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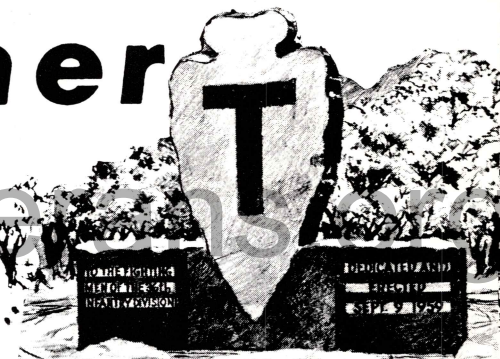
FIRST SECTION



The T-Patcher

36th  Texas

Division Association



JULY 1976

FOURTH ISSUE OF FOUR BICENTENNIAL EDITIONS

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Shamrock Hilton, Hqs. For 51st Annual Reunion



ALL ROADS LEAD TO HOUSTON— —AND ALL YOU NEED IS JUST ONE

It may be our imagination, but the 36th Division Reunions seem to get bigger — and better each year. The fact is, they are! The first-timers increase every year, and then we know they'll be back next year . . . it's habit-forming.

Topping the 50th Anniversary gathering last September in San Antonio will be hard to come by, except that our committee and board have worked hard to put this one together — right!

Start packin' now, and join the T-Patchers at the Shamrock Hilton in Houston Sept. 2-5th. We have 3 couples who live in the Bayou City who have alot of special surprises for you. Mr. and Mrs. Julian Philips (Executive V/P); Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Sunday (V/P 143rd), and former Association President, Sammie D. Petty and his hard-working wife Ruth . . . all six have spent many hours getting this 51st Reunion ready for you.

All you have to do is **BE THERE!** Reunion registration is only \$18.00 per person; you will (or have received) cards in a special mailing for your hotel rooms; and many have moved-up their arrival date to Thursday Sept. 2nd to be on hand for the great "Early Bird Party." Other reunion information is given elsewhere in this giant 32 page T-Patcher.

THIS ISSUE OF THE T-PATCHER IS THE BIGGEST IN OUR HISTORY . . . SAVE THIS ISSUE. IT MAY BE WORTH A FORTUNE 25 YEARS FROM NOW



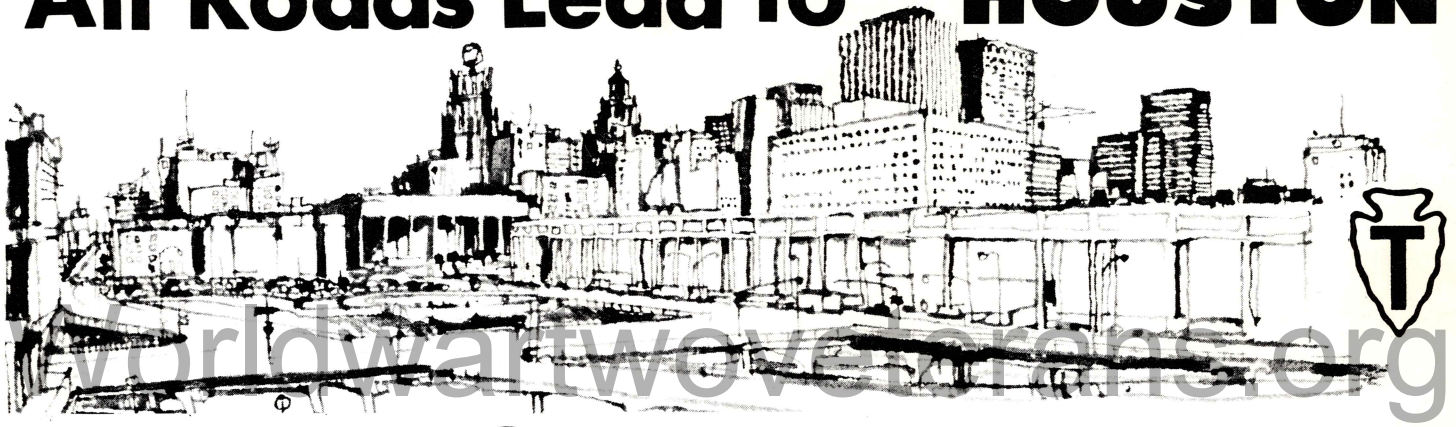
This Bicentennial edition of the T-Patcher is the biggest effort to date to bring to the troops, who after 31 years since V-E day, May 8, 1945 can take a look at a variety of old faded snapshots of those war years (almost 5, that is). You have a mother lode of rare pixs that will stir your memory . . . some are faded, but they are **ALL** good, and captured the times as they were then . . . read on, McDuff.



The six flags over Texas in front of the Shamrock Hilton welcome all you T-Patchers to the 51st annual 36th Division Reunion. And above photo is the beautiful Grand Ballroom where we will assemble on Sat., Sept. 4 for the big dinner dance. And, there'll be room to roam and dance to the music of the 1940's by Al Marks and his great orchestra who played for us last time we met in Houston. Just one more reason why—**YOU** should be there!

You've Paid Your Dues—Now Buy One For a BUDDY Page 12

All Roads Lead to HOUSTON



The Shamrock Hilton

The hotel is truly a first class bivouac area for the 36th Division bicentennial reunion year. The hotel will block 350 rooms (65 more than San Antonio). They will hold those rooms until 15 days prior to our reunion at which time they will be released but they will continue to accept reservations as long as rooms are available.

Special rates will be in effect for the reunion. Singles \$23.00, Doubles \$27.00. These are nice large rooms.

Free self-service parking is available to all registered hotel guests in the hotel's indoor parking garage. Park your car, lock it and take the keys with you. Major airlines and car rental offices are located off the main lobby.

The Shamrock Hilton is located at 6900 Main at Holbombe close to the Astrodome.

Additional services, conveniently located in the hotel lobby:

- Neiman-Marcus—Ladies Boutique*
- Sakowitz—Men's Fashion Shoppe*
- Chazanow's Jewelers*
- Flowers By Vance*
- Elaine's Men's Hair Styling*
- Basil's Beauty Salon*

Four fine restaurants located in the hotel:
Coffee Shop—Open Daily from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The Terrace—A scenic garden restaurant with a breath-taking view featuring exciting festivals from all corners of the earth.

The Pavilion—A quaint traditional restaurant typifying the elegance of the Shamrock with your favorite breakfast and lunch specialties.

Trader Vic's—A relaxing South Pacific atmosphere, famous for Polynesian delicacies. The drinks are appropriately exotic.

Entertainment in the Hotel:

"The Shamrock Pub"—Enjoy live entertainment and dancing nightly in the Old English tradition.

"The speakeasy"—A fun gaming parlor featuring amusement games, serving beer, wine and liquor in an atmosphere which simulates a warehouse and drinks and glassware of the 1920's.

There are six cinemas on the premises for your convenience.

The hotel will provide free bus transportation to take members on a sightseeing tour or for a shopping spree at the famous 'Galleria' on the day of our choice.

The Shamrock Hilton features a swimming pool large enough to schedule a waterski show. The pool centers in a semi-tropical setting.

Children are free when accompanying and staying in the rooms with the adults.

Add this up, and you'll find this to be the biggest array of pluses—we have been able to offer in years. **START NOW TO MAKE YOUR REUNION PLANS!!!**

Fun Unlimited

There have been times when we have had a reunion and busted-out-at-the-seams for ample room at the Saturday night Dinner Dance.

No problem at the SHAMROCK HILTON. Their giant Grand Ballroom is 256'x80' and that's big enough for a six day bicycle race.

No more sardine-crowded-tables, no more postage-stamp-size dance floor . . . you jitter-buggin' T-Patchers will have all the floor space you need, and old AL MARKS and his Orchestra is gonna play the kinda dance music that we danced to in Jacksonville, Fla., Boston, and all points east and west . . . back in the 40's.

This is just ONE MORE reason why U-UGHTA-START-NOW making your plan for HOUSTON '76.

There Are No Strangers In The 36th Unit C.P.'s On The Third Floor of the Shamrock Hilton

This map is designed for you to be able to know how to get around during the Reunion. All CP's are close together on the 3rd Floor of the Shamrock . . . and here is where you can visit with all your old buddies. Make this YOUR place, and of course, drop something in the kitty.

At many past reunions, the CP's have been on several levels in the hotel . . . but here at the Shamrock, you can visit them all on the THIRD FLOOR. Just another one of the goodies at the 51st Reunion.

1976 Association President Has Put It All Together

Greetings From Amelunke . . .

Labor Day Weekend 1976 is fast approaching, and I hope your plans will lead you to Houston, and to the beautiful, luxurious Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

This is our Bicentennial year and our 51st Annual Reunion. The dates are September 2-5. I hope you will come early for the Thursday night "Early Birds" party.

The Board of Directors has worked extra hard the past year and are excited about this reunion. The staff has done an outstanding job for the Association. We have a membership of over 2,000 at this time, and are continuing to receive members.

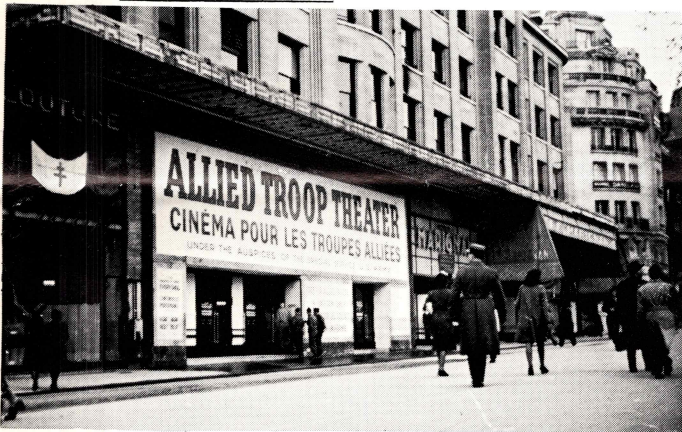
There will be a full weekend of fun and comradship. The Reunion Committee has a fun program for us all.

