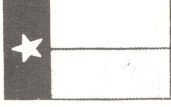
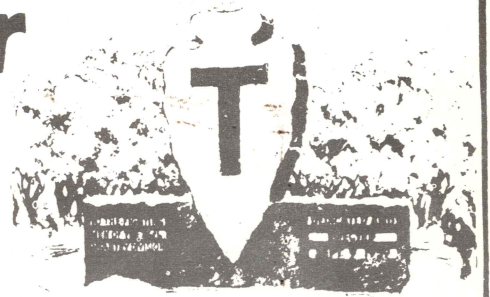


San Antonio To Host 50th Annual Reunion

The T-Patcher

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Dallas Reunion Has Largest Turn-Out in Decade

Sammie D. Petty Elected President of 36th Division Assn.



TOP PHOTO: Archie McDugal, 1974 President of the Association greets all T-Patchers at the General Assembly held Sat. Sept. 1st at the Hilton Inn Dallas.

ABOVE: Guest Speaker for the Reunion General Meeting—Maj. Gen. William O. Green, former Artilleryman, and Division Ordnance Officer. Gen. Green has a long and varied military career, was instructor at the Schreiner Institute, (pre-war), is now Commander of the Texas State Guard. Resides in Houston, Texas at 3523 Latma Drive.

The 49th Annual T-Patch Reunion in Dallas is now history . . . and what success it was!

The turnout was wall-to-wall, and 36th can boast another great one! Early birds started flockin' in on Thursday and the CP's did a landoffice business. Plus, alot of new items were available to the troops.

Like the photographic service provided for by Heritage Studio who took EVERYONE's photo; the War Museum who offered to buy some souvenirs; War books for sale; and a huge lobby-mezzanine that was for the exclusive use of the Patchers.

First-timers and ole-timers greeting each other and swappin' stories. A familiar face in the crowd . . . all great moments of comradeship, either 28 years ago for the WWII boys, OR 50 plus years from the WWI "Elder Statesmen" of the great 36th 'Fightin' Division.

All Vice-Presidents of the unit CP's provided a mother-lode of food and beverage (you could say - the cup runneth over) . . . the Dallas Reunion was fabulous . . . but there's another one next year in SAN ANTONIO . . . our 50th Anniversary, but that is another story.

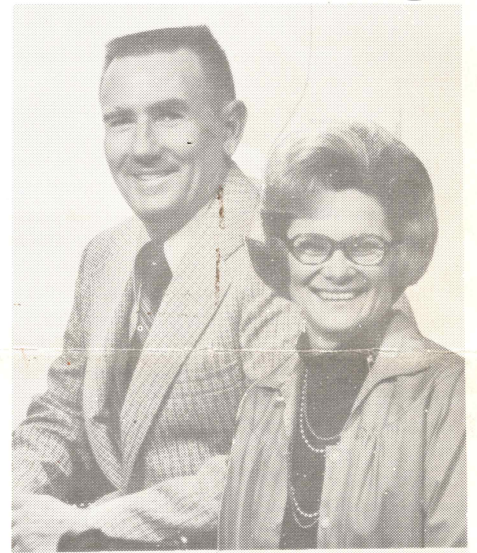
All Texans of the 36th are delighted that the out-of-state attendance increases each year. A fact we are justly proud of.

Emery J. Trus Wins Long-Distance Award

Again this year, a T-Patcher from the state of Washington won the "Longest Distance" trophy.

EMERY J. TRUS of Renton, Washington . . . and that's a helluva long haul even on a jet. Last year, Herbert Miebirt of Tacoma Wash. took the honors.

How about those 36thers in Alaska? Start now and you'll be in San Antonio next Labor Day.



Here's the charming couple who will lead us in our 50th Anniversary year, Sammie D. and Ruth Petty of Pasadena, Texas. Both are regulars at all reunions, and Sam has held numerous offices in the Association.

Pictorial Book Wants Your Photo

Special arrangements were made with Heritage Studios of Fort Worth to take a photo of every T-Patcher that attended the Dallas Reunion.

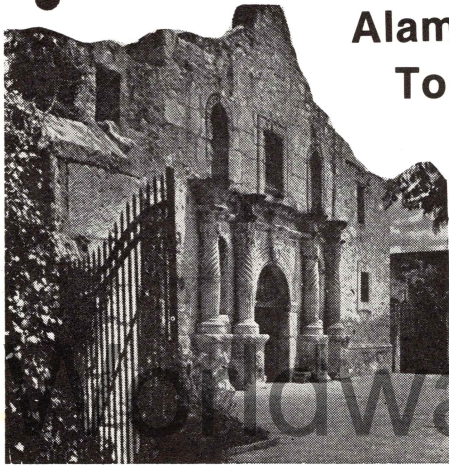
98% of those who registered did go by the studio setup on the mezzanine and get a full-color portrait. Now, they want a photo (head show) of all T-Patchers WHO DID NOT attend. There's no charge for this, and your 'mug' will appear in a 1974 PICTORIAL BOOK OF T-PATCHERS.

The deadline is Nov. 20th—so get 'em in—SEE FULL DETAILS on Page 7.

**ONCE A T-PATCHER,
ALWAYS A T-PATCHER!**

San Antonio

Alamo City One of Nation's Tourist Attractions



San Antonio, The Alamo City is one of the four most romantic cities in our United States. And we can prove it.

It is the cradle of Texas History, celebrated it's 250th Anniversary in 1968 with the HEMISFAIR! Most of the goodies of that great exposition are still visable, and are there now for your enjoyment.

San Antonio was a fun town even before the Hemisfair. The San Antonio River that winds through the downtown area is almost as unique as VENICE, Italy.

There are so many things to see, you'd have to come a week early and stay a week longer after the Reunion to see it all. It has been a decade since we met there, and it's high time we are back, and we shall, come LABOR DAY weekend 1975!

So start a "Reunion Fund" and plan to join the "Patchers" in an earthshaking" get-to-gethar. And, imagine . . . this is our 50th ANNIVERSARY Reunion, since WWI. Would be folly to miss this one!

1975 Dues \$5. Biggest Bargain In America

If you stop and think about it . . . you get a lot for your membership dues. We've been ridin' close for years on a \$3.00 annual dues. This is hardly enough to cover expenses. So now . . . for \$5.00 annual dues, you get a whole bunch of benefits.

No. 1, you have membership in the greatest WWII veteran outfit in the nation. No. 2, you get 4 issues of the T-Patcher, a publication that costs the Assn. about a grand an issue to compile, print and mail. Postage alone is over \$200, per issue, so please be reminded.

**MAIL
TODAY**

AMIL KOHUTEK
1933 College Street
Abilene, Texas 79602

San Antonio Is The Cradle of Texas; Also The 141st

All you men of the 141st know the story well, but there are many T-Patchers who don't, so we will fill you in.

"Remember The Alamo" is etched on the 141st insignia (designed by Col. Richard J. Wagner). The history of this great Regiment goes back to the Texas Revolutionary War of 1835-36. Members of the valiant early-fighters group perished at the Alamo, but unit designation, years later, became part of the 36th Division in 1917.

The war cry "Remember The Alamo" was first used in the Mexican War of 1848 . . . so you see, the heritage of the 36th and especially the 141st goes back 138 years.

And, it all started in SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. So—come to the Alamo City next Labor Day and see all the historical sites that will make any red-blooded T-Patcher proud of the ole "Fightin' 35th" . . . cause San Antonio is truly the Cradle of the T-Patchers.

President's Message:

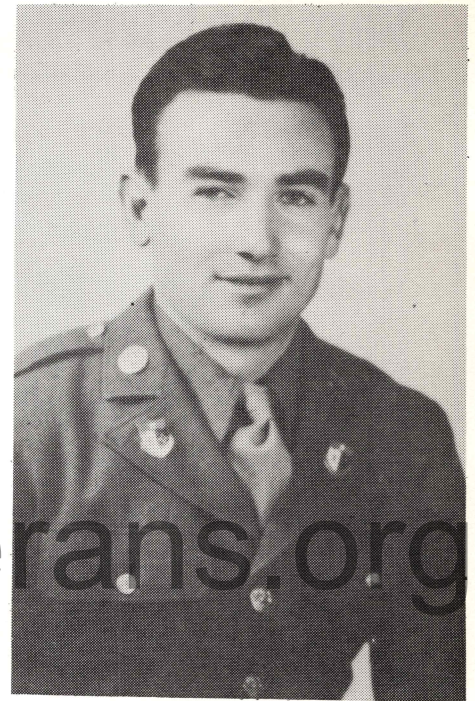
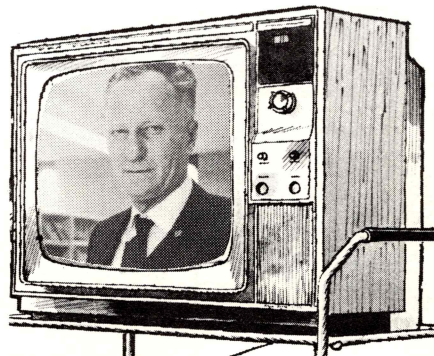
Dear T-Patchers:

I thank you for electing me President of this great Association. It is an honor that I do not take lightly. I will do my best to serve and lead you. There may be times when I may fall short of this, so please give me your help and support.

Let's all work on our membership, as it is the only means of survival. We know there are many ole T-Patchers who do not know about the Association, and our annual reunions. Let our 1975 motto be—"BRING A NEW MEMBER" . . . and we can make this the 'biggest' group of T-Patchers to ever assemble since WWII.

It will be a time of re-newing old friendships, and making new friends that will last through the years.

Sincerely, Sammie D. Petty.



Who Is This Handsome Young Man?

He is a true-blue T-Patcher. He grew up in Round Rock, Texas (Bastrop County), mobilized with Co. F, 141st Infantry on Nov. 25, 1940. He spent all his military career with this same unit.

This of course, included 360 days in combat on the front line as all 141sters know.

After the war, he went to work for Sinclair Pipeline Co., (now Atlantic Richfield) where he is still employed as a supervisor. He and his wife reside in Pasadena, Texas (suburb of Houston) is a long time loyal participant of 36th reunions, has held numerous offices with 141st and the Association. He and wife Ruth (a charmer) have two sons, Warren and Steve and a daughter-in-law Connie, and grandson, Jason.

This gentleman will preside at the 1975 San Antonio Reunion. His name is SAMMIE D. PETTY.

Edwin Will of Waco New V/President of 143rd Infantry

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank the 36th for the confidence that they have placed in me in electing me as V/Pres. of the 143rd Infantry."

"I appreciate this honor and with your help we can make the 50th Anniversary Reunion in San Antonio the biggest one yet."

"Those of you of the 143rd who attended the Dallas Reunion will want to join me in giving a big 'thanks' to our former V/P Julian Philips and his wife, and others who helped make the 143rd CP the best ever."

"The Dallas Reunion was enjoyed by all, and if you locate any 143rd dropouts, please contact me or Amil Kohutek." Edwin N. Will, Rt. 1, Box 1050, Waco TX 76710.

