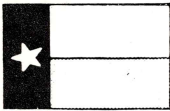




# The T-Patcher

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## El Tropicana Motor Inn Selected As Bivovac For 36th Division's Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion



SAMMIE D. PETTY



### President's Message:

I hope that '75 will be a year filled with many blessings, and that I get to meet many of you T-Patchers in San Antonio, Aug. 29-31st.

The Assn. Board met in San Antonio Nov. 2nd and after much checking with several hotels, selected the EL TROPICANA Motor Hotel for the 50th Annual Reunion.

El Tropicana's sale manager, Kenneth Robb has blocked 285 rooms for us come Labor Day, so let's fill 'em up. There's a giant ballroom and nice locations for all C.P.'s. The hotel is located on the famous San Antonio River, with boat rides available for a great adventure.

And, the EL TROPICANA has FREE parking! Free ice and limo service from the S/A International Airport to the hotel.

Plans for a guest speaker and Memorial Service speaker are yet to be selected. Future issue of the T-Patcher will keep you

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## Maybe The New Century Club Can Set Us Free

When the 36th Board met in San Antonio last November to select a hotel, this reporter visited a spell with Henry W. Gomez, whom we consider a great T-Patcher.

Over a few mugs of Lone Star Beer, Hank suggested that the 36th start a "CENTURY CLUB". We agreed. We were familiar with the concept, as it is old hat with colleges, fraternities, and all kinds of non-profit organizations.

But then, who will start the ball rollin'?

Then on the day after Cotton Bowl, here comes the STARTER.

Hank Gomez sends his \$100 to Amil for deposit in the General Fund. Hank knows, and we know, that we need operational money, stamps, printing, etc. for recruiting. This NEW money flows into the general fund for things we need NOW. Do not confuse this with our SUSTAINING & MEMORIAL FUND. They are two different projects. We need both! We have

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# San Antonio

## To Roll Out Carpet For T-Patchers 50th Annual Reunion



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**fun...  
and  
games**

**IT'S  
ALL  
YOURS**

Letters from the Hotel men and the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau have assured us old T-Patchers that we will be in "good hands" at our 50th Reunion. They have offered their services at the registration desk, will furnish colorful mailing pieces (which will be sent in June) and all kinds of help which will enable us to get the "largest" turnout in the past couple of decades.

The time to plan to attend is now. Start a REUNION FUND. Salt away some bucks every month, and you'd be surprised how fast it builds (in spite of inflation). MORE info on the Reunion will be included in the May and August T-Patchers.

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**Red-Letter  
Days For All  
T-Patchers**



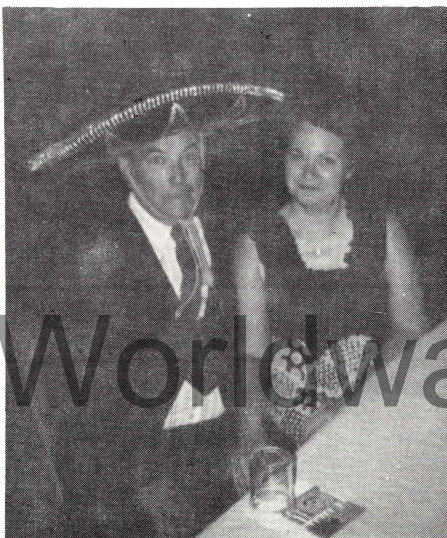
### Tony Rozance Orchestra To Play At Reunion

The Saturday Night Dinner Dance at every Reunion is the big event, and again like always, getting a good orchestra is vital. This year, your committee has selected the TONY ROZANCE Group.

They'll play the kinda music that'll have all you tanglefoots up on the dance floor. Photo above of Rozance and orchestra will add additional pieces, plus vocalists. You'll be singin' "Rose of San Antone" all the way home!

### Bishop Re-Appointed Adjutant General by Texas Governor

Our congratulations to Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Bishop, a former president of the 36th Division Association (1952-53) for his re-appointment to the state's highest military office . . . for 2 more years. Hqs. are located at Camp Mabry, Austin.

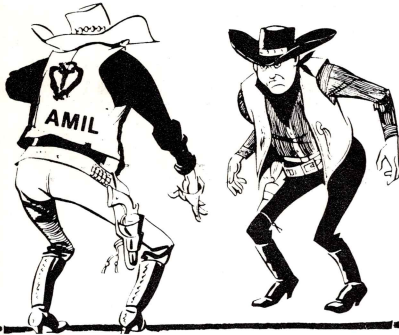


Ole ZEB SUNDAY goes all out when he goes to San Antonio. Here is AMIGO with wife Eloise, photo taken in November at Board Meeting. ZEB is working very closely with President Sammie Petty on arrangements, and look for Zeb to come up with great ideas. Gets mail at: 3311 Jana, Pasadena TX 77505 (Co. B 143rd).



Here's ROSITA, your Rose of San An-tone, who'll be looking for all you T-Patchers at the 50th Annual Reunion. She'll perform at the dinner dance, and if you don't like her singing, you still have a perfect '36' . . . Cha-Cha-Cha!

# Big Drive In '75 To Round-Up Drop-Outs



**1975 Dues \$5.  
Biggest Bargain  
In America**

**Co. H, 142nd Newsletter**

TONY PELLERIN of Co. H, 142nd is that hard-working T-Patcher that makes all the reunion, gathers photos of his buddies, and prepares the Co. H. NEWSLETTER, which is then printed by MILTON CROW, of Houston.

This is a very active group, and Company H is always in abundance at the 142nd CP's at reunions.

Tony says his bunch will turnout in droves for the 50th Anniversary Reunion Labor Day weekend, and we'll be looking for all you troopers. Thanks!

## Tons Of Mail To Bombard ALL AWOL T-Patchers this Year . . .

LOOK OUT, all you DROP-OUTS, ole Amil has deputized a bunch of T-Patchers to "shoot-it-out" for your \$5.00 1975 membership dues. Seems that the Association, under the guiding hand of one KOHUTEK, has a list of about 4,000 names. LESS THAN HALF of these guys have paid their dues, which means they are AWOL and will have to be corralled in the easiest way possible.

A man of great patience and endeavor, Amil has typed mimeo lists of these "criters" who are drop-outs, and has asked help from all. We need to ROUND-UP about one thousand of these 36thers, who for some reason (mostly just lazy) to get their dues in. The Association needs their cash, and their support.

Here's a tip on how to corral one of these guys. Use extreme caution and no violence. Remember, the Patchers are sometimes 'defensive'. Try some sweet talk, and tell 'em about all the advantages they receive as a paid-up member. That'll melt them down to size, and you take a \$5 out of their billfold, and mail it to Amil. You'll sleep better that night, and all the officers and directors of the 36th will "salute" you. Send it only to:

**AMIL KOHUTEK  
1933 College Street  
Abilene, Texas 79602**

**MAIL  
TODAY**



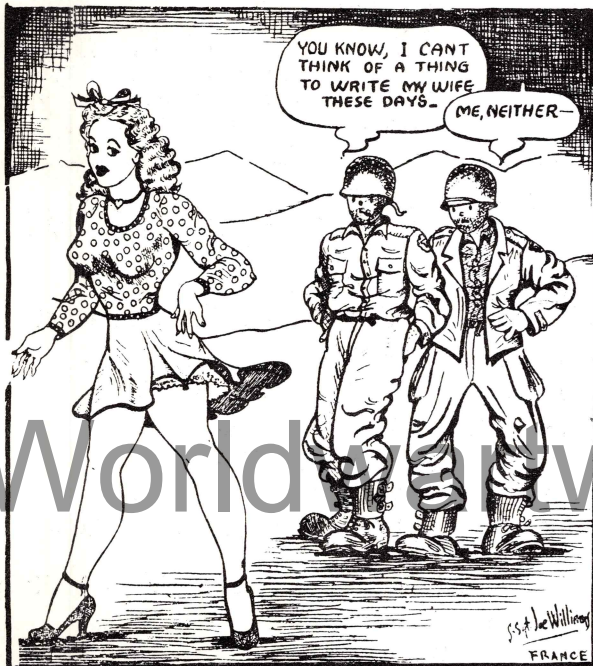
**OBTAINED A  
NEW MEMBER?**



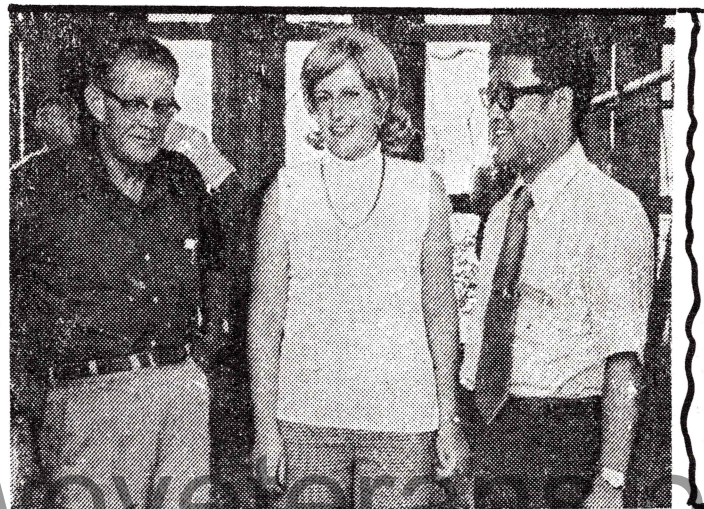
THIS MAN will appear on nationwide TV this year . . . "With An Appeal, from Amil", so check your local listings.

*Let's Go to  
San Antonio*

## Strictly From Hunger By Williams



This great cartoon by JOE H. WILLIAMS of Fort Worth appeared in the Dec. 24, 1944 Eastern France Edition of our overseas tabloid T-PATCH. Maybe Joe didn't get to be another Bill Mauldin, but this one is a classic.