To make this Bicentennial year reunion a real success, we will need each of you and I will be looking for you.

Sincerely,
Alvin Amelunke
President

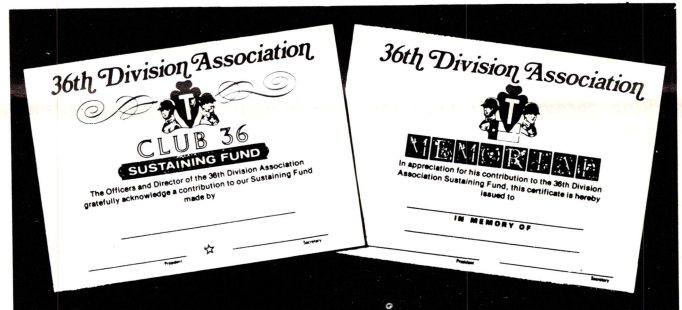


ALVIN AMELUNKE, your 1976 Bicentennial 36th Division Association President (above) in spring of 1944 when he received a battlefield commission on the front line at Rapido River (143rd) . . . and Alvin, the active civic-worker and home builder of Waco, Texas.



These photos were made by Alvin Amelunke, when he was an out-patient medical care in Paris, early 1945. Amelunke had been in a hospital in England, after his THIRD wound in action. He and some other officers had been sent to Paris to work as investigating officers in the black market racket, which was in high-gear. "We were still under medical care, but were able to work as much as we cared to," Alvin said. Alvin Amelunke took this pix to show the facility that was available to all Allied troops who journeyed to Paris. This one is the Hqs. of FFI (French Forces Interior) which pronounced in French as: F-F-Eee. And, these civilian Frenchmen did one helluva job in giving the Krauts a bad time. A great story yet to be told.

Sustaining Fund Certificates



Our Association is the kind of organization that will someday run out of members. The only way we can survive is to set aside funds to see that we are still in business in 1999. Our Sustaining and Memorial Fund is the answer.

We know of several other Division Associations who have piled up \$20,000 and more, all in CD's drawing the maximum amount of interest. Frankly, we haven't done too bad, but we've a long way to go . . . so our goal is TEN One Thousand CD's. We need your help. An attractive certificate will be mailed to you for either one. Think about it, and send it to:

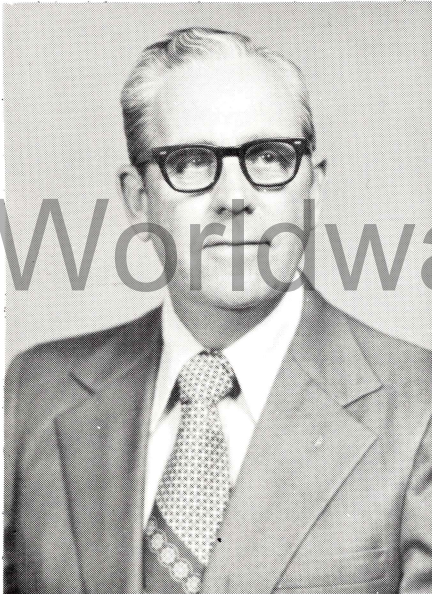
KEN L. NIXON, Treasurer,
P.O. Box 818,
Stafford, Texas 77477



144th Reunion in Dallas — Here's A. D. Grizzell and Bert Carlton and others at the general meeting, where Gen. Kelley Arnold was guest speaker. Leonard Wilkerson sent in picture.



Former T-Patcher Is Guest Speaker At Reunion



Lt. Col. George R. Scott

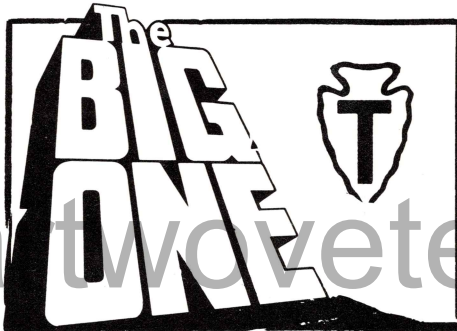
Our guest speaker for the Houston Reunion general assembly on Sat. Sept. 4 at 1:00 PM will be Lt. Col. GEORGE R. (Bob) SCOTT, according to a dispatch from president Alvin Amelunke.

A native of Waco, Col. Scott joined the TNG in 1937 with Hq. & Hqs. Co. 143rd. At 1st Sgt. of same company, he left for Infantry School, graduated June 1942, and joined 34th Inf. Regmt. of 24th Division in Hawaii.

He participated in 7 beach landings in the Pacific, New Guinea, Philippine Islands, including capture of Bataan and Corregidor. He remained in the service and spent the next 25 years in Europe, Far East, Fort Knox, Fort Hood and Fort Bragg. Retired with rank of Lt. Col.

Presently, Col. Scott is secretary of Waco Scottish Rite Bodies, and active all phases of Masonry in Texas. He is a 33 Scottish Rite Mason. He married the former Rochelle Walters and they have a daughter, one son and grandchild. He is a paid up member of the 36th Div. Assn.

T-Patchers Will Observe Their 51st Annual Reunion Sept. 2-5



REUNION AGENDA

THURS. SEPT. 2ND: EARLY BIRD PARTY reception (an event that has gained popularity the past few years) will be held in the EMERALD ROOM.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3RD—Official Reception will be held in the Emerald Room—with refreshments, alot of hand-shaking, conversation, and entertainment (included in your registration fee).

SAT. SEPT. 4TH: DINNER DANCE BANQUET (this is the biggie) takes place in the GRAND BALLROOM (a giant facility 80' x 256') which should give all T-Patchers room to roam and romp, dance and have fun. AL MARKS and his Orchestra will again furnish the tunes of the 40's for the light-footed Patchers. He played our last reunion in Houston, and was great.

As a fore-runner to this big party, a Cocktail reception prior to the banquet is planned,

As for CP's for the units, see map of these rooms designated located on the third floor . . . all seem to be ample to accommodate the large crowds we anticipate.

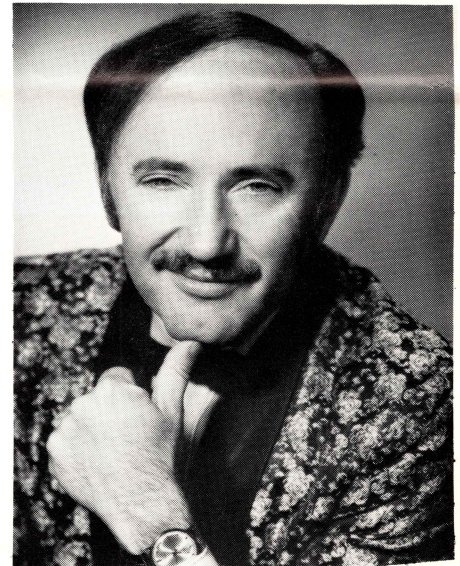
Alvin Amelunke,
President, 36th Div. Assn.

Reservations Cards Will Be Mailed To You In July . . .

The Shamrock Hilton Hotel will supply us with self-addressed postpaid reservation cards appropriately imprinted. The hotel has a highly sophisticated computer system which pre-folios our guest reservations. Upon check-in, they need simply the confirmation receipt and your signature and the room will be pre-assigned.

Ken & Amil

THE REGISTRATION DESK . . . here you'll find Amil Kohutck and Ken Nixon. Two guys who have worked this spot for many years. They know most all T-Patchers, and they do a great job. WE salute thee!



AL MARKS will return with his Orchestra to provide the dance music for the Dinner Dance at the Reunion, Sat. Sept. 4th. He played at the '73 Houston Reunion.

**There's Only One Place
To Be On Labor Day . . .
That's the Shamrock Hilton**

HARRY McGREEVY of Versailles, OH 45380 is a good and loyal T-Patcher of Hqs. 155th, sends in this photo of some of his gang of artillerymen: (the legend is jumbled) but here they are—front: Prima, -?;- John Ward and Callahan (cook); next row—John Angel, Robt. Haight, Recil Lanmon, McGreevy, Leslie Willis, Earl Goodnuff and Pluskinsky. Top row: Lee, and T. J. (Count) Mechinski. Take a magnifying glass and go from here.



Where Do The T-Patchers Live? Take A Look At This Breakdown, You'll Get The Whole Picture . . .

We asked ole Amazin' Amil, "where do all the T-Patchers live?" In other words, after 30 postwar years, are they spread out all over; live in big cities, small towns or rural, and in what states.