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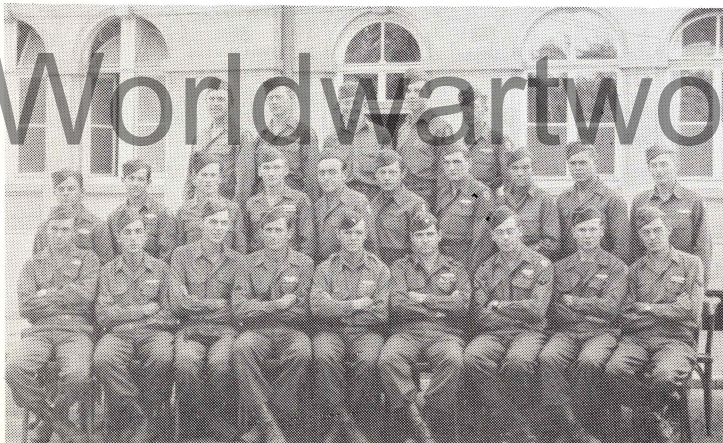
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All of these men want to hear from the troops
... so get a hand full of 10¢ stamps and get with it!



FRANK NACHTRAB, 1106 Cypress Ave., Ridgewood, NY 11227 sends this one in of Communications Platoon, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn, 142nd Inf., taken Nuringen, Germany, July 1945. That's Frank, center row, fourth from right. Thanks.



36th Division Association



CLUB 36


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The Officers and Director of the 36th Division Association gratefully acknowledge a contribution to our Sustaining Fund made by

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In appreciation for his contribution to the 36th Division Association Sustaining Fund, this certificate is hereby issued to

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At long last . . . the beautiful 8½ x 11" Certificates have been printed and distributed to all who have donated \$36 or more to the SUSTAINING FUND/ or MEMORIAL FUND.

Ken Nixon, our treasurer, was the wise and noble originator of this Fund several years ago. It has been widely accepted as our "Salvation For Continued Operation" and now contains over \$3,000, all invested in \$1,000 'C.D.s' with maximum annual interest.

Footnote from STOVALL: "The Sons of Confederate Veterans, over a century after the War Between The States" has a Trust Fund reaching \$1,000,000."

This means that they'll be in business a 100 years from now. So how about the "Sons of the 36th?"

Editor's Note: Ken Nixon accepted the job to have the certificates printed. Then took the liberty of paying for them out of his own pocket. Now you can't beat a guy like that. Our warm thanks to Ken, a great Patcher!

Amil tells us that we have a couple of thousand names of drop-outs. many have moved, and hard to locate. If you bump into one in your billiwack, get his name, address and \$5 and send it to ole Amil. We need all we can get.

HAVE YOU 

OBTAINED A NEW MEMBER?

Reunion Attendance: Texans 469, Ohio 2nd Place

For 2nd straight year, Ohio leads the out of state Patchers with 18. Tied for second place for the Dallas Reunion was Michigan and Illinois with 16 each.

Here's breakdown by state:

Alabama	9	Nebraska	2
California	3	Michigan	16
Connecticut	2	New Jersey	6
Colorado	1	Oklahoma	4
Illinois	16	Ohio	18
Florida	3	Pennsylvania	6
Kansas	4	Tennessee	2
Kentucky	1	Texas	469
Indiana	3	Virginia	6
Louisiana	2	Washington	2
Massachusetts	1	West Virginia	2
Minnesota	3		

Total attending 586
(excluding some local people who attended and perhaps did not register)

Ken Nixon also reports: Actual MEMBERS attending approx. 320 (not counting some local Dallas Patchers who failed to register).

Actual count of attendance at the Saturday Dinner Dance—542.



SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—Co. F, 141st: front row from left: Tom H. Whitten, James Frasier, Capt. Parkhurst C. Hough, Sammie D. Petty, Fred "Chappo" Rivera, Fred Ayres, James Curtis, William M. Taylor. STANDING: Bennie Scholwinski, Don Phillips, Tom Kraywonski, Joe Forzowski, Joseph Trdenic, Carl Havins and Herman E. Dowell. Photo from Sammie Petty.

List of Donors to 36th Division Association Sustaining Fund

T-Patchers who have JOINED THE "CLUB 36" paid a minimum of \$36.00

In the Aug. 1974 issue, we ran a list of donors to the 36th Sustaining and Memorial Fund.

The prestigious list of 'loyal' and generous T-Patchers showed 26 names for the Sustaining Fund and 13 names in the Memorial Fund. Each donor contributed \$36 or more for our 'insurance of survival.' (Several sent in \$100).

Now, we have received letters advising us that the list was NOT complete. So, we regret that some names were omitted, not by mistake, but thru the fact that several people are involved in it.

Our treasurer, Ken Nixon sends along these names to add to the list:

Lee Allison, J. D. Horton, Sydney A. Gaines, Rufus Cleghorn, Milton E. Crow, Ron Rasson, Stephen J. Keyawa, Rev. Herbert E. McCombie, George Kerrigan, James L. Minor, Dr. Otto Goldstein, Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Bishop, Sidney M. Schwartz, Herbert M. Liebert and Jim Wade.

These 15 additional names brings the total to 54 individuals. Out of a possible 30,000 T-Patchers, that's a small percent... so how 'bout it, troops?

Custodian of the FUND is Col. ORAN C. STOVALL, Bowie, Texas 76230 and the Bowie National Bank (of which Stovall is a director).

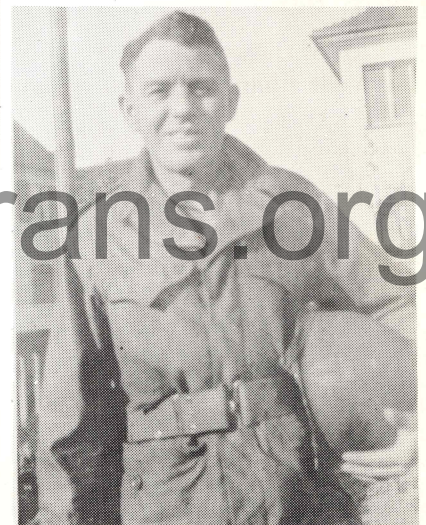
8/31/74 Austin American



Col. Bowden Gets New Title

Bob Wagner, author of THE TEXAS ARMY sent in this clip from Austin. Shown above is M. P. BOWDEN, who has been named division chief in charge of coordinating Disaster Emergency Services for the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. Bowden lead Co. L, 143rd at Salerno and was Lt. Col. and Bn. CO in France, resides in Austin, Texas.

DIVISION CHIEF — M.P. Bowden has been named division chief in charge of coordinating disaster emergency services for the Texas Department of Public Safety, Director Col. Wilson E. Speir announced Friday. Bowden has been with the DPS Division of Disaster Emergency Services since 1961.



Here's the 'Ding Dong Daddy from Dumas'—Avan W. Brownlee. He was unidentified in the last issue. Robt. Ritchie of Lubbock sent this one in, and thanks.

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'Texas Army' Talks It Up At Reunion

By ALAN HILTON

Thirty-one years have passed since Texas infantrymen landed on an Italian beach known as Salerno. But World War II veterans of "The Texas Army," the 36th Infantry Division, still have plenty to talk about.

Why else would 300 veterans from across Texas and the United States come to the Hilton Inn in Dallas for the 49th annual reunion of the Texas Army?

Francis J. Kovan, 65, recalled how he, Julian M. Quarles, 57, and Frank B. Jackson, 58, were surrounded along with other men of F Company, 143rd Infantry Battalion when the Germans surprised them with an armored counter-attack near the Salerno beachhead.

Jackson hid until American soldiers regained the ground a few days later. Kovar and Quarles were captured and sent by train to a prisoner-of-war camp.

QUARLES GOT A CHANCE to jump the train and made it back to American lines, but Kovar had to sit out the remaining 19 months of the war in the prison camp.

"All they fed us was dehydrated, rotten rutabaga turnips," Kovar said, "and you usually wound up eating them after about nine days, when you were too hungry not to."

Quarles, a lieutenant, and Jackson, a supply sergeant, were camped on a nearby mountainside when the Army Air Corps finally bombed Monte Cassino.

"There was an enormous swarm of bombers over the mountain that day, and you could see clouds of debris flying up from the impact of the bombs, even from our distant vantage point," Jackson said.

"**OF COURSE, THERE** were some tragic occurrences during the war, but we've had a good time at this reunion. We look for the lighter side, and there are plenty of comic situations that remain in our minds," said Jackson.

ABOVE CLIP appeared the day after Dallas Reunion was over. Many missed it, so is reprinted here for all to see.



Waco Homebuilder Alvin Amelunke Is Executive V/Pres.

Meet your new Executive Vice-President **ALVIN AMELUNKE**, 4601 Westchester, Waco, TX 76710.

Alvin mobilized with the TNG Nov. 1940 with Co. M, 143rd. He hit Salerno beachhead as a Sgt. in the machine gun platoon. Received battlefield commission in Jan. 1944 just in front of Rapido River. Five months later was commissioned 1st Lt. and remained in Co. M. 143rd until he left the front lines to go to the hospital. He has **THREE** Purple Hearts, Silver & Bronze Stars and many friends in the 36th.

Alvin is active in the lumber business, home building and real estate in Waco for the past 27 years as **AMELUNKE, Inc.**, Progressive Homes, located at 4601 Westchester, Waco, TX 76710.

Amelunke in a sworn statement says "I will work hard to get drop outs and strays". (Bravo).

Department of Correction, Or—Egg On Your Face

In the Aug. 1974 issue we ran a photo of a stone shaft sent in by George Epperson. The legend etched on the stone at Kaiserlauter, Germany said "**DEN TOTEN, 1939-1945**". We asked for help. Seems we were wrong. Since we flunked German (but excelled in French) we were informed at the Dallas Reunion that it was not us . . . it was theirs.

And we should have known that, As a member of the G-2 Section, we now recall that the Germans also had a "36th Division". So, according to a buddies who explained to me—"That was the German 36th" . . . a memorial to the departed.

(How dare those Germans to have a Division with the same number as ours.)

Good reporters get names. I goofed. So will the kind T-Patcher who gave me this info on the mezzanine of the Dallas Hilton Inn please call me collect (817) 738-1467 so I can thank him again.

Heard from

VINCENT M LOCKHARD, Mount Olympus Farm, Box 8, Valley Head, W. VA. 26294 writes to Bill Steger (Dallas) that he'll try to be in **SAN ANTONE** next August. Vince was publisher of a post-war T-Patcher back in 1948. We still have several copies of his great 4 page, newspaper size dispatches. Which brings up the point that the T-Patch has been published in "many" sizes since we returned in 1945.

GEORGE K. FELL, 4112 O'Keefe Dr., El Paso, TX 79902, former Capt. of 36th Recon came up with the address of a dropout: **JAMES M. McGEE Jr.**, 5101 Chateau, El Paso, 79924, says he'll try to get McGee to San Antonio in '75.

JOHN J. WICKHAM, 72 Old Colony Rd. Wellesley, Mass. 02181 of Btry A. 132nd (Pete Green's most trusted forward observer) sends Amil a ten-spot and names and address of **PAUL DAVIDSON** and **LOUIS N. QUAST**. John says he'll get to Texas someday, and San Antonio '75 is the time.

COL. AMES D. SUMMER, 10513 Rocca Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90024, former CO of 3rd BN. 143rd writes that he regretted missing the Dallas Reunion, and has some favorable comments of Bob Wagner's **THE TEXAS ARMY**. Stovall sent this one in.

