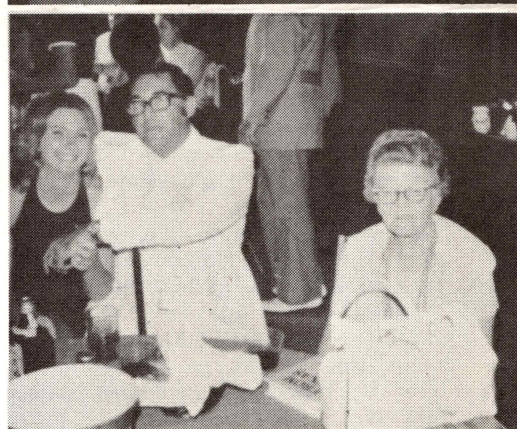


Photo left center: Edward Berndt of Chicago looks on as Houstonian Charlie Linton points and hollers at Amil behind the camera. Ole Linton rarely missed a reunion.



At left: Armand Jones and wife Kay with all time great Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Elon Coleman who has made every reunion since 1946. Note Walker book on table. Jones was with his cane then, but has now almost fully recovered from his terrible accident.

Arty. Mess Sgt. Williams Is Cooking with ~~Gas~~ Oil

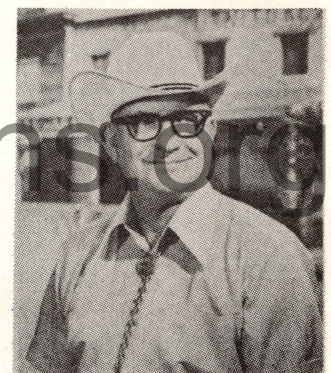
JOE H. WILLIAMS, ole 133rd artilleryman has carved out quite a career in "oil" (paintings that is). Joe won great fame as one of the best mess sgts in the business in WWII.

Joe sends your editor a "hand-painted" illustrated Xmas card, and a brochure of some of his most recent and famous painting. Imagine my surprise a few years ago, when I stopped by Kroger's Bar-B-Q for a sandwich and beer, and there on the wall — was a dozen large oil paintings by ole Joe himself. "See cashier for price of paintings", (the sign said). I bought two and ran like hell.

Those of you who recall the overseas T-Patch will probably remember Joe's great cartoons. They were mostly rated "X".

Artist

JOE H. WILLIAMS



You can contact Joe at LAZY 'S' RANCH ART GALLERY, Route 7, Box 440, Fort Worth Texas 76119, or call (817) 478-6629.

We hope we can get Joe to the Houston reunion, and he can use my room for a private showing of his "westerns".

Heard from

JAMES E. DAUGHERTY, with Continental Oil Co., Marshall, Texas 75670 sent in \$10 for dues and the cause. Jim served with 133rd [his was a repeat of last year].

H. T. LATHAM, another 133rd artilleryman, Box 154, Stephenville, Texas 76401 breaks with \$6.00. Thanx, He's a new one.

VICTOR KRENEK, another new one to the growing list of strays, gets mail at: Box 704, Mitchcock, Texas 77563. Served with 143rd anti-tank, and is 100% disabled. Welcome Vic!

ROMEO BANUELOS has a real fine wife. She sent in his dues, cause he was out of town. Romeo is one of Armand Jones' artillerymen, lives at 8203 Melrose, Houston, Texas 77022.

JOHN C. DAVENPORT, 1803 Stringtown Rd., Evansville, Ind. 47711 reports he had a great time at the '72 Dallas Reunion. Wife Margaret said first time she'd been 'that far' from home. They ordered one of those Citizenship of Texas certificates. Hope you got it before Ross Ayres left office on Jan. 20th.

BARBARA DAVIDSON, Friendship, N.Y., who runs the Co. B, 142nd Eastern division, sends in dues for EDWARD R. 'Slim' GOVAS. Amil had been trying to track him down, but wasn't til ole GEORGE KERRIGAN, when in Dallas gave him a Chicago phone book. Found Slim double-parked at: 5544 West Van Buren, Chicago 60644. Also GEORGE EPPERSON furnished a list of names on Co. B, 142nd and Amil is hard on their trail. Our thanks to Barbara and George. TRAVIS REEVES, 3719 Atlas, Denton, Texas 76201 joined the 36th on Jan. 27, 1941 at Brownwood, entered from Ranger, Texas. Sends in a flock of names of ole Ranger T-Patchers, and Amil is trackin' em down. Travis was rounded up by Cookie, daughter of the Kohuteks, who is a darn good scout.

GEORGE R. COOK, 322A N. Sixth St., Cambridge, Ohio 43725 is a bird-dog for Amil. He's working on CHARLES DOYLE, HOWARD M. ALLEN. See pix elsewhere in this issue of George & buddy.

Father & Son: LEONARD ROY CHRISTENSEN sends in dues for his father of Co. K, 142nd, to inform us that his Dad lives in Yankton, S. Dakota, but gave no street address. Young Christensen is in the Navy Fighter Squadron with a San Fran APO.

HERMAN REICHERT, 3435 30th St., Long Island, N.Y. 11106 of the 131st F.A. comes up with ten, and that makes the second from our forward-outpost off Manhattan. Armand Jones got this one this time.

Major JACK WEESE, 1011 Bailey Ave., San Antonio, Texas 78210 of the 11th Engineers, drops six for anybody, and Amil dispatches 2 more in the fold. Thanks Jack.