Amil replied that his computed was busted and he flunked math, and his adding machine was in his wife's bedroom and sometimes was off limits, so here's what came up the hard way:

In Texas's 6 largest cities, you'll find 490 paid up members (less than half of the Texas 1,150 total):

SAN ANTONIO	117
HOUSTON	110
WACO	84
DALLAS	74
FORT WORTH	74
AUSTIN	49
All other cities, towns, hamlets and rural routes	660
TEXAS TOTAL	1,150

Now by state, we have T-Patchers in 43 states outside of Texas — and 2 foreign countries, like this:

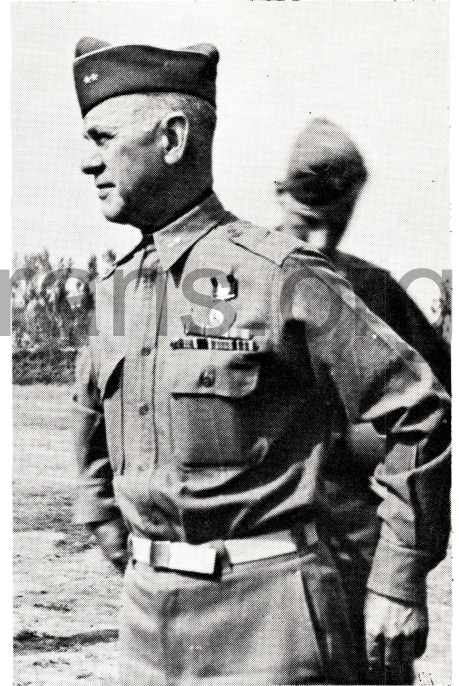
OHIO	102	NORTH CAROLINA	14
PENNSYLVANIA	90	ARKANSAS	7
MICHIGAN	80	MISSISSIPPI	6
NEW YORK	77	WASHINGTON STATE	6
CALIFORNIA	52	WASHINGTON, DC	6
ILLINOIS	58	MARYLAND	8
NEW JERSEY	48	DELAWARE	3
FLORIDA	36	VERMONT	1
OKLAHOMA	32	RHODE ISLAND	3
MASSACHUSETTS	32	MAINE	3
INDIANA	31	NEW MEXICO	8
VIRGINIA	24	NORTH CAROLINA	14
ALABAMA	22	SOUTH CAROLINA	4
MISSOURI	19	ARIZONA	16
LOUISIANA	10	OREGON	3
TENNESSEE	10	NEW HAMPSHIRE	2
IOWA	12	NEVADA	4
COLORADO	12	WEST VIRGINIA	4
CONNECTICUT	12	SOUTH DAKOTA	6
MINNESOTA	12	NORTH DAKOTA	0
WISCONSIN	14	and . . .	
KANSAS	15	IRELAND	1
GEORGIA	12	PANAMA CANAL	1

Total T-Patchers, not in TEXAS . . . 950.

Based on current paid-up members of 2,100 . . . that means that 43% of our membership are from out of state. This is the amazing point . . . and we are delighted with these figures. This means greater strength, and a desire to find out WHY — we don't have more members in our own state. We know that there are at least 20,000 men who wore the T-Patch still living in Texas. HOW DO YOU FIND THEM is the question.

Anyone who has the answer can be an over-night hero to the 36th Division Board. Let us hear from you.

Great Candid Photo Of Beloved General



We have received many photos of our late and great Gen. Fred L. Walker. This one from Col. Robert Phinney, Finance Officer of the 36th is one of the best. A candid shot which he made with his Brownie. It shows the stern and determined look that was symbolic of this man. This photo was made in Italy, July 1944, after he had received the DSM in ceremonies prior to his return to the states. Possibly no other one individual had as much influence and devotion of his men than General Walker. A man of great character and military bearing that will always be a legend with the men of the 36th Division.

Walt Evans Recalls The V-Mail Christmas Message, Delighted Folks At Home

WALTER C. EVANS, 102 Midway Dr., Clinton, Miss. 39058 sends in a Xerox copy of a V-MAIL Christmas message "From France, 1944 etc." Walt says there were probably thousands of these circulated, says: "This one is a real treasure at our house."

Well, the news can now be told. In November-1944, your reporter who was doing the overseas T-PATCH, which was a Special Services project, drew up this little jewel, and it was liked by some of the superior officers, and they directed that it be "jelly-rolled," which it was, and then hundreds of these were distributed through Message Center to all troops of the division.

Thanks Walt for reminding us about this project. We know that hundreds have-been-kept by parents, wives (and maybe a few girl friends) and it's good to know our efforts were appreciated.

Give credit to Maj. Ben F. Wilson who was your Spec/Svc. officer at that time.

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in the Italian Campaign

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National Guard Armory Dedicated — Sulphur Springs, Texas. Left to right: Maj. Gen. Thomas Bishop (Adj. Gen. of Texas and former T-Patcher); Mrs. Clayton P. Kerr; L. M. Buddy Sinclair, of 141st Inf.; Brig. Gen. Willie Scott; Brig. Gen. Delmar Nichols, Gene Dodd, and Gen. Clayton P. Kerr (center) former chief of staff, 36th Division. Photo courtesy Buddy and Katie Sinclair, 400 Craig St., Sulphur Springs, TX 76482.

New Members

WELCOME

To The 36th

The Round-Up Goes On—



New Members Keep Us Going . . .

JAMES W. HIGGINS, 110 Globe, Houston TX 77034 of Co. G, 143rd, mess Sgt. from 1941-46, was corraled by Duney Philips, our Ex/VP. And, he got him for 2 years, paid up.

JOSEPH F. BARRETT, Jr., 1820 Afton St., Philadelphia, PA 19111, a 2nd louie of Co. I, 143rd was captured at Salerno. Amil scored this one. Welcome!

RAYMOND SCHOLDER, 329 N. Michaels, St. Marys, PA 15857 of 1st Bn., 142nd is a new one, paid by JOHN YADRICK. Thanks.

C. A. 'TOM' CHAPIN, 4100 Berkshire Pl., El Paso, TX 79902 of that famous Co. H, 141st was rounded up by hard-working L. B. Bush Easley of Dallas, who spends alot of time in behalf of the Association.

DEWEY M. ANDERSON, P. O. Box 129, Opp, Ala. 36467 of 141st Inf., rounded up by Amil.

FRED L. WILLIAMS, 1721 Prestonwood, Arlington, TX 76012 of Co. C, 144th, another new comen by Amil.

HAROLD H. HERZOG, RR No. 1, Six Lakes, Mich. 48886 of 1st Bn. 141st joins the ranks.

W. B. (Buck) SLAUGHTER, 1020 W. Hermosa St., Santa Maria, CA 93454, formerly of Mexia, Texas, served with Co. B, 141st Inf., was lassoed by one ZEB SUNDAY, our hard-hittin' V/P 143rd of Pasadena, Texas. Thanks Zeb, and welcome Buck!

IVAN M. KER, San Angelo Rt., Eola, TX 76937 of 143rd joins the ranks per arm-twistin' by ole Amil the amazin'.

EDWARD POHORELSKY, 506 Tatum, Bryan, TX 77801 of Co. G, 143rd was rounded up by Amil. Welcome Ed!

RICHARD E. DORN, 1985 Garfias Dr., Pasadena, CA 91104 of 1st Bn., 143rd has joined up due to efforts of TONY PELLERIN of Port Arthur. Tony spends alot of time in behalf of the association, and his efforts pay off.

GEORGE DeRISO, 157-24 92nd St., Howard Beach, NY 11414 of Co. H, 143rd is in like Flynn.

HERMAN M. WISE, 1936 6th Avenue, Fort Worth TX 76110 of 133rd F. A. Bn. and B 636th TD Bn., was coaxed into the outfit by Amil, and welcome!

LEO PANAS (otherwise PANAGOPOULOS) 330 Old Westford Road, Chemsford, Mass. 01824 of Co. G, and Svc. Co., 143rd is another new one from TONY PELLERIN.

EVERETT C. CHENIAE, 14201 Dearborn, Riverdale, Ill. 60627 of Hqs. Co., 1st Bn. 143rd Inf. joins up, says he had just got word that the 36th was in business. Amil found his name in the VFW Magazine. Good huntin'.

BERNARD T. CHABOT, 18235 Woodbine, Detroit, Mich. 48219 sends in dues and asked for back issues of the Patcher, which Amil took care of. Welcome, Bernie.

EDWARD R. PEACE, 21135 Silver Cloud Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765 of Co. F, 141st. Bet you remember Sammie Petty. Try to make it to Houston this Labor Day, Ed.

LLOYD BLANTON, Rt 2, Box 285, Beaumont, TX 77705 of Co. M, 143rd comes in and the application shows Alvin Amelunke as the solicitor.

ALFRED L. BEEMAN, Box 131, Rt. 1, Lockwood, NY 14859 is a new member, failed to give unit, but says he is a D.V. Welcome Al.

EVERETT D. BISBEE, 417 Falmouth Rd., Hiannis, Mass., 02601 of Co. K, 141st, rounded up by Alvin Amelunke.

HOLLIS C. WILSON, 714 Robin Circle, Pasadena, TX 77502 of 2nd Bn., 141st come in with some help from Amil.

ROY SCHNEIDER, P. O. Box 367, Seguin, TX 78155 of Hqs. Co., 141st joins the ranks.

GEORGE A. ZAJICEK, 23 Golden Spur Lane, Rancho Palos Verde, CA 90274 of Co. I, 143rd Infantry, another one for Amelunke.

DELBERT C. CAVAR, Court House, Purcell, Okla. 73080 of 36th WWI's great men, served with Machine Gun Co., 141st, says he is 86 years old, and we are always glad to get some of the old-timers into the association. Thanks. Alvin Amelunke scored this one.

Major KEN E. HENKE, 3612 E. Osburn Road, Phoenix, Ariz. 85018 served with Co. B, 142nd, rounded up by ole Amil.

ROBERT E. COOPER, 11450 Lansdowne St., Detroit, Mich. 48224 of C. F, 142nd was coaxed in by efforts of that hard-hitting Tony Pellerin of Port Arthur. Cooper asked for back issues, and ole Amil said 'he got 'em.'

STERLING BERNHARD, 200 E. White Ave., San Antonio, TX 78214, of 141st Inf. was rounded-up by Roy Young, chief of the San Antonio Chapter. Welcome Sterling, and thanx Roy.

WILLIAM F. CULLUM, 1706 Morningside Dr., Gainesville, TC 76240 of 36th Signal came in by mail solicitation from ole Amazin' Amil.

JESUS V. LOPEZ, 1941 Grape St., Abilene, TX 79601 was discovered by Amil, cause they live in same town.

FRED L. NICKY, 259 Lincoln St., Carlisle, PA 17013 of Hqs. Co., 1st Bn., 142nd joins up, and welcome, Fred. Try for Houston Labor Day.