FRANCIS E. WARD, 79 Pennsylvania Ave., Binghamton, NY 13903 writes for info on the reunion, which was sent. Ward said he is a dropout, and wants to rejoin; served with 36th Signal from 1942-1945. From this point, Amil takes over.

HAROLD L. MICHEL, 6211 Walmore Rd., Sanborn, NY 14132 who did time with Co. L and Co. M, 141st sends in dues and says "If you should see **MSGT. BOYSEN** or **Sgt. Wyatt** . . . say hello for me".

GEORGE HUNN, 255 74th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209 of Co. I, 143rd sends in dues and tells Amil to "Keep Up The Good Work."

THE WIVES WRITE: Amil gets a letter from Mrs. **ACK T. HUBBERT**, 243 E. Main, Elkton, MD 21921. Quote: "I'm writing in behalf of my husband who talks consistently about the 36th but never seems to do anything about it. He served with Co. E, 141st at Anzio, Cassino, Naples, Rome and outhern France. He would like to hear from anyone in Co. E. **ack** was wounded Oct. '44 near Les Panges, France but is well and now a postal clerk here in Elkton. He talks about his Sgt. whom he believed should have been a Louie. **ack ack** was his radio man and fondly referred to him as "3rd Lt. Benny". Can anyone help? Send it to Amil.

HENRY R. SPREE, 2902 7th St., Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35401 of Co. G, 143rd sends in dues. Says he had been trying for a long time to catch-up with the Division. Now, you're in, Henry! Sends buddy of same platoon. **JOHN TURNER** of Haleyville, Ala. Good to have you in the clan, Henry!

E. PAUL MANSELL, 211 9th St., O'Donnell, TX 79351 of Hqs. 132nd was in top shape at the Dallas reunion, through he had been subjected to recent surgery. Mansell is a rabid T-Patcher and along with his many enterprises in West Texas has the TV Cable contract for his area [I didn't know that.]

Hard-Working Vernon Bright Takes Over Reign of Fast-Growing Mid-West Chapter

Here is report of the Mid-West Chapter from Vernon Bright, the new president:

We had 57 members register for the 1974 Columbus Reunion of the Mid-West Chapter of the 36th Division with a total of 88 including members and guests.

The information which you requested for the 1975 Reunion is as follows:

Will be held in Columbus, Ohio, on July 19 & 20 at the Hospitality Motor Inn, 1000 East Granville Road (at I-71). Get together on Friday the 18th will be for the early arrivals.

The new officers for the 1975 Columbus Reunion are:

Vernon B. Bright, President
4921 Atwater Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43229
Phone: (614) 885-8440

Edward Northouse, Vice-President
1456 Emerson, N.W.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 4904
Phone: (616) 459-7591

Lester Badger, Secretary-Treasurer
10921 Pickerington, N.W.
Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Phone: (614) 837-4625

Please address all inquiries pertaining to the 1975 Columbus Reunion to—Vernon Bright at the above address.

Cousin of Manuel "Ugly" Gonzales Works To Get Posthumous Medal

Archie McDugal sends in letter and clips from JOSE SILLAS, 2406 Florida St., Carlsbad, N.M. 88220.

According to a clip from the Carlsbad newspaper, Jose has started a one-man campaign to get a posthumous Congressional Medal of Honor for the late Manuel Gonzales, platoon Sgt. of 142nd, who has been called "ONE MAN ARMY SOLDIER OF FORT DAVIS, TEXAS".

Jose Silas has received a letter from U.S. Senator Joseph Montoya says that he had contacted the appropriate officials, urging that the medal for Gonzales receive favorable consideration.

For those who need to refresh their memory—see pix and story of "Ugly" in the 1946 'Pictorial History of the 36th'.

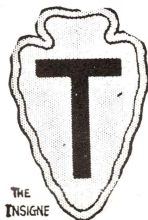
Gonzales was considered by his CO to be the finest soldier in the regiment after his herculean feats D-Day.

All of those who knew Manuel should write to cousin Jose Silas (address above).

PS: Jose mentions a book "Among The Valiant", which has a story on Gonzales. Does anyone have a copy of that book? If so, send to your editor the publisher's name, etc. Need it for my War Library, and thanx.



VERNON BRIGHT



THE INSIGNIA OF THE 36TH DIVISION INDICATES THE 2 STATES FROM WHICH ITS MEN HAIL - "T" FOR TEXAS AND "ARROWHEAD" FOR OKLAHOMA THE 36TH WAS THE FIRST TO LAND ON CONTINENTAL EUROPE AND SAW SERVICE IN ITALY, FRANCE AND GERMANY THEY CAPTURED GOERING AND VON RUNDSTEDT

BELIEVE IT OR NOT



Taps

Frank Fulgham (C 132) Weatherford, TX; Richard D. Bass (143) Santa Anna, TX; James T. Snowden (C131) Mabanks, TX; Francis R. Ewton, (F 144) Dallas, TX; Frank Y. Street Jr. (G 144) Cedar Hill, TX; Willie L. Reynolds (B 144) Fort Worth; Elliott Ramsey (E 144) La Feria, TX; Robt. C. Phillips (C 144) Dallas; Max Baugh (G 142) Snyder, TX; Col. Chas. Hal Jones, Jr. (143rd) Austin, TX; Howard B. Russell (Svc 143) Houston; Vic Scherer (C 132) Weatherford, TX; A. E. Woods (A 144) Longview, TX; Portwood Fife (C 144) El Paso, TX; James Seeley (B 142) Eustis, Fla.

Homer M. Spence (F 142) Largo, Fla; Wm. Petty (M 144) Greenville, TX; John Hudspeth (M 144) Bedford, TX; Joe D. Craddock (K 144) Winnsboro, TX; Ralph J. Conkle (H 144) Dallas; Mansfield Coan (D 144) Timpson, TX; Boyd Carroll, AT 144) Tyler, TX; Darrell Byous (M 144) Wichita Falls, TX; C.E. Bolton (A 144) Longview, TX; Weldon Bodiford (B 144) Fort Worth; John C. Blake (144) Pasadena, TX.

Heard from

JOEL WESTBROOK, formerly of Waco has moved to San Antonio and joined the law office of Trueheart, McMillan, Russell & Hoffman, Natl. Bank of Commerce, S A, TX 78205—didn't make Dallas, but we know damn well we'll see him in San Antone.

EDMUND R. SLOVACEK, Caldwell, TX 77836 is Tax Assessor and Collector for Burleson County served with Co. E, 143rd sends in dues to ole Amil, and thanks.

NORMAN OSTROOT, Viborg, S. D. 57070 of Btry. A, 132nd pays dues and says he has been out of contact with the 36th for 30 years. Asks about BILLY SKIDMORE of Paris, TX and Top Sgt Spangler and McClure of Bonham, TX. Amil has info on Skidmore and Spangler, but need info on McClure.

GEORGE FLEET, % Samuels Glass Co., 22 Newell Ave., San Antonio, TX 78296 contacted HANK GOMEZ, who referred this to the troops: "I am interested in obtaining an April 2, 1945 copy of the COURIER, of the 141st Infantry". Can anyone help?

LUKE C. BATES, 4067 Willow St., Hobart Ind. 46342 of Co. H, 143rd was in Dallas 1968, but said he was sorry he would miss the '74 reunion, but would be with us in spirit or spirits . . . recalls visiting with EARL HIGGINBOTHAM of Co. G, 143rd. Sends dues, asks for decals [which Amil sent] and spends a lot of time working on drop-outs.

W. V. Bill PADON, 4 Phyllis Dr., Randolph, Ma 02368 sends in dues to Amil, regrets he could not be in Dallas, maybe 1975 in San Antonio . . . would like to hear from any ole buddies of Hqs. Co. 141st. Asked about HOMER GOODRICH and WALTER BENNETT. Can anyone help?

Good Huntin'—AMES EVANS, 120 E. Cheltenham Rd., Syracuse, NY 13205 an Anti-Tanker of 142nd sends in dues and sweetin' for gettin' losted and strayed back in the fold. Like WYNDELL ROWE, SHAG PRICE, MANUEL MARTINEZ and HACK GARRETT. Amil says he got Shag, and is working on the others.

STOVALL Reports: Your attorney friend, Morris Gitman is not ill and he has not quit the association; he attended the reunion of the MID-WEST Chapter in olumbus, and was involved in a big court fight the last week of August. Look for him in incinnati and San Antonio next july 12-13 and August 29, 30 & 31; he will be there looking for you and you and again you.

MRS. ALEX F. KOTA, 2216 Court St., Port Huron, Mich. 48060 write for Alex [Co. H, 142nd] writes that they were sorry they would miss Dallas, as Al is home from the hospital recovering. "Alex wants all his buddies to know he is thinking of them", she added.

H. A. Thornburg, Dept. Chief of Staff of Veterans of WWI, USA, INC., writes that he is looking for any WWI T-Patchers who reside in Florida.

Seems his group is working in support of pension legislation now pending in Congress. So, any WWI 36th veterans living in Florida should contact Thornburg at: 110 Wee Street, Mt. Dora, Fla. 32757.

Heard from

Gold Star Mother Mrs. EALON COLEMAN writes from Wortham, Texas that she regrets she could not attend the Dallas Reunion. Mrs. Coleman, whose son Jim served in the 155th has made probably 90% of all the post WWII reunions, a grand and gracious lady who adds so much to the spirit of our great Association. She sends all her best wishes to the men of the 36th.

WILLIAM H. WILBUR, Brig Gen. USArmy retired, Apt. 922, Shell Point Village, Fort Myers, Fla. sends in his dues for '75 '76 and much more for the stamp kitty to Amil. Also tells he had his 86th birthday in October and sends best regards to all T-Patchers. Gen. Wilbur is one of the 36th most articulate historians and it has been our pleasure to have received copies of many of his manuscripts on American history.

ROY GOAD, 3007 Antelope Trail, Temple, TX 76501 sends in ten for dues and stamps, sends regrets for not being in Dallas . . . served with Co. D, 143rd Inf. **SAM F. KIBBEY**, the legal eagle with Ashland Oil Co. of Ashland, KY 41101, former president of the Mid-West Chapter sends regrets he could not be in Dallas, so we sent him a 'Crying Towel' and an edict to be in SAN ANTONIO next year. **Sambo**, the prolific actor-writer and bullshipper rounded up two strays: **HERMAN TOBE FERGUSON**, 222 Holiday Drive, Tarpon Springs, Fla. 33589 and **CON BISHOP**, 2704 Winchester Ave., Ashland, KY 41101. Both of these Patchers are retired. Con from Lawrence Leather Co., and Tobe from Armco Steel Co., and they'd like to hear from any of their old buddies.

JOHN DAVENPORT, Evansville, Ind., former Co. G, 143rd trooper tracks down a T-Patcher after much phoning, per request from Amil to get info on **HARRY SLOW, Jr.** And he did. The address for Slow is 500 N. Alvord Blvd., Evansville, Ind. 47711 of Co. H, 141st. John and his charming wife Margaret make all the reunions, are pals of Zeb and Eloise Sunday and all the 143rd troopers. Look for you two in San Antonio come '75.

DONALD GROFF, Box 257, Arlington, Ohio 45814 is 1st Vice Commander of Legion Post 621 in same town. Says he is seeking shoulder patches of all division. Son, any you guys who have a spare, send it to Don, he'll be muchoblige.

