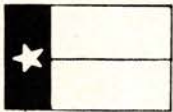




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Houston Reunion, A Many Splendored Thing



Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Philips of Houston, Texas

Shamrock 'Rocks' With Patchers; Julian Philips, New President

Our 51st Annual Reunion held in Houston at the Shamrock-Hilton on Labor Day Weekend was, as usual a great success in terms of participation and enjoyment. We've had 31 of these get-togethers since end of WWII, and the spirit and enthusiasm is fantastic. Especially, when you talk with a T-Patcher who is making his 'first one'.

Again, this year the Early Bird Party is always a delight. This one was hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary, and these gals really do a great job to make the troopers happy. Our thanks for their endeavor. After all, they are the ones that keep us all out of trouble (don't they.)

The Houston Reunion is now history, but the memories of the fellowship enjoyed there will linger for years. It's difficult to tell someone — just what a 36th Division Reunion is all about. We have no axes to grind, no campaigns to change the world, just meeting and greeting and having a delightful time. Ain't that what it's all about.

Last year was great . . . but now let's think about 1977 . . . and make plans to be in Dallas — and do it all over again. We have a great new leader who will lead the way!

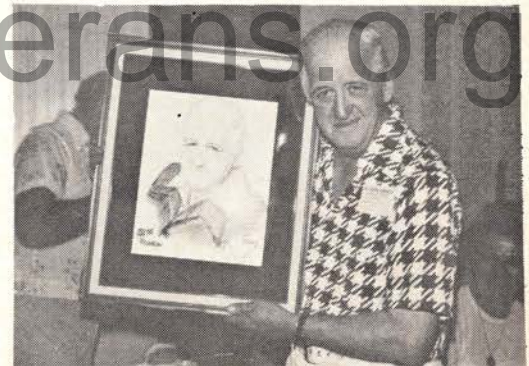
52nd Annual Bash - Dallas '77



James and Pat Stokes, your new V/P of the 142nd Infantry. Jim drew the portrait of Gene Hetmanski.

Men of Co. H, 142nd Present Portrait To Gene Hetmanski

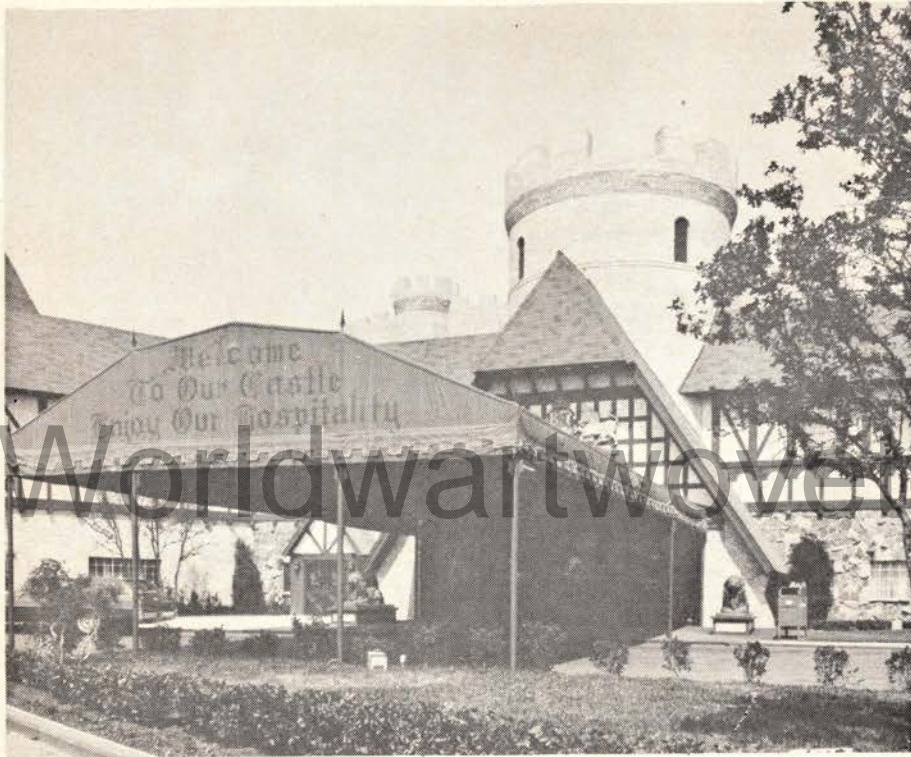
We can't think of a guy who deserves what he got . . . anymore than a trooper like Gene Hetmanski of Michigan. He makes all the reunions, with a camera round his neck and a pocket full of color film. Shoots candid shots that you can see and enjoy, shown in the issue. And, Jim Stokes knows that too. That's why he drew this portrait of Gene and he got it, with a standing ovation at the Houston Reunion. (Ain't that enough to make a guy cry?).



Gene Hetmanski, Farmington, Michigan bawled like a baby when he got this portrait of himself from the men of Co. H, 142nd . . . and likely so. Gene makes all the reunions, and he takes all the great reunion photos you see in this issue.



Board Selects Royal Coach Inn For '77 Reunion



ROYAL COACH INN of Dallas will be your bivouac for the 1977 reunion. It has been our site in 1970 and 1972, and has all the necessary facilities to make it a good one. So, make your plans now to be in Dallas, come Labor Day weekend in '77. You'll never forget it, we promise.

Dallas Will Host 52nd Annual Bash Sept. 1-4, 1977

On Oct. 23rd, your Association and board members meet in Dallas to select the site for the 1977 Reunion. This involves many subjects. Facilities, price of hotel accommodations, etc., and the winner was ROYAL COACH MOTOR INN.

This is the fine establishment that has been our host in 1970 and again in 1972 — our third outing with this hotel. Their facilities are more than adequate — giant size ballrooms, luxurious rooms and great facilities for the unit C.P.'s.

That about wraps it up. It is also closer to the D/FW Airport than the downtown hotels, parking is free and convenient. The ROYAL COACH INN has many other goodies.

Your board was wise in their decision to choose this facility. Many other Dallas hotels made their bids for our reunion. But, there are many things that have to be considered when you choose the site for a reunion.

Royal Coach is a great choice. We have met before in Dallas at many other places. This one has all we need, and that is what it's all about. So, start packin'.

Troopers From 28 States Take Over At Houston Bash

Membership Present Houston 1976 Reunion By States

Texas	265	Calif	2
Ohio	10	Maine	2
Mich	10	Ga	2
Illinois	9	Conn	2
Fla	6	Mo	2
N J	5	Minn	2
Va	4	Okla	2
Penna	4	Mass	2
N Y	3	S C	2
Ind	3	Tenn	2
Kan	3	MD	1
Ala	3	Ariz	1
La	3	Wisc	1
Ark	2	Ky	1
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The "G" Company Review is a real great unit newsletter, and getting thicker all the time. And this is Co. G of the 142nd. Lots of their stories should be re-run in this rag, but space does not permit this over-loaded issue. Chas. Stimson is the editor, with Emma Romero, secty. As we go to press, they will meet for their annual reunion in SNYDER, Texas Nov. 20, 1976. More later.