JOSEPH H. SPIVEY, Jr., 273 45 St. W, Bradenton, Fla. 33505, of Hqs. Co., 2nd Bn., 143rd joins up.

DOYLE W. REED, 706 Skylark, Pasadena, TX 77502 of 36th Signal goes to Sammie Petty of same city, who was our president last year. Thanks to both.

CHAS. A. DUNCAN, 4305 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX 79762 of Can. Co. 141st was rigged-in by W. A. Womack of Btry. B, 155th (see letter this issue).

JOHN SUCHOVSKY, 4125 Johnson St., Gary, Ind. 46408 of 36th Recon Troop is another new one from Tony Pellerin of Port Arthur.

SAMUEL R. ANDERSON, 1457 Catalina Dr., Ann Arbor, Mich. 48103 of Co. L, 142nd, got the message, saw the light and came in due to the barrage of mail that pours out of Amil's Abilene Mini-Post Office.

ROBERT A. HUFFMAN, 510 Oklahoma Natl. Bldg., Tulsa, OK 74119 sends in his dues, and Amil sent him a batch of back issues of the Patch. Huffman was a 2nd Lt. in Co. E, 141st. Welcome to the clan, Bob!

Tom Crawford, mentioned elsewhere in this issue called in this NEW one. Tom is huslin' old lost T-Patchers who work at Carswell AFB in Fort Worth. MORRIS B. Taylor, 5420 Dennis, Fort Worth, TX 76114, former member of Co. F, 143rd.

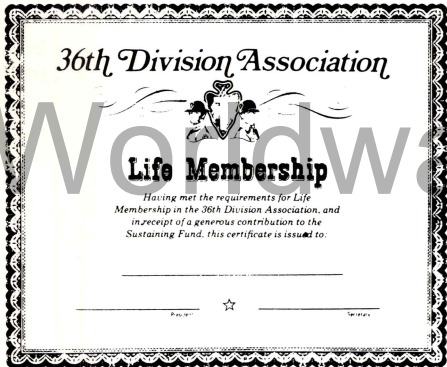


SAN PIETRO, Italy in Oct. 1943, here's little Johnny Camero waiting for his supper at the Svc. Btry. 155th kitchen. All the men loved this Italian lad, fed and clothed him, and after the war, Johnny became a stowaway to America, was later adopted by the late Curly Thompson of Waxahachie, Texas. (Anyone know where he is today?)

Be reminded that DALLAS will be the site for the 1977 Reunion (our 52nd), and the fat's in the fire. Several hotels have called asking for info. This means the word is out, and those hotels who want us, can get a chance to make their pitch. The new board will select the site at their Nov. meeting.

The great SAMBO KIBBEY of Ashland, KY, sends to this reporter a lot of clever stuff. Our latest is a wall plaque that we have framed on our wall: "IF You Can't Dazzle Them With Brilliance . . . Baffle Them With B - - s - - t." Amen!

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Our goal is to try to get 100 of these little gems by Labor Day. (OK, maybe we won't, but we can try).

So if you've been thinking about it . . . go ahead and do it. You'll be in good company. The Life Membership along with our Sustaining & Memorial Fund is THE ONLY WAY we can be assured that we can still be in business —5, 10, 15, or 20 years from now. Get out that check book, and do it NOW! You'll sleep better at night.



Rest Center, Baine Le Baine, France. That's Arturo Ochoa, LaVille, Tx in the center of Co. K, 142nd (other not identified) from Al G. Kudzia.

The Response Has Been Gratifying . . .

From Steve Sinchak . . .

Dear Amil:
Sorry we missed the 50th reunion last year. Our second son, Raymond graduated from Pittsburgh Mortuary College on that same weekend. Received T-Patcher today, sorry to read only one man of Co. C, 111th Eng. showed up. We'll try to be in HOUSTON, for sure . . . so we can have 2 from Co. C.

Enclosed is my \$100 for Life Membership, plus \$15.00 for dues and a couple of others for you to choose.

Stephen J. Sinchak
Sinchak Funeral Home
727 East Market St.
Warren, OH 44481

From Father Fenton . . .

Dear Amil:
Here's my \$100 for Life Membership in the great 36th Division Assn. It was a pleasure to see so many of you last September in Santone. Hope to make Houston.

Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. Fenton
P.O. Box 613, 1 Hope Ave.
Pocasset, Mass. 02559

Ed note: Father Fenton was chaplain with 141st and has been a very devoted T-Patcher, and he gets our thanks for this contribution.

From Mrs. Alice Farnsley .

Dear Amil:
As a Life Member, and remembering my husband's thoughts and love for the 36th, I am enclosing check for \$50 in his memory of this 'Memorial Day' . . . Medford Farnsley of Div. Hqs.

Have just returned from a visit to Dallas, my third this year and may even settle there, and who knows, I may attend the Houston Reunion.

Alice C. Farnsley
121 S. California
Hobart, Ind. 46342

Ed Note: Mrs. Farnsley was 1st to send in Life Membership (see Oct. 75 T-Patcher). Our thanks, and we hope to see you in Houston.

From Carl Havins . . .

CARL L. HAVINS, 106 Edna, Weatherford, TX 76086 of Co. F, 141st (Sammie Petty's outfit) sends in his \$100 and says: "As for being a life member of the 36th, no one can go wrong, because I think it's the greatest of all. I wouldn't take for the years I spent with Co. F, 141st, had lots of good times, and some not-so-good ones, but I learned a lot and am proud of the men I served with."

Havins also sends in some photos shown in this issue.

From Col. Lee Allison . . .

Lt. Col. Lee F. Allison, Allison Ranch, Rocksprings, TX 78880 joins the Life Members, and takes over V/P Special Troops, due to death of Judge Tom Ressel. (See story in this edition).

EASY TO JOIN

The price of the Life Membership is in line with all other alumni associations in America. All you have to do is write your check for \$100, payable to "36th Division Assn. Life Membership," and mail to—ALVIN AMELUNKE, President; KEN L. NIXON, Treasurer or AMIL KOHUTEK, Membership Chairman. Their addresses are shown on page 4. We repeat—It's tax deductible!!!

From Stuart Kessler . . .

Dear Amil:
Enclosed is my ck. for \$100 for life membership—in memory of those men of the 36th Infantry Division who served with me, Co. G, 143rd . . . and I'll see you in HOUSTON!

Stuart R. Kessler
707 Timken Drive
Richmond, VA 23229

Kessler sends in two pixs shown in this issue. and our thanks!

From James Gentle . . .

JAMES C. GENTLE, Col. Ret.-0296048 of The M. L. Stewart Agency, Penn Mutual Life, Independence Sq., Philadelphia, PA 19172 says: "Enclosed is my ck. for \$100 for Life Membership in the 36th Div. Assn., and I am happy to do same. Won't be able to be in Houston, but my best to you and all the T-Patchers. PS: Do you have address of William D. MacGibbon, I&R Platoon, 2nd Bn., 143rd? That's my old unit."

From Thomas Crawford .

Thomas A. Crawford, 3645 Sixth Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76110 dropped by your editor's den last month and said he wanted to be a Life Member. "That's easy," I said. "All you need is \$100," and he handed me five Twenties.

Crawford served with Svc. Co. and K of 142nd, went all the way from Brownwood, now works at Carswell AFB here in Ft. Worth. Seems there are 5 T-Patchers on the base, and he got the word. Our thanks. Tom.

From Arthur Bishop . . .

ARTHUR BISHOP, who runs Bishop Wholesale Jewelry Co., 124 West Jefferson, Dallas, TX 75208 served with 144th, and has suddenly become one of our BIG boosters. He sends in a ck. for \$100 for Life Membership. Art is the man who designed the Commemorative 36th Knife as shown elsewhere in this Bicentennial edition.

Heard from

Robert B. Hughes, a first-timer in San Antonio, says "Come hell or high water" he and his wife, Betty, will join his Co. H, buddies in Houston. Once a man attends a reunion, he is bitten by the reunion bug and will try to attend every year thereafter. The Hughes live at 226 Caren Ave., Worthington, Ohio 43085.

Heard from

Former Chaplain McCombie Needs Addresses

Dear Amil:

Enclosed please find my check for \$10 to cover the dues of two men who served in the Chaplain's Section during 1942-1945.

Mr. Franklin P. Sweigert
3900 Grant Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19114

He served as my Chief of Section throughout Italy and France, Germany and Austria. He received the Bronze Star Medal from General Walker. One of the best soldiers I ever knew in 37 year with the National Guard and the Army Reserve.

Mr. Charles Schwartz
49 Ordale Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15228

He served in the Chaplain's Section. He represented the enlisted men of the Division in the famous chess match in Morocco. He was wounded while helping me at Salerno. Later he was commissioned a second lieutenant and was assigned to the 141st Infantry. He was promoted to 1st Lt. and assigned to Div. Hqs.

When I read your roster I failed to find the names of several chaplains whom I thought would be members. If you can locate the following strays I will gladly pay their dues.

Rev. Christian A. Lehme
pre-war address, MOULTON, TEXAS
Rev. Goldman S. Drury
pre-war address, Fort Worth, Texas
Father Harry J. Quinn

He was a member of the Oblate Fathers of St. Francis de Sales. The last I heard of him, he was assigned to Erie, PA.

Father Fintan A. Murphy

He was a member of the Franciscans. His pre-war address: 135 West 31st St., New York, NY.

Dr. Herbert E. MacCombie
12 Indian Trail, Box 308
Sagamore, Massachusetts 02561

Bill Steger Is Looking For Strays . . .