H. E. PRESNALL formerly of Olney, Texas has a new address: 2959 Dothan Lane, Dallas, TX 75229. "Press" did time with Co. F, 144th and Div. Hqs. Special Service.

EUGENE K. HARDAWAY, 484 Stinchcomb Dr., Apt. 41, Columbus, OH 43202 wants to hear from any old buddies of Hqs. 132nd. Gene was injured in N. C. maneuvers, then made it all the way with 63rd Div. Says he remembers Sgt. Lisadaro, once of Crete, Ill.

WALTER EVANS, 102 Midway Dr., Clinton, Miss. 39056 of F. Co., 143rd drops TEN to pay dues for **OSCAR OLLER**, 681 Pienning St., Wood River, Ill. 62095 of same outfit; a repeat of last year. Thanks Walt.

**Come Alive In '75
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First Time Ever — New 1974 Reunion Pictorial Book — Seeks Portrait Of All T-Patchers



Another FIRST for the 36th! This year in Dallas at the 49th Annual Reunion—HERITAGE STUDIOS set up a studio and invited all T-Patchers to have their photo made . . . and in color. Most all who were able, DID just that.

Gene Hausenfluke, owner of Heritage also traveled around the hotel armed with a half-dozen cameras and shot "activity" photos, groups, meetings, bull-sessions and couples dancing, and what have you.

Each delegate received, upon his return home a proof of the photo and/or photos taken in Dallas.

Most all of the troopers that had their picture made at the reunion, also ordered the PICTORIAL BOOK. There was NO CHARGE for the photo.

A letter and brochure was mailed last week to 3,800 names as listed on our roster compiled by Amil. This was an invitation of "ALL" T-Patchers to be included. The brochure illustrated how the book when completed, would look

SO DON'T GET LEFT OUT . . . Send your photo in NOW.

Eight weeks after the Nov. 20th deadline, the book will be complete and ready, and you can order NOW at \$12.60 (tax incl).

If you DID NOT receive their letter and sample page of the book, write to address below.

For several years, your board had tried to figure out a way to "capture" all the troops on film for posterity. To hire someone to do this ran into a sizeable amount.

So when we discovered Heritage Studio, we got all this with no obligation to the Association. Heritage Studio in the past two years has covered over 30 reunions from Ohio to California.

Gene Hausenfluke tells this reporter that the 36th was the 'largest' and best one he has covered (of course we expected to hear that.) Naturally we look forward to the completion of this book, it will contain "head shots" of

several hundred T-Patchers, and think how much fun it will be to see how many you know. Plus the "Activities" pages are just fantastic.

Send your order now, \$12.60 tax incl. to:

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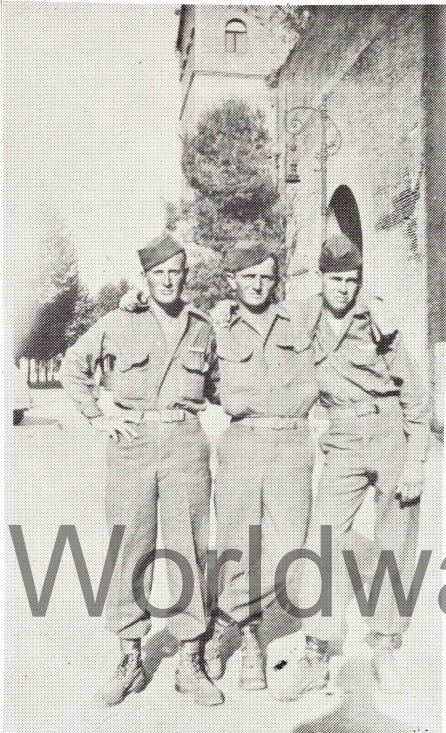
6855 E. Lancaster Fort Worth, Texas 76112
Phone: 457-3890



Scrapbook Post-war: Here's Maj. Gen. Carl Phinney and Lt. Col. Morgan Buie on maneuvers at North Fort Hood July 1961. Photo taken and sent in by Thomas Turner, Asst. to Pres. Baylor University, Waco, TX

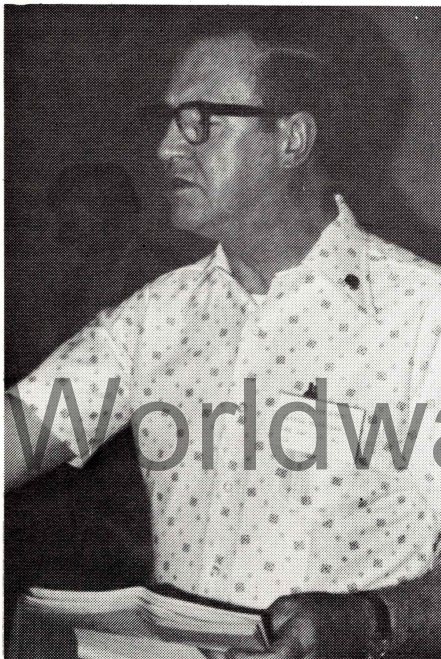


1941 LOUISIANA MANEUVERS: Tony Pellerin of Port Arthur sent this one in, of some 14 kt Yardbirds of Co. H, 142nd. Like: Russell Holster, Midland, TX; Ashbord, Odessa, TX; Kenneth Dean, Circleville, Ohio; Edgar McKinney, Orient, Ohio; H. M. Port Purcell, Borger, TX; Stanley Crowell, Ohio; Jerry Riddlespurger, Amarillo, TX; Tony Pellerin, Port Arthur; and Ed Valenzuela of Alpine, TX.



SAM H. WATKINS, Rt. 7, Calhoun, GA. 30701 sends this one in of himself and two buddies of Co. L, 143rd taken in Rome's north Archway. Sam is in the center, and wants anyone from his company to help him identify the other two. Also seeks info on Damon O. Sams who entered service from Dorchester, VA. Watkins attended the 1972 Dallas reunion, but as a DV it has been difficult. Can anyone help Sam identify these men?

Kerrigan Kills Krowd



GEORGE KERRIGAN, the very Irish funnyman from Chicago is captured here on film by Gene Hetmanski doing one of his routines at the Dallas Reunion. Kerrigan is one of the most prolific entertainers we have ever known . . . did time with Co. A, 142nd, formerly lived in Brooklyn where he learned all his one-liners.



Leonard Wilkerson 144th Vice-President

The vice president of the 144th Infantry is Retired First Sergeant Leonard E. Wilkerson. Leonard retired from the US Army on Sept. 1, 1968 after serving more than 27 years of active service. Leonard enlisted in Co. E, 144th Infantry in Dallas in Oct. 1939, upon mobilization in Nov. 1940 he went to Camp Bowie, Texas with the unit.

In December 1941 he was in the post hospital with a broken leg when the 144th moved out to the west coast. Upon release from the hospital he was assigned to Co. C, 141st Infantry. Just prior to the 36th moving out to Florida, Leonard and several others were given the choice to stay with the division or return to their units. Leonard chose to return to the 144th and joined the unit at Santa Rosa, Calif.

He met and married his wife (Frances E. Wilkerson) at Santa Rosa (His wife was from Fort Worth) visiting her brother and his wife. He then moved to Charleston, S.C. with the 144th and later to Camp Van Dorn, Miss. The 144th had the role of running a training camp at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. Many of the ole 144th men went on levies for overseas assignment.

Leonard ended up with Co. B, 377th Infantry in France in December 1944. Leonard served in Korea from 1951-1953 during the Korean conflict and Vietnam from July 1965 to July 1966. Prior to his retirement he was Operations Sergeant, Center Motor Pool, Fort Bliss, Texas. Leonard now makes his home in Dallas at 11121 Vislia Dr.

He is still active with the United States Army, his job is teaching Junior ROTC at Duncanville High School.

Leonard said to all veterans if you ever wore the "T" Patch on your left sleeve you should be a member of the 36th Division Association. Many of the fellows of the 144th felt they do not belong, but they do! He said he had friends in other units other than the 144th and still see these friends at the reunions. The name of the game is COMRADSHIP.

Heard from

THE WIVES WRITE: Amil gets a letter from Mrs. JACK T. HUBBERT, 243 E. Main, Elkton, MD 21921, Quote: "I'm writing in behalf of my husband Jack was wounded Oct. '44 near Les Panges, France but is well and now a postal clerk here in Elkton. He talks about his Sgt. whom he believed should have been a Louie. Jack was his radio man and fondly referred to him as "3rd Lt. Benny." Can anyone help? Send it to Amil.

REUNION ITEM: Ole Jim Minor, who was chief of the 142nd at the Dallas Reunion had one of the longest-playing CP's in reunion history. His room was decorated with many artifacts of WWII, and also a King size Kitty that managed to take in a few bucks. (Probably couldn't cover the outlay of goodies he provided for the 142nders.)

WILLIAM J BILLNER, Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX, who served with our sister division the 45th, sends to Col. Stovall his "respects and bests wishes to the men of the 36th."

JOE H. WILLIAMS, 4919 Camp Bowie, Fort Worth TX 76107 sends in dues plus \$5 for someone else, which Amil takes care of. Joe served with Btry. B 155th, has made most of the reunions, but missed Dallas. He now has an Art Gallery at above address where he has on display—dozens of his oil paintings. He has received much publicity of late, and his material is in demand. Old West is his mainstay, and some go for \$1000. Joe also just completed a 35' wall mural for the new Japanese Garden at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth. Joe also was a former cartoonist who had many of his great ones published in the overseas T-PATCH.

HARRY MCGREEVY, RR2, Versailles, Ohio 45380 formerly of Hqs. 155th did make it to Dallas for the reunion. Do it again next year. Harv and be in SAN ANTONIO.

JOHN P. KING, 5145 Waldrup St., Memphis, Tenn. 38116 wants some help. We would like info on Co. F, 143rd for 1944 thru 1946 . . . and would like to hear from buddies of that Company. John is with AFL, Bthrd of RR & Steamship Clerks, La Clede Lodge 258.

STEPHEN PALMERI, 1300 W. 14th Ave, Corsicana, TX 75110 of Btry A, 132nd has been a patient in Memorial Hospital same city for many months.

CHAS. WATSON, 276 Dalgreen Pl., Brookly, NY 11228 drops \$10 for 2 years dues. Failed to give unit, thanks & write soon.

Vietnam Veteran Seeks 36th Shoulder Patch

Dennis P. Schmieder, 3 Ancorage Blvd., Bayville, N.J. 08731, a Vietnam veteran is compiling a collection of patches of the 89 USA Army Divisions of WWII. He has most all except a few, with 36th included.

We are aware that they are now "rare", and most of the troops only got home with one, and wouldn't sell for love or money. However, if any you guys have one for this young man, please contact him at the above address.

Heard from

DEAN CULPEPPER owns a Texas Package Store, so says ZEB SUNDAY, that specializes in Kentucky name brands, drops \$20 for 2 years dues. Dean picks up mail at Box 14, Goliad, TX 77963, of 141st.

GEORGE ZIRO, 160 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy, N.J. 08861 of 142nd Medics makes it again to Texas for the Dallas Reunion. George is a devoted T-Patcher always adds lots to the festivities of a reunion.