Wm. G. HASBROOK, Route 11, Box 208 San Antonio, Texas sends in dues for JIM GOODMAN, 72 Birch St., Lake Grove, L.I. New York 11765. Hasbrook was in Div. Hqs, but he failed to give unit of Goodman.



One Of First Groups Of Itascans To Enter Service WW II

NATIONAL GUARD MOBILIZED BEFORE WAR STARTED This is Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Bn, 143rd Infantry of the 36th Division pictured after they were mobilized with the US Army in November, 1940. They remained in Itasca for 30 days and then went to Brownwood. A number of these men later went with other units, but most remained together. They went to Africa and later participated in the Invasion of Salerno and the Italian Campaign. Men who left this group saw action in other parts of Europe. Two of these men — John T. Sevier and LeeRoy Reese — lost their lives in combat in Italy. Several other men have since died after leaving the service. Men in the picture are, bottom Row, left to right: Wilson McCullough, Dave Sawyer and Wendell Jordan. [Dogs were named Shorty and Slim]. Second Row, l-r: J.T. [Toby] Burks, Harold Terry, Glenn [Oskie] Holloway, John T. Sevier, Gorman Batts, and T. W. [Speck] Head. Third Row, l-r: col. E. T. Underwood, First Lt. Roy [Pete] Burks, Second Lt. Joe K. Emerson, Ollie Baker [he had broken his leg playing football at Hillsboro Junior College prior to mobilization], Heiner McPherson, and Bert [Keggy] Holloway. Fourth row, l-r; Tommy Martin, Rowland Henry, T.B. Curlee, Leroy Gibson, Raymond Davis, Jack Hinson and LeeRoy Reese. Top Row l-r: Clark Campbell M.L. [Buster] Hester, Ike Sawyer, Ted Martin, C.A. [Shorty] Rogers, T. J. Whitson and Edwin Summer.

Shaw Sets Record

BILL SHAW is a T-Patcher from way back. So far back that he claims to have attended forty-four (44) REUNIONS of the 36th. In a letter to ZEB SUNDAY, Bill confesses he loves all the T-Patchers. (He did say 44, didn't he?)

Said he did not receive one of those aluminum trays which were presented at the Dallas Reunion to all WWI boys, so it has been dispatched to proper authorities. (Aside to Bill, if you don't get it, write to Earl Higginbotham).

Shaw lives in Metens, Texas, and has an all time great zip code: 76666. How 'bout that?

Amil's Phone Books Help You Locate Old Buddies

If you plan to be in Houston, and it's your FIRST reunion, here are a few hints from ole AMIL.

First thing you want to know after you check in the hotel is . . . your ole buddies. O.K., so all you have to do is write in advance to Amil . . . because he has collected PHONE BOOKS from all over. Plus, he has the master file, and can get you "Checked in" real quick.

Of course, please be reminded that we have a "register" by units at the registration desk . . . PLUS there are five C.P.'s of all the units: 141st, 142nd, 143rd, Artillery and Special Troops . . . plus a 'new' ASSOCIATION C.P. where you can get all the information you need about . . . "is ole JOE BLOW registered?"

At the ASTROWORLD on Labor Day weekend 1973, you will find alot of new inovations for the "first-timers". Ole Earl Higginbotham will see to that. So all you guys who will attend for the first time, rest assured — the officers and directors of the Assn. will do every thing possible to make your visit a good one. Betcha!



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Heard from

ALVIN H. TOWSLEY (Can. Co. 143rd) 1433 Sterns Road, Toledo, Ohio 43612 drops a ten-spot. Thanks Al, Amil will add some new members with it.

ALLEN O. BLODGETT, 1515 N. 9th St., Wichita Falls, Texas 76304 who served time in the 133rd F.A. sends in dues plus one more. Thanks, ole buddy.

EDWARD BERNDT, 9157 Utica Ave., Evergreen Park, Ill., 60643 drops \$36 in the Sustaining Fund, and what could be nicer? Ed served with Div. Hqs. Muchoblige.

SAM KIBBEY, the legal-eagle with Ashland Oil Co., and former Co. K, 143 whiz, sent in a \$36 Memorial Fund donation in memory of KENNETH N. BLISH, same company, then lived at Great Valley, Cattaugus, N.Y. Kibbey missed the Dallas reunion, but promises to be in Houston. A great guy, we remember your story about the Texas Battle of the Alamo.

WALTER SILAY, 3516 Medina Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76133 writes in for info on dues, which was dispatched to "Amazing Amil" who took care of it. Silay did time with Co. H, 141st, one of Buddy Sinclair's Rondos. Welcome to the clan, Walter.

JOHN HOLICK, 158 Jefferson Ave., Creeskill, N.J. 07626 paid dues plus RICHARD SHE:DRICK, 1310 Squirrel Rd., Wall, N.J. 07719, both did a hitch in the great 143rd Inf.

JOSEPH A LEAP, 312 N. Stuart Ave., Elkton, Va. 22827 pays dues and once more covers RANDALL R. DEAN, 403 E. Rockingham St., same town . . . both were in Med. Det. 141st Inf.

PAUL T. PUTNAM, 124 Oriole Dr., Arlington, Texas 76010 served with the 36th in the pre-war years, and now 33 years later has joined up, and we're glad to have him. [He failed to give his unit designation].

Col J. D. CRAWFORD, 5 Fairview Ave, West Orange, N.J. 07052 one of Stovall's subjects, served with Co. A and B, 111th Engrs, and glad to get the membership dues.