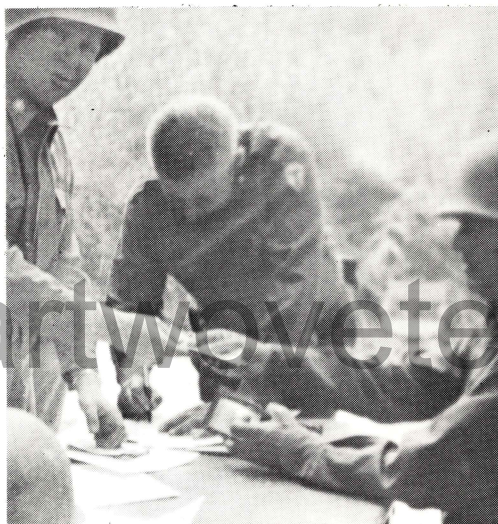
The 36th is blessed with a lot of devoted men who care a lot about the welfare of our association. One in particular is my friend—BILL STEGER, 1682 Nob Hill Place, Dallas, TX 75208.

Steger was a wheel in Div. Hqs., and had a host of good buddies. Now he has submitted a list of 'LOST' members of this outfit. These are men whom we have had no contact for 30 years. If you can help, it will be appreciated. They are: (last known address)

Don C. McClenahan, Pittsburgh, PA.
Temple S. Allen, Washington, D.C.
Thomas Felming, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Edgar M. Gatewood, Covington, KY.
Luther W. Johnson, Troy, NY.
Daniel F. Retzer, Akron, Ohio.
Harold E. Schwartz, Wooster, Ohio.
Martin W. Utterson, Carlisle, Iowa.
Harold Long, address unknown.

Anyone who may know the current addresses of the characters please contact Bill Steger, address shown above.

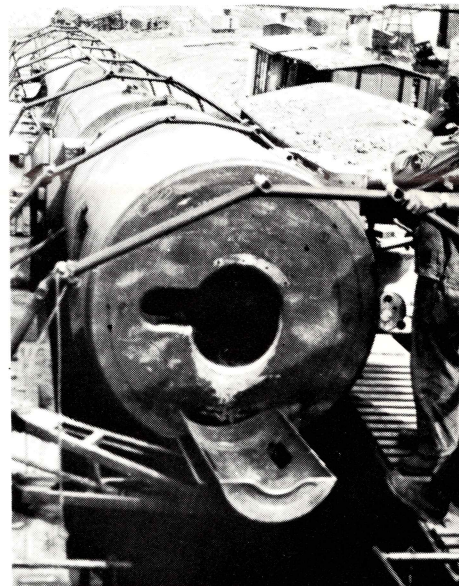
Rome's Fabulous Villa Doria Pamphilj Recalled



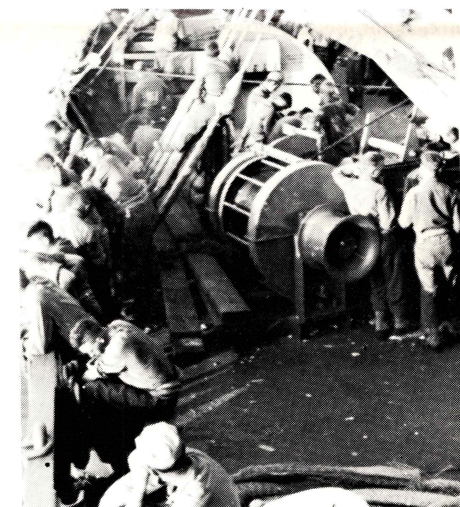
PAY DAY IN ITALY, May 1944 . . . here's Col. Bob Phinney (standing) hands cash money to Gen. Fred Walker, division commander. That's Brig. Gen. Robt. Slack signing his voucher for his pay. This was just before breakthrough at Velletri (Italy).



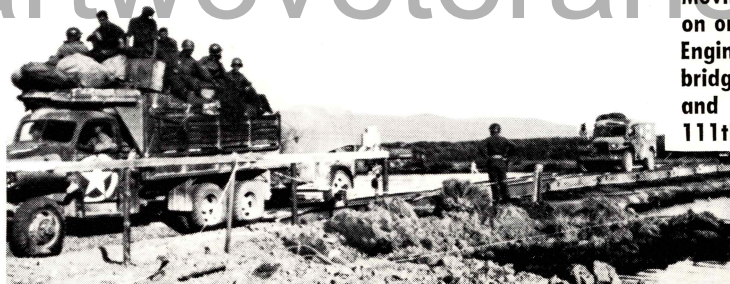
June 8, 1944: Here's Wick Fowler, Dallas News war correspondent, and Ass't G-4 Dawson Duncan (both deceased) with Col. Bob Phinney at Villa Doria Pamphilj, the Div. Hqs. at Rome, overlooking Vatican City. Photo was made on the roof top of this magnificent villa built in 1621. Bob Phinney is here giving a 'touch' on the rear of one of the dozens of marble statues that graced this showplace of ancient royalty. (Ed note: This was, we considered, the finest CP's the 36th had during the war.)



Here's 'ANZIO ANNIE', the giant captured German railway gun that shot box car-size shells down our way at Anzio. Standing at right is the one and only Moulton Wiggins, a staff member of the 36th finance section. Known as 'Ole Wig', this great T-Patcher is president of First National Bank in Munday, Texas — and has made practically every reunion in the past 30 years.



D-Day minus one, aboard the command ship SS Samuel Chase of Taskforce 'Avalanche' ready for the Salerno landing . . . on Sept. 9th 1943, photo taken by Col. Bob Phinney of Austin, Texas.



Movin' up, north of Rome on one of Stovall's 111th Engineer's pontoon bridges are these trucks and 'Hell Drivers' of 111th QM Co.

SPECIAL FEATURE: Ste. Marie Pass, 25 November 1944

A Report From George E. Lynch

The assault and seizure of the Ste. Marie Pass, leading from the Vosges Mountains into the Rhine plain, on 25 Nov. 1944 has been compared in importance with the 142 Inf. attack on Mt. Artemisio at Velletri, Italy in May 1944. The latter received wide notice because it led to the fall of Rome to Fifth U. S. Army, whereas Ste. Marie received no attention, since it was merely a battle for one of many exits from the Vosges into the Rhine plain.

36th Div. had reached the end of its drive from the beaches of Southern France to the foothills of the Vosges Mountains by the end of Sep. 1944 — a stunning and exhausting effort. We crossed the Moselle River at Remiremont and ground to a halt. 142nd Infantry received replacement vehicles, and weapons and about eight hundred new men and officers. Six weeks were spent generally between Tendon (S.) to Les Rouges Eaux Valley (N.) reorganizing, patrolling, and preparing for the next offensive. Rain and cold persisted in the heavily wooded and precipitous terrain.

The offensive resumed 4 Nov. 1944. At first, the going was slow, tedious and bloody. We saw our first "scorched earth" towns. St. Die flared brightly at night. Road blocks at every conceivable spot kept engineers busy.

VI Corps assigned 36 Div. the task of seizing the high pass near Ste. Marie aux Mines and then to debouche into the Rhine plain at Selestat and Ribeauville. 142 Inf. R.C.T. was directed to seize the Ste. Marie Pass.

The offensive moved slowly and then gathered speed as 142nd entered Wisenbach, the last town before ascending to the high Ste. Marie Pass. The Pass itself, at two thousand feet, was simply a narrow hard-surfaced road cut into the side of the precipitous mountain whose peak rose to three thousand feet. Heavily wooded as well as precipitous, travel off the road was a matter of climbing and clambering on foot. The Pass, with timber varricades was defended by anti-tank guns and about one hundred infantrymen.

By this stage of our advance, it was clear that the Germans were no longer defending, just delaying our advance wherever the terrain offered an advantage. So there was no question of linear defenses. Road block and delaying along along principal arteries became the pattern of German tactics.

Map study showed a dirt cart trail leading north-east out of Wisenbach, crossing a saddle of the mountain north of the Pass.

A plan was devised to have 3rd Bn. 142 Inf. divide into two forces — one element, Co. L., reinforced by a platoon of Co. B. 753rd Tank Bn., commanded by Maj. Ross Young to attack the Pass frontally up the road approach, as a diversion — the remainder of the battalion commanded by Lt. Col. A. W. Gillette mounted on trucks, to follow the dirt cart trail N.E. out of Wisenbach, going as far as possible mounted, and, after crossing the saddle, to dismount and attack the town of Ste. Marie aux Mines



Colonel George E. Lynch, Regimental Commander of the 142nd from Oct. 1, 1943 until after war's end. Photo taken from 'Rotate Review,' Oct. 1945 issue. And at right: Major General Lynch, Signal Corps photo made in 1956. Gen. Lynch Now resides in Columbus, Georgia. One of the 36th Division's great commanders.

on foot. I reconnoitred the dirt cart trail toward dark 24 Nov. and satisfied myself that the trail would support our loaded 2½ ton trucks and that the grade of the ascent was negotiable.

On the surface, trucking infantrymen right into the German lines would appear to be too risky to undertake. But, in view of the pattern of German delaying actions described above, the risk seemed justified.

At daylight next morning, men of Lt. Col. Gillette's 3rd Bn. (—) mounted their trucks and moved out of Wisenbach up the dirt trail and disappeared into the forest without incident or interruption.

The attack of Maj. Young's diversionary force against the fortified pass itself was delayed until 132nd F. A. Bn. could complete its move into firing position, after which, a generous amount of artillery fire was laid on the fortifications while Maj. Young's force advanced up the road.