'Thanks,' T-Patchers, Says Amelunke . . .

Dear T-Patchers:

It was an honor to be elected and serve as your president during the Bicentennial year of 1976, a privilege I shall never forget.

Words cannot express my thanks and my appreciation to the board members and staff members for your assistance and cooperation this past year.

Because of your dedication and your loyalty, our 36th Division Association has had a successful year. No president could have had a finer group of dedicated people who worked so hard to have a fine reunion in Houston.

Most of all "THANK YOU" T-Patchers for being in Houston, because without your participation there would be no reunion to attend and enjoy.

To our new president, Julian Philips, and his new board, I pledge my support in anyway possible, and look for an even better year and reunion in Dallas Labor Day Weekend 1977.

Sincerely,
Alvin Amelunke

JACK CLOVER sends in new address: 5 Cobblestone Trail, Ormond Beach, Fla. 32074. Served with 2nd Bn., 143rd, asked about 'Preacher' Bynum and Jabe Currie. Amil says he has no record (can anyone help?). Jack says the 32 pager July issue of the Patcher was a beauty. Thanks, we needed that!

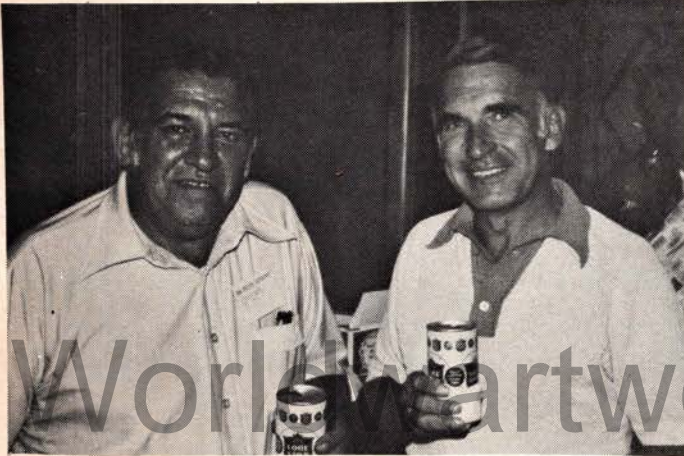


Past and Present: This is (at left) our new president and wife, Julian H. Philips shown here with out-going president, Alvin Amelunke with bride. Amelunke did a wonderful job during our bicentennial year and deserves a bravo salute from all T-Patchers. Amen.

HOUSTON REUNION — FIRST TIMERS!
President Julian Philips sends in these names of 143rd men who made their 'first' reunion: James H. Wharton, Baltimore, MD; Albert Harris, New Cumberland, PA; James W. Higgins, Austin Kennada and Victor W. Mettura all of Houston, and Darold S. White of Elizabethton, Tenn. Now, do it again in Dallas in '77.

picture parade

From The Houston Reunion



REUNION FIRST-TIMERS in 142nd CP — Norbert Meyer from Evergreen Park, Ill. and Charlie Dake of Saratoga Springs, NY, said "But not the last", as they try on a cold one and made substantial contributions to the 142nd Sustaining Fund for the Dallas Reunion in '77.



Reunion Friday Night Get-To-Gether . . . here's a partial crowd shot of some happy folks enjoying free beer and alot of good fellowship.

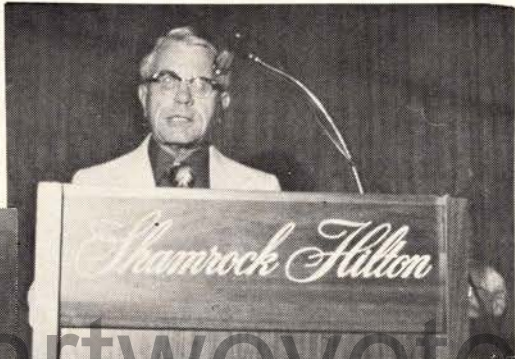
AMIL KOHUTEK at the mike, gives a report on his membership drive.



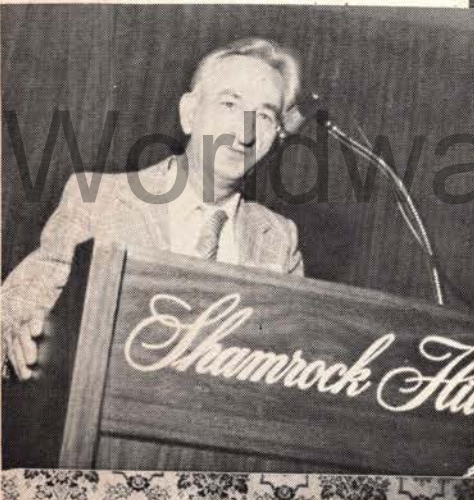
Party Pix: Here's Ruby and president Julian H. Philips of Houston.



The invocation was given by Father Bernard F. Roemar (Div. Hqs.) of Houston, Texas.



Julian M. Quarles travels each year from Miami, Fla. (Co. F, 143) for the reunion, serves on resolutions committee, shown here making his report. Above: Col. Oran Stovall of Bowie, Texas speaks from the floor. Believe that's Roy Harder of Orange, Texas



Association treasurer, Ken L. Nixon of Houston, makes his annual financial report. "We doing alright, but we can always use MORE money" he said. So take a hint.

Dear Amil:

I was in Germany this past fall and revisited some of the places, like Hofrau Haus in Munich, and friends in Goppingen. They made me some potatoe pancakes this time like they used to make in '45.

Things have changed. Next time, I'll try to pinpoint more memorable spots. I'm late, but here is my dues, and some extra for you know what.

TOM BULOVA, 505 Onondaga, Syracuse, NY 13219. Co. B, 143rd Inf. (Ole Zeb's outfit)

Amil gets this letter from DICK FLEMING, Coast and Country Real Estate, 262 Main St., Brunswick, Maine 04011 . . . "Be sure and get my name on the mailing list. I joined the 36th at Oran, Africa in June 1943, assigned to 131st FA, then under command of (Lt. Col.) James E. Taylor. Served as FO and survey officer, stayed with 131st until end of war. Was called back for the Korean bash, then decided to make a career of it, retired in 1970."

"Jack Richards of 131st (later Div. Arty) is about the only contact I've had with the troopers, so would to hear from ole buddies."

Heard from

SAM COBB, 643 Cardinal, Covington, KY 41015 of G-2, Hqs. 36th Div. (That's Col. A. B. Crowther's outfit) has been lost for years. A few days ago this reporter received an LD call from this great Kentuckian, that he was in Texas and called to 'report in.' Don't recall that Cobb had made any of the reunions, but now we have a prime prospect for the DALLAS 1977 reunion. More later.

CHAIN REACTION — Here's RODOLFO GARZA, Real Estate Broker, 261 N. Texas Ave., Mercedes, TX 78570 of Co. A, 142nd, writes to Amil — "I have been receiving a copy of the T-Patcher courtesy of a buddy, the enjoyment of reading it has motivated me to JOIN the round-up." Garza sends ck for \$10 for dues for buddies — LUIS MONTMAYOR, 1259 Ford St., Eagle Pass, TX 78852 of 36th Signal Co., and also — OSCAR T. GARZA, P.O. Box 12, Eagle Pass, TX 78852 of 736th Ordnance. RE REMINDED — this is the kind of devotion we thrive on. Maybe you can do same.