K. MANUWAL, 316 Oak Hill Ave., Plymouth, Ind. 46563 sends in dues. Served with Co. L and MP Reg. Hqs. 142nd.

NOEL E. KURTZ, 1704 Kenwood Ct., Decatur, Ill. sends in dues, and plans to be in Houston. His last reunion was '54 in Austin. Man, that's too long between drinks! We're looking for you at the ASTROWORLD.

WILLIS V. PADDON, 4 Phyllis Dr., Randolph, Mass. 02368, former Hqs. 141st sends regrets he could not be in Dallas, but dropped a ten-spot to pay dues for some buddies, which Amil has added to the roster.

FRANK A. STANEK, 7802 N.E. 51st St., Vancouver, Wash. 98662 who did time with Co. L, 142nd has a real great wife who writes to Amil for "more" decals. Seems she has limited the use of decals and bumper sticker, but the only exception is the "T-Patch" and has requested extras for Frank's work trucks. She even suggested we sell 'em. How 'bout that, Amil? Mrs. Stanek is also a proud wearer of alot of the T-Patch jewelry that is available to all.

Artilleryman Jones Fires a Few Rounds for Effect—and Scores

Right after the Dallas reunion, ole Amil sent a list of delinquent members to all Vice-presidents, and asked for some help.

Armand Jones, the Spaghetti King, and well-known to all who attended the reunions, decided to do something about it. He took his list, (about an inch thick) and went to work.

Marked all Artillerymen, and started writing and licking stamps. And, with that kind of effort . . . it paid off. He now leads the pack

in the most "dues" from the drop outs. He also scrounged a bunch of "Strays".

Our congratulations to Armand. And let this be an inspiration to all. It's very simple. All you have to do is work at it . . . send out mail, and your percentages will take care of the rest.

Jones will be host at the Houston reunion for the Artillery CP, and promises alot of new surprises, so get ready all you guys, and make plans now to be there — Labor Day.



ARMAND G. JONES,

Next issue of T-Patch scheduled JUNE 1973.



There's a Lot of Talent in the Fightin' 36th

There's alot of great guys that make up the alumni of the 36th. Like ole Charles Anderson, 108 Boundry St., Weatherford, Texas 78086. He's the one who drew the caricatures of Higg., and the 3 vice presidents shown on page 2. Charles is illustrator for General dynamics, ain't a beginner. He supplied your editor with T-Patch cartoon during WWII; also illustrated a strip series of 36 daily series for the Fort Worth Press in 1945 of our "Salerno to the Danube".



OUR FAVORITE PHOTO: Field Marshal Von Rundstedt grimly holds a document shown here with his captor, our own Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist at Bad Tolz, Germany May 1944. Now after all these years, we discovered that this "paper" in his hand is NOT a document of surrender . . . but a copy of the "T-Patch". How about that? (use a powerful magnifying glass and see for yourself). This photo taken by Max Shaffer, our 36th Div. Photographer received nationwide circulation at war's end.



GEO. R. COOK, 3224 N. 6th St., Cambridge, Ohio 43725 shown above at right, sends this one in taken at Camp Edwards in 1942. With him is John Davis who died 2 years ago. Both served with Co. B (didn't give unit).

Phinney Used To Dish It Out As IRS Chief — He Taketh



R. L. Bob PHINNEY, 1907 Expedition Blvd., Austin, Texas 75202 is best known to T-Patchers as Division Finance Officer. He is district director of Internal Revenue Service and is shown above in this Associated Press Wirephoto announcing the crack down of suspected Income tax preparers.

If you're behind in your IRS, don't call him, he'll call you.

For those who didn't know, Bob Phinney is brother of Mag. Gen. Carl Phinney, Dallas, former C.O. 36th Division, 1952.

Heard from

Maj. MARK L. HODGES, Postmaster, Paris, Texas, an artilleryman first and last, was once a horn blower in the 132nd Regimental Band, served with Btry C as C.O., was wounded at Salerno . . . keeps in touch with Kohutek, but has failed to 'show' at the recent reunions, so how 'bout it, Mark . . . can we expect you in HOUSTON? And those Cassions keep rollin' by.

ED BERNDT of Div. Hqs. sent in name of GLEN RAITHEL, 6220 W. Giddings, Chicago, Ill. 60630 and ole Amil got on his tail, and got him in the 'Amen' corner. Good shootin' & thanks Ed.

Col. RICHARD M. BURRAGE, 1120 Colonial, Bellaire, Texas 77401 which is up in North Texas and the Red River breaks for a \$10 for the cause. The 'Cause' is — cause we need it, bad!

AUBREY P. CLEVELAND, Box 41, Trinity, Texas 75862 drops a line to Higginbotham, says he is now 79 years old, served with Co. E, 141st in WWI and is proud of his association with the 36th. Says he spent 35 years on one job. Port Terminal Switch Yards. It's good to hear from our elder statesmen. Do it more.

DEMPSEY W. WELCH, Co. K, 143rd gets his mail at 11745 Katy Ave., Houston, 77071 sends in dues for JACK L. ARMSTRONG, 5105 Woodgreen Cove, Austin, Texas 78745 of Co. m, 143rd Inf. A good deed, indeed.

DECALS!!! Yes, everyone wants 'em. Like ole W.D. HUTCHINS, 11667 Saxon St., Dallas, Texas 75218 writes in to Amil for more decals, and you know what . . . he got 'em. If you ain't got no decals, you ain't doing it right . . . so write!