OLE AMIL picks up a couple: PAUL CHILDES, 260 Lullwood, San Antonio, 78212 of WWI and WALLACE A. CEDERSTROM, 2910 Stafford, PA 15204 (unit not given.)

Our thanks to JIM MINOR who sent in an item for the American Legion Magazine about our Dallas Reunion. And here comes a 'lost' trooper: A. D. FENDER (or FENDES) 1219 Society Ave, Hartsville, S.C. (no zip) postcards that he saw it—says he was with 111th QM at Brownwood, but was ripped-off to San Antonio when the 36th went from Square to Triangle back in 1942. Note to Amil: Get on this one.

ANOTHER ONE: STANLEY PINSON, LaBelle, MO. 63447 writes in to ask about the reunion, [which he received all info] says he was with Hqs. 142nd I&R platoon. Stan you ought to try for San Antonio in '75, and welcome to the clan.

LD Call from Centerville, TX with LEWIS W. STAKNEY on the line. Wanted info on the Reunion, but we failed to find his name of the reunion roster of those who "showed." Lew served with Hqs. 131st, and gets his mail at Box 4, Centerville, TX 75833.

In the May 1974 issue, we ran a picture on page 3 sent in by Gordon Rose, but he could not identify the T-Patcher giving a salute with a toddy. Robert Ritchie of Lubbock says . . . "The man you call Ding-Dong Daddy from Duman is AVAN W. BROWNLEE, who does now reside in Dumas". [See WWII pix of Avan in this issue, and thanks to Ritchie for the help. WIDGE PAUL H. MILLER (the medic who gave Amil his first physical) has been AWOL, now comes in with dues and gives new address: 2112 N. Beaton, Corsicana, TX 75112, Miller served the rest of his sentence with 133rd Medics.

BIG OHN STAFFORD, Div. Hqs. of Kingsville, TX is now in Audie Murphy Veteran Hospital, 7400 Milton Minter Blvd., San Antonio. Send along a note to ohn.

COL. JAMES D. SUMMER, Jr., 10513 Rocca Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90024, former CO of 3rd BN. 143rd writes that he regretted missing the Dallas Reunion, sends regards to the troops, and has some favorable comments of Bob Wagner's THE TEXAS ARMY. Stovall sent this one in.

The other day I saw a marquee on a local "skin-flick X" movie: "18 And Ready". Great for the pepsi-generation, but how 'bout one for T-Patchers: "59 And Trying", or "69 And Crying".

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Buddy Autrey, New 141st Vice/Pres.

Here's C. P. "Buddy" Autrey, your new V/P 141st Infantry. And this is very convenient, since the 1975 reunion will be in his hometown—San Antonio.

Buddy has made all but two of the reunions the past 30 years, is a native of the Alamo City. joined the TNG at age 16 . . . (some kind of record) . . . Hqs. Co. 1st Bn., 141st.

Buddie was Bn. Intelligence Sgt. at Salerno, disliked being in O.P.'s, got transferred to rifle Co. B, 141st, was platoon Sgt. at Velletri where he was wounded. Later reclassified to 12th Gen. Hospital at Leghorn, has 2 Purple Hearts and Bronze Star. Belongs to the San Antonio Chapter and will be active in the arrangements for the 1975 50th Annual Reunion in the Alamo City.

Buddy and wife Nell (a charmer) will be a great asset to our next reunion. He is currently involved in Real Estate in the fast-growing city of San Antonio.

It has been this reporters pleasure to have know Autrey these many moons, and we know that Buddie will round-up all the drop outs and strays in the South Texas area . . . so look for BIG things at the S/A Reunion next Labor Day.



Thoughts While Shaving

In our search for data on the whereabouts of the hundreds of WWII units who were organized in the early post war era, we find that many have gone by the wayside.

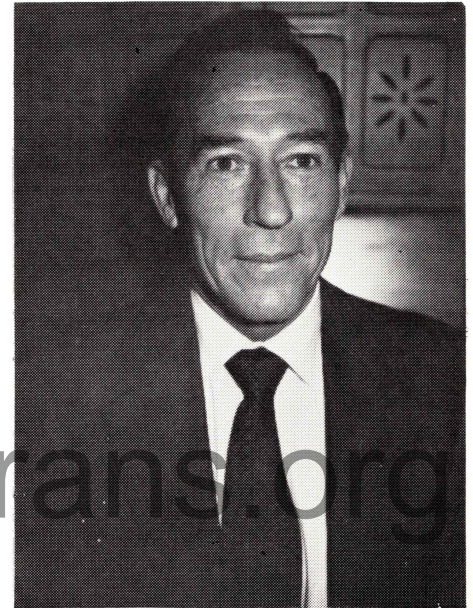
The main reason had to be lack of money. Of the 89 Divisions that participated in the great conflict, it is reasonable to presume most of them are "out of business".

Reason of course would be—when you're out of money, you're out of beer, or something. The members of the 36th Div. Assn. should classify themselves as fortunate.

We have been able to survive the past 30 post war WWII years. We will have our 50th Anniversary in 1975 in San Antonio. Some kind of record, I am sure.

We do not have all the facts, but we do know that we are numerically stronger than most division associations.

But, let's go back to money. That is the only real thing that keeps a veteran association going. That's one more reason why our SUSTAINING FUND is the answer to all problems. We need to have a nest egg of at least \$10,000 in the next few years. This is the insurance money that we can survive as long as a T-Patcher is alive. Maybe by then, the SONS OF THE 36th can takeover. So ask your heart, isn't the 36th worth \$36 to you as a small contribution to the greatest division in the USA Army?



BUDDY AUTREY

More On 142nd

For those who have asked, here is address for General GEORGE E. LYNCH. (Thanks to Jim Minor, the Potentate of Post, Texas) . . . the former Regimental Commander of 142nd gets mail at: 2005 Stark Ave., Columbus, GA 31906.

Our files show that Lynch, a West pointer and also of the 82nd Airborne, took over command of the ROTATE boys three weeks after the Salerno Landing.

Footnote: On page 7 of ROTATE REVIEW "Five Star Final" published in Germany Oct. 1945 . . . "The 142nd set a record for Combat Days. A total of 133 consecutive days, when the Regiment pulled off the line Dec. 24, 1944". (A record unsurpassed in the American Army in modern warfare). Guess you could say this adds credibility to their motto "I'll Face You".



Photo from L. B. Easley: Mansfield, La., during the famous La. Maneuvers—Back row: Joe Daughterty, John Spencer, Frank Lynch, Luther Fry, Ruebin R. Peterson, Felix Winstead & Joe Atkeisson. Middle—Ed Taylor, Phil Cooper, Herb Wizzer White, Merwin Webb, Oscar Schulz, Troy Landers, James Herbert Gallman & Mitch Abbot.

Front: Jim Barbara, Andrew Smythe, L. B. Easley and George Booth . . . all Co. H, 141st Inf.

Treasurer's Report From Ken Nixon

From a financial standpoint, the Association year of 1974 was successful. This success was due in great part to the generosity of our members who, when the dues were still \$3.00, sent in something extra when paying their dues. The number of those who contributed something extra was not small either. We don't have a percentage figure, but it was substantial.

The cost of everything your Association had to purchase last year rose considerably as the year progressed. Postage increased 25%. The cost of printing the T-Patcher newsletter also increased considerably, and the end is still not in sight to these cost increases.

Even though our dues are now \$5.00 annually, with the higher cost of everything it still won't be any easy matter to make both ends meet during the coming year. We are not begging, but certainly we would not discourage those who are inclined and financially able to contribute a little something extra. An average of a couple or three dollars extra from our membership would make all the difference in the world in maintaining our financial stability, and such a small amount doesn't mean very much any more to most of us.

K. L. Nixon
Treasurer

New Membership Roster Of T-Patchers Is Great Reading . .

A New National Membership Roster has been compiled, 79 Pages almost 4000 Names, Address, and Unit. It took months to Compile, was at my own exp, offered to you at nominal cost.

When all personal exp are met, Proceeds will go into a Stamp Kitty, more then 100 Sold at the Dallas Reunion, will be mailed to you postpaid for \$3.50, Only a few left, order yours today.

Check payable to A. F. Kohutek, 1933 College St. Abilene, Texas 79602.

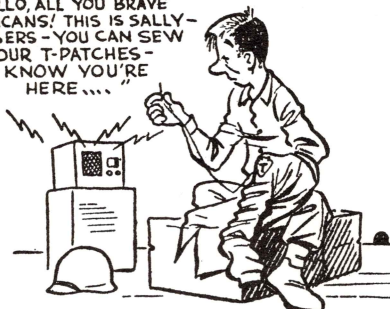
Tom L. Roselle Spec. Troops V/P

Tom Roselle, Box 617, Gateway Bldg., Brackettville, TX 78832 is a licensed Private Investigator (#679) will head up the big drive for Special Troops this year. Tom will host the C.P. in San Antonio, and he's the guy who knows how to do . . . a full cupboard, mix well with ole buddies, some wild stories sprinkled with bellylaffs and you've got a swinging CP.

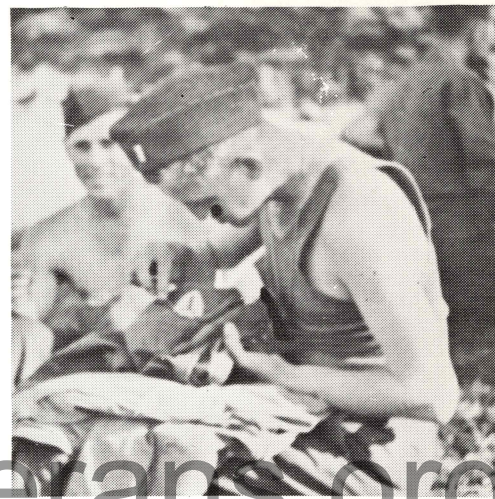
His Tom is a Private Eye, rounding up strays and dropouts ought to be duck soup from this ex-111th QM trooper. So all you Special Troopers, give Tom a hand!

Old Faded Snapshots Tell It Like It Was

"HELLO, ALL YOU BRAVE AMERICANS! THIS IS SALLY - ... 36ERS - YOU CAN SEW ON YOUR T-PATCHES - WE KNOW YOU'RE HERE...."



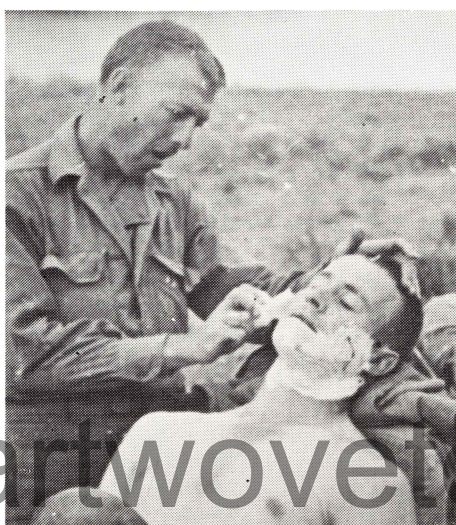
Clipped from Page 49 of that great Regimental Book, "FIVE YEARS, FIVE COUNTRIES, FIVE CAMPAIGNS" . . . with the 141st Infantry Regiment . . . this illustration by OHN E. PRETSCH (a T-Patcher who created the Immortal Pfc) goes well with the photo of Lt. Gene Hetmanski, shown here.