CARMEN A. WILLIAMSON, Lt. Col. Ret., sends in new address: now — P.O. Box 88292, Honolulu, HI 96815. The colonel moves around in the Pacific and Asia, like we do going to 7-11 for a loaf of bread.

HERMAN ZERGER, 211 W. Court St., Woodfield, OH 43793 of Co. I, 141st sends in dues for '77 and stamp money. Says he's sorry he missed the Houston bash. Will try for Dallas.

JAMES J. CAVALCANTE, 135-16-0869, Vinnell Corp. of NY, APO NY 09038, did time with Stovall's Engineers, Co. B. Jim says he's sorry to be late with his dues, but he's now living in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and will be there for another year or so. "I'm a civilian," he says, "but this reminds me of army days — like mess hall etc. This is my last hitch, then I intend to retire," he concluded.

EDGAR FORD, 61 Villa Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94114 writes in for someone to (give or sell) a 36th shoulder patch, a pair of 141st Regmtl. crests, a pair of 143rd crests and a 36th Div. blue star w/bar . . . will buy or barter, he says. If you can help brother Ford, please do so.

BAREY RANSBERGER, 1SG, Armor, TEXNG, Unit AST Coleman, TX, sends in \$10 for his dues and CLEMEN E. STANPHILL, Rt. 1, Coleman, TX 76834. He joined TNG in '48, Co. B, 142nd, is now full time at the Armory in Coleman.

The great COL. ORAN STOVALL, the Big Man of Bowie, Texas writes to many T-Patchers. He has been in contact with former Asst. Division Commander — Brig. Gen. ROBERT I. STACK, Tidewood, RD 2, King George, VA. Stovall has sent to us a copy of the General's "CAPTURE OF GOERING."

This valuable document, told in his own words, will straighten out all history books, because he was the man who was there. It is 7 full pages, and we hope to find space in the Feb. issue to run this one. If not, maybe we can have it privately published. Do we have any offers? This is truly a valuable document.

MRS. LOUISE MORGAN sends in dues for her son, ROBERT MORGAN, 8339 Nisqually, Dallas. TX 75217. No unit given.

NOTICE: If you sent in a story and/or pixs that did not make this issue . . . relax, we'll have it in the next issue . . . we were flooded!



36th Division Association

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & STAFF for 1976 - 1977



Houston Reunion annual meeting, the new officers line up front and center: from left — Cliff Torrence, 143rd; Bill Steger, Spec. Trps; Adrain Grizzelle, 144th; Leonard Wilkerson, Exex/VO; Joel Peters, Div. Arty; President Julian Philips and Jim Stokes, 142nd.

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Long Distance Winner - Kosowski of Boston

LEONARD P. KOSOWSKI, 38 W. Cedai St., Boston, Mass. 02108 of Co. F 143rd, wins the 'long distance' award this year . . . Boston to Houston, and that's a fer piece. Our congratulations to Leonard. Do it again to Dallas '77.

KEN TAYLOR, 226 Hibiscus Ave., Apt. 104, Lauderdale-by-Sea, FL 33308 writes to Amil to say thanks for the info about the 36th. Buys a Roster, and did not know we were in business. Ken says, "Lookin' back into the past history of the great 36th, I am proud to be a member of the association." Ken served with Geo. Fell's 736 Recon, joined at Camp Edwards, until end of WWII. Good to have you in the clan, Ken.

Heard from

BILLY ALLEN, P.O. Box 324, Kingsport, Tenn. 37662 of Co. D, 141st, sends in his '77 dues. H. GLENN SCOTT, Rt. 9, Box 400, Statesville, N.C. 28679 was the guy who told Allen where to send the money. That's good.

RAYFORD N. HEAD, 3068 Cliff Creek Drive, Dallas, TX 75233, said his wife found a long-lost buddy — JAMES A. MARTIN, of Co. D, 143rd who lives at 2306 Engle (Oak Cliff) Dallas, TX 75224, and that he is anxious to get in touch with old 36th buddies. Martin, from Jewett, Tx was with 144th Inf. Wants more info, and Amil says he got it.

ROSS YOUNG, Col. Ret., 4438 Bikini Dr., San Antonio, TX 78218, sends in dues, with regrets he could not be in Houston. Ross was mobilized in S/A in 1940 as a 2nd Louie, went to Camp Bowie, Brownwood. Took command of Hqs. Co., 141st as Capt. Then Blanding, Carolina, Edwards and North Africa, Italy as Regimental S-3, and temporary Regtl. C.O. when Wyatt was killed. On to S. France, Voges, Ste. Marie (3rd Bn. 142nd) and Hqs. Co. 36th Div. as Div. G-3, as Lt. Col. Returned to USA Dec. 1945 as acting C/S 36th Div.

ROBERT E. GRAHAM, of 636th TD Bn., with American Fire and Casualty of Sumter, S.C., sends in dues and regrets that he missed the big one in Houston '76. Bob gets mail at home: 26 Swan Lake Drive, Sumter, S.C. 29150. Thanks Robert.

SAM F. KIBBEY, of Ashland, KY, really knows how to do it. He had his secty send memo copies to all concerned that he could not make the Houston reunion. That's nice, but ole Sambo was missed. He has a million funnies that add to the excitement of a reunion. Try for Dallas '77, Sam.

THE WIVES DO IT — Lois Suddeth sends in dues for her husband — JOHN W. SUDDETH, 31 Long Forest Drive, Greenville, S.C. 29609, who walked and fought with Co. H, 143rd — and that's good. Thanks, we need more like you, Lois.

CARL PETERSON, 1618 E. Sheridan Dr., Olathe, Kan. 66061, writes in to say how much they enjoyed the Houston Reunion. Carl is the new Prexy of the Mid West Chapter who will have their annual reunion next June 17-19 at Overland Park, Kansas. See story in this issue.

GEORGE KERRIGAN, the great one from Chicago who has a million gags for hire, at the 141st CP in Houston asked the congregation if they knew what Jim Bowie's (Texas Patriot) last words were. He said, "Where in the hell did all these wet backs come from." End of ethnic jokes.

TONY SPARACINO, 1865 Union St., Warren, OH 44485 read in the paper about the 36th. Writes to Amil for info, and wants to be sure our reunions are 'family type.' The answer of course is yes. Tony served with Co. D, 143rd in Italy, France and Germany. Come to Dallas in '77 and see for yourself.

EDWARD R. ROCK, 3681 Eve Cir. F, Mira Loma, CA 91752, a member of retired officers association, writes in that he wants info about the 36th Assn. Ole Amil takes care of that, and he's in.

Our annual membership dues are only \$5.00, so get a dropout, and send it in now to:

MAIL AMIL KOHUTEK
TODAY 1933 College Street
Abilene, Texas 79602

Leonard Wilkerson of Dallas Elected Executive V/President



Elected Executive-Vice President at the Houston, Texas 51st annual reunion is LEONARD E. WILKERSON. A retired First Sergeant, Wilkerson presently is teaching Army Junior ROTC which keeps him up to date with the United States Army. Leonard was former V/P of the 144th in 1975 and 1976. He gets his mail at 11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas, Texas 75228.