RUDOLPH W. KURTZHEL, 270 W. Main, Madison, Ohio 44057 sends in membership dues for buddies, all of Co. A, 143, which include: ORVILL WAGNER, 371 Bluff Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63137; ALVIN D. BLANKENSHIP, 3609 Linden Dr., Kearney, Neb. 68847 and of course, his own dues. Rudy also wants decals, likes the 36th, and wants an honorary citizenship certificate of Texas [which we hope he received before Ross Ayres retired Jan. 20th].

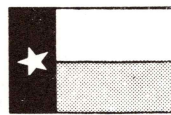


"ALL RIGHT you guys, let's get those dues in. Use the blank below and your check for \$3.00. I'm your new T-Patch Sweetheart and I'll be seeing you at the ASTROWORLD. So be there! And, that's an order . . . or I'll sick ole Amil on you".

CLIP AND-MAIL TODAY



36th



Division Association

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

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 _____

I was in _____ unit of the 36th Div.

Midwest Chapter To Meet July 14 in Louisville

The only out-of-state chapter of the 36th Division Assn., usually meets in a Michigan City. Not so this year. Will move south to LOUISVILLE, KY., according to a dispatch via prairie dog from Col. Oran Stovall.

This move was prompted as a more central location, and the dates are set at: July 14-15th at Mid-town Holiday Inn, Louisville. Anyone who served with the 36th and lives in the general area is cordially invited to partake of the festivities..

CONTACT: Carl McCluggage, 3240 Ellis Way, Louisville, Ky., 40220 and get your name in the pot.

Ed Northouse is President; Norman Wilde, V/P., and this bunch put on a good show. (Kentucky, we are told is well known for its good whiskey, pretty horses and fast women) or is it the other way around?



Somewhere in Italy, Leroy Richter and Leo Highsmith of Hqs. Co., 1st Bn. 141st Inf., proudly display their NAZI FLAG (Jan. 1944). Highsmith was wounded at Salerno, now lives at Hondo, Texas. Photo sent in by Buddy Sinclair, 141st chief.

Taps

Frank Gaston, Arlington, Texas, of Bat. A, 132nd, age 54, buried in home town of Paris, Texas, Jan 1973. Was 1st Sgt., retired Warrant Officer.

Edward Rubec, Blomington, Texas, died Dec. 30 1972, was with Co. A, 111th Engineers.

James G. Barnett, Capt., of Co. E, 142nd, formerly Sweetwater, Texas; sent in by L. J. Watson, P.O. Box 94, Sherman, Texas.

Raymond H. Kemp, Smithfield, Texas died VA Hospital, Dallas, Jan. 1973, served in Hqs. Co. 2nd Bn. 142nd. Hometown listed as Rawls, Texas.

John Griffith, Marion, Ohio, died Oct. 1972, served with Co. H, 141st. John always paid his dues, news came from Ray Wells, Denver, Colo.

Leland M. Weise, died Feb. 17, 1969, was a beloved member of Co. H, 141st, lived in Houston, Texas.

Aubra L. Ford, 52 died at his home in Dallas, Dec. 20th. Born in Weatherford, he served with Bat. C, 132nd F.A. Bn.



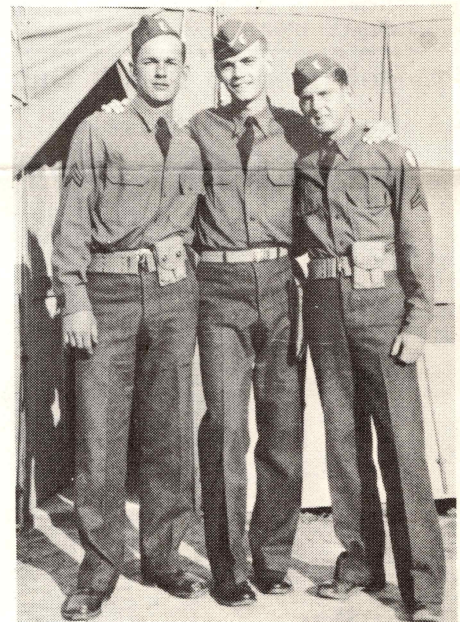
May 11, 1944: Altan E. Munson, Jr., shown here receiving Combat Infantry badge from Gen. Fred L. Walker, Col. J. Trimble Brown is shown at Walker's left, and behind is Lt. Hickok, and the other is a Capt. whom can't be indentified. Munson was with Co. A, 143rd, but signs his letter with 736th Ord. Photo was taken by James Gossett of New Boston, Texas.

Nobody Does it Like Ole Zeb!

Ole ZEB SUNDAY sends in this letter from Ralph & JUNE FUNFGELD of 71 Sabo Drive, Mansfield, Ohio 44905 which could be classified as a document of "great pleasure" for attending a T-Patch Reunion after 25 years.

These are the kind of letters that could be used as "satisfied customers". When you drive from Ohio to Texas, it's a pretty good haul. In a letter to Eloise and Zeb, June Finfgeld says: "We ust took our time getting home, didn't get home until Sept. 8th." (Reunion ended on the 3rd). "We think the Texas people are wonderful", she continued. And of course, no one does it like ole ZEB & ELOISE. The 143rd C.P. was probably the most popular spot at the Royal Coach. And those of you who attended will vouch for that.

Editor's note: If you think this letter is a testimonial. It is!



Camp Bowie, Brownwood 1941: 1st Sgt. GIL C. RUSSI center, flanked by HOLLIS WILSON left, and BILLY SHELL, of Co. D. 141st. Gil Russi is retired Colonel, now with Loyola University. Shell is sheriff at Odessa. (Wilson's whereabouts was not given).