## Burley Tobacco Visitors

Spendthrift farm manager Leroy LeMaster, left, shows Marilee Heydt, First National Bank of Louisville, and Japanese Tobacco Monopoly Inc. purchaser, Hiroshi Gato, one of the large airplane-type fans used to drive air through a tobacco barn to help cure the crop. A number of burley mechanization "projects" were shown to members on the Governor's Council on Agriculture tobacco tour here recently. (Staff Photo

LE ROY McMASTERS was a cook in Btry C, 132nd, transferred to Svc. Btry, then Hqs. Btry 132nd, now lives in Livingston, KY. Almost neighbors with PAUL ADELS-PERGER, who sent this newsclip to ole Amil Kohutek.



CAMP BLANDING, FLA. summer of 1942 at left is Cpl. Ted Martin giving Pvt. Rudy L. Kovacevic his first pay . . . \$20 for a month's labors, 3rd Bn., Det. 143rd.



1st Sgt. Harold Terry of 3rd Bn., Det. 143rd poses for this one taken in France 1944 by Rudy Kovacevic who sent it to us, and thanks, Rudy.



HAIR CUTTING TIME in the open—that's Rudy Kovacevic getting the works. Photo taken in North Africa 1943 and others in pix are Ed Harrel, the barber Charlie Webb, Tolar and Bill Deer, all of 3rd Bn., 143rd Infantry.



The rumor that Wilbur Mills was bringing Fanne Foxe to the San Antonio Reunion is not true. Since the Congressman from Arkansas is on the wagon, there's really not much reason for him to attend, but Fanny is welcome anytime.

# Heard from

EDWARD L. HAVENS, Childress, TX 79201 who served time with Co. L, 142nd write that he is grateful, that through the medium of the T-Patcher he was able to get in touch with his buddies, JEFF SCOTT, 2205 45th St., Los Alamos, N.M. 87544 of same unit. Havins contacted Scott after finding out his location, and then Jeff and wife visited the Havens for two wonderful days, says Ed. So I guess the Patcher does help round-up all the old buddies. It can work for you too, Havens is with the Post Office Service in Childress.

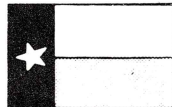
JACK WEINER, 56 Kipling Ave., Springfield, N.J. 07081 of 36th Signal Co., pays dues for JOHN MERCALDO, Butler Pike & Mead Rd., Ambler, PA 19002 same outfit. Thanks Jack, he's a new one, and we need more men from the Signal Company.

GLEN BECKETT, 515 Walnut, New Richmond, Ohio 45157 of Co. M, 142nd sends in dues for ALVIN CROOM, Box 74, Yorktown, TX 78164 same unit; JIM BARNES, RR 1 Box 124K, Refugio, TX 78577 of Co. M, 142nd and also BILL BUNDY, Box 618, Silsbee, TX 77650 and that's down the Big Thicket way. Amil says thanks, as these Co. M men are new to his roster.

WILLIAM H. ELDREDGE, of Btry B, 132nd, a former resident of Fort Worth, has now returned after 25 years of roamin' around, works in FW, but lives at 2104 S.E. 24th Avenue, Mineral Wells, TX 76067 which is about a 45 minute drive from Cowtown. Welcome back to the clan, Bill.

ROY HARDER, No. 7 Circle Q, Orange, TX 77630 got himself a typewriter for Xmas, wrote 1st letter to Amil, who reports that he's glad, and wish more of the Patchers would get one. [You ought to try to decipher some that are received].

36th



Texas Division Association

HERE ARE THE MEN you should contact. They are the hard-working officers, directors and the famous pick-and-shovel detail. Go get a handful of 10¢ stamps and let's have those cards and letters. COMMUNICATION is everything!

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ARCHIE H. McDUGAL, (two years)  
Rt. 5, Box 708, Waco Tex. 76705

# Heard from

**H. ROSS GLOVER**, 7 Van Campen St., Dannaville, N.Y. 11437 of Co. D, 142nd sends regrets that he missed the Dallas bash, sends best wishes to the troopers. **oss, we'll be looking for you in Santone.** **CHARLES WATSON**, Sr., 276 Dahlgreen Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11228 joined Co. M, 141st at Camp Blanding in 1942 and stayed with 'em 'til "Jerry put me out of action in France", says Watson. Would like to hear from any of the old gang. of Co. M.

**RICHARD M PRICE**, 201 Serafini Dr., Del Rio, TX 78840 has an obedient wife who writes to Amil that her husband served with SERVICE Btry., 132nd. This is the unit that Amil said he had not heard from . . . so now we have some in the flock. Dick Price was the first of this lost unit to come into the Assn., and many have since, so welcome to the club, all you Service Battery 132nd cannoneers.

Col **ROBERT BRINKERHOFF**, 178 Lakeview Blvd., New Braunfels, TX 78130, a well-known artilleryman writes that he regrets he missed Dallas, but had a dream "that they gave me a room between Van W. Pylon and Prune-Face Peter. I am still shaking". (His reference to 'frune-face' has to be Gen. John N. PETE Green). Footnote from Amil: Brinkerhoof was Green's Executive Officer in the great 132nd Field Artillery.

**JAMES F. GRAHAM**, M.D., 1418 West Jefferson Ave., Dallas, TX 75208 of 143rd Medics sends in dues for **CHARLES C. EDWARDS**, age 82, who served with Co. D, 111th Supply Train of the 36th in World War I, resides at 702 N. Oak Cliff Blvd., Dallas 75208.

**BUD MYERS**, 2618 32nd St., Lubbock, TX 79410 of Btry. C, 131st sends in dues and regrets he could not make the Dallas Reunion. Sends news that **WINFORD WRIGHT**, Svc. Btry., 131st of Roswell, N.M. died in Oct. '74, 3 weeks prior to his wife Dorothy. Sad.

**MRS. VICTOR DAVIDSON**, 22 Queen Ann St., Friendship, N.Y. 14739 sends Xmas card greeting and photo of co. B, 142nd Eastern, with letter from **PERSHING FREEMAN**, new president, Rt. 1, Waynesboro. PA 17268, host for the 1975 Co. B Reunion. Thanks.

Dr. **DAVID D. KAPLAN** sends in new address: now resides at Las Vegas Country Estates, 550 Oakmount Ave., Apt. 2506, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. Formerly lived in Amarillo and Henderson, Nev. Served with 143rd Inf.

**GENE V. RHODES**, Box 429, Eastland, TX 76448 of Co. I, 142nd, sends in dues and asks why we didn't get more TV and newspaper coverage of the Dallas Reunion. Answer: Yes, we did get TV and newspaper coverage. Seems that the Big D newspapers run their stories "after" the reunion. A story dated Monday, was published in the Oct. '74 issue.

**HAROLD W. COTNER**, P.O. Box 284, Mt. Vernon, Ind. 47620 of Co. E, 142nd says he enjoys the T-Patcher very much . . . wants information about Col. James E. Barnett (same outfit) and any other T-Patchers of Co. E.



## EVEL KNIEVEL? NO!

**NOEL E. KURTZ**, Decatur, Ill. sends this one in with his dues. Noel says he took a 3,000 mile trip last year on his cycle, visited the Grand Tetons in western Wyoming. Served with Hqs. 1st Bn, 142nd, Noel says he will try to make by motorcycle to San Antone next August.

## President's Message

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posted.

Plans are in the mill for something new. On Friday Night, to have our reception at the world famous "Buckhorn Saloon" Room at Lone Star Brewery (how bout that?). (They'll have to put on a night shift).

Reservation cards will be sent to all members this summer, and we urge you to plan now, then get yours in, as we have a 'cut-off' for rooms 15 days prior to Aug. 29th.

The Board has directed, that due to steady increase of all costs—the REGISTRATION FEE—\$17.50 per person.

Membership chairman, Amil Kohutek reports dues are coming in steady, but still have 'too many' drop outs. (see page 7).

The Thursday Night "Early Birds" have increased each year, so be advised that there will be a PARTY for all this evening.

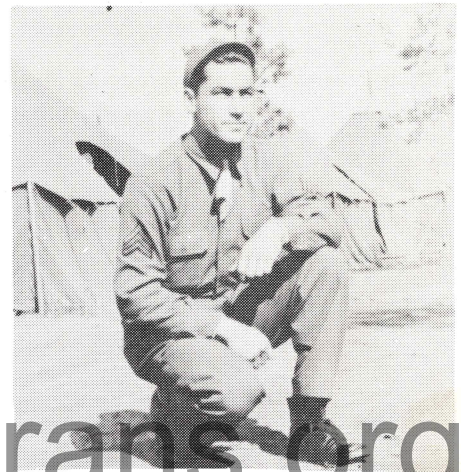
The **TONY ROYANCE** Orchestra has been booked for the big Saturday Night Dinner Dance, see photo on next page.

It's been a decade since we met in SAN ANTONIO, and I feel it in my bones that this 1975 "GOLDEN" Anniversary Reunion will top 'em all. So don't let yourself be left-out . . . join the "In-Crowd" of ole buddies . . . and start PLANNING right now.

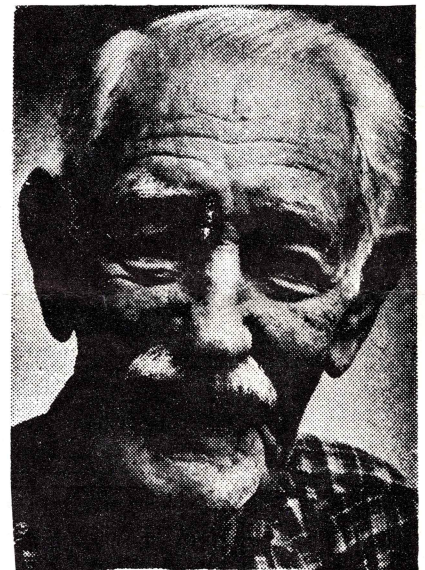
Our motto this year is "Bring In A New Member, and Bring him with you to SAN ANTONIO."

kindest regards,

**SAMMIE D. PETTY**, President  
36th Division Association.



**HARRY MCGREEVY** of Versailles, Ohio sends in this pix of his ole side-kick, **ARMAND G. JONES** taken at Camp Blanding 1942, both old cannoneers of Hqs. Btry. 155th F.A. Bn. Jones now sports a beard.