Leonard will be 'the contact' in Dallas for the 1977 reunion. He will keep in close contact with President Julian H. Philips. With the help of Cliff Torrence - 143rd; Bill Steger - Div Hqs; and Johnny McKeel - Div Arty, all of Dallas, and others recruited or drafted, they will go all-out for 1977.



HOUSTON REUNION: Here's Harry McGowan and wife, talking with an unidentified T-Patcher at the dinner dance, probably telling a tall tale. The McGowan's have worked hard for the association for years . . . Harry was host of the 141st men at their CP in Houston. Photo sent in by Leonard Wilkerson, who shot alot of film in Houston, and thanks.



NOV. 1940, San Antonio, Texas: Here's a trim and young Leonard Wilkerson, of Co. E, 144th, while attending Cok's and Baker's School at Fort Sam Houston. That's Leonard at left, and the other guy, Leonard says, "an unknown friend of San Antonio. Wilkerson has worked hard for the Association, and his election to Executive V/P (and the fact that he lives in Dallas) will make the '77 Reunion a real 'BIGGIE'.

Kolonel Kibbey, King of Kentucky Korn — Does It Again . . .

The talent continues to flow, as Sam F. Kibbey has just written an original satire for the Ashland Oil Arcoettes — titled "In The Year 2000 AD."

Sambo Kibbey, when not laboring in the legal department of this giant oil company, spends his time passing out reams of "funny" stuff to a host of his many friends. Since we are on his list, we know. Some just can't be published in this rag, regettably so.

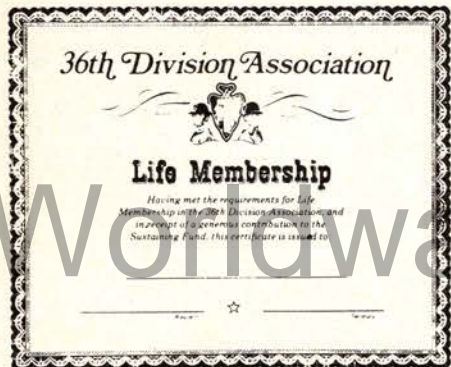
Kibbey, who unfortunately has missed the last few reunions, and was missed in Houston — cranks out short stories and plays, He had previously written "One Upon A Trial," and his great "United We Stand" for the Elks Bicentennial Pageant last summer.

His production "2000 AD" was billed as a Melodious Satire (With Heart) feturing lyrics sung to familiar tunes including English, Scotch, French and Irish airs, and American traditionals. (Wonder if they used REAL SCOTCH during rehearsals). Show was presented Oct. 21st at Bellefonte Auditorium, Ashland, KY.

Kibbey gets his mail at Ashland Oil Co., P.O. Box 391, Ashland, KY 41101, and congratulations are forthcoming.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

\$100



Our Life Membership campaign has been good. But, let's not stop there (keep those checks comin').

Latest donor is GEORGE HUNN, 255 74th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., who served with Co. I, 143rd. Joined at Blanding in Feb. 1943 and was taken POW at Alta Villa.

George was active in the ill-fated New York chapter (until it expired), says he likes our T-Patcher and promises to make a reunion one of these days. Try for Dallas in 1977, George — you'll be glad you did, and mucho thanks for the beautiful \$100.

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—

KEN L. NIXON, Treasurer or AMIL KOHUTEK, Membership Chairman. Their addresses are shown on page 4. We repeat—It's tax deductible!!!

**DON'T WALK IN FRONT
OR BEHIND ME... JUST
WALK BESIDE ME, AS A
FELLOW**



Drawn by
Jim Stokes, V/P
142nd of
N. Ft. Myers,
Florida



Adrian Grizzelle, New New V/P of 144th Inf.

A. D. Grizzelle, V/P of 144th Inf, promised to round-up members of the former 36th Division Regiment, who departed Camp Bowie, Texas on Dec. 9, 1941. A special meeting will be held for the 144th in the unit C.P. prior to the Division general meeting. All members of the 144th Infantry past and present are encouraged to attend. A good time is promised.



RALPH FINFGELD, 71 Sabo Drive, Manfield, OH 44905 of Co. A, 141st shown here at right, sends in this great photo of himself with the late Wesley Garrison, Birmingham, Ala., who died of a heart attack on June 25th, also served with Co. A, 141st ... a great T-Patcher.

Co. B, 142nd East & West To Meet In Coleman

W. J. BAXTER, Secty-Treas. of the Co. B, 142nd (Western) announces a big-one coming up for '77. They have changed their usual dates to the first week-end in August, so that their sister-chapter Co. B. 142nd (Eastern) can come to Coleman, Texas for a joint reunion. A one-time affair, he says. This is a breakthrough, as this is the only unit we know of that has both an Eastern and Western chapter on one single infantry unit. How bout that?

Heard from

PHILIP J. PRICHARD, 1220 E. Third St., Thief River, MN 56701 (love the name of that town) says he wound up with 3 membership cards for last year (send 2 back). Sends in pixs of M7 self-propelled 75 MM's of Sgt. Payne Rucker's crew.

JACK SIDNEY, 4605 Lankershim Blvd., Suite 801, North Hollywood, CA 91602 who did time with 143rd, writes to Amil that he loved the 32 pager in July, and the statistics about 'where' the T-Patchers are. He suggests that we ought to have 20,000 TEXAS Patchers on the rolls. We agree. But, it ain't easy. Some of these characters have become 'lost.' Jack suggests we putout an AP release about the association (this has been done). We have looked under rocks and behind bushes, and into the boondocks. These strays and lost 36thers are as hard to find as a Jackalope. (Some oldtimers have said that 50,000 men have worn the T-PATCH, at some time or other). Thanks, Jack for your suggestion. It makes sense and someday, possibly, we can do just that.

CHARLES BEACHAM and wife were host to the San Antonio Chapter on Nov. 5th at Beethoven Hall for a covered dish night meeting of the clan. Mac Acosta, of 102 Luther Dr., Santone, send in this from his famous "T-Bone" newsletter he prints for the membership, and a good one it is. COL. ORAN STOVALL receives card from JAMES R. RAMSEY which says: "wintering in the French Riviera." He and wife visited the 36th Monument at St. Raphael. Same photo was published a few issues back as sent in by Julian Philips. The 36th landed at this spot, less one battalion of 141st on the narrow cove known as "Green Beach."

ROGER CANNON, the former Assn. president in 1972 when we last met at the Royal Coach (our '77 Hqs) had Dolph Briscoe as our guest speaker. He was elected Governor of Texas shortly after. How 'bout that.

MRS. ALEXANDER F. KOTE sends in dues for Alex, who walked with Co. H, 142nd, says he had open heart surgery and, of course, could not attend the Houston reunion. Maybe next year in Dallas. They get mail at: 2216 Court St., Port Huron, MI 48060.