Note from Amil

In our search for Members to join the Assn. we may have on the current mailing list a Member of every Unit, Except Service Btry. 132nd F.A. Bn. To date have not found a single man to grace our membership, someone out there knows a Ser. 132nd member. Send us his name and address. Would like to see a Guy once called Tug Boat, Bill Morris, A Cpl. Parks from Ky. and many others.

Some are still using the Waco Address P.O. Box! this has been closed, please do not use this, will have to make do with membership cards with that address until used up.

Co. F, 142nd To Meet

Roland black, Box 686, Canyon, Texas 79015 sends in this one:

Co. F, 142nd will hold their reunion June 16-17 1973 at the home of JACK A. INMAN, Rt. 2, Palisades Box 63, Amarillo, Texas 79101. For information contact Inman, or why not call (806) 622-1516.

HEY! Nickname Contest to Offer Fabulous Prizes for 36thers!

Alright, you guys. Get to work, and think of all the "nick names" of your buddies you can think of. There's going to be a big contest, and we will select the best, and there will be fabulous prizes to be awarded at the Houston Reunion.

Now everyone knows that a nickname is generally an expression of affection to that particular individual. Some guys got 'em early in life, others inherited them in the service from some incident, or 'habit' of the trooper.

Nicknames are infectious. You can probably remember a bunch by their nickname, but probably can't think of their first name. For example: What was "Wrong Way" Corrigan's first name? Think about it. Nicknames are the spice of life. They made alot of moments more comfortable because they generally gave you a chance to smile.

Now for prizes, we will have alot of them

... like: a cigar butt, once chewed by Earl Higginbotham; a lock of silver hair from Col. Stovall; a discarded top hat worn by Zeb Sunday; a blownout truck tire from Amil Kohutek; old discarded license plates from Hank Gomez's Cadillac, reading "Rondo"; an address book of names of girls in Boston, circa 1943 from Lance Mullins; The list is endless.

we will announce more prizes in the next issue ... and to top this off ... there will be serious prizes too ... like a fifth of good bourbon, a magnum of Champagne and all that stuff.

Sound interesting? Send 'em in to your editor: T-Patcher, P.O. Box 1816, Fort worth, Texas 76101.

(Footnote: There must have been 10,000 nicknames of some ilk which we could claim - belonged to ole T-Patchers).

Open Letter: Who Can Help?

Dear Amil,

Thanks so much for your latest reply in which you enclosed my membership card.

I do have a problem that you and the Association might help me with; I feel very strongly about it.

As you might know, I was surrounded by the Germans — along with 7 other "T-Patchers" in August, '44. If it weren't for the help and courage displayed by some loyal Frenchmen in the face of the enemy, I and the others wouldn't be alive today.

It's a long story which I won't go into here, however, it is all documented in various French newspaper accounts. I was in France with my family just this past summer, saw these French comrades, and can attest to their friendship towards freedom and the U.S.

Recognizing that they took terrific risks to save us, knowing that infantrymen with experience were in short supply during the autumn and winter of '44-45, I cannot get our government to decorate them in some way: by medal, by letter of thanks, by a citation ... some form of recognition.

My Congressman tells me he can read something into the Congressional Record thanking these friends; I feel that something should come from the President, or the Dept. of State or the Pentagon.

Did you know that the Medal of Freedom — which would be appropriate — has been discontinued? How then do we thank foreign nationals who performed a life saving act? I was a foreign soldier and the French decorated me personally with two Croix de Guerres and the Liberation medal; I'm shocked at our government's disinterest!

I wasn't able to act sooner — 28 years have intervened — because I didn't find out the names of most of these men until last summer be sheer accident.

Whatever you and the Association can do, I would deeply appreciate.

Sincerely,

STEVE WEISS, (Co. C, 143rd)
3161 Ocedan View
Los Angeles, Calif. 90066

Editors note: If anyone has any ideas on this, please write to Steve and give him some help.

HOUSTON in '73

NEW WW1 BOOK

HELP WANTED for WORLD WAR I book, now underway by Bernice B. Maxfield, 1007 Marion, Fort Worth, Texas 76104. She already has compiled a giant collection of 36thers in the 'first' great war. If you've got something, send it in — now. It will be returned if you request it.

Top This If You Can

Leonard E. Wilkerson, MSG, USA, Retired (Inf) 11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas, Texas 75228 has quite a long record. Served with Co. E, 144th, Nov. 1944 until Dec. '44 and then served with 10 other assorted units of the military ... retired in 1968 after 28 years of service.

Leonard had a stretch in Korea in 1950 and also some Vietnam in 1966 ... lots of hashmarks and ribbons for a great Master Sgt. He dropped \$5 on Amil for dues etc. Welcome to the clan, Leonard and we'll be looking for you in Houston!



Heard from

LEE E. BEAHLER, 3217 Gladiola Dr., Colorado Springs, Colo., 80907 sends ten for dues, roster and extra for a buddy's dues. Lee also bought a copy of THE TEXAS ARMY, which he said brought back a lot of memories. Side note to STOVALL: Lee says us "Texas-type" engineers still have a forward CP in Colorado! [At the Broadmoor?]

JAMES C. FOSTER, 11135 E. Bowman St., South Bend, Ind. 46613 of Co. L, 142nd sends in dues, Didn't even know we have a "Patcher" newsletter until one of the fellers he works for gave him a copy, was immediately converted to active. Attended the Co. L, 142nd reunion in Breckenridge, Texas. Saw all his ole buddies 1st time in 30 years, and if that ain't a thrill, I don't know what is. Jim, be in Houston, and that's an order!