**FERD KILLOUGH**

. . . Armistice memories

**FRED KILLOUGH** was 23 years old on July 16, 1917 when he answered the muster-roll for a military company being formed in Abilene, Texas.

Memories of that day nearly 60 years ago were recalled last Armistice Day, 1974. Killough is one of the few survivors of his unit, which was joined with the 1st Oklahoma Regiment that made up the 36th's 142nd Infantry . . . at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas.

"ARMISTICE DAY, Nov. 11th means a whole lot to us", said Killough at ceremony in Abilene last November, at Oscar Rose Park. He relates an incident that happened May 18, 1918 when he witnessed a training accident that Abileneians are still talking about. "Company I, 142nd was firing a trench mortar when the weapon exploded and killed 11 men. We thought whoever it was must have dropped a second shell on top of the ole that hadn't gone off. We never knew for sure."

Killough is a father of 8 children, lives at 2705 Cedar, Abilene, Texas.

# Heard from

MARK PARKER, 2200 Godby Road, Apt. S9, College Park, GA 30349 drops his annual \$10, served with Co. L, 142nd, and is the guy who let us borrow his copy of the 142nd History, published in Germany, fall of 1945 . . . a great one, and we had it copied for permanent berth in our archives.

ALBERT RICCI, 36 Humbert St., Providence, R.I. of Co. K, 143rd comes through with dues after being AWOL last year. Welcome back to the clan, Al.

PAUL REY, Jr., Box 31398, El Paso, TX pays dues plus one . . . JOHN SAUCEDO, 3528 Thompson, same city. Both walked with Co. E, 141st.

GIL RHINE, 659 Highlands Ave., Salina, Kan. 67401 of Cannon Co. 141st sends \$15, and we add PAUL AARON and ARTHUR DEAN. Thanks Gil.

ITEM: Start a Reunion Piggy Bank now. Put \$5 in every week, and don't touch. By Labor Day you'll have \$140 bucks in the kitty, and you'll be on your way to SAN ANTONIO for the great 50th Anniversary Reunion.

VIA PAR AVION from Indonesia: A change of address for an ole 143rd man who gets around. Lt. Col. CARMEN A. WILLIAMSON, who has been working in Republic of Vietnam since retiring from the USA Army in '62 says "My employer, The Pacific Architects & Engineers Inc., made an offer I couldn't turn down—a new job as a Logistics Consultant in Indonesia, and would like to hear from any of his old chums who wore the T-Patch." New address is: P.O. Box 16, Cilegon, West Java, Indonesia.

ALFRED N. MARKOWSKY, 509 Fairfield, Corpus Christi, TX 78412 of 3rd Bn., 141st, sends dues, bought a 1975 Roster from Amil, with some left over for stamps. Al says he's totally disabled, but will MAKE the next Reunion, even if I have to crawl to San Antonio. (That is TRUE GRIT) . . . hope you will join us Labor Day, Al, and thanks.

HANK GOMEZ, that 141st wizard, postcards from SNOWMASS-AT-ASPEN Colorado, where he is having a ball keeping up with Gerald Ford [who also skis]. Hank says it's alot of fun watching all the broads. Bully for You.

HALL BUCHANAN and bride celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and sent a news clip to Amil. Hall served in both wars and at one time, with Battery C, 132nd (Amil's old outfit). Buchanan retired in 1966, resides in Weatherford, TX.

CHARLES B. BENNETT, 411 N. Hill St., Itasca, TX 76055 attended an XMAS PARTY in Fort Worth recently, hosted by ARMAND G. JONES for his old Hqs. Btry. 155th gang. This reporter was in attendance, and promptly "shook-him-out" of five bucks for Assn. dues. And, CHUCK, don't forget there's a flock of T-Patchers in Itasca.

Former TEXAS SENATOR, RALPH W. YARBOROUGH, who served with C. A, 111th Engineers way back there in 1923 until 1936 sends in his dues, plus regrets that he missed Dallas, and best wishes to all T-Patchers. The Senator's law office is now: 721 Brown Bldg., Colorado at W. 8th, Austin, Texas 78701.



"I pass these 4 Aces, I'm with you, let's go to San Antonio for the Big Bash."



ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, 109 E. Main St., RR2, Pierceton, Ind. 46562 Co. F, 141st, sends the above photo to Sammie Petty with this caption, "Santa promised me Airline tickets and hotel room in San Antonio". Ole Santa won't let you down, Bob . . . see you in the Alamo City.

## Cape Cod Beams at News of 36th's Valor at Salerno

1943

New Englanders are saying "I told you so," since hearing of the 36th Division's valor at Salerno Beach, a copy of an editorial from the Falmouth Enterprise, Falmouth, Mass., received Saturday in Fort Worth, reveals.

The editorial, distributed among the Texas warriors by the Adjutant General's Department, was mailed to I. E. McWhirter of Fort Worth by Sgt. W. L. Bragg, now serving overseas.

"A few months ago we were wondering when the 36th Division would go overseas," the editorial said in part. "Our speculation was spurred by our experiences with the 36th. . . . We had moments of feeling that much good scrapping spirit was being frittered away on Cape Cod."

(The 36th had been stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass. before going overseas.)

"We said goodbye to the 36th with mingled emotions of relief and regret," the New England paper's editorial continued. "We knew then we would never entertain another such bunch, and chances are we never will. But it must be a bit hard for us to realize that now the Texas women are separated from their soldiers."

The newspaper mentions German reports that the 36th landed at Salerno and adds: "American news dispatches tell us Texans have distinguished themselves in hard fighting at the beach-heads. We can all say, 'I told you so.' Falmouth never doubted that the 36th would hold its own in any kind of a rough-house."

The editor remarked that "Men wise in Army ways have told us" that many an Army wife follows her husband from camp to camp and "with the 36th it seemed as if every wife moved with her husband. . . . The wives descended upon Falmouth as a group. The result was immediate strain to bursting of our housing facilities, months long business boom in our villages. Many outfits have moved in and out of Camp Edwards since. None has caused the commotion, made the impress which the 36th brought.

"Of course, we're interested in news of the 36th from Italy," adds the editorial. "Our Texan visitors were as much Texans when they left as when they came. We may be pardoned for observing that we remained Cape Codders. Still, a link was forged. . . . Many of our Texans said they'd come back to see us after the war. We want to see them back."

Footprints In The

Sands Of Time . . .

All you troopers who served at Camp Edwards will recall the great hospitality afforded the 'wild' men from Texas who took over their Cape in the fall of 1942.

Who could forget those weekends at Falmouth, drinks and dinner at Coonamessett Inn and trips to Boston, Providence, etc. THIS clipping appeared in all Texas newspapers Oct. 1943.

# Heard from

C.P. BUDDY AUTREY, 8803 Oak Ledge, San Antonio, TX 78217 is new V/P of the 141st traveled to Fort Worth for the ARMAND JONES Christmas Party is working closely with President SAMMY D. PETTY in making Reunion arrangements for the stupendous meeting (our 50th) in the Alamo City, come Labor Day. All you 141st men—get in touch with Buddy. This has to be the BIGGIE!

VERNON BRIGHT, 4921 Atwater Drive, Columbus, OH 43229 sends seasons greeting and a memo about the MID WEST CHAPTER Reunion, set for July 19-20 at the Hospitality Inn, Columbus. So all you guys in the mid-west area, get your reservations in now, and let VERN know you are coming.

INFLATION ITEM . . . rumor has it that postal rates will go up again in 1975, so why not get a bunch of 10¢ stamps now and flood the mail with contacts with your ole buddies . . . it'll never be so cheap again.

PETER W. MESNER, 1450 Southland Pkwy., Marion, OH 43302 reported that last year was left off mailing list. Amil redeems out good name and mails all back issues of the T-Patcher. Pete walked with o. L, 143rd.

PEDRO LOPEZ, Rt. 3m Box 42E, Edinburg, TX 78539 of Co. B, 142nd drops Ten, and Amil added ALEJO GARCIA, 711 West Stubbs, same city of Co. F 142nd.

HOW LUCKY can you get. Your editor, after listening to all these commercials about "Go out and buy a car" did just that. We ordered a saddle-brown 1975 Impala, and when we picked it up the Texas License was "VJY 36". How 'bout that? WORD OF WISDOM: A T-Patcher who asked his name not be used, sends in this great ONE WORD tip on how to fight Inflation—"STEAL".

Dr. PHILIP G. PADGETT, 605 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086 of 142nd drops a tenspot to Amil, and he picks up a buddy—INNO PATESLINE, 619 Highlands Ave., Charleroi, PA 15022 also of Medics 142nd. Thanks Doc.

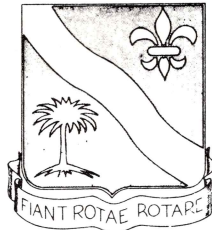
PHILIP J. PRITCHARD, 1220 E. 3rd St., Thief River, Minn. 56701 of Cannon Co. 143rd (who is trying to forget PAYNE RUCKER) sent his usual \$15, and Amil added WILEY STEM & ERNEST BIER to the paid-up list. Thanks Phil.

WILLARD C. MILLER, Luling, Texas, of Svc. 142nd, drops Ten and ALBERT FISHER of Austin, TX got it. Luling, as you may recall is noted as hometown of the late, great General MILLER AINSWORTH [and has one of the greatest Barbecue cafes in Texas. It's served on a roll of butcher paper and it's deluxe. We know, we were there many times].

RIX RYTLAND, atty at law, Travis Bldg., San Antonio TX 78205 of Co. C, 141st pays dues for MAC ACOSTA, same outfit, also of the Alamo City.

JOHN MORRIS, 23631 Hartland, Euclid, OH 44213 reports that his lovely wife has open heart surgery. Cards and letters appreciated. John walked with Co. B, 142nd.

## Battery C, 132nd To Meet June 20-22 At Fort Sill, Okla.



The most active bunch of cannoneers who ever pulled a T-patch lanyard is the Btry C, 132nd. And where do you imagine their next reunion will be?