SAM H. WATKINS sends in change of address: now reads — Rt. 7, Calhoun, GA 30701. Says he regrets not being in Houston, is working on men of his outfit, Co. L, 143rd like — GEO. B. WORLEY, JAMES H. HICKS and JAMES McELXEEN, both of Atlanta. He says, "Save the money you spend on booze, and pay your dooze." Good slogan, and we'll drink to that.

GEORGE KERRIGAN of Chicago, and a great supporter of his own 142nd, never mixed a reunion. Always keeps the C.P.'s laughing with his great routines. He ought to be on T.V. SALVADOR MAZZARA, 5151 Sixth St., Port Arthur, TX 77640 of Hq. & Svc Co. 111th Engrs., writes that he tried to get Senator Bob Dole (VP Rep. nominee) to attend the Houston Reunion, but the Senator says he was too busy. He sent copy of letter from Dole, and we consider that a great effort on the part of Salvatore.

GEORGE E. LYNCH, Maj. Gen. ret, 2005 Stark Ave., Columbus, GA 31906 writes in a note of thanks for his story we used in the July Patcher, "Ste. Marie Pass, Nov. 25, 1944." Suggests similar stories, and we welcome same, and our thanks to Gen. Lynch for this historical contribution.

A Personal Message From Our New Pres. Julian H. Philips

Dear T-Patchers:

I'd like to express my appreciation to each of you for electing me your president for the '76-'77 term. It is indeed an honor and I will endeavor to do my best.

Our 51st annual reunion in Houston this year was a smashing success, but only because of YOU! Without you, the 36th Division Association would be a name only in the history books. We know we have the greatest veteran-association — anywhere, so let's keep it that way . . . alive and active.

Amil Kohutek, our membership chairman, is a dedicated man in search of getting new members, from the drop-outs and strays.

We ask that you make a pledge to find at least five (5) new members for the coming year. My goal is 50, and I already have 5.

I have an outstanding board this year, a very capable executive-vice president, Leonard Wilkerson (Dallas) and we are working now for the great 1977 get-together in Dallas, come Labor Day.

If you were with us this year for the first time, and there were many in Houston, please don't miss another one. What a thrill it was to find someone you haven't seen nor heard from in 25 or 30 years.

The re-kindling of friendships, the handshakes, hugs, back slapping and on some occasions, tears, make it all worth while. Good workers, careful planning and dedication to the association, plus YOU, the members will make our '77 reunion a success.

Ruby and myself wish each of you a year of happiness and good health, and with God's help, we will see you in Dallas.

Julian H. Philips, president.



A GOOD CATCH — Here's Clarence Nickerson, RFD 3, Box W/P, Derry, N.H. 03038 of Co. G, 142nd, who is a new member showing a bunch of big ones he caught at Albune Point, Maine. How bout that.

CANDID CAMERA AT HOUSTON REUNION



Top left photo: It's the big Saturday nite dance, here's two charmin' ladies, telling it like it is . . . and top right pix — is ole Moon Mullins, whose known as one of the best dancers in these parts; pix above at left is of course — Sammie Petty, who won the mens Bicentennial watch . . . and photo at right is Eloise and Zeb Sunday (complete in bib overalls with Ruth Petty, and a great time was had by all.



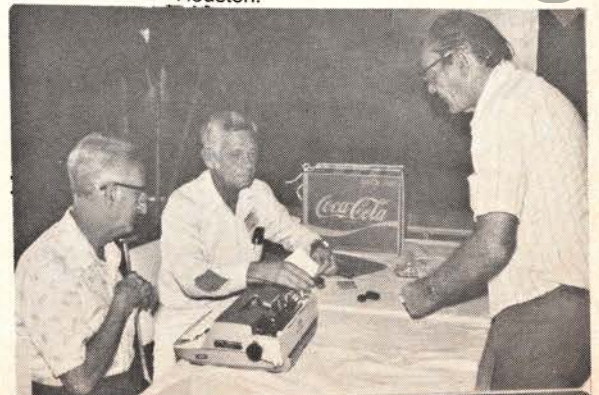
And the ladies have a ball at the reunion dinner dance. Here's Betty Mox, Beatrice Crow and Pat Stokes whose laughing face just about tells the whole story. It was fun all the way at the Houston Reunion '76. If you missed it, you really missed it.



Here's Charlie Prather of Fort Worth with Liz Grizzelle, same town. Chaz. was V/P of Div Arty and held down the CP in Houston.

Registration Desk Is A Beehive . . .

Houston Registration Desk is a busy place. The hours are long, and work is hard, but rewarding. At left is ole faithful, KEN L. NIXON, our treasurer, with CHARLES PRATOR signing-up WAYNE NELSON in the lobby of the Shamrock Hilton. That Coca-Cola carton must have been left over from another convention.





This photo of the wiggle-machine, the fabulous ChaRaDm, is a popular entertainer in the Dallas area. Your new Ex/V.P., Leonard Wilkerson sent this in, as a 'possible' for the Dallas Reunion, next Labor Day in Dallas at the Royal Coach Inn. Since Leonard lives in Big D, he just might have this group for the entertainment at the 52nd annual bash. Start Packin'.

Stokes Has 'Walking Bird'

The 1976 reunion had just about everything — good friends; old timers; first timers; and a good time for all.

The T-Patchers who were there for the first time were: Norbert Myers from Chicago; Weldon Mount and his wife from Ohio; Charles Dake from New York; Jim McCarry from Texas; "Arab" Bowden; A. J. Pope, also from Texas. The dinner dance was great, and we enjoyed having Beatrice Crow with us for the first time — Be sure and join us next year. I'll bet "H" Co. had the only 3 women Veterans attending the reunion — BETTY MOX; BEATRICE CROW; PAT STOKES.

For all of those who are interested in the "walking bird" that we had in Houston, they are now ready for \$16.50 (includes postage). We will ship them to you in time for Christmas.

Pat and Jim Stokes
1971 Longfellow Dr.
N. Ft. Myers, Fla. 33903



111th Medics Meet In Gainesville, TX.

AMIL KOHUTEK, shown here in cowboy hat at right, always shows up at any unit reunion. This one was the 111th Medics gathering at Gainesville, Texas this past summer. At left is John Smith and a coffee cup, and the baldie — is Covington Barnes, others unidentified. Amil says, "these guys can really tell war stories."



VALLEY VETERANS — The 36th Infantry Division which saw combat action in Europe during World War II, will hold its 51st reunion Sept. 2-5 in Houston. Some of the men from the Valley sitting, William Albertson, John Lohr, Perry Gillit, Sammy Young, Leon Thompson, Speck Megison, Glenn Miller, Alfred Markowsky and Doss Dulaney. Back row, standing, Pete Jones, Albert Dan-

Doug Place of Harlingen Sends Out Mail, Gets Great Coverage In Valley Newspapers

DOUG PLACE, 506 W. Alice Ave., Harlingen, TX 78550 is one of the 36th hardest working supporters. In fact, he mailed out 351 letters (on his own expense) to men of the 141st. He also did what any red-blooded T-Patcher would do — he sent out a news release, pluggin' the Houston reunion, and got a 4 col. pix of his outfit in the local paper with big story. Doug served with Co. M, 141st, and has spent time and money in roundin' up the lost and strayed 141sters.