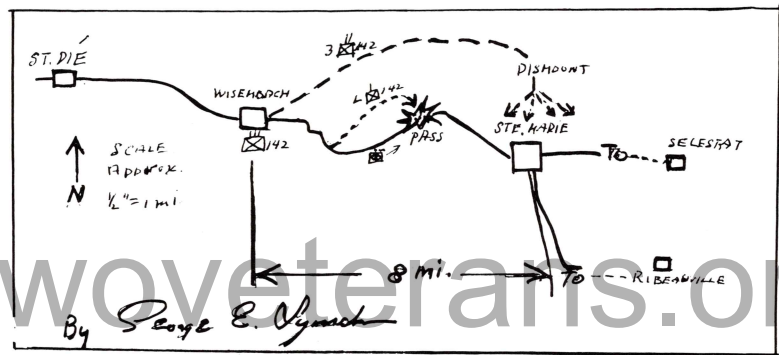
While the fortifications were still un-

der our artillery fires, the tank platoon attempted a frontal attack against the pass. With this approach denied to us, Co. L. deployed into a shallow envelopment around the north (uphill) side of the pass. After many hours of tortuous climbing, this force descended on the pass and at 1815 hrs. completed capture of the pass, with 28 prisoners and 30 enemy dead.

3rd Bn. (—) meantime had passed over the saddle, 2 miles north of the pass, had continued, mounted on trucks, toward Ste. Marie and at 1320, having dismounted, entered the town capturing a stunned German garrison of 150, with only 2 casualties. Germans were riding about, attending to their daily affairs and offered little resistance. The town was fully under control by 1800 hours.

111 Engr. Bn. cleared the obstacles from the pass by 2240, and 142nd Inf. closed into Ste. Marie during the night.

A truly remarkable action for which the 3rd Bn. 142nd Inf. (+) received the Presidential Unit Citation.



From ROTATE REVIEW, Oct. 1945: Col. George E. Lynch has been Regimental Commander of the 142nd since Oct. 1, 1943 when he took the post three weeks after the Salerno invasion (Sept. 9th). Col. Lynch is a Regular Army officer who received his commission upon graduation from West Point in 1929. Before joining the 142nd, he was with the 82nd Airborne Division during the invasion of Sicily and through that campaign. He landed in Italy at Paestum with the 82nd AB & D plus 4 and joined the 36th on Sept. 26, 1943. Major General George E. Lynch lives at 2008 Stark Ave., Columbus, GA 31906.

Camp Blanding, Florida . . . A Warm Smile and a Cold Drink, Recalled

Camp Blanding, located near Starke, in the upper part of Florida, was a complete change of pace for all those wildmen from Texas, who had journeyed over a 1000 miles in convoy to a physical environment, much different than the scrub-brush of Brown County, in Central Texas. Here was a camp site large enough for 2 infantry Divisions. And, who was our next door neighbor . . . The men of 1st Division (regular army troopers and all Yankees). This had something to do with the many barroom skirmishes that took place in Starke (a boomtown) which was pretty wild.

Since Florida was a state with mixed drinks, a far cry from Texas laws, the neighboring towns became a real mecca to wet a whistle. Jacksonville, the largest was only an hour's bus ride; then there was Orlando, a beauty; and Gainesville had a lot of pretty girls and cozy bars; and the culture seekers took in Daytona Beach and St. Augustine, the oldest city in America. The training was rigorous, but the weekend frolics were great hi-jinks all the way. Viva, Florida!

OSCAR TREHLER, 5613 Tarlton Rd., Circleville, Ohio 43113 of Co. C, 111th Engrs. sent in some fine photos, but were too late for this one, we'll carry forward for the October '76 issue, and thanks.

144th Regiment Meet In Dallas, June 26 For Annual Reunion

Members of the 144th held its biennial reunion on June 26th at the Royal Coach Motor Hotel in Dallas, according to Willie Hefner, Secretary. This was the regiment that pulled out of Camp Bowie on Dec. 9, 1941, in order to reduce the 36th to a triangular division, and to assist in protection of the west coast.

In past reunions members have come from 24 states. State flags are displayed from each state represented, in addition to that of Texas and the USA—this year it will also include that for the Confederate States, sent by Jim McDowell of Birmingham, Ala. who informed Hefner it should also be displayed. Jim has attended all past reunions.

Like its parent organization, the 36th, men from many states came to the regiment, due to losses because of cadres, formation of new outfits by the regiment, transfers to various OCS and to replacements. One group of more than 1,000 was received direct from reception centers on the east coast while it was in California, and these were given basic training. Smaller groups also received their basic training, having been sent from various reception centers in the midwest and other areas.

Some OCS and overseas replacements shipped, including 1,700 one month, served with the 36th in Italy, France and Germany, as well as many others who served in the Pacific area.

Hefner states that they also have many lost members now surviving who have not been locating themselves with him, in addition to hundreds now deceased.

Inquiries and requests for advance reservations should be addressed to: 144th Infantry Assn., 1221 West Drew St., Fort Worth, TX 76110.



ROUND as a silver dollar, that lake near the camp site at Camp Blanding, Florida, where we spent some time (and some fun). Here's your reporter in this photo made at 155th FA Artillery Hqs. Day time activities on the base were not as much fun as the night time activities in Jacksonville, Fla.

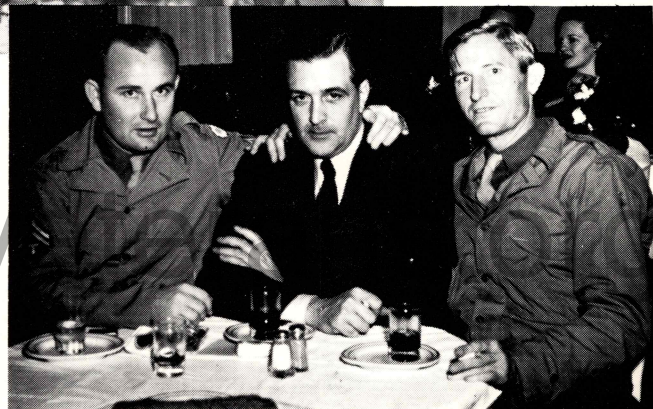


Robert Bewley, that barber of Co. L, 142nd was one of the best customers at the Roosevelt Patio Grill. He failed to give me this young lady's name, but she has that look in her eye.



LIVE IT UP at the Roosevelt Grill in Jacksonville. At left (?) Bewley and (?) and his buddy Mercer having a cool one. This was THE place to go, if you recall.

Pix above: Here's Bewley at right with buddies of Co. L, 142nd back again at the Roosevelt . . . from left is Burns; Sullivan and Mercer, and two bar maids, who were most attentive.



AT RIGHT: Scene moves to Copacabana where we find Bewley with Cpl. Irvie Franklin, the M.C. of the show, "Augie" during an intermission. Bob failed to say where the Copacabana was located. (this is one we missed)

Bob Bewley, Rt. 1, Box 69AA, Adkins, TX says the best Tom Collins in Jacksonville was served at the

Elks Club where they always stopped by for starters.

Remember Camp Edwards, Cape Cod, Buzzards Bay, Coonamesset And Boston Bean Soup



The USO Center at Edwards was one of the best. A gallon pickle jar of beer was mighty cheap, we recall. Above at left is Lemuel L. Clark of 736th Ordnance standing in front of the USO; and now 33 years later—here's Lem and wife Thena, who now live at 8924 Kincaid Ct., Fort Worth, TX 76116.



Here's Lem Clark and his new bride, in a Jeep at Camp Edwards. The Clarks got hitched in Dec. 1942 at Edwards, as did many of the Patchers whose brides-to-be came to Massachusetts for the big event.

Feb. 1943, Camp Edwards. Here's Lem Clark firing a .30 cal. mounted machine gun. Others are Holt from Hamlin, TX; Horn from Chatanooga; Tom Pfaus from Ohio; Gunn from Austin and Welsh from Texas. Fred Swank was Capt. of 736th; and Col. Walter Jennings of Fort Worth was CO of 736th Ord.



And The Day It Got Down to 17 Below

By the time the 36th arrived on the Cape, and moved into Camp Edwards, we had alot of mileage on our odometers, plus a few scars, some hernias and assorted summer loves. This was NEW country for all the Texans who had struggled through Brown County, Texas, piney woods of Louisiana Maneuvers, Camp Blanding, the North Carolina skirmish where the gnats drove us nuts, and flour sacks were dropped to designate a bomb-hit on a half-track.

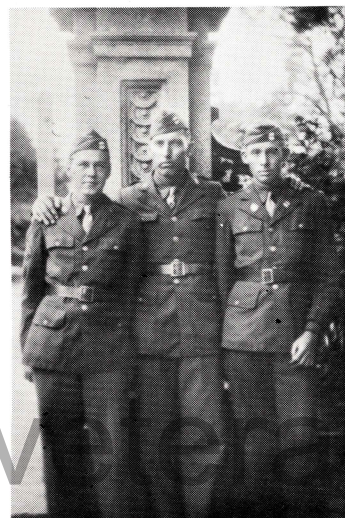
But Edwards was unique. The natives were friendly, and the weather cool to damn-cold. Who could forget the great USO center, trips to Falmouth, Plymouth, Buzzards Bay, Providence, and the big daddy of all — BOSTON.

It was a good year for mating. Hundreds of Patchers got married, some to their Texas sweethearts, and some to the Yankee gals who always had a warm smile and a cold drink ready.

We 'took' Martha's Vineyard (and I don't know why) but looking back . . . Camp Edwards does hold alot of fond memories for a bunch of old T-Patchers.



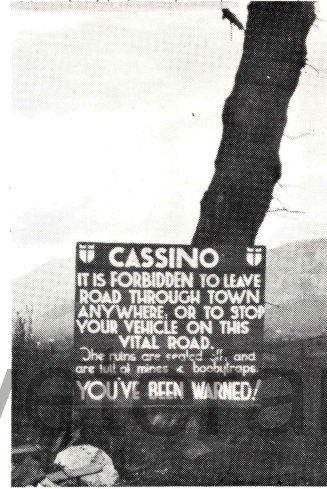
CAMP EDWARDS: Ready and able, here's three men of 36th Recon—from left: Buddy Gough, Cruikshank (no first name given), and L. G. O'Neill, of Rt. 4, Box 340, San Antonio, TX 78228 who sent in this pix.