Yes, it is definite—LAWTON, Okla., where Fort Sill is located. Any good artilleryman knows that, and the date is June 20-22, 1975. This dispatch was sent in by honcho JOE JUSTICE, 7701 Deaver Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76118.

This is Amil's old gang, and he tells me (and not braggin') that his bunch has more paid-up members in the Association than anyone. (So step up Co. B, 142nd and challenge that statement). Only Amil knows the exact truth. In fact Amil & Pauline stopped by recently on their way to Lawton to finalize arrangements. You got to give these guys credit for being on-the-beam.

In fact JEANBAKER and JOE KINCAID had already been there on a scouting exposition. Joe Justice says these two are always ready to "fire ten rounds for Battery C". MORE info in the May issue.

As we go to press, Joe Justice tells us that headquarters for the reunion will be the Ramada Inn, Lawton located at 2nd & Ferris.

Joe also has a new metro number for all artillerymen in the Metroplex area . . . dial 1-498-1360 (no area code needed).

Joe says this will be their biggest, and rightfully so.

## CENTURY CLUB

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over 3 grand salted away in CD's drawing maximum interest. That Fund is our INSURANCE money that we can SURVIVE, hell or high water.

Here is a quote from Hank: "There are things far more important than money at this stage of life, and I feel extremely rich in what counts most — Peace of mind & friends".

Gomez also mentioned that, since he takes a 3 week ski trip each year, he will just cut this one short a couple of days, and take the 100 out of his trip. How 'bout that.

This is a great gesture on the part of Hank, (and on our own) we could only think of this as our "GOOD EGG AWARD" for '75. And, all those who can, we hope to get a 'few' more members to the 36th "Century Club".



SAM F. KIBBEY, the Kentucky Colonel who is an attorney, play actor, writer, dreamer, schemer, world-traveler and all time bullshipper of Ashland, Ky., sent this one in . . . shows ole Sambo giving a cross-examination to Liz Linley, in the play, "Inherit The Wind" (based on the life of Wm. Jennings Bryan). Sam of course took the lead as Matthew Harrison Brady, is former pres. of the Mid-West chapter and did his gold-bricking with Co. K, 143rd.

## New Books

Your reporter has just purchased a copy of a new book, "THE ULTRA SECRET" by F. W. Winterbotham, published by Harper & Row, 199 pages, \$8.95 at your bookstore.

It's a strange tale of Hitler's Code. And since we served in G-2, it had great interest to this reader.

Winterbotham's crisp-written account of the British's successful attempt to CRACK, then utilize the Nazi's secret coding . . . is considered ONE of the most spectacular sources of enemy intelligence in the history of warfare.

If you like intrigue, and the story behind the story, here is a book that gives an inside to one of the reasons the D-Day Normany landing was successful.

We highly recommend this book to all war history buffs. Just shows that the German's were doomed from the start, because Hitler was a complete dummy.

"The French Against The French" by Milton Dank (Lippincott, \$12.50) is hot off the press. Here's one by a former combat glider pilot with 1st Airborne, who served as liaison officer with the French. A sad but true recollection of alot of things that T-Patchers also witnessed. If you are a student of "the war's aftermath" . . . get this one.

# Heard from

**MICHAEL C. WALES**, 211 W. Madison, P.O. Box 4123, South Bend, Ind. 46634 of Co. B, 143rd sends in CK for \$10; his dues and a buddie [new]—**JOHN BARTUCCO**, 53 Willcox St., Bristol, CT 06010. Good work, get us some more buddies, and Thanx.

**ROY M. HARDER**, #7 Circle Q, Orange, TX 77630 of Co. C, 143rd sends to Amil a check for \$40—for the cause. And that is a good 'cause'. Muchoblige, Roy.

**ZEB SUNDAY**, 3311 Jana, Pasadena, TX 77505, former V/P of the 143rd spends alot of his time [when not working for Delta Airlines] to round up drop outs and strays. He sent in one for **GEO. C. BURMINGHAM**, 821 Fostoria, Houston TX 77022 of Hqs. Co. 2nd Bn., 142nd. Good huntin' Zeb.

**CHARLES LABAMZ**, 3766 Edwards Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45209 of Batry A, 155th FA pays dues for **RURWOOD WELCH**, same city.

**CHAS. S. DAKE**, ole Bob Richie's **BAR** man got himself good and lost, says Amil. All mail returned, so Richie comes up with new address: 210 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866. Dake served with Co. H 142nd, comes up with \$20 for the Sust/Fund. Thanks.

**ED EARWOOD**, ye Postmaster of Lohrville, low51453 comes through with double dues, cause he was AWOL last year. Amil picks up **ESQUELL JAQUES** off the ski slopes of Trinidad, Colo. Both Patchers pulled the lanyards for the ole fightin' 132nd.

**RALPH DeSANTIS**, 460 Carol Place, Pelham Manor, N.Y. 10803 of Co. F, 141st pays dues and another. Amil picks **STEVE FRANKS**, 910 Meadow Ave., Charleroi, PA 15022 of Co. F, 141st, whom we later learned is deceased.

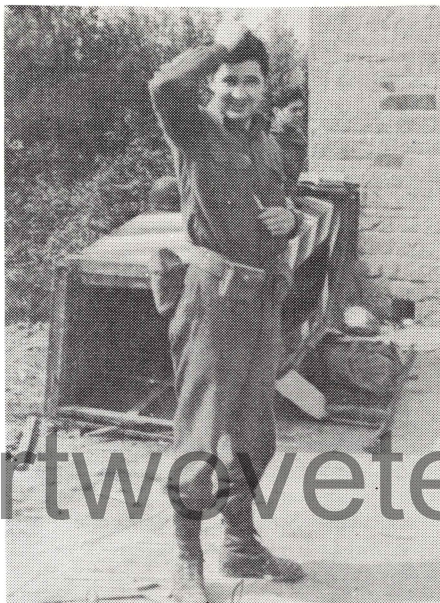
**STEVE RUZICKA**, 1561 W. Summit Rd., Nuskegon, Mich. 49441 along with Yarkbird **CHEEZY MARTIN**, Box 164, Grant Park, Ill. sent Ten each, and we picked a buddie for each of Btry C, 132nd.

**LYLE LEGAN**, 356 Chelverton St., Santa Cruz, CA 95062 sends in dues and says he'll be in **SAN ANTONIO** . . . will be his first. Lyle is a 141ster, Co. F.

**DONALD J. MUNN**, 3334 Russell Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 55412 also Co. F, 141st sends dues, but can't make the reunion. To make up for it, maybe the Vikings will win next Super Bowl.

Mrs. **W. T. DOSS**, P.O. Box 702, Brownwood, TX 76801 writes to Amil that her husband **WILLIAM**, of Co. A, 142nd is now totally disabled in a nursing home in Brownwood. We urge Doss's old buddies to drop a line to Bill.

**THINK IT OVER  
I AM FULLY AWARE MY YOUTH HAS  
BEEN SPENT,  
THAT MY GET-UP-AND-GO HAS GOT-UP-  
AND-WENT;  
BUT I REALLY DON'T MIND WHEN I  
THINK WITH A GRIN,  
OF ALL THE GRAND PLACES MY GET-UP  
HAS BEEN.**



Here's L. W. Wilkerson scratchin' his head, "where do we go from here". Keonard served in the 144th at Camp Bowie, but this pix was made at Werl, Germany when we was with the 377th Inf. of 95th Div. Wilkerson is '75 V/P of the 144th.



Here's 1st Sgt. Pop Gassman (now lives in Florida) walking down Co. E, 144th street, Camp Bowie 1941, with him is Sgt. Bob Campbell of Denton, Texas. Pix from Leonard Wilkerson.

Remember this scene . . . a typical street scene at Camp Bowie, Brownwood in 1941. This is Co. E of the 144th Inf. Rgmt. Another one from Wilkerson. Thanks.

## Wanted

**THOMAS K. LEINBACH, Jr.**, RR #3, Box 564, Reading, PA 19606 is a Vietnam veteran, collects WWII German items . . . will buy, so write if you have something to sell. Saw it in American Legion Mag. So did M/Sgt. **BERNARD F. GAVIN (Ret)** 22532 Gaycrest Ave., Torrence, CA 90505, same thing.

**San An '75**

## Friendship Was Forged Between Men of Co. B, 143rd and French Family

Steve Weiss, 3616 Ocean View Ave., Los Angeles CA 90066 sends in this letter which may be of interest, especially to those who served in Co. C, 143rd:

Monsieur Gaston Reynaud, a very brave and gallant Frenchman died on Oct. 28th, '74 of a heart attack in Valence, France. He is survived by his wife, Madeleine, his daughter, Claudia.

Subsequent to a night attack near Valence in Aug. '44, eight G.I.'s, of whom I

was one, were hidden in the hayloft of Reynaud's farm after being surrounded. He then enlisted the aid of the local Resistance, of which he was a member, who in a long harrowing escape got us to safety on the other side of the Rhone River. Because of his heroism, eight T-Patchers lived to fight another day in the Boges and beyond. Gaston Reynaud saved our lives while putting his own in jeopardy.

Is there any way that the 36th Div. Association on behalf of its members send a note of condolence to the next of kin? To write it in english is O.K.

The address is:

Madame Gaston Reynaud and family,  
"Les Martins",  
26002 Valence,  
France

I know they would be deeply appreciative if they heard from the Org. Interestingly enough, when I saw him and his family for the first time after the war, in '72, he referred to we eight as *his Americans*. Friendships like these are forged of steel, and I shall always remember him.