DON HAVERN, 924 Westwind Drive, N. Palm Beach, Fla. 33408 is a hard-working T-Patcher. Always hustlin' new members, sends in to Amil regularly, names of strays. The rest is easy. In 99% of the time, we get him. So why not do the same? Don served with 143rd.

SANTO MANCUSO, 2 Duffy St., Carbondale, Pa. 18407 sent in six for dues and one. Served with 142nd Inf.

JACK SIDNEY, 20640 Gresham St., Canoga Park, Calif. 91306 picks up tab on CHUCK TAYLOR, 1325 E. Puente St., Covina, Cal. 91722 of Co. K, 143rd; also ANDY AUSTIN, P.O. Box 56, Subiaco, Ark. 72865 of Co. G, 143rd; and CLIFF BLANKENSHIP, 2114 Edwards, Salina, Kan. 67401 of Co. A, 143rd; also Father ludon Angelle, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Texas City, Tx 77590 of 36th MP Co. Ole Jack Sidney did time with Co. E, 143rd Medics. Thanks, we need more like you.

CECIL COOK, P.O. Box 11123, Fort Worth, Tx 76109 picks up tab on BEN PARRISH (who is sick), farms out at Rt. 2, Box 512 S. Midland, Texas 79763 of same company. Good work, Cecil, see you in Houston.

Ready Soon - Club 36 and Memorial Certificates

Your president, Earl A. Higginbotham has announced that a beautiful certificate, suitable for framing is in the mill, and will be ready soon for mailing to all contributors of the Sustaining Fund's "Club 36" and 36th Memorial Fund.

Those of you who have sent in contributions, hang in there a little longer. This project takes longer than had been anticipated, but will be well worth the wait.

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.

Heard from

L. J. WATSON drops a Six-spot to pay dues for JOHNNY UPTMORE of West, Texas. Johnny is kinfolks to big-friendly ERNEST UPTMORE. With the extra loot, Amil issued a membership for: EDWARD C. DANIELS, 7233 S.W. 57th Ct., South Miami, Fla. 33143 of Co. B, 142nd. Thanks L.J., see you in Houston!

DON R. STILL, 415 Beech St., Berea, Ohio 44017 attended the Co. B, 142nd Reunion last year in Coleman, Texas [could make the sister Co. B, 142nd "East", but did send in a name of a stray: EDWARD SZAFARZ, 180 E. Brunswick, N.J. 08816, and that's good . . . we need names of all the 'lost' T-patchers, and send 'em to AMIL.

SIDNEY NINTZ of Co. I, 141st drops \$6 for ole buddies dues, and Amil picks up (1) WILLIE W. FULLILOVE, Rt. 1 Box 100, Harwood, Texas 78632 of Co. L, 141st and (2) JOHN P. FRENCH, 651 E. Olon, San Antonio, Texas 78212 also 141st Inf. Good shootin' Sid. Sid gets his mail at 785 Finney Trail, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224.

RICHARD NEUMANN, 323 13th St., Plainwell, Mich. 49080 writes in for information, and he got the works, T-Patchers and all.

HENRY FOUTS, Jr., slides in with ten, and a change of address: 8908 Balcones Club Drive, Austin, Texas 78758, served in the 111th Supply & Trsprt. Bn. Thanx, Henry, how about Houston?

FRED W. GRIFFIN, 4822 Dryden Road, Port Arthur, Texas 77640 co mes in, brand new, from stray-to-active-member. Fred served with 736th Ord., has worked for Texaco Refinery for 38 years. You oughtta know ole "Tombstone" Charlie Kainer [who chisels for a living] . . . in P.A.

DONALD NORWICK, 1508 Yellowstone Ave., Billings Mont. 59102 writes for info on the reunion, so he can plan his vacation to match our bash on Labor Day in Houston. Don served with Co. C, 143rd (one of Rucker's subjects) . . . we'll be looking for you at ASTROWORLD, Don, so start saving your money.

C. H. THOMPSON, Jr., 6249 Wheaton Dr., Ft. Worth, Tex. 76133 orders a disc of Wick Fowler's radio broadcast at \$3.00 from Pres. Higginbotham; so did Mrs. Bessie J. Briggs, 849 Scott St., Ashland, Ohio . . . had it sent to: RALPH M. BRIGGS, 986 Fruwell Dr., Mansfield, Ohio 44906.

DUES FOR A BUDDIE dies pay off . . . here's a letter from HENRY W. WEIDAW, who served with Sam Petty, acknowledged the fact his dues were sent in by RALPH DeSANTIS in New York, wo now everyone is happy. Henry sends in the name of JOE SCHLENER, 1715 Calypso Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. 18018 who he says he hasn't seen since Joe was hit at Bruyeres. Weidaw lives at Skytop, Pa.

A Few Pages from Sinclair's Scrapbook

CAMP BOWIE April 1941: Half dozen Co. D, 141st (making \$21 a month) and happy, left to right, standing: Jack H. Suttle, L. M. Buddy Sinclair, Pete George Theo and Robert Gregg. Bottom: Harold Iniram and Billie Shell.



Below: Bivouac for 141st who came to Fort Worth Nov. 11, 1941 for Armistic Parade, camped on edge of town (drank cold tap beer @15¢).