You old timers will recall the "enemy knows where we are". The above photo on Lt. Gene Hetmanski sewing on T-Patches as he prepares for rest camp in Rome.



Above: Remember those 5 in 1 Rations? Here is Top/Sgt. Rhodes and Ray 'Dusty' Rhodes with Tom Fitch on their harmonicas as he prepares a meal. An unidentified Co. H, 142nd buddies supervises—somewhere in France.



AT LEFT: Tonosorial artist Sgt. Lamar Harvey gives "the works" to Sgt. Joe McCombs, both of Co. H, 142, somewhere in Italy. Joe was at the Dallas '74 Reunion. Where were you, Lamar? (All sent in by Gene Hetmanski, who has many reunion pictures elsewhere in this issue. Thanks, Gene!)

Board To Meet, Set Reunion Plans

Sammie D. Petty, 1975 Assn. President has called for a meeting in San Antonio on Sat. Nov 2nd, in order to interview and 'select' a hotel for the 1975 Reunion.

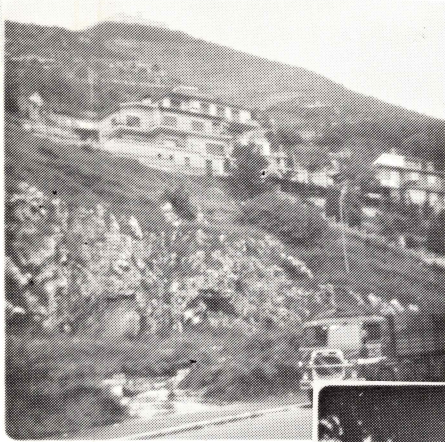
Rest assured the best deal will prevail, with special emphasis on Facilities, Price and Location.

San Antonio has hosted the reunion in 1947, 1953, 1960 and 1964 . . . so it's been long enough . . . so look out — San Antonio, here come the T-Patchers.

Gen. Walker's Book Now OUT OF PRINT

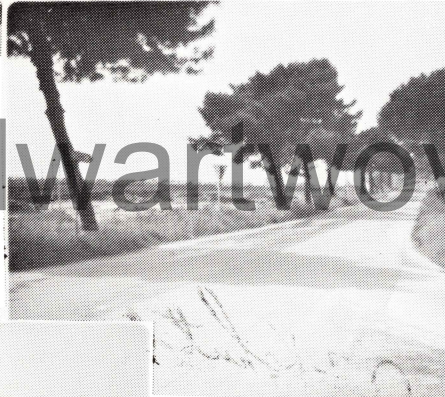
SPECIAL NOTE: General Walker's book FROM TEXAS TO ROME has been out of print for some months but from orders received it seems that many did not know of the book before the supply was exhausted; if you have an extra copy and want to sell it please advise the Walker Book Acct. Box 271, Bowie Texas 76230 giving condition and price wanted.

An effort will be made to get buyer and seller together.

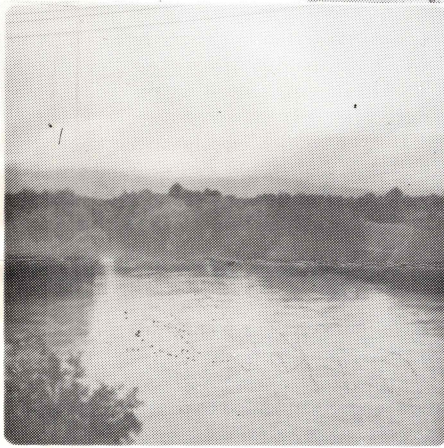


Cassino, Rapido Revisited

At left: Cassino today, photos sent in by Joel Peters, 1400 N. 10th, La Porte, TX 77571, made on a revisit to a place we all know well.



At right: Road leading to the Rapido River, and below, the River, quiet and still as it appears today. Thanks Joel.



OLD BUDDIES get together at the 1974 Dallas Reunion: Here's men of Co. H, 141st. Back row from left: James H. Herb Gallman, L.B. Easley, E. A. Foster and Erwin E. Wells. Seated from left: Pete Walters, Raymond C. Wells and Fred J. Ross. Photo sent in by L. B. Easley of Dallas. Pix was made at the Reunion Dinner Dance.

Amil Has Only One Hobby—The 36th!

Most T-Patchers know AMIL KOHUTEK. In fact he knows more T-Patchers by name probably than any other member of the great "Fightin 36th".

But, there comes a time when so many of us might not know the inside story on Amil.

It has been this humble reporter's privilege to have known this guy for about a decade. We have worked closely with him, and he is something else.

Most guys have a hobby. Golf, hunting, drinking beer, etc. But, Ole Amil has only one hobby, and that's the 36th. He spends ALL his spare hours in behalf of the Association. Tracks down strays and lost T-Patchers. Has the capacity to get 'em like the best of the FBI. Has a card file of 4000 troopers, and works on 'em all the time. Sends out hundreds of letters every month in behalf of membership drive. He has kept out Association IN BUSINESS.

So we take this opportunity to salute the all-time great T-Patcher—AMIL KOHUTEK!



Wives of 142nd Patcher at Reunion.

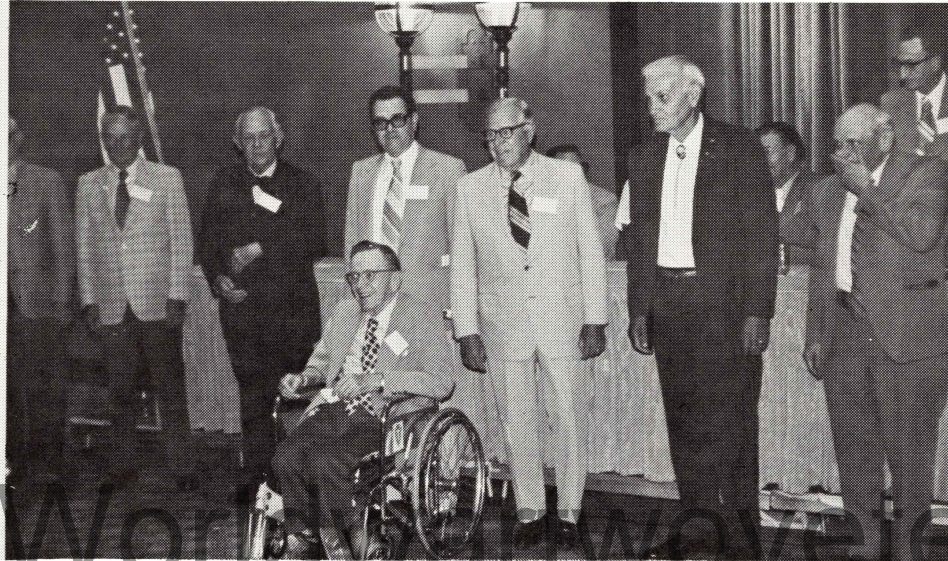


Ole Amazin' Amil at the Registration Desk, signing up the troops with a helper on loan from Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

New Book On Field Hospitals In The Mill

Mrs. Dahlquist, lovely lady of the general, advises us that Mr. Vernon V. Johnson, 1539 N. Charles, Wichita, Kansas 67203, a member of the 57th Field Hospital that supported the 36th and later the 3rd, 42nd, 103rd and other units in the hard fought Colmar Pocket, is writing an account of that operation. You will be advised of the book when published. (We are told that the part of the manuscript that covers the 36th Division is in the State Library where it is available as source information).

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.



DALLAS REUNION—Here are seven of our General Officers who were asked to stand before the head table at the general assembly and be recognized. Gene Hetmanski who was kind enough to shoot this failed to identify. Somebody help us out (we missed two.)

Rare Photo Of Co. H, In Taylor, Texas

A few months ago, Colonel George Frisch gave to the American Legion here in Taylor, a picture and complete roster of the Co. H. 2nd Texas Infantry. The picture was made in about 1915 when Company H was doing guard duty on the border. The picture and the names of the soldiers has been framed and hangs on the walls of the American Legion Hall and the Legion Hall is open daily. My interest in Co. H. 2nd Texas Infantry was that I had a first cousin who was a member and some other soldiers from Taylor were members of that outfit. Colonel Frisch died soon after he presented the picture and roster to the American Legion.

I was attached to the U. S. Naval Hospital in New York in 1918 and 1919 and when the great transport docked on 14th Street with members of the 36th Division, coming home from France. I have never witnessed such an inspiring event as when every space available where a soldier could stand or hang on to, was taken by an enthusiastic soldier. They were transferred to Camp Dix in New Jersey. I believe that I recall that the *Imperator* was the name of the transport. The people who met the transport, were happy to see the soldiers come home. I just happened to be in the area when the *Imperator* docked. Much of the details, I have to relate from memory and it was something over 55 years ago. I thought your interest in knowing of the picture of this company of the 36th Division prompted me to write to you. It was a sight to see!!

I hope your re-union was successful and was a happy event. I can't recall that I know of any other member of the 36th Div. since the death of Colonel Frisch. The lines are getting thin.

Along with an extra measure of good wishes and kind expressions of esteem, I am,

Sincerely as ever—

Robert H. Hewitt, R. PH
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76754

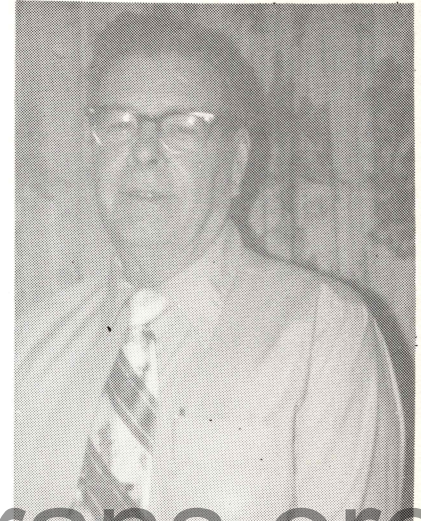
(A friend of the 36th)

After thought:—It might have been the USS *Leviathan* that was bringing back the 36th Div. that day in N.Y.



36th Division MARKER in Southern France, sent in by Joel Peters. With a magnifying glass, the inscription reads: "Over this defended beach, the Men of the 36th Infantry Division stormed ashore 15 August 1944 together with their French Allies. They began here the drive that took them across France and Germany and the final destruction of the German Forces..."

Peters didn't give exact location but must be near San Raphael where T-Patchers hit the beach. Thanks Joel.



George Epperson Re-Appointed Recording Secty.

Reelected for another term, GEORGE EPPERSON, 108 Hollywood Dr., Coleman, TX 76834 will serve again as Recording Secty.

George works closely with Amil in the processing of all old and new members, also handles the mailing for the Newsletter.

Epperson joined Co. B, 142nd in Oct. 1936, and mobilized with the unit in Camp Bowie, Nov. 1940. Transferred to 141st in Feb. 1944. George has been auto mechanic, is currently an ordained minister and runs a barber shop in Coleman.

"I have truly enjoyed my job with the Association and hope to continue to serve the cause", George said.



Here's LYNN W. COOLEY, 5049 Mt. Alverno, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238 of Co. M, 142nd. Amil picked this one up in person at the Midwest reunion last July.