## Mid-West Chapter

the 1975 Reunion is as follows:

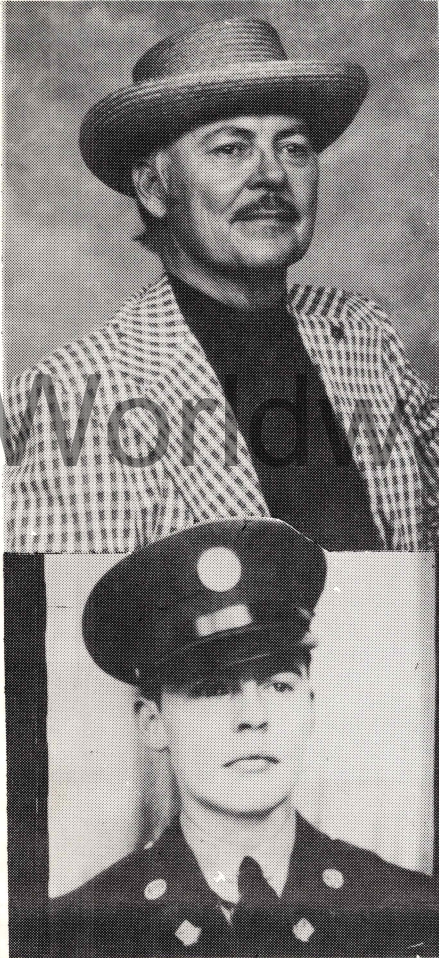
Will be held in Columbus, Ohio, on July 19 & 20 at the Hospitality Motor Inn, 1000 East Granville Road (at I-71). Get together on Friday the 18th will be for the early arrivals.

Please address all inquiries pertaining to the 1975 Columbus Reunion to—

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



## Roselle, V-P Spec. Troops—New City Judge



Here's another before and after. Tom Roselle, who now looks like a judge, and a youthful Tom, photo made shortly after mobilization.

### 144th Curtis Walthall

#### Has Book At Publisher

Curtis Walthall, P. O. Box 89, Chesterfield, Va. 23832 has been writing a book for several years, at least - looking for a publisher. We have recieved advance copies of this some time ago, and now the big news...

Come April 1975, the Exposition Press, Inc. of Jerico, N. Y., now have his "WE CAN'T ALL BE HEROS" on the press. The jacket cover says: "Combines the formal history of infantry regiments in WWII, starting with the 36th Division at Camp Bowie, with the inside, first person story of life in the regiments".

Walthall is a Texan, born in Denton County, lived in Fort Worth, joined TNG in 1939, 144th Infantry. Served with many units, retired in 1963 as Major. Curt says he has been getting advance orders from item in Bill Hefner's 144th Report. And good luck Walthall with your new venture. (At present, Curtis is warehouse supervisor for Chesterfield Schools).

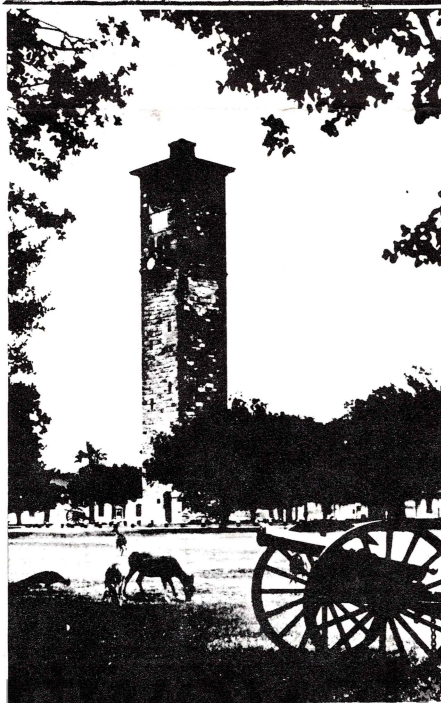
Just call him "Judge", cause that's what he is now. Tom Roselle, the V/P of Special Troops is the City Judge for that vacation town of BRACKETTVILLE.

In case some of you Yanks don't know about this town . . . this is where John Wayne got Happy Shahan to 'build' an exact replica of THE ALAMO, which he used when he filmed movie of same name.

This copy of the famous shrine in San Antonio is still there and one of Texas' big tourists attractions. So if any you Patchers visit there, and get in jail, you just might have a friend to bail you out.

TOM ROSELLE joined the TNG in June 1939 in Austin, stayed with the 36th into Italy. Got his Reptured Duck Sept. 1945, then attended SMU in Dallas, where he absorbed alot of knowledge; and a wife, moved to Brackettville in '49. Tom & bride have four: Mike (24), Lance (22), Lisa (17) and Traci (16). Tom has been city councilman, Mayor, Private Eye, Insurance and now Judge. (Tom, we're glad you didn't get involved in smugglin' in Wetbacks).

Gets mail at: Box 617, Brackettville, TX 78832.



Fort Sam Houston

SAN ANTONIO, A City of Contrasts, has a little bit of everything. Like—FORT SAM HOUSTON, one of the largest military posts in U.S. Above is the Quadrangex, built in 1876-79. When it was a real fort, the above 88' tower was used as a watch tower.

## Heard from

**JAMES C. BEST**, 1803 E. Grauwlyer, Irving, TX 75061 of Co. H. 142nd write to say how much he and wife enjoyed the Dallas Reunion [but did not like his pix taken by the studio who covered the T-Patchers]. See story in this issue.

**BILLIE REID**, 2111 Monaco Dr./Arlington, TX 76010, vice-pres. of the Ladies Aux., sends in a fabulous Xmas gift: A copy of "A True Christmas Story" which was written by her father, HUGH P. HELMS, a rabid T-Patcher of WWI who served with Co. A, 133rd Machine Gun Bn., AEF. The message is too long to reprint in this issue, but extra copies are available for all who write in. This great Story was written Dec. 25, 1918, just weeks after the Armistice was signed . . . In the village of Coussegregy, France. It is a valuable piece of AMERICANA . . . so write to your editor, or to Billie Reid for a copy. It's great. Incidentally, HUGH HELMS has made 'most' all the 36th Reunions.

**NOEL E. KURTZ**, 1704 Kenwood Ct., Decatur, Ill. 62526 of Hqs. 1st Bn., 142nd makes Evil Knievel look like Ned in the First Reader, sends dues and also for his brother John. See pix in this issue.

**CHARLES HENDERSHOT**, 1811½ Rusk Ave., Houston, TX 77005, of the 36th MP's was already paid up, sent \$15 more and is now paid up until 1978. How 'bout that? **CLYDE STOUT**, Rt. 1, Box 203, Pharr, TX 78577 of Can. Co., 141st drops to Amil \$25, was issued a Sustaining Fund Certificate. Need more like Clyde.

**HENRY A. SYTKOWSKI**, 20876 Crestmont Lane, Dearborn, Mich. 48127 of Co. B, 142nd insisted on paying dues for his platoon Sgt. HIRAM FENTON, who was already paid. Good gesture on your part, Henry, the Association needs the green. **MARVIN SPLAWN**, Rt. 2, Box 22, Belton, TX 76513 of co. I, 143rd paid dues for **JAMES E. CRYER**, 207 Labor St., Pasadena, TX, same outfit. Thanks, Marv. **ROY D. GOAD**, 3007 Antelope Trail, Temple, TX 76501 of Co. D, 143rd sends Ten (that's the best kind).

**RON ROSSON**, 49 Dianas Tr., Roslyn Estates, NY, walked with Co. F, 143rd drops \$10 and that's good! Out Thanx.

**LEE MILLER**, 424 North Park, Wayland, Mich. 49348 did time with Co. F 141st sends to Amil \$30 for the cause. The cause is, 'cause' we need the money. Thanx Lee! **O. B. DRAKE**, 1703 Biovu, Galveston, TX 77550 [this is where all good Texans go to swim] served with Co. L, 143rd drops \$10. **GARLAND DeLAMAR**, 416 White Oak Drive, Waco, TX 76710 of Hqs. 143rd also drops \$10, and this is good.

**DON'T FORGET**, the new "Century Club" for T-Patchers is the greatest thing since sliced bread. It is money that will be used in the GENERAL FUND for promotion and operations. We have 2000 dropouts and strays that need to be 'rounded-up'. This takes time and money, printing and postage. All are high as a cat's back. We hope to get 20 contributors by Reunion time . . . so think about it, and it is tax deductible.

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

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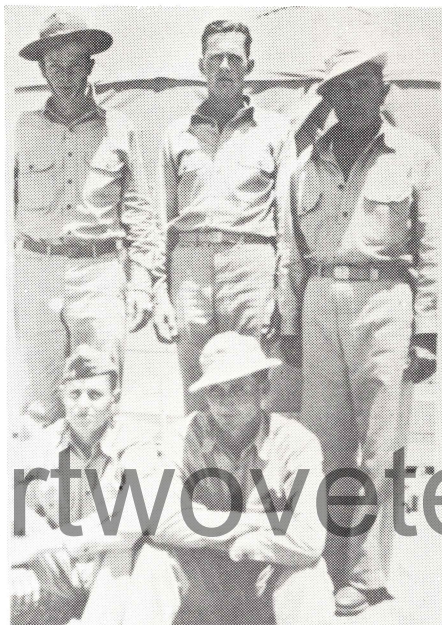
C. IRVING "GI" SMITH, of Btry B, 132nd is a new one. Sends his dues and order for Roster to Amil, says he wants to come to Texas, next reunion for sure. Last visit was 1951 with ERNEST UPTMORE of West, Texas.

Our thanks to W. C. Lueb, 5101 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 7705 for sending in rare copies of some old turned-yellow copies of our mimeo T-Patch, edited at Camp Edwards; Beachhead News of Oct. 1944 which carried alot of stories of the 36th plus pix; also Stars & Stripes special Cassino edition—plus our own T-Patche Nov. 1944 "MOBILIZATION ANNIVERSARY" . . . 1940-1944 with headline— "36th Completes Four Years of Active Service", with maps, and special story by Capt. VINCENT M. LOCKHART, AGD, Division Historian and his "FOOTPRINTS IN THE MUD OF TIME" . . . ahhh, all those memories. Thanks Lueb, for these great issues.

ALTON S. RAY, 1715 Preusser, San Angelo TX 76901 (that's out there where all the sheep and goats come from) sends in dues, and apologies for being AWOL for a while.

Said he saw DON BOWEN, also of AT 142nd a few years ago, and then Amil says, Bowen's current address is missing. Can any of you AT men of 142nd help us out. Alton says he had a major heart attack 5 years ago and has to take it easy . . . well come on to San Antonio, we'll do the rest, and thanks for the letter, AL.