AT RIGHT: Rare photo of officers of 141st taken at Camp Blanding. Sinclair couldn't indenty the rest, but anyone could recognize the late COL. ANDY PRICE, seated far right.



Below: A festive group at Bourg de Peage, France in July 1944. Drone Valley enjoying a good hot meal and vino. That's Buddy Sinclair on right, seated.



MELVIN C. WALTHALL, 5430 Ecoff Ave., Chester, Va. 23831 sends in photo, but we've got to hold till next issue. Seems the news is out, and scrapbook photos have been floggin' in, and that's great. Pix and story in June issue . . . all about the great 144th Infantry Regiment.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS to William Hefner, of Fort Worth who sent to Amil about 750 names of men of the 144th. Then Mary Walters (wife of Pete) took time to type up a card file on these for ole Amil, and this is what we call great.

Our tghanks to Mary Walters who has done these nice things before . . . all help keep the T-Patchers together. Merrill-Lynch says they're BULLISH on America. Well, let me tell you, we are BULLISH on the 36th!!

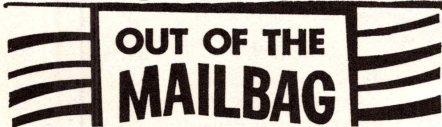
ANDREW Z BAKER, 36th Tank Co., and Co. G 143 WWI, (Col. Conf Air Force) was elected State Rep from Galveston. Picks up his mail at 403 National Hotel Bldg., 77550. Sent name of Judge Truman Roberts, Court of Criminal Appeals. We didn't know, Thanks Col.

KUHT-TV to Present 100 Anniversary Film Texas Light Guard

All within range of KUHT-TV Houston, be sure and tune in on sun. March 25th for a 30 minute documentary of the Texas Light Guard. This unit is deep in Texas history, started 100+ years ago, and contained many units of the 36th, like Co. E, 143rd and even today's Co. A, 71st Airborne.

Gen Robt. M. Ives, old Div. Staff officer of the 36th is president of the unit. Gets his mail at 16 E. Rivercrest, Houston, Texas.

If you miss it, we will have a special showing of this at the Houston Reunion.



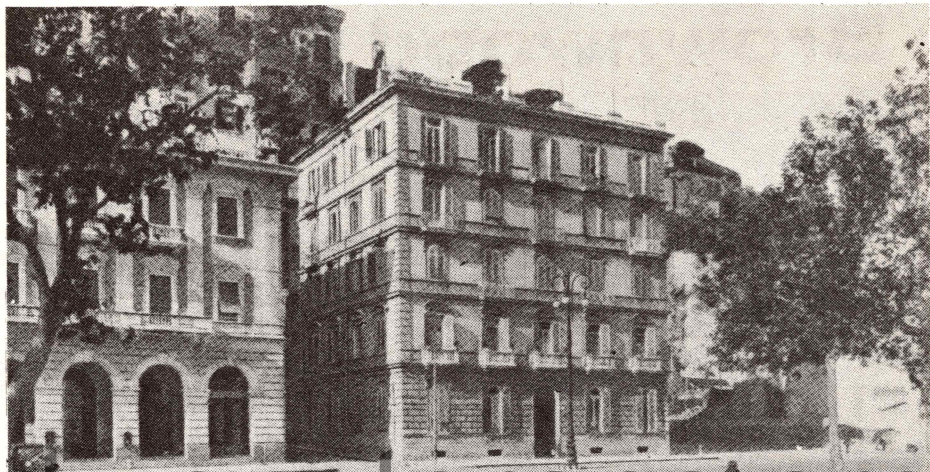
JOE. V. PRAZAK, 4034 Cheena, Houston, Tex. 77025 sends in his dues, served with Anti-tank Co., 143rd, joined us in Jan. 1941 at Camp Bowie, got hit near Strasbourg and spent 19 months in hospitals.

NOLAN DeFORD, P.O. Box 28, Eastland, Texas 76448 was in same outfit as Prazak [above], so you guys get together. DeFord crashes through with \$36 for the Sustaining Fund, and that's what we call a bird nest on the ground. Thanks Nolan . . . and be in Houston Labor Day.

GORDON R. CAGE, 206 E. Broadway, Longview, Texas 75601 drops his plus dues for one more, which we assigned to CLARANCE GRUBBS, Rt. 2, Box 77, Jefferson, Texas. Gordon served with 144th (attended the big 144 reunion in Dallas) and offered to send in more names. Thanks, Pal.



W.P. GABBERT, 1571 W. Washington, Stephenville, Texas of 736 Ordnance sent this one in, taken at Kaiserslatern, Germany, "Tobby" Gabbert says this is one of 3 buses captured from the Krauts. Col. William Green told 'em to paint it OD and give it a number, which they did, and use 'em to take men to rest camp. "One of them broke down on first trip to Paris", says Tobby. The art work on the bus, as shown in pix is the hand work for Gabbert, and he claims he is proud of it. Thanks for the photo, Gab.



REST CAMPS REMEMBERED: Searching thru our files we came across these two fine hotels which were used by the 38th during the Italian campaign. At top is the Pensione Muller at Naples, facing the waterfront bay of Naples. A real nice pad, and for war time, the food was good. BELOW is the Albergo Elliseo in Rome. Faced the old Roman Wall, was around the corner from the world famous Excelsior Hotel. Sure beat the hell out of those fox holes. Those of you who missed these will have to file a complaint with the War Dept.