Doc Roberts Is Cut Up

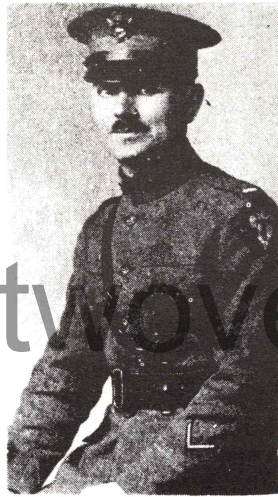
JOE H. ROBERTS, M.D., Suite 130, 2101 MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75060 writes to Amil says he was out of town during the Dallas Reunion, but will be in San Antonio. Dr. Roberts served with 111th Medics. Amil says, "Doc still cuts 'em up. Cut me once in Irving, with complete recovery"

World War I T-Patchers Turn Out For Dallas

One of the 36th most loyal WWI T-Patchers is Judge Glenn Miller of Lexington, Neb. The clipping shown at right was sent to Amil from the Judge, a feature article that appeared in the local newspaper.

Glenn E. Miller Visits With Buddies at 36th Div. Reunion

A real Elder Statesman of the 36th, Judge Miller added much to the Dallas reunion, says he's marked San Antonio, Labor Day 1975 on his calendar. All us WWII Patchers are proud of you, Judge.



Glenn E. Miller, First Lieutenant in World War I.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Miller returned Monday, Sept. 2, from Dallas, Tex., where they flew to attend the 36th Division Reunion. The reunion extended from

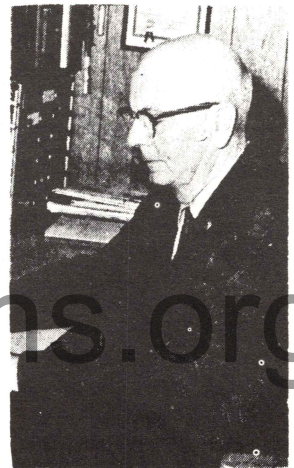
Aug. 29 through Sept. 1, and convened at the Hilton Inn. Veterans from about 20 states were represented. Six veterans of WWI, including (Lieutenant) Miller attended. A dinner-dance was a high point of the reunion and was attended by 560.

Of special significance was the meeting of Glenn Miller of Lexington and James Minor of Post, Tex. Miller commanded Co. A, 142nd Inf. in WWI and Minor commanded the same company in WWII in France and Italy.

As a first lieutenant, Miller was in the Meuse Argonne offensive when the 142nd Infantry advanced from St. Efienne up to the Aisne river, a distance of 20 kilometers. Co. A lost 54 men, killed and wounded.

Miller was later awarded a Croix de Guerre by the French government and in November 1972 was commissioned an Honorary Citizen of Texas by Preston Smith, governor of Texas.

Besides meeting Minor, Miller especially enjoyed visiting with Bernis Sadler, mayor of the City of Port Arthur, Tex...and also with Amil



Glenn E. Miller in 1974 as a retired soldier, educator and judge.

Kohutek of Abilene, Tex., the Registrar and the driving force at the Reunion and convention. Another person Miller visited with was Geo. Kerrigan of Chicago, also of Co. A 142nd Infantry in WWII.



Postwar Scrapbook: North Fort Hood July 1953: the late Gen. Miller Ainsworth pins new bars on his son during maneuvers. Photo made and sent in by THOMAS TURNER, Asst. to President, Baylor University, Waco, TX 76703, and our thanks.

**Come Alive In '75
Be In San Antonio**



Calling All WWI T-Patchers . . .

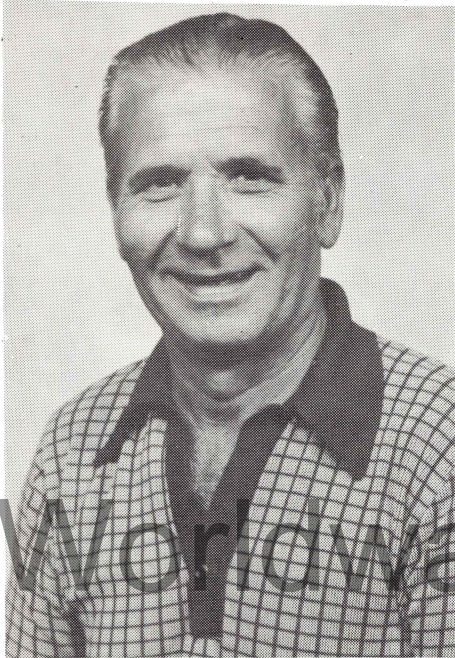
WORLD WAR I T-Patchers are recognized at the Dallas Reunion General Session. From left—Hugh Helm, Paul Wilson, John Curtis, Robert N. Ives, Glenn Miller and Sidney Gaines. We salute these great men who wore the T-Patch 55 Years Ago. (Photo from Gene Hetmanski.)



Two more from Joe Woosley, Temple, TX: Above is Herb Pimberton, Joe B. Woosley standing, front: "Buck" Pimberton, John M. Buss and "Nigger" Mandino, photos marked on back Southern France, Sept. 1944. Pix at right is another one of S/Sgt. John M. Buss. All are 143rd troopers.



"It's Always Fair Weather When Patchers Get Together"



John McKeel Elected Chief of Artillery

"My first experience with the 36th Division was at the ripe old age of 13, when I made summer camp at old Camp Hulen Palacis with my foster father Lonnie O. Shannon who was then first sargent of 144 Inf. Band, as a mascot (dogrobber). I lied about age a couple of years and at the age of 16 enlisted in B Battery 132nd, in 1936. And stayed in that unit untill discharged as a Corporal in Aug. 1945.

Joined Reserves and served at Fort Hood during Korean war. I am married and the father of three children. My oldest John Jr. is wearing a T patch in the National Guard at the present time. I am at the present, and for the last 22 years in the Plumbing business in Mesquite Tex.

I have not missed a reunion for the last 18 years and have only missed 5 since 1946. I think they get better each year and this at Dallas was one of the best. I have made many lasting friends, not just the Artillery but in every unit, which makes a reunion more fun.

This is my second time to be honored to be Vice Pres. of Div. Artillery and I will do my best to work and make our reunion in San Antonio next year the biggest and best ever. I will send all the news, pictures, bull and all during the coming year. Please call on me if there is any way I might be any help."

John D. McKeel, Arty V/P
2807 Hickory Tree
Mesquite, Texas 75149

Famous Editor, Penn Jones Retires



The newsclip shown here tells a great story. PENN JONES of Midlothian served with 141st, 144th and Div. Hqs. Hope someday to see his 6000 volumn library. Jones has made most of the Reunions . . . make it to S/A, Penn.



WELDON OWENS

Controversial editor leaves The Mirror

IN THE WAKE of National Newspaper Week, a more timely commentary than this could not be reviewed: The Midlothian Mirror ownership transferred to employees, who do the commentating.

Sunny Alderdice has been writing sparking squibs and stories for The Mirror several years. She and her husband are pyramids in civic affairs there, and both are blessed with an uncanny equilibrium of judgment in local debates of vital issues without ever being immoderately indulgent.

They have bought The Mirror from one of the most controversial country editors in the Southwest, and that is an understatement. Take Sunny's word for it:

"Last Tuesday, Midlothian's celebrated editor, William Penn Jones Jr., turned off the Linotype, slipped quietly from the newspaper and walked two blocks to his home just as he has done after work almost every week since November 28, 1945.

"But this particular walk was different. He did not plan to return as publisher-editor of The Midlothian Mirror. Frankly, we are saddened by the low-key nature of his exit. He deserves laurels for the years of tenacious service he has performed through his publications."

THE MIRROR has files to prove that Jones has uncovered and published more facts—known, not well-known and perhaps not yet accepted—about the John F. Kennedy assassination than any other newspaper in the world. Jones admits that he has lost thousands of dollars in his quest for truth about the murder. He has appeared on radio and television programs throughout the nation as a result of his insistence that the Warren Report is a quasi-white-wash, or at least erroneous.

He contends that the assassination was the climax of an elaborate conspiracy.

"He marks the cover-up of the assassination with more than 80 'strange' deaths of key witnesses,"

Sunny says. "These were people who knew something, learned something or saw something that was supposed to have remained secret, according to Volume 2 of his three volumes of 'Forgive My Grief.'" Sunny says, "Now he says there is no way to prove it, because so many of them are gone."

Jones, a native of Annona who worked his way through Magnolia A&M Junior College in Arkansas and the University of Texas in Austin studying law, is working on the fourth volume of his 'Grief' series.

"Differences of opinion show up frequently for Penn Jones," Sunny says. "As long as we have known him, he has been the focal point in some kind of battle. And we've known him 26 years.

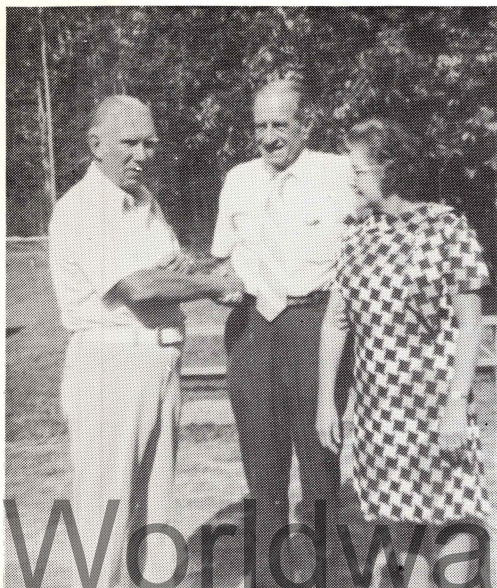
"Through his efforts, nine common school districts around here have been consolidated into the Midlothian ISD. And the encounter created everlasting enmities because landowners did not relish the new \$1.50 per \$100 Midlothian ISD tax rate as opposed to the former lower 50 cents per \$100 tax in the common school districts," Sunny continued.

JONES' INCENDIARY editorials about any local issue that may crop up caused his newspaper plant to be fire-bombed in 1962. However, the next year, he received the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award for courage in journalism.

He went into Uncle Sam's service as a buck private and came out a full colonel in the Texas 36th Infantry Division before his retirement in 1963. His farms are pregnant with literature. His Midlothian home library is voluminous, and it is not uncommon for entire classes of special studies students to examine his 6,000-book nooks and share his belief that the Warren Report is a farce.

"You can depend upon Penn in a real emergency but often not locate him for days at a time," Sunny said. "He forgets appointments and could qualify for having one of the messiest desks in all creation. He abhors bad spelling, is an articulate writer and loses his hats with great and costly regularity."

Col. David W. Sisco Hosts Reunion of WWII Troops



Reunion snapshot: from left—Col. (Ret) David Sisco, Gen. George Lynch (Ret), and Mrs. Vesta Sisco at the Co. B, 142nd Eastern Reunion in Ocilla, Ga., Aug. 1974.

Co. B, 142 Eastern Meet In Ocilla, Ga.,

Nineteen members of Eastern Co. B, 142nd attended a reunion hosted by Col. David Sisco and his wife at their home in Ocilla, Ga.

This great occasion received full treatment with a front page story sent in by Barbara (Mrs. Victor) Davidson, 22 Queen Ave., Friendship, N.Y. 1437. We only wish space was available to repeat the text of the 3 column story.

Attending from the "Western" Co. B was Col. James L. Minor of Post Texas.

New elected president of the group is PERSHING E. FREEMAN of Waynesboro, Pa., and for some reason, that is where the 1975 reunion will be in August.