**THOMAS and DONNA O'CONNOR of the Mid-West Chapter took their cue from the birds and left their ice-over Michigan domain for a trip to 'sunny Texas' on their way to spread joy among friends from the big Red River to the Rio Grande.**



This pix sent in by Bill Bundy, via Glen Beckett (standing center) of these Co. M, 142nd T-Patchers. Sitting from left is Bill Bundy and Edd Bedford. Anybody recognize the other two standing?

## "ARROW T", Anyone?

Thos. D. Sutton, 212 7th Street, Fowler, Colo. 81039 writes your editor for some help. He wants to know if any WWI T-Patchers has an "ARROW T" that was printed in France. So all you WWI men check your files.

Sutton served with Co. H, 142nd and Hqs. Co., WWI wants info about the 71st Brigade participation in the Meuse Aargon offensive, attached to the 1st Marine Corps.

Maybe Mrs. Bernice B. Maxfield, 1007 Marion, Fort Worth TX 76104 can help. She's going to publish a WWI book on the 36th at Camp Bowie and France.

# Heard from

CHARLES S. THAYER, 1585 S. Garfield, Colo 80210 of Co. F, 141st says he hasn't seen anyone from the 36th in years. But, that's easy, Chaz., be in San Antonio and many of your old buddies will be there waiting to see you.

CLIFF BLANKENSHIP, 2113 Edward, Salina, Kan. 67401 of Co. A, 143rd sends regards to the troops, says he's gonna make a reunion one of these days. Do that, Cliff and make it 1975.

C. W. RUSSUM, 605 Dickens ST., Fuquay-Varina, N.C. 27526 of Co. D, 142nd drops \$15 in the pot, and Amil adds: ARVIL C. MOORE, 13222 Laguna, Houston TX 77015, same outfit, also PAUL A. SOHN, 447 N. Joliet St., Hobart, Ind. 46342, another Co. D, 142nder.

ANTHONY REALMUTO, 676 FenWorth Blvd., Franklin Sq., N.Y. 11010, another Co. F, 141st Patcher says he had to attend a wedding last year at reunion time, but will try for San Antone.

VERNON REID, 27 Wm. F. St., Rehoboth Beach, Del. 19971 of Hqs. Co., 144th WWI sends in dues, stamps and orders a new Roster from Amil. Made the Dallas 1968 reunion. Vernon served in the Mexican Border fracas in 1916 with the Greenville unit, Co. E, 4th Texas Infantry—ended up with 144th. Now retired from both army and the Postal Service.

ROBT. E. O'BRIEN, Suite 500, 80 Wolf Road, Albany, N.Y. 12205 drops ten for his own dues and for MIKE WALES. Since Wales was already paid up, Amil picks up WAYNE KERZEE, all 3 served in Co. B, 143rd.

ROBERT H. GASKER, P.O. Box 282, Fairfield, Conn. 06430 of Co. F, 141st sends dues and names of 5 T-Patchers [all of who are members] so keep looking for more, Robt . . . and come to San Antonio.

COLON J. LOTT, Lt. Col Ret'd, 6410 Madeleine Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229 of Hq. Co., 36th MPPlatoon served from 1937 to May 1942, left at Camp Blanding for OCS at Fort Benning. Organize a new platoon, Col., and be at the El Tropicana come Labor Day, we may need some help.

ROBERT O BURNES, RR #4, Frankfort, Ind. 46041 writes to Sammie Petty that he plans to journey to the Alamo City this year for the big one. We'll be lookin' for you!

MRS. FRANK FULGHAM, 713 Courts, Weatherford, TX 76086 widow of Col. Frank of 132nd FA, wants to hear from those who knew her husband.

A letter returned, addressed to ROBT. FRAME, 133 Easton Ave., New Brunswick, N.J. 08901. Was in C 132nd and C 133rd. Can anyone help?

JOHN B. POPE, Box 2858, Abilene, TX 79604 of Div Hqs., collects signatures of U.S. Presidents. Says he has 'em all. How bout that (ought to be worth a ton).

ORAN C. STOVALL, head honcho of the Engineers and also chief of Montague County political party, generally uses the back side of ballots for his letters. Amil says he must have run out, as now, we can tell what hotel or motel he most recently checked out of.



## Use A Magnifying Glass On This One

MONTALIMAR, FRANCE 1944 and marked SECRET on the back side, this photo shows what is left of a Nazi ammo truck after being hit. T-Patchers are inspecting the damage, but unit was not given on this Signal Corps photo from WWII files.



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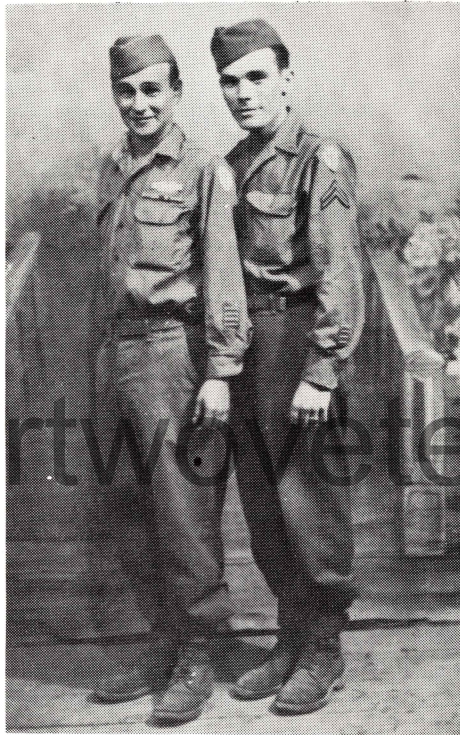
GEORGE EPPERSON, 108 Hollywood Dr., Coleman, Texas of Co. B, 142nd, and Amil's right-hand, also Recording/Secty of the Assn., signs up a bunch: FRED L. PEIRSON, 4008 6th St., Brownwood, TX 76801 of Hqs. 1st Bn., 142nd; FORREST KIMBRELL, 811 Post St., Coleman, TX 76834 of B 142nd; A. D. LONGBREAK, Box 396, Santa Anna, TX 76878 of C 141st; and KENNETH L. KEACH, RR 1 VIOLA, Wis. 54664 also Co. B, 142nd. Good huntin', George [who is leading the pack for rounding up strays and drop-outs.

JAMES L. MINOR, 711 West 7th St., Post, Texas 79356 is one of the 36th's most colorful Patchers, took all the marbles last year in solicitation, is still in the runnin' for 1975. We know he personally mailed 1000 letters last year in 'search' of members. (And it worked).

AMIL says: "If you expect to soar with the eagles in the morn, you can't hoot all night with the owls". But, then who has enough energy to 'soar'? Amil claims some troopers are still sending mail to Irving TX [his old address]. Be reminded he is now [retired] in Abilene.



Special attraction for all T-Patchers—here's LILY the lifeguard at the El Tropicana swimming pool. So all you troopers bring along your swim suit, the water's fine, but let's not have all those 'fake' drownings, men.



TONY PELLERIN, 3731 Avalon, Port Arthur TX 77640 sends this one in of his pals of Co. H, 142nd: from left—COSHONET, Oconto, Wis., and EARL FURST, Niles, Wis. (see story this issue).

## "Soldiers Of Texas" Covers 128 Years Of 'Fightin' Texans

It's 8½ x 11" size, 160 pages, beautifully produced with seven chapters: *The San Jacinto Army*; *The Texas Mounted Rifles in Mexico*; *Hood's Texas Brigade*; *Terry's Texas Rangers*; *The Rough Riders*; *The 90th Inf. Division* and *The 36th 'T-Patch' Division*.

Each chapter is by a different author. Our good friend ROBERT L. WAGNER (who gave us the TEXAS ARMY) does the good part about Patchers in WWII.

Another great chapter "Hood's Brigade" is written by HAROLD B. SIMPSON (a member of the 36th) and who is currently Director of The Confederate Research Center and Gun Museum of Hill Jr. College, Hillsboro, Texas.

Col. Simpson (USAF Retired) has informed us that T-Patchers can order these books direct from him at a 10% discount. The regular price is \$12.50...order from Col. Simpson at \$10.50 postpaid. (Texans add 5% state tax).

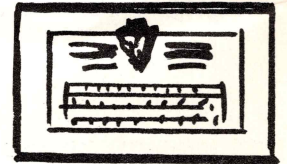
Send Ck, or M.O. to:

Col. Harold B. Simpson  
P. O. Box 619,  
Hillsboro, Texas 76645

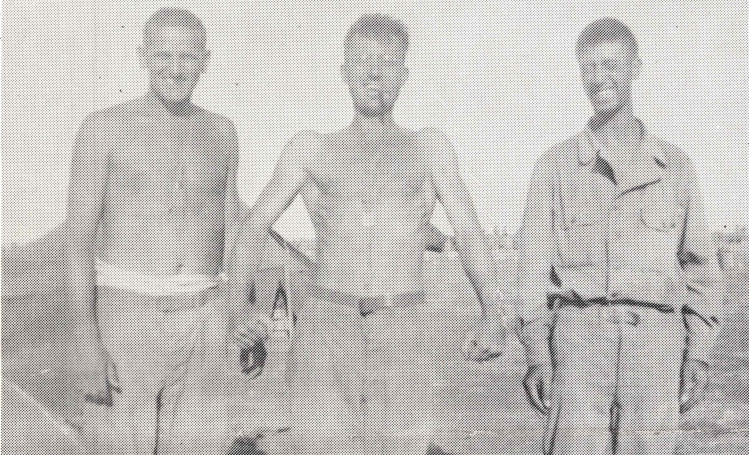
## Sustaining Fund Certificates Are Only \$36.

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.



WINTER of 1944, this photo marked CONFIDENTIAL until Re-Classified by Censor, shows one self-propelled gun firing on German positions in the Rhine Valley was used in WWII T-Patch. Signal Corps Photo.



NORTH AFRICA 1943 top photo sent in by L. B. Easley of Dallas. From left—1st Lt. Charles R. Barnes, 1st Lt. Robert D. Cable and 2nd Lt. Richard M. Manton, Co. H, 141st.