In Boston on the Commons: Sept. 1942—M. J. Winkler, John E. Rice and Clemen E. Stanphill. Rice, of Winchell, TX was KIA in Austria at the close of the war, possibly the last fatality of the 36th. Photo at right: front row—J. R. Cole, J. C. Hanson and Milton Winkler, middle: L. W. Bloch, — Hankins and J. A. Pricer. Back row— M. A. Person, C. F. Stanphill and S. Weisenberg. All of Hqs. Co., 142nd Inf. Photos from Winkler, P.O. Box 532, Katy, TX 77450.



Charlie Morris, Rt. 4, Circleville, Ohio 43113 sends in this one, Cassino, Italy, Dec. 1943, from left: Michael Donigau of Indian Orchard, Mass.; Morris; Lawrence Neff, Mt. Sterling, Ohio; Freeman Whatman, Shelby, Ohio and Bernabe Chavey, San Diego, CA, all of Co. G, 142nd Inf.



YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED! says this sign at Cassino, and most of the troopers recall this and many more. Here's Lyle Legan, 335 Chilverton St., San Diego, CA 95062, in March 1944 somewhere in Italy on a pass. Says he'll be in Houston, to visit with buddies of Co. F, 141st (Sammie Petty's outfit).



Remember those Rising Star maneuvers 1941 at Camp Bowie? Here's Bob Vietor and Zeno (—) in a pup tent bivouac, both of Co. K, 142nd. Photo from Tom Crawford, same outfit of Fort Worth.



Camp Blanding — from left is Tom Crawford, of Svc. Co., 142nd Inf., with two brothers from Fort Worth (couldn't recall names) who served with 111th Medical Bn., attached to 142nd. Tom Crawford is one of the many new life members.

UPDATE

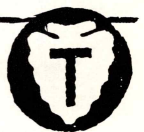
In the April '76 issue we announced the new, giant 32 page T-Patcher. We asked for help—1. get new members, and 2. support the Life Membership Drive; 3. we asked for your old photos.

We are happy to announce that the troops did just that, in all categories. New members poured in, Life memberships rolled in, and photos from your treasured scrapbooks came in like crazy.

In fact, we have received over 170 individual snapshots from dozens of interested T-Patchers. But, we must remind all who contributed, that in some cases, we had to choose the best ones for reproduction. Also, please be reminded that ALL photos will be returned to the sender.

Our sincere thanks to all who contributed these rare and treasured pixs, most all are 30 to 35 years old.

LADIES
AUXILIARY



TO THE LADIES OF THE 36th
DIVISION AUXILIARY:

Another of our "fun get togethers" is just around the corner. I can hardly wait to see each of you again and welcome all the new faces.

I'm sure you know by now that the Ladies Auxiliary is going to sponsor the "Early Birds" party this year. I'm proud that the men have finally turned to us and asked for help; help I am sure we are more than ready to give.

For those of you who have never attended the "Early Birds" you really don't know what you are missing so come early "ALL" you birdies.

I would like to invite all of the ladies who do not belong to the Auxiliary to please join our ranks. We have our own special fun while the men have theirs.

We spent some time in Houston this past weekend and if hard work will insure a good reunion, this should be a "dilly." Those people are really working to assure each and everyone of you a beautiful time. Ya'll come!

Gladys McGown, 615 Linda Lane
San Antonio, TX 78223
Pres. 36th Ladies Auxiliary

MAIL THIS COUPON

THE OLD BUDDY DEAL

AMIL KOHUTEK I served with _____
1933 College Street unit
ABILENE, TEXAS 79602

My 1975-76 dues are paid, so I'd like to join the Round-Up, so here
is my \$ _____ for _____ memberships at \$5.00.

Name

Address

City State Zip

\$5.00 You select T-Patcher of your choice.
 Enroll my buddie, name & address attached.

Division G-2, A. B. Crowther Tells It Like It Was At Rapido

Rapido River Crossing Had Best Intelligence Of Any 36th Operation . . .

Gen. A. B. Crowther, 509 Alamo Heights Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78209 sent to your editor two copies of the "Enemy Organization of the Rapido Sector" where the 36th was ordered to attack—against an IMPOSSIBLE situation.

Then—Colonel Crowther says "As division G-2 at this time, I can say that the intelligence of the enemy was the 'most' complete of any operation I participated in while with the 36th in Italy."

"There was ample air photo coverage in-depth for one thing, and we had excellent photo interpreters at division, corps, and army levels. Information thus obtained was confirmed by night patrols, ground observers, interrogation of prisoners and Italian civilians, and the constant flow of information from all units of the division to Div. Hqs."

"I shall always remember the superior efficiency and determination of the intelligence personnel at every level of command."

"With this confirmed 'intelligence,' more accurate than ANY ACTION EVER participated in being in Hqs. of the Corps and Army commanders, I will never understand WHY the 36th was ordered to make the Rapido River attack."

Then and Now...



Here's Roy Angel and Ray Nunn, mortar platoon buddies of Co. H, 142nd.



Here's Roy Angel and wife Marie in 1976 when they visited the Tony Pellerins of Port Arthur, one of Roy's old buddies of Co. H, 142nd.

Tony Pellerin, of Port Arthur is a constant worker for his Cp. H, 142nd men, and the division association. They had visitors recently — Roy and Marie Angel of Holly, Mich. Roy, now retired is touring the country in their camper, roaming around to visit ole buddies. His visit to Port Arthur with the Pellerins was just one of his many stops. Tony says that Angel was so anxious for the next reunion that he called the Shamrock Hilton from his house to make reservations. Home base for this couple is: 11501 S. Dixie Hwy., Holly, Mich. 48442.

**Be in HOUSTON
Labor Day Weekend**



POST WAR visit to Southern France: Here's the monument to the 36th Division near Dramont, showing the terrain just north of where we landed Aug. 15, 1944.

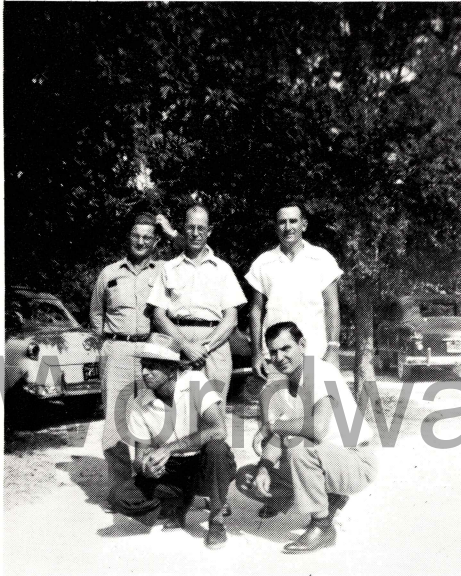
Above is same monument — looking to the northeast from landing point.



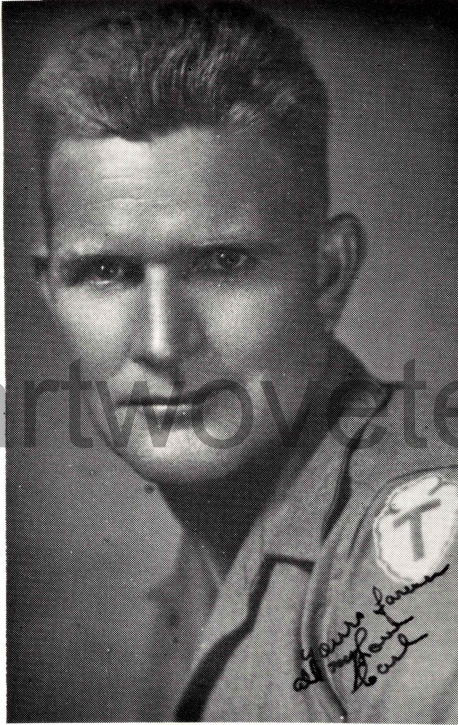
Look close and you'll see the German Pillbox, marked with X, northwest of landing near Dramont. Photo above is same from north . . . evidently the Germans abandoned this, as it is still intact. This ought to bring back some memories for those T-Patchers who hit the beach on this . . . the 3rd invasion for the T-Patchers.

NOTE: These photos were sent to Gen. Albert B. Crowther of San Antonio, our G-2 during WWII. Crowther explained that these pixs were sent to the late Claude V. Birkhead (our first WWII CO) and were then given to him by Mrs. Birkhead who could not identify the T-Patcher who had made these photos on a post war visit to Southern France battlefield area. We are happy to have these photos for our files, as we did not know we had such a monument in our honor at this site. If you visit France, this would be a good one to visit. Over and out.

Heard from



Old buddies of Co. F, 141st get together for old times sake, back row: Carl L. Havins, Weatherford, TX; Herman Delwell and Sammie D. Petty of Pasadena, TX, former president of the association. Front: Tom Whitten of Houston with James Krcuwcyuski of Houston. Photo made in 1952, that's 24 years ago.



Cpl. Carl L. Havins, 38036265, photo made in Rome 1944 by Foto Ciolfi. Carl now resides at 106 Edna, Weatherford, TX 76086 and is a new life member of the 36th association.

VERNON W. BARKER, 5902 Libyan Drive, Austin, TX 78745 of Co. F, 141st comes in with dues and then some, is paid up through 1978. How 'bout that.

LOUIS J. SILA, 707 Franklin Avenue, Normal, Ill. 61761 of 2nd Bn., 141st, and time with Co. F and Co. H, is paid up through 1977. Lou was at the Santone reunion.

HENRY WEIDAW, Postmaster of Skytop, PA 18357 served with Co. F, 141st, Sammie Petty's outfit comes in with dues, and that's good. Thanks, Henry.