Doug makes all the reunions, contributes much to the success of our good fortune we enjoy today. He digs out members, and sends in dues for long-lost buddies — like: Henry F. Nick Borchelt, 474 Carriage Shop Rd., E. Falmouth, Mass. 02536; John H. Lohr, No. 6, Blue Ridge Circle, Little Rock, Ark 72207 and Judge W. Marion, Sr., 4820 Allegheny Dr., Columbus OH 31907. Mucho thanx, Doug for your help.

DALLAS IS THE PLACE TO BE Sept. 1-4 '77

Don't Forget Your 1977 Dues — Send \$5 To Amil

The above photo appeared in the Harlingen, TX newspaper on Aug. 29th, thanks to Doug Place who did it. This kind of promotion can't do anything but create some interest in the 36th Association.



JOHN R. URIE, West Glover, Vermont 05875 sends in this photo, addressed to Normandy Room, Shamrock Hilton (postmarker Aug. 29) — says, "remember me, I'm the little fellow the 36th got from Vermont, because they needed a good man in the outfit".

Urie says he learned about the reunion thru the Legion magazine about a month ago, but can't make it now. Been dairy farming for 27 years, but plan to be in Dallas next year, to see my old buddies of 131st FA. Also wanted to know whereabouts of Wallace Caldwell (can anyone help).

NOW YOU TAKE MY WIFE, (Please). Her name is Billie and she's always up to something. After the Houston Reunion she went on a Banana Diet. Ate 4 bananas a day for two weeks. Didn't lose a pound. But, boy you oughta see her climb trees.

Mid-West Chapter To Meet June 17-19 In Naples, Kansas

The Reunion will be held in Naples, Kansas (known also as Overland Park, Kansas), June 17, 18 & 19, 1977. We will bivouac in the apple orchard just outside of Naples.

Be sure and bring your half shelters. A mess hall will be set up also. The women Mess with the men, so there will not be any discrimination. Will contact Col. Stovall of the Engineers for a waterpoint and showers. Atabrin tablets must be taken before all meals. Also you must have your shots before the Reunion can officially begin.

Slit trenches will be at the North end of the bivouac area. This will also be co-ed.

For the early birds we will have plenty of vino and schnapps, "C" and "K" rations will be for snacks. This will be a fun time, so come a day early. Fatigues and steel helmets will be permissible. All Arabs from Casablanca, Michigan and Oran, Texas, who arrive by camels, please park them down-wind. The K.P. duty will be all volunteers, so Sgt. Alex Griffin, PFC's Lyle Lundberg, Don Madison and Eddie Butona have volunteered. Guard duty is a MUST as this is a high crime area. These volunteers are PFC's Northhouse, Kruger, Bright and McCluggage and Lucille Lundberg. No discrimination again. We do not want any violence.

We will have 'Go-Go' Dancers at the Saturday Night Party; Mary Griffin, Katherine Peterson, Ruth Northhouse, Blanche Kruger, and a Mystery Lady to be announced later. Doesn't this sound like fun! There will be a canteen for speed pills, marijuana and other necessities. Also, we will have games for all, a volley ball court complete with ball and net. Leap Frog for the older contestants. Shoes must be worn at all times, as a few cows have been seen in our area, and the girls must wear blouses, as we are in a restricted area. Right Gurd can be purchased at the Canteen.

Plan to attend — **THIS IS YOUR REUNION.** Raymond Ramsey, Rusty Murphy, Helen and Henry Sullivan will sing Somewhere on Via Roma, also Lili Marlene.

Lights out will be at 10:30, so the Natives won't get restless. **SUPPORT YOUR 36th REUNION AND WE WILL NEVER HAVE A LAST ONE.** Carl Peterson — President Midwest Chapter 36th Division

Limited Number of Up-Date 36th Roster Available From Amil

AMIL KOHUTEK, our membership chairman has again put together an update 1976 ROSTER of all memberships. He has only a few left. They are \$3.50 plus 50c postage and mailing costs. This is his own personal out-of-pocket project, and if you want to know — who, what and where . . . you need a copy. Send your check for \$4.00 made out to Amil, at 1933 College St., Abilene, TX 79602 . . . a bargain! If Amil gets his money back, all proceeds go to the STAMP fund.



Early Bird Party Was Auxiliary Production

Congratulations are in order for the Ladies Auxiliary. I would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the Ladies for the very nice EARLY BIRD PARTY that they had for us at the Shamrock. It really did seem that they were part of the Association rather than it being an organization only for the Ladies. We would like to tell you that the food was excellent plus the fact that the Ladies had really put in a lot of time and effort to prepare it.

We really need to have the Ladies get in there and support the organization. We need all of them to work together, not just a few. So all of you Ladies that read this T-Patcher along with the fellows give it a little bit of thought, and support our President of the Ladies Auxiliary. I know that she will also appreciate the assistance that we can give her.

Eloise and Zeb Sunday
3311 Jana
Pasadena, TX 77505



MILTON CROW talks with buddies at the CP. With Tony Pellerin and Robt. Richie, Milt gets biggest turnout at all reunions for his men of Co. H, 142nd. They had 26 in Houston, which is some kind of record for one company.

WELCOME New Members

ROBERT J. HARDER, 426 E. 50th St., Odessa, TX 79760 of Co. C, 143rd (calls himself a wrap-legging Old Timer) was rounded up by **ROY HARDER**, a hard working T-Patcher from Orange, TX, same outfit WWII.

LYLE O'NEIL, Box 27, Samford, TX 79070 of Co. L, 142nd was roped in by **KEN AXELROD** of Borger, TX, also of 142nd. Keep up the good corralin'.

LAWRENCE L. KUHN, Box 1156, Crystal Beach, TX 77650 of Co. C, 143rd was 'cornered' by **WERNER WISIAN**, 9235 Gardner, Beaumont, TX 77707. Werner asked for copy of last issue, and ole Amil did it. Thanks.

ALAN SOEFJE, 16404 Ledge Park, San Antonio, TX 78232 of 155th writes in that he wants to join the 36th, and Kohutek took care of that. Welcome aboard, Alan.

FRED VERCELLI, 4414 Chesapeake St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20016 of Co. I, 143rd was captured by **PAYNE V. RUCKER** (Dallas) at a Postal Manager's meeting in St. Louis. Ole Ruck, former 143rd VP, is a good new-member-getter and works at it all the time. Never know when the guy next to you in a dark X-Rated Theatre might also be a Patcher.

HARRY KELLY, 359 Wardman Rd., Buffalo, NY 14217 of 141st AntiTank was found by **ANTOINE PELLERIN** of Port Arthur is a champion at finding 'lost & strayed' 36thers. Thanx, Tony.

HAROLD R. HANCOCK, 10053 San Juan, Dallas, TX 75228 was brought in by Amil. Harold served with B, 141st, AntiTank 142nd, Co. I and Co. L, 143rd, and Co. H, 144th. (He's a busy man at the reunions, making all CP's).