Ladies Auxilary

Here's the list of elected 1974-75 Auxilliary of the 36th Division Association:

President Elizabeth Rucker, Dallas, Texas

1st V. PRES. Billie Reid, Fort Worth, Texas

(Membership)

2nd V. PRES. Gladys McGowan

San Antonio, Texas (Program)

3rd V. PRES. Mary Simons, Waco, Texas

(Nominating)

4th V. PRES. Inez Ayers, Okla, City, Okla.

(Registrar)

RECORDING SEC. Imogene Tidwell,

Houston, Texas

CORRESP. SEC. Dorothy Jameson,

Dallas, Texas

TREASURER Kathleen McCauley,

Fort worth, Texas

CHAPLAIN Leila McDugal, Waco, Texas

HISTORIAN & PUB. Mary Walters,

Irving, Texas

SGT. OF ARMS Ruby Cannon, Waco, Texas

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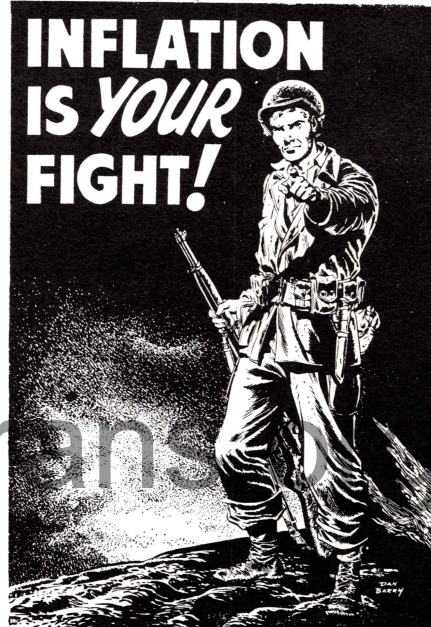
Members of Company B, 142nd Infantry, meeting over the past weekend for a reunion in Ocilla, posed for the picture above. From left to right, seated front row: Victor Davidson, Dewey Mann, Dempsey Albritton; second row: Donald Still, Emil Hardulak, David Sisco, Maj. Gen. George E. Lynch, Col. James Minor, Ralph Kinder; third row, standing: Edward Szafasz, George Cook, Pershing Freeman, Troy Strickland, Bennie Duplaga, Frank Gaul, Joseph Stachnik and George Howell.

Co. H, 142nd Inf. Has Active Recruiter

ANTONIO PELLERIN, 3731 Avalon, Port Arthur, TX 77640 is that hard-working T-Patcher who spends alot of time scouting dropouts and strays. Tony is also a great contributor to the T-Patcher and always is loaded with news items.


Notice: Members of Co. H, 142nd have started plans for reorganization for the next reunion. Anyone who has info on any of that gang—please send to Tony, address above.

Also be advised that the captions in the Aug. 1974 T-Patcher, Page 10, picture of Ray Hurn and Emory J. Trus was listed as Co. B, 141st. Man, that's wrong, says Tony. These 2 men served with Co. H. 142nd. (Sorry 'bout that).



WHAT ELSE IS NEW?The poster shown above would be good for a repeat. We found it in our files:Dated May 1951, as appeared in Printer's Ink Magazine. It was prepared by the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, and so naturally they chose an illustration of a T-Patcher.

Inflation?I recall raising hell because a pack of Chesterfields had gone from 16¢ to 20¢ shortly after my return to store bought clothes.

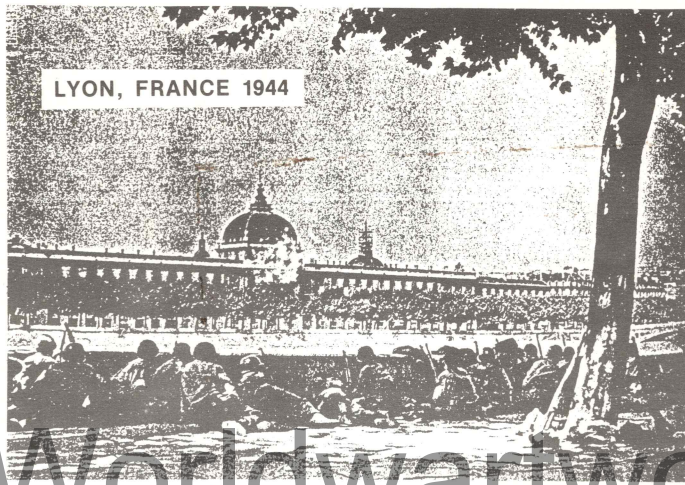


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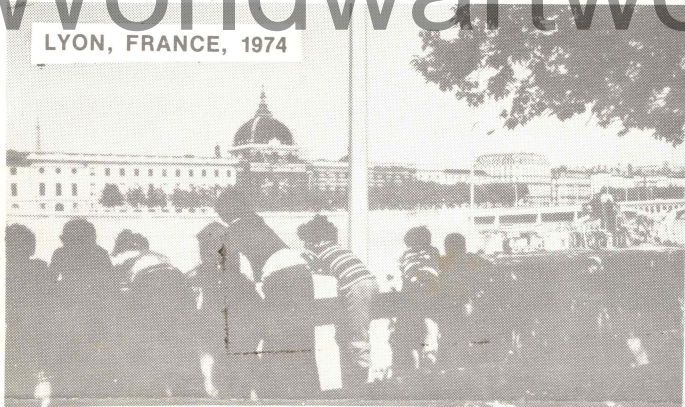
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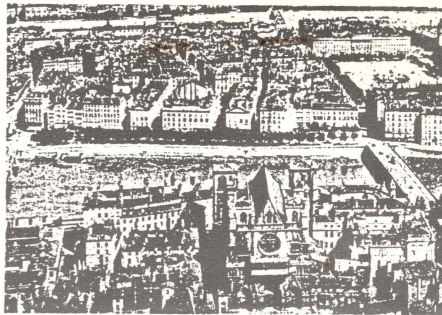
WAR and PEACE—Before and After LYONS LIBERATED



LYON, FRANCE 1944



LYON, FRANCE, 1974



SHOWN AT LEFT: Here is a reduction of the actual pix and text as appears in the 1946 copy of our own "Illustrated History of the 36th".

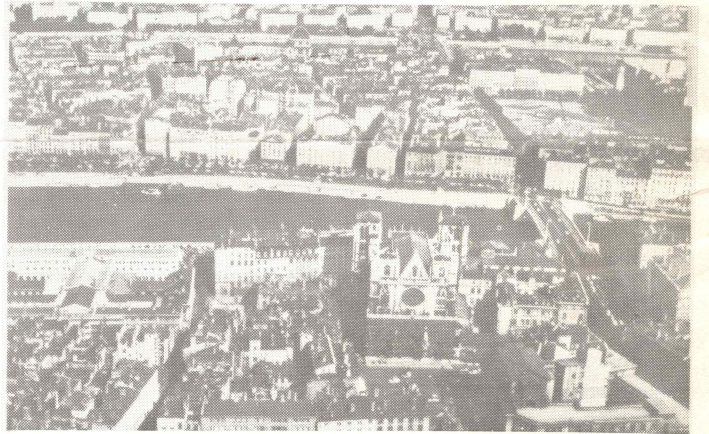
James Evans decided to duplicate these scenes, and he did just that on a trip to Lyon this spring.

LOOKS THE SAME, BUT NOT QUITE SO NOISY

In the foreground is the famous St. Jean's Church and the Rhone River. Jim failed to say how he got that 'High' to get the pix. (Must have been achieved with a bottle or two of Cognac) . . . but regardless, this is the kind of detail that makes his coverage of this trip a great one.

The period of swift-striking, highly-motorized warfare was not yet at an end. After the Montelimar grip had been loosened, the 36th streaked northward 80 miles in three days toward Lyons, largest silk-manufacturing center in the world and the second city of industrial importance in France. Reconnaissance elements led the regiments to the east of the city, instructions limiting entrance only to liaison parties contacting the Maqui within.

On September 2 the 142nd and 143rd closed in on Lyons proper. During the afternoon, Gen. Dahlquist ordered a patrol to scout the town. The patrol reported that the Maqui had cleared the Germans from the areas before the bridge sites of the Rhone river, running through the heart of the city. How many spans remained intact could not be determined at first, but our troops, later sent in to secure the sites, discovered that the enemy had blown every bridge across the Rhone within Lyons.



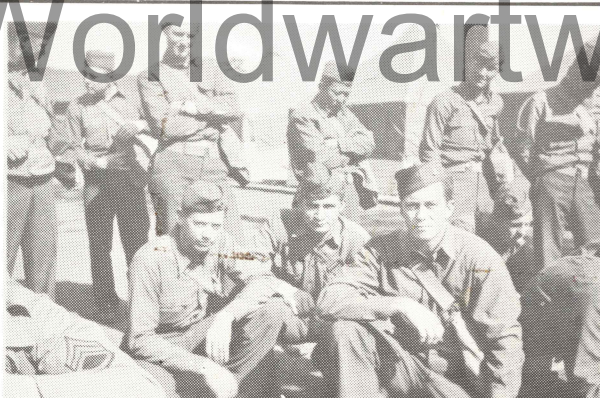
Consider yourself lucky that we have some ole T-Patchers who still get to go back-to-the-scene-of-the-'crime'.

This time its LYON, France. The photos shown here were sent in by JAMES EVANS, a former Anti-Tank T-Patcher of 142nd who now is a wheel with the Carrier Corp. of New York City Hqs., but resides at 120 E. Cheltenham Rd., Syracuse, NY 13205.

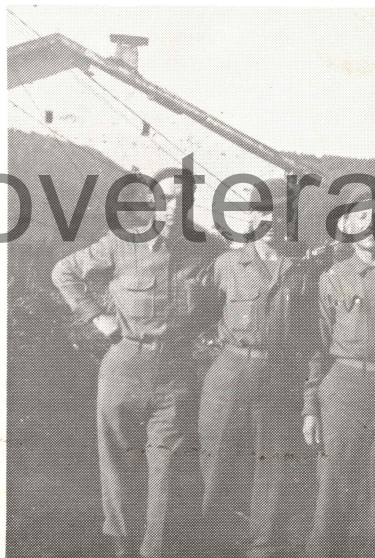
Seems that Jim had to be in Lyon on business for the global operations of the giant Carrier Corp., visited the EXACT spots to duplicate pictures shown in the 36th Pictorial History.

He painstakingly put himself into the same position of photos that illustrate the chapter on LYONS LIBERATED. Please note the illustration at top is Hotel-Dieu Hospital and Rhone River with T-Patchers huddled behind the wall (Sept. '44). Photo below taken 1974 shows a friendlier scene with kids in same position, this time, just looking.

Our thanks to Jim Evans for this great exclusive (Time Magazine, eat your heart out).



HARRY McGREEVY, RR2, Versailles, Ohio 45380 attended the Dallas Reunion, sent these in upon his return. It's a gang of Hq 155th men taken in Florida. Didn't give names but we spotted C. L. 'Skinny' Mullins and Bill Bentley. Thanks Harry.



JOE B. WOOSLEY sent in these two pix, above left is Duggan and Buzas, at right: Dugan, Depuis and Courtney, all of 143rd. Joe lives in T emple, TExas, failed to give location where pix was made.