JOHN H. 'Jack' REES, 4301 S. Turner Rd., Canfield, OH 44406 of Co. H, 142nd comes in with dues. That's Pellerin, Crow's and Bob Ritchie's outfit—Co. H. Jack says he's lookin' for one, long-missing **BILLY COOPER** of Co. C, 132nd, somewhere in Youngstown, Ohio. Can anyone help?

CARL PETERSON, 1618 E. Sheridan Drive, Olathe, Kan. 66061 writes: Rev. **JOHN B. YADRICH**, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Olathe celebrated his Silver Anniversary Mass on May 23rd. Father Yadrich was chaplain of Co. G, 143rd Infantry, and has attended several reunions that I have been to. Thanks for this info, Carl, now get Father Yadrich to join you in Houston for '76.

HELP! Amil wants to know if anyone knows whereabouts of C.M.H. winner, **JAMES H. LOGAN**. Old address was P.O. Box 1557, Kilgore, TX. Logan attended several reunions several years ago, but then dropped out. He used to bring some of 'white Lightning' from the piney woods of East Texas that would take the top off your head. We miss him, so please, anyone who knows how to contact him, write to Amil.

ALSO: Amil sends letter to **CURTIS OSWALT** of Goliad, TX, was returned. Anyone know his current address???

AND, another lost—**ROBERT PEARSON** of Lubbock came back unknown. Bob carried iodine and bandages for 111th Medics . . . can anyone help . . . write Amil.



Louisiana Maneuvers 1941, in those piney woods, here's **Harold C. Hale** of Dallas, and **William C. Craye**, both of Co. F, 141st. Photo from Carl Havins, same outfit.

Officer's Life Is Saved by Wallet in Breast Pocket

BRECKENRIDGE, June 3 (Spl.) Maj. Robert Mehaffey Jr., executive officer of the 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry, which won a presidential citation for heroism in Italy, is home on leave and mentally pinching himself to make sure it's real. He was so seriously wounded at the Jan. 22 crossing of the Rapido River that he considers it a miracle he is alive today.

A wallet, with a shell fragment hole through it, which he pulls

from his left shirt pocket, saved his life. It deflected the fragment from his heart. The piece of steel tore through his lung.

Assigned to Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston for further treatment, Mehaffey is here for a short visit with his wife and two children. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mehaffey of Clarksville.

He won the Silver Star for gallantry at the Rapido and the Pur-

ple Heart for his wound.

Salerno was tough, Mehaffey said, but when his unit crossed the Rapido, almost directly below the Benedictine monastery, it was really hot. Enemy fire was coming from several angles and from entrenched Germans only about 400 yards ahead. He had just crossed the river when he fell.

Mehaffey's wallet was just one factor in his escape from death. His stretcher bearers had carried him only four miles when they ran into one of the leading chest surgeons of the Army. Soon he received plasma furnished by the Red Cross and fresh blood donated by seven soldiers.

"They gave me an injection of plasma every time we stopped," he



MAJOR MEHAFFEY.

said. Now physicians are taking flesh from his left leg to place in his chest. "In a way," he laughed, "I am now breathing through my left leg."

In the past five years, we have used several items of this kind about the wallet in the breast pocket. In exploring our files, we came across this one which appeared in many Texas newspapers. This one reproduced as is—from Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Feb. 1944. Fortunately, my family clipped hundreds of news items about the 36th all during the years we were overseas . . . all catalogued.

Division Finance Had A 'Soggy' Payroll At Salerno . . .



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Hatfield, Without The McCoys



At left: Rabat, North Africa, June 1943, Staff/Sgt. Kent Hatfield, Cpl. Knox Payne and Pfc. Dub Chilton and some A-Rabs. All are from Med. Det., 132nd FA Bn. Pix from Hatfield.

Above: more Med. Det. 132nd in Africa: Chilton, Knox & Robert Paine, John Grisby, Roy Jackson and Murel Knox.



CAMP BOWIE, Brownwood—Dec. 1941, here's Sgt. Remsen Cover of San Antonio; Sgt. Kent C. Hatfield and Cpl. Murel Knox, all were with old 133rd FA Med. Detachment at that time. Pix sent in by Hatfield, Rt. 2, Box 26E, Marble Falls, TX 78654. We don't think Remsen Cover ever missed a reunion.



Finance Section at 'Villa Phinney' near Rabat. All are not identified, but you may recognize: CWO Bob McLe-more (deceased); Fred Armstrong, Tucson; Moulton DOC Wiggins of Munday, TX; Whitley Bragg of Ft. Worth and Col. Robt. Phinney, center front, who sent in pix.



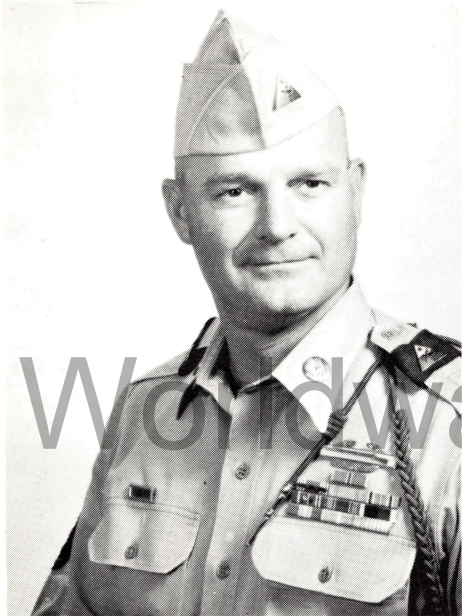
APRIL 1943: This is the first payroll in Foreign currency, stacked high at Hqs., Majenta, North Africa is a ton of Moroccan Francs, all were colorful, but blanket-sized, and spent fast for cognac and souvenirs and other items.

You've Heard About 'Wet Backs', But Ever Hear of A 'Wet Franc' ? ? ?

THINGS we didn't know until now: Division Finance officer, Col. Robt. Phinney is shown here doing some 'laundry' at the Tobacco Warehouse, a couple days after Salerno invasion. Seems the payroll in North African Francs spent 24 hours under water, and the finance boys had the soggy detail to dry 'em out. Phinney says, "those racks used for drying tobacco came in handy for drying out money." Our thanks to Col. Phinney for the many great photos he sent in for this issue (others shown in this 32 pager).



The Shamrock Hilton
Is Yours Labor Day



Sgt. Thomas A. Crawford, 3645 Sixth Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76110 photo made in 1955. Tom served with Svc. Co., 142nd, now works at Carswell AFB, is new life member of the association.



BROTHERS meet in Italy: Here's Tom Crawford with his brother, Capt. Francis Crawford of 3rd Photo Recon Sqd., Air Corps at Poligamiano, Italy in 1944. Tom got a piggy-back ride in a P-38 during this visit.

45th Division Gets \$75,000 State Money For Their Museum

As customary among editors of various publications, the exchange of these magazines is an expected tradition. Among the veteran outfits, The T-Patcher goes to a wide list, and we in turn receive theirs.

Though, the 45th Division Association (Okla) does not publish a rag like ours, they do distribute news to the troops. We recently received their Reunion bulletin announcing their 31st Annual Reunion in Oklahoma City at the Hilton Inn, West.

One of the reunion events that arrested my attention was the dedication of their MUSEUM, located, 1/4 mile east of Intersection NE 36th and Eastern Ave. Also, I find they are clever enough to receive funds from State of Oklahoma. \$75,000 is the amount, pending approval by the Governor and State Legislature. HOW ABOUT THAT?

Too bad, we can't twist some arms down Austin way, and do the same for the 36th. Has anyone got any earthshakin' ideas? Let us hear from you.

Thanks

OUR THANKS to all the many T-Patchers who took time to raid their scrapbooks and send in those rare (and faded snapshots) that should make this Bicentennial issue a real keepsake.

We exchange editions of our paper with many of the other divisions, and with all modesty we can say that no other publication has ever had SO MANY PHOTOS from the troops in ONE issue.



FRANCE, Nov. 1944—Capt. William Leach, transportation officer of 142nd and Capt. William Gotcher of Svc. Co., 142nd, from the files to Tom Crawford, same outfit.

DON'T DILLY-DALLY when you receive your letter with the enclosed Reunion Hotel Reservation blank. The Shamrock Hilton will hold our 350 blocked-off rooms only until August 16th.

So, respond as soon as you can, it'll assure you that your reservations WILL BE honored. These cards go direct to the hotel . . . so do it pronto!

Lee Allison Takes Over Spec-Trps VP Office Of The Late Judge Tom Roselle

Dear Amil:

Received your letter and herewith is my check for \$100 for a Life Membership. I agree, this is a sound business method of stretching our funds.

I noticed that many members are using their military titles, so as I am justly proud of mine, please list me as Lt. Col. Lee F. Allison. All of this talk about retirement . . . wish I knew someway to retire on a ranch. See you in September.

LEE F. ALLISON, (QM)
Allison Ranch, Box 245
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With the untimely death of our V/ Pres. Special Troops, Judge TOM ROSELLE, Brackettville, Texas . . . an appeal to Lee Allison was presented by the board of the 36th to fill the vacancy, and he kindly accepted. Of this we are all grateful. Lee Allison has been a long and loyal T-Patcher and he will be host at the Special Troops CP at the Shamrock Hilton, WALNUT ROOM.

Lee Allison admitted he did not know just how to go about being host to the troops for this great occasion, but he has been assured by the old-timers who have hosted a few in the past, that there would be no problem . . . SO, all you men of the Special Troops, rest assured that the CP will be one of the best at the 51st annual reunion. Come see!



Harry McGreevy, Versailles, Ohio poses for this one of the many signs that tells you to get the hell out of Cassino. Most T-Patchers knew this, but some didn't, hence the signs. Harry served with Hqs. 155th.

Happy Birthday, America—