ROY J. MERKEL, 56 Bridge St., Newton Falls, OH 44444 of Co. H, 141st, is a new one from Amil's mail campaign. Go back and read that ZIP code again. How 'bout that?

CHARLES ORCUTT, 925 Center St. N., Mankato, Minn. 56001 of 143rd was another one from **TONY PELLERIN's** Jong list of new members.

ALFRED E. HUBER, 100 Loch Linnhe, #114, Cheviot Hills, Dunedin, FLA 33528 of Co. D and K, 142nd is a new one. Ole Amil got 'em.

JAMES H. WHARTON, 1310 Ridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21228 of Co. G, 143rd was roped in by our '77 president, Julian Philips, Houston. Remember, Julian's last name has only one "L" in Philips.

Show Your T-Patcher Decal On Your Car, And See What Happens

ROGER L. EVANS, Paris, TX, of Btry A, 132nd, was visiting recently in Palestine, TX — since he displays with pride his T-Patchdecal on his windshield, a W. A. HOLDER of 1320 Lamar St. of Palestine, 75801 approached him and asked, "Where did you get that sticker?" Roger told him that as a member of the 36th he could get one. Then sent him an application, and ole Amazin' Amil took it from there, and everybody's happy. MORAL of this story is display for 36th decal on your car. You never know when you'll find an old buddy.



Old T-Patchers still get all kinds of awards. In the photo above at right-Maj. Gen. WILLIAM O. GREEN, former CO of 736th Ordnance receiving the General's flag from Brig. Gen. ROBERT J. FAUGHT, Deputy Commander of the Texas State Guard. Gen. Green, a former artilleryman, lives at 3523 Latma Dr., Houston, TX 77025 and is well-known to all T-Patchers, makes most all the reunions, a great soldier and American. Gen Faught, resides at 1731 Cheshire Lane, Houston, 77018 is employed with Gulf Refining Company. Our thanks to Gen. Faught for this photo and news release.

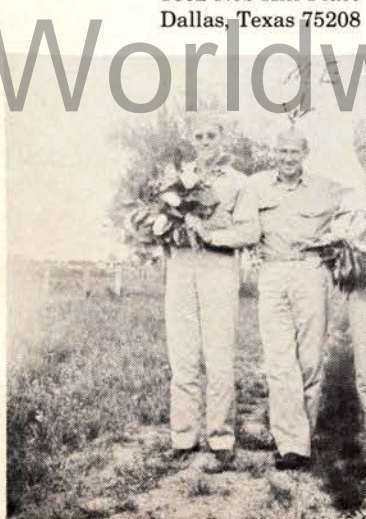
Bill Steger Knows All . . .

Dear Bill:

You just didn't ask the right people about these things you need to know: Johnny Camero is not lost, he is operating under the name of Johnny Thompson he lives at 212 East University in Waxahachie, TX. 75165. He has been working for Lofland Steel Co. in Dallas since 1959 and is now working out of their Waxachie (for Short) operation. I went by their main office this morning and talked to Mr. Lofland and also their president and showed them Johnny's picture and gave them the copy of the paper.

So send me another copy of T-Patch 1st section — Johnny will have mine. Thanks.

Bill Steger
1682 Nob Hill Place
Dallas, Texas 75208



These 2 pixs were sent in by GRADY B. FOWLER, 502 Blueberry Lane, Grand Prairie, TX 75051. At left is Grady, marked as "me", other one not identified. Grady served as T/Sgt. with Co. C, 143rd, did make the Houston Reunion. Pix above made at Martha's Vineyard. Can anyone identify the others?

Joel Peters of La Porte, Heads Division Artillery

Hello T-Patchers:

Houston reunion was the greatest! They get better all the time. So, we that got elected V/P of the Artillery to carry on a big, we need your help.

All you artillerymen can help make the '77 Dallas Reunion the best yet, and I need your help. Contact any drop out or stray that you can think of. Get his dues and sell him on the next reunion.

Please call on me, anytime! We want the association to grow, and the artillerymen can do it. Write me, give me names of men who need to join . . . I'll get after them, if you don't have the time.

Joel Peters, 1400 N. 10th St.,
Box 33, LaPorte, Texas 77351
. . . and keep those cards and letters comin'.



NORTH of Rome, June 1944 — Here's Btry. A, 131st 4th Gun Section: seated on trail is Andres Castillo, and left to right: Chester Hogan, Audrey Smith, Wm. D. Robertson, Bill Jones and Ernest Brooks. Pix sent in by Harry Filder.



Houston Reunion, here's Alvin Halverson with Eloise Sunday, and how says you can't dance in a wheelchair?

A Special Salute to Alvin Halverson

Dear Bill and Billy

OUR HATS OFF AND A SPECIAL T-PATCHER SALUTE to some of our first timers. We want to say how happy we were to have all of our first timers in case I miss telling you about them. I especially want to tell you about ALVIN HALVERSON. Well he came all the way from California and guess what he is in a wheelchair and talk about a dancer (Just ask my wife.) We hope to see a lot more of you T-Patchers even if you are in a chair. There is always something to do and a lot of people to visit with also would like to call it to your attention to a few of our cardiac people. Such as Edward Morningstar (Ohio) Robert A. Nowell (Texas) Tommy Pfaus (Ohio). Also Lee Patterson (wife of Robert Patterson from Fla.)

There may be a few others that I have missed — am sorry if I have. Would like to call it to your attention that Mr. Sharp of the Arty makes it almost each year and he is partly handicapped and has a ball visiting with all of us at the reunion.

My Salute to all the T Patchers and especially to the handicaps that seem to put forth more effort to come to the reunion than the rest of us. So lets all start saving now and be in Dallas to welcome all handicaps as well as the others that can come.

We have appointed a committee to assist as well as welcome all handicaps with proper transportation and rooms. So don't just sit there and cry in your beer.

Thanks.
Jeb Sunday
3311 Jana
Pasadena, TX 77505

SAM F. KIBBEY, that ole Kentucky Kolonel sends copy of ltr to Mrs. Virginia Clift, whom he had talked with regarding the writings of her husband, GLEN CLIFT, relating to WWII and the 36th. As editor, we plan to contact Mrs. Clift to see what all is available for the archives, which will be placed in the proper place — Austin, Texas. (More on this later.)

Eastern Co. B, 142nd Meet In St. Clairsville

Barbara Davidson Launches Jim Minor Memorial, & Book

Barbara Davidson (wife of Victor) 22 Queen Ann St., Friendship, NY 14379 is the hard working secretary for Co. B, 142nd Eastern has entered into a most worthy project.

She plans to have a Memorial Fund for James Minor, with plans to publish a booklet (8½ x 11") paper-back, featuring photos, and items about his career in the 36th and his devotion to his own 142nd Infantry.

Your editor has been asked to help in this venture, and this we plan to do. It was our very special privilege to have known Jim very well in the post-war years. His complete devotion to the 36th was fantastic. He spent time, money and traveled far and wide in our behalf. He has compiled alot of yet un-published history, mostly about the 142nd, and an effort to put this all together is needed.

Anyone who has items, photos, etc., from Jim, or about him, please send to Barbara, address above. There must be a mother lode of material in the hands of the troops, so write to Barbara, and offer your support and send in what you have. She says, "We'll see you get it back, after book is complete."