ABOVE are three medics attached to Co. H, 141st also sent in by Easley, from left: Pvt. John Lutkowski, Jr., T/5 Jack S. James and Pfc. Morris D. Mayo, North Africa 1943. Thanks L. B.

**LAST CALL** For material to be used in a new 144 page [11 x 8"] book "CAMP BOWIE 1917-18, being compiled by Mrs. Bernice B. Maxfield, 1007 E. Marion, Fort Worth, Texas 76104. Send photos, maps, stories etc.—now!

10-A Sunday Enterpriser-Journal. November 10, 1974

## 'Last Men' To Meet Again

Only eight members of the 31 surviving members of Beaumont's famous Last Man Club are expected to attend the club's annual meeting Monday at American Legion Post 33.

After World War I ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, 257 members of B Company, 143rd Infantry, 72nd Brigade, 36th Division, U.S. Army, came home.

Survivors of Company B's trench warfare battles will gather for the 38th time Monday around a bottle of

champagne which is to go to the last man left alive.

Since last year one man, Jack Marast of Beaumont, has died.

Club secretary Frank Clarkson of Vidor, who is charged with keeping the champagne, says only eight members have said they will attend the meeting. Last year 10 members were on hand.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 33 is hosting the luncheon. Mrs. Lorene Miller is president of the auxiliary, Mrs. Yoma Glenn is hospitality chairman and Ann Skibo is community service chairman.

Here's a clipping from BEAUMONT newspaper and the famous Co. B, 143rd WWI Last Man Club.



## Ramblin' ON THE RUE...

OR - INSIDE FRANCE WITH T-BONE

We know it must be CHRISTMAS -- for only yesterday our foxhole was located under a MISTLETOE TREE -- and two GOPHERS ran over and kissed us.

Hung up our SOCKS last night for SANTA CLAUS -- and all we could find this morning was one lizard, three spiders and two crawfish. We are very happy that it NEVER rains in France.

If you feel like a celebration for CHRISTMAS -- drink a full bottle of this stuff called « CALVADOS » and you'll be on TEMPORARY DUTY for at least two days (or make re-classified).

Took a cute madamoiselle out for a ride the other night, and naturally we stopped and parked. After a few minutes she said : « But there are alot of couples who do NOT pet in parked Jeeps. » What else could you say but, « Yes, I know, the woods are full of them. »

This ALSATIAN SCHNAPPS won't make you VERY tight -- but I did run across one JOE in his cups, who swore he had just shot a BENGAL TIGER down the Rue.

These long loaves of FRENCH BREAD are very useful things to have around. If you haven't

finished eating it in a weeks time, you can always give it to an MP to use as a NIGHT STICK.

You'll surely agree -- there should be some sort of special clause in ali Army INSURANCE policies for troops in FRANCE giving DOUBLE INDEMNITY for GI's who attempt to pass a Frenchman in a vehicle.

Our friend BUD tells us he probably won't return to the states after the war -- he's been offered a job as official TESTER in a big WINERY.

Some enterprising GI could make a fortune selling PROGRAMS to the French natives -- so they can distinguish a GI from a French SOLDAT -- « Programs, Programs, 25 francs -- you can't tell a Spook from a Poilus without a Program... » Joyeux Noël... bonsoir.



Shown above is a re-print of some nonsense published in the Dec. 1944 overseas T-PATCH, which may not be as funny now as it was then, and again maybe.

The photo above of some unidentified T-Patchers are sampling some of the local vintage after a skirmish with the Krauts. This had to be comradeship at its best... the sweet taste of victory.

# The Texas Army

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# Heard from

**CHESTER VIRDEN**, Box 363, Lockney, TX 79241 comes in with an extra five to pay dues for a buddy. Amil picked up **GEORGE PRNKA**, both of C Batry. 132nd. Virden was the long tall Gunner Corporal who bounced some 105's at Cassio, later knocked out for the count, Prunks went all the way, now farms on a section in West Texas.

**JAMES HENRY RANSOM**, 7666 Park Pl. Blvd, Houston TX 77017 of Co. G & Hqs., 2nd Bn. 143rd sends in dues. Thanks Jim. (He also was POW of the Germans).

**ALVIN H. TOWSLEY**, 1433 Sterns, Toledo, Ohio 43613 sends \$10 to Amil for dues and a buddy. Al served with 143rd, says "Everything covered with snow and ole Lake Erie is up 7".

**MYRL YAEGER**, 5th & Washington, Glasgow, Mo. 65254, former S/Sgt. Co. K, 141st sends in "another" \$25 for ole buddies. Amil picks up: C. J. McBRIDE, 9746 Glenshadow Way, Houston TX 77038 of Co. I, 141st; **ALEX L TALAGA**, Ridgeview Terr., Donora, PA 15033 of 141st Medics; **ROVT. D. NUTTER**, Foxtown, Youngwood, PA 15697 of Co. E, 141st and **RUFUS GODBEY**, Rt. 1, Eubank, KY 42567 also 141st. Card file shows that in two years, Myrl has contributed \$100 for dues for buddies. Amil says we could use more like Myrl. Amen and Thanks, Pardner!

**ROBT. M. FARRELL**, RD 2, Republic, Ohio 44867 of Co. D, 142nd wants to hear from anyone in his outfit. Write and call [419] 585-4263 all you Dog Company Patchers. **GEORGE C. HOWELL**, 480 Sunset Blvd, Mansfield, Ohio 44907 sent \$15 and also bought a 1975 Roster. Says his "T-Patch" decal proudly displayed on his car's rear window gets him alot of pames and addresses of 36thers . . . then shoots them to Kohutek who goes after them for membership. (Amil bats about 990 on hits). Howell served with Co. B, 142nd, who have probably the 'largest' paid up in the Association, says "The Co. B, 142nd Men will Reunion 1st week of August in Waynesboro, PA.

**WINFIELD S. WILSON**, 2532 Crepe Myrtle, Shreveport, LA 71108 write that he regretted missing the Dallas Reunion, but was there in spirit. Sends in his dues and a complete message of "ditt-dot" on the reverse side. [Sorry we have forgotten all that]. Winfield served in 3rd Bn., Hqs. 143rd, and we'll be looking for you in SAN ANTONIO!

**JOSEPH E. TEDESCO**, 921 A Village Dr. W, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902 of Co. L, 141st is chief recruiter for New Jersey, and most of the members joined due to his efforts. Joe makes an annual trek to El Paso to visit his son, says he's always on the lookout for a "Patcher" and generally always runs into one. Keep up the good work, Joe.

**GEORGE W. CHOATES**, Box 851, Port Neches, TX 77651 of Col. Stovall's 111th Engineers says he missed the last 2 reunions, orders a 1975 roster from Amil, and we have his word that he will be in San Antonio next Labor Day (so be there, George).



IN NORTH AFRICA, 1943—Here's Capt. James E. Glenn, Jr., and 1st Sgt. Lawrence B. Easley of Co. H. 141st Inf. Pix sent in by Easley, who gets mail at 8642 Shagrock La., Dallas, TX 75238.



Another old photo from Easley: Here's T/5 Homer L. Reed, (from left) Pfc. Henry H. Smith, Jr. and Pfc. Wm T. Blalock & guitar, all of Co. H, 143rd also taken in North Africa. Thanks L. B. Easley for these great earth-shaking fotos.



Jeepers-creepers, here's C. L. Skinny Mullins of Fort Worth driving, with the Frank Eberling, both of Hqs. Btry., 155th. Looks like Eberling has a couple of bottle of brew in his hand. Pix from Harry McGreevy, and thanks, Pal.



All of you are urged to attend our "Spanish Fiesta" as our ladies are planning an "all out" spanish theme. In November I was invited to meet with the Board of Directors of the 36th Division Association where they were planning our Reunion for this year. Our Second Vice President, Gladys McGowan, resides in San Antonio and is our Program Chairman, therefore she attended this meeting with me. We were very pleased with the things offered the Board by the El Tropicana Hotel and feel that everyone will enjoy themselves while there. Gladys has some good ideas and with the help of the other officers everything looks "Mucho Bueno".

Hoping that each and every one of you had an enjoyable holiday season. Will be looking forward to seeing you in August 1975 in San Antonio and hoping to hear from all of you this year. Sincerely,

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# 32 Members of Co. G, 142nd Hold 1st Reunion

Some 32 veterans of Co. G, 142nd held their 1st annual reunion in Snyder, Texas on Nov. 23rd. JOHNNY PORTIS was elected president for '74-'75.

Don Adams is the treasurer. Chess Horsley and J. C. Williamson are directors. Lance Mullins will handle publicity and represent the group with the 36th Assn. Charles Stimson will publish a quarterly newsletter. So all you guys of Co. G who were not in attendance, here's your chance to get with 'em.

Their dispatch contained a few "Where are they" . . . like: LOWELL 'Peckerwood' PRINCE, who is a successful farmer in Snyder, farms in Harmleigh County. He has served as officer in local organizations, the VFW and the 36th Div. Assn.

LESTER BROWN has been in the restaur ant biz for the past years, now retired . . . says "Finally got tired of eating my own cooking". Calls Snyder his home.

CHARLES STIMSON, a Texas A&M alumni has a varied career too lengthy to list here, but was selected "Portales Outstanding Citizen 1970 and dozens of other honors. He's the guy to contact for info: Box 928, Portales, New Mexico 88130.

LANCE MULLINS, better known as "Moon", 2727 San Medina, Dallas, TX 75228 journeys back to his hometown of Snyder, Texas for a Reunion on Co. G, 142nd Inf.

Being a good salesman, he signed up a flock of troopers for the Assn. like: CHARLES W. STIMSON, 104 Yucca Dr., Portales, N.M. 88130; JOHN C. PORTIS, Rt. 2m Box 306, Snyder; J. C. WILLIAMSON, 2806 Denison, Snyder; ROBT. L. MCKINNEY, 3718 Ave U, Snyder; ROBT. L. SWINT, Rt 2, Snyder 79549 zip for all. Also COL. TIM O. COOK, 1010 N. Ave L, Lamesa, TX 79331. All were mobilized with G 142. Good shottin', Moon. Lookin' for all you guys in Santone.