German Paratroopers to Hold Reunion — Invite T-Patchers

To the
36th Infantry Division Association
Mr. A.F. Kohutek
2404 Lincoln
Irving, Texas 75061 USA

Dear Comrades,

We have the honor to inform you that the Association of German Paratroopers, intend to sponsor a return gathering of all the participating people and soldiers on the 30th anniversary of the battle of Monte Cassino.

Upon speaking with the responsible officials of the CITY OF MONTE CASSINO, we were informed that they were in agreement with our plans and they have extended, on the part of the city, an invitation to the participating combatants.

To give the gathering a wider character, the BDF has founded a special committee under the name "INTERNATIONAL PEACE-ASSEMBLY CASSINO 1974." Spokesmen for the comrades are:

1. Jupp Klein, D 3301 Fletchtorf, Am Pfingstanger 2
2. Georg Schmitz, D 2160 Stade, Harschenflether Weg 6

Our representative in France and Italy, is

our comrade, Guenter Raebinger, D 7890 Revensburg, Sperlingsweg 46.

The event has been planned to take place during Ascension Week in May 1974.

If you have further questions please contact the comrades listed.

With comradeship greetings!
F.O. Finzel 2 Leader

Mrs. Fowler Sends Thanks

Open letter to the 36th Division from Mrs. Bess Fowler: "My family joins me in thanking you for the beautiful spray of red, white and blue carnations you sent to Wick's services".

This note of thanks was sent to our president, Earl Higginbotham, who attended the services in Austin, along with Bernice Maxfield, your editor, other T-Patchers and hundreds of Wick's friends.

In his honor, the International Chili Society Cook-Off, held every November in Terlingua has been renamed: "The Wick Fowler Memorial Chili Cook-Off". A great tribute to a great guy.

Brownwood Remembers 36th



This marker appears on the actual site where many of you guys started your military career. Installed 1968 by the State of Texas.

GRONER PITTS, of Davis-Morris Funeral Homes, Brownwood, Texas 76801 served with the 36th after WWII. We heard about him through many sources, since he is kinda ambassador of Brownwood without portfolio, so we wrote and asked about Camp Bowie, and if the 36th is still remembered.

He contacted the chamber of Commerce, and shown here are the results. For those of you who might visit our old base camp, you'll find this historical marker, installed in 1968 by the Texas State Historical Survey Committee; and the engraved message reads:

"SITE of World War II Camp Bowie. Was home of Texas 36th Division and trained many other units, including the Dixie 31st, 4th and 13th Armored, 113th Cavalry. Also 7th Hqs. of Special Troops, 4th Army. Gen. Walter Krueger was commander of the VIII corps area troops. The Camp had a capacity of 45,000 troops.

Commanders were Col. K. L. Berry, Gen. C. V. Birkhead, Col. F. E. Bonney, Col. A. G. Brown and Col. K. F. Hanst."

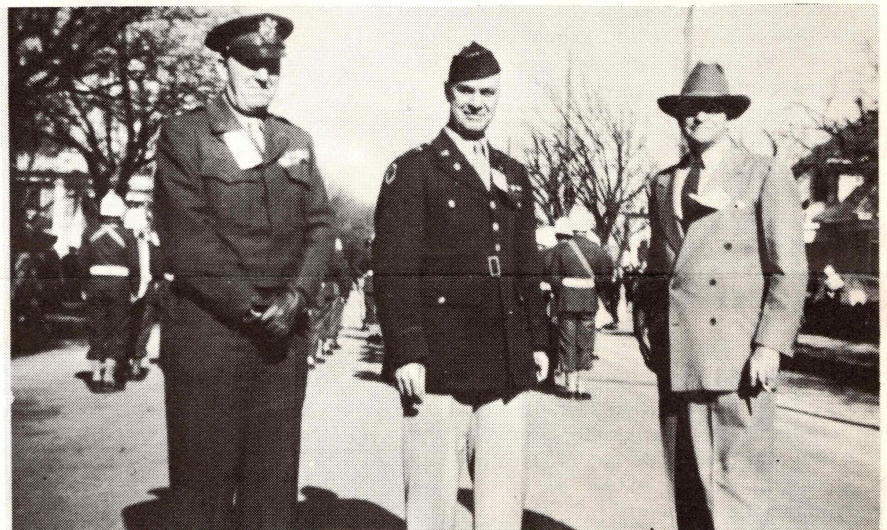


Here's another 36th Marker: This one in Fort Worth at the site of the 1918 Camp Bowie where the early T-Patchers trained. This photo was made last fall when the VFW and Park Dept. officially named the small triangle of land "Veteran's Park"

Here is Bernice B. Maxfield and your editor as snapped by one of the VFW Auxiliary ladies at the dedication. The huge monument was dedicated back in 1950 during a 36th Division Assn. Reunion in Cowtown.



Brownwood Chamber of Commerce sends this to show that Jaycees (who are probably sons of some T-Patchers) haven't forgotten the days of 1940-1941 and 1942 when we were paid guests on the south '40.



To coincide with the 2 above 'now' pictures, we asked Major Earl Higginbotham for some help. He submitted these two historical pictures. Shown at top is probably the ONLY picture of the 36th's three commanders: Maj. Gen's John E. Dahlquist, Fred L. Walker and Calude V. Birkhead. This was made January 1946 at Brownwood at the Assn's 1st post war reunion.

Above are three T-Patchers (with tags) at same function from McClesky Hospital (names are not known) with the 3 generals, Gov. Coke Stevenson, and Maj. Earl Higginbotham far right, who has also just been released from McCloskey. (Two great photos).