Moon Mullins is a former President of the 36th Division Association, and according to a bulletin we received from the Co. G. says "Moon is still quite a rounder as he always was . . . time has changed him very little. He tells us he married the cute young lady he dated at Camp Edwards. She was the show girl and champion jitterbug dancer. Moon spent 15 years after the war in Yankeeland, but the broad plains of Texas finally pulled him back.



Above photo was made in 1939; this 60mm mortar was also "made" by 1st Lt. DEMPSEY W. WELCH, a year before mobilization. Welch, of Co. K, 143rd TNG out of Waco, 'handmade' this from a piece of 3 in. galvanized pipe. The missle was made from a piece of oak with a length of 3/4" pipe inserted to hold the blank 12 gauge shotgun shell to fire the missle.

"Equipments was scarce when we arrived at Camp bowie in Brownwood", says Welch. "We had to improvise for training. The mortar I had made would fire up to 300 yards and was pretty accurate".

This ought to bring back a lot of memories for all the T-Patchers in those early days sans equipment. Remember those old GI campaign hats we had to wear until the GI issue arrived?

DEMPSEY WELCH, now a retired LtC, lives at 11746 Katy North, Houston, Texas 77071.

## Yankee T-Patcher Wants To Move To Warm Climate of Texas . . .

WILLIAM C. NAGLE, Hidden Lake Drive, Princeton, Ill. 61356 who did time with 141st (hand prints his letters as good as the best architect) tells Amil he is tired of all that snow, and would like to move to Texas.

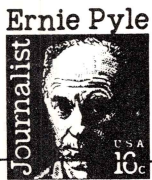
Welcome aboard, Bill, the weather's fine, and no snow so far th is year. The Southwest METROPLEX as it is called (Dallas-Fort Worth area) is still booming. Population is now about 2.4 million souls. Unemployment is down a little but nothing like it is in the midwest or eastern US.

There are dozens of "transplanted" Yankees now living in the greater Dallas/Fort Worth area, so come on down. A letter to either Chamber of Commerce office will get you all the data you need. They won't promise you a "Rose Garden", but what you don't make in cash, you can take out in sunshine.

## WANTED

DON'T BE BASHFUL MAN, if you have an item, or an old photo of some overseas activity, send it in. We promise to return it to you too. The readability content of this rag is solely dependant upon your response.

# Ernie Pyle



Shown here at right is probably the finest story written during WWII, and it has been reprinted hundreds of times.

Ernie Pyle, who covered the 36th in 1944 filed this story in Jan. 1944.

The story about 36th's Capt. Waskow is a legend. This is reduced from a page from Reader's Digest. We regret the second page is missing, but it's enough to get the story across, we hope.

## Captain Waskow's Men Say Good-Bye

Condensed from New York World-Telegram

Ernie Pyle

Written at the front lines in Italy

IN THIS WAR I have known a lot of officers who were loved and respected by the soldiers under them. But never have I crossed the trail of any man as beloved as Captain Henry T. Waskow of Belton, Texas.



Captain Waskow was a company commander in the 36th Division. He was young, in his middle 20's, but he carried in him a sincerity and gentleness that made people want to be guided by him.

"After my own father, he comes next," a sergeant told me.

"He always looked after us," a soldier said. "He'd go to bat for us every time."

I was at the foot of the mule trail the night they brought Captain Waskow down. The moon was nearly full, and you could see far up the trail. Dead men had been coming down the mountain all evening, lashed onto the backs of mules. They came lying belly down across the wooden pack-saddles, their heads hanging over the left side of the mule, their stiffened legs sticking awkwardly from the other side, bobbing as the mule walked.

I don't know who the first man was they brought down. You feel small in the presence of dead men, and you don't ask silly questions. They slid him from the mule, and stood

him on his feet for a moment. In the half light he might have been merely a sick man standing there leaning on the other. Then they laid him in the shadow of the stone wall.

We left him there beside the road and went back into the cowshed and lay on the straw and talked, waiting for the next batch of mules. Then a soldier came in and said there were some more bodies outside. We went out into the road. Four mules stood there in the moonlight. The soldiers who led them were waiting.

"This one is Captain Waskow," one of them said quickly.

Two men unslashed his body from the mule and laid it in the shadow beside the stone wall. Other men took the other bodies off. Finally there were five lying end to end in a long row. You don't cover up dead men in the combat zones. They just lie there in the shadows until somebody else comes after them.

The mules moved off to their olive groves. The men in the road seemed reluctant to leave. Gradually I could sense them moving, one by one, close to Captain Waskow's body. Not so much to look, I think, as to say something in finality to him and to themselves.

One soldier came and looked down, and he said out loud:

# San Antonio To Host 50th Annual Reunion

## Heard from

John Forte, 228 S. 23rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19145 of the 36th Div. Band, sent his copy of Gen. Walker's Book "Texas To Rome" to Col. Oran Stovall, Bowie, Texas . . . with instructions to donate it to some worthy unit.

Stovall sent the copy to his pal, David L. Quinsberry which was presented to the Campbellsville, Ky. Library.

John Forte, a very talented musician, as many of you will recall wrote "SOMEWHERE ON VIA ROME"... a love ballad that would bring back memories to many Patchers. His recording was aired many times over the Fifth Army Radio. Our thanks to John for his kind gift.

Red JOHNSON and BERNADENE, 1869 Bronson Ave., Peninsula, Ohio 44642 (155th FA Bn) sends Xmas greeting of a covered bridge with instructions to have the floor repaired so they can get to the reunion.

**JOE WRIGHT, of Serv. 141st has a change of address, from Flushing, NY to 456 Spring Lane, Ocala, Fla. 32670, sends in dues, says "let me get organized, I have retired.**

Col. STOVALL Receives letter from Leonard, Inez and Toini OSMUS, 1407 Winter St., NE\* Salem, Oregon 97303 who sends regards to all engineers.

**DON and MARY DAVIS, 13554 Raven St., Sylvania, CA 91342 missed a few years at the reunions, but promised to be in San Antonio this year, for sure.**

Dr. WILLIAM D. McCAIN, sends greetings to Stovall, with kind words about Gen. Fred Walker (he is President of University of Southern Mississippi) and he should know.

## T-Patchers

### Membership Roster

One of the best things you can do, if you are a rabid T-Patcher is to latch on to a copy of a new 1975 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER of the ole 36th.

Our loyal and hardworking membership chairman, AMIL KOHUTEK has spent hours, compiling this list of 'known' T-Patchers. It contains 80 pages of names — mimeo and padded for your convenience. It is a "steal" at \$3.50 per copy. We highly recommend that you order one from ole AMIL so you can locate your ole buddies — where ever they are.

It's simple: Send 3.50 to AMIL KOHUTEK, 1933 College St., Abilene, TX 79602.

Remember, Amil financed this project out of his own pocket as a service to the association. All he wants is to recover his expenses. We highly recommend that you get a copy.



ENGINEERS presented Gen. Walker's TEXAS TO ROME book to Campbellsville, Ky., Library: shown here second from right is DAVID L. QUISENBERRY presenting the book to librian Elaine Munday, who accepts it as a memorial to the men of Campbellsville. At left is Mayor R. L. Miller, and at right is another 111th Engineer, John R. Rogers. These men served with Stovall's Co. A, 111th Engrs. Tony B. Wise, another T-Patcher of the ceremony is not shown.



William P. LaMarca, Sewickley, PA (unit not given), his widow lives at 178 N. Center, Apt. 3, Cumberland, MC 21502.

B. M. Coleman, of Co. E 143rd WWI of Logansport, La.

Roy E. Aerni, of Co. B, 111th Engrs died in Dallas, Jan. 11, 1975, was buried in Chico, Texas, according to Col. Oran Stovall.

Vernon E. Walker of 141st died last August according to his widow (address not shown).

Frank Gaertner of Floresville, TX passed away in 1970 in a delayed message from his wife. Frank served with Co. E, 143rd.

Aaron Dvoskin of New Milford, NJ, of Co. L, 141st died Sept. 1974.

Emil Fenner, WWI veteran of 143rd of Chappel Hill, TX died in 1968.

Albert L. Koval, Pittsburgh, PA, mail returned marked deceased.

H. P. Slagel, Colorado City, TX, also WWI T-Patcher returned and marked deceased. Oscar Kieke of Dime Box, TX with Co. C, 143rd in WWI.

Jim H. Goodman, Lake Grove, NY died last Sept. His widow says Jim was proud to have served in the 36th. Unit not given.

Gaston Howard, B/Gen. of Longview and former Fort Worth resident died in Dec. 1974, was active with 144th Inf., and served as V/P for many years.

W. T. Wright of Hobbs, NM served with Svc. Btry 131st died Nov. 6, 1974, according to Sid McGee of Birmingham, Ala.

Richard R. Swain of Oxford, Mich., served with Co. C, 111th Engrs, died Nov. 4, 1974 according to Col. Stovall.

Orsen E. Paxton, Lt. Col. Ret., age 93, a Fort Worth native died in San Antonio in Dec. Paxton served with the old 4th Texas Inf., the 36th Division and later 1st Division.

Jay Russell of Fort Worth, served with Co. B, 144th died 8 years ago, according to his widow, Mrs. Bryan Chick, 2717 Scruggs Dr., Ft. Worth 76118.

Clifford H. Ballew of Olney, Texas died April 15, 1974, was with Co. L, 142nd.

Roy C. Birdwell of Co. L, 143rd passed away last June according to his sister, Mrs. O. W. Ackley, Box 203, Eules, TX.

Delton Andrews, Breckenridge TX of Co. L, 142nd died July 1974.

William Ahrens of 144th Medics died in Dallas last Oct. 8th.

Lt. Col. Gred Costilla, age 56 of San Antonio died at Brooke Gen. Hospital last Dec. 19, 1974. Native of Beaumont Costilla had been in the service 37 years, served with the 36th in Europe. Roy Harder sent in the obit.