Renew Your Membership

MAIL AMIL KOHUTEK
TODAY 1933 College Street
Abilene, Texas 79602

Pre-War Officers of 131st Field Artillery



1938 on maneuvers, here's some officers of Btry. F, 131st Field Artillery, all from Jacksboro, home base for this group. From left: Lt. Ira H. Fowler, (was part of the Lost Battalion in Java, now resides in New Mexico); Lt. James E. Garrison; Capt. Claude E. Putnam, Sr., regmtl dentist; Capt. Alonzo Files, C.O. of Btry F, and Lt. Elmer T. Wilson. Photo was sent in by Garrison (now 73 years old) of Tye, Texas. Putnam, Files and Wilson are deceased. Jim Garrison was picked up by the Air Force, Dec. 1941 and served 37 years in the service. Thanks Jim for this great pix.



St. Clairsville, Ohio — Company B 142nd Eastern meet for their 7th annual reunion, with Joe and Helen Matkos as host for the 43 T-Patchers who attended. Front row, from left: Dewey Mann, David W. Sisco, Wm. Repke and K. O. Pitner. 2nd row: Ralph Taylor, Stanley Kotula, Clare B. Cunningham, Chas. Glenn, Victor Davidson, Melvin Berg, Anton Fanello, John Windt, Joseph Matko (host) Bennie Duplaga, Ray Horton, Troy Brooner, Albert Bozell and Dempsey Albritton. 3rd row: Henry Bekkering, Joseph Wysinski, Gilbert Klaene, Ralph Kinder, Calvin England, Bob Stanley, Douglas Young, Robert Shurr, Adam J. Szymanowski, Frank Palmer, Donald Still and Pershing Freeman. 4th row: Brendan Gallagher, Raymond Magwire, George Howell, Frank Gaul, Joseph Stachnik, Emil Hardulak, Troy Strickland, Edward Szafasz, George R. Cook and Michael Connors. 5th row: Adam Tonio, Julian Bernard and Kenneth Williams. And a great time was had by all on Aug. 6-8 1976.



This photo of Raymond Horton, official bugler for Co. B, 142nd Infantry, Western, was taken and sent in by Amil who attended their last unit reunion in Coleman, Texas. Horton lives at 1205 Graham, Wellington, Texas 79075.



Colmar, France: Here's George W. Miller, Wilkes-Barre, PA, and Ralph Thompson of Salem, VA., who was KIA near Colmar shortly after photo was made. Both of Co. C, 111th Engrs. Oscar Trohler sent in photo



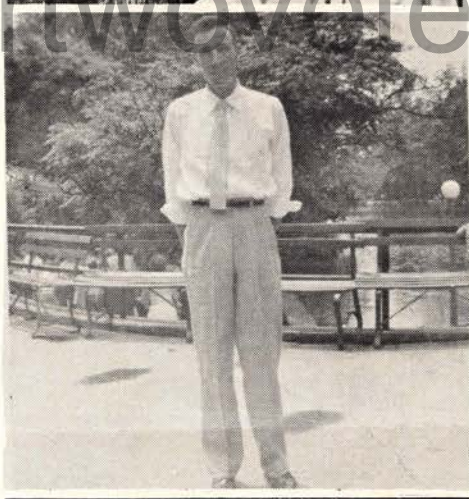
Carl Havins Sends Old Pix From His Album



Remember Louisiana Maneuvers? (who could forget) . . . above is photo in the pineywoods, men of Co. F, 141st — from left Jim Cruze, Carl L. Havins (Life member) of Weatherford, Texas; and Emmett Howard of Fort Worth.

Top right pix: Here's 1st. Lt. 'Slugger' James Hoover, P.O. Box 1735, Columbus, GA 31902, July 1944; and at right is John Elrod, 5185 Hugh Howell Rd., Stone Mountain, GA 30083.

All 3 photos sent in by Carl Havins, 106 Edna, Weatherford, TX 76086 — and our thanks for these oldies.



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45th Thunderbirds Get Own Museum In Oklahoma City. We Salute Thee!



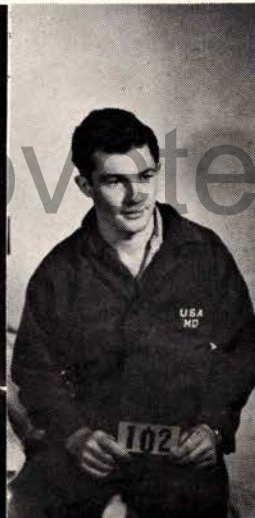
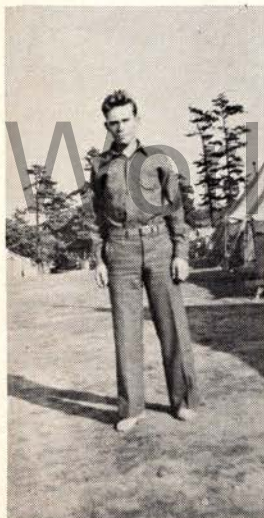
Us T-Patchers have a lot going for us, but the Thunderbirds of the 45th Division have been able to do what we haven't. They've got their own MUSEUM.

These men of the 45th had their 31st reunion in Okla. City, Hilton Inn West on Sept. 24-26th. At that time they showed off their massive Museum, at 2145 NE 36th Street (¼ mi. east of Eastern).

They have a massive stone building once known as the Lincoln Park Armory. It was built in the mid-30's as a WPA project. It's been used by many outfits over the past 40 years, but now it's all theirs. It's open daily 9 to 5, free admission, 1 to 5 on Saturdays and closed Mondays.

We know they are proud of this, and we are delighted that the city and state of Okla. saw fit to do this for these men — who walked along the same path as the 36th. If any of you live close to Okla. City, drop by and see it. Then send your editor a short story.

YOU
don't belong to
this Association!
IT belongs to YOU!



THEN & NOW . . . Here's Tom Whitson of Warren, Mich., with his buddy David Johnson of Kalamazo, Mich., in a photo made at the Mid-West Reunion last July. At left is Tom in Tent City, Mass., and David in the 21st Hospital, Naples 1944. Both men served with Co. A, 111th Engineers, and Col. Stovall sent this photo in, and he has our thanks.



Here's Clarence Elkins, Jr., 1153 2nd Circle Prospect, Ashland, KY 41101 shown at left (pix was made at Martha's Vineyard in 1942) of Co. D, 141st Inf., and Carl Smith on right, or Morehead, KY. Trooper in center was not identified. Photo sent in by Sam F. Kibbey, Ashland, KY., the ole Kentucky Kolonel, legal eagle of Ashland Oil Co.



PETE CHOMA, RR2, Box 144B, Trenton, Ill. 62293 of Co. F, 143rd has had an off and on romance with the Army and Air Force, now retired after 20 years. Just finished a term as post commander of the local VFW, is now Judge Advocate of American Legion, also is Senior V/Commander of X-POW chapter in St. Louis. Photo at top right is Russell and Pete Choma in Italy, Jan. 1944. Group pix is part of his squad of Co. F, 143rd, also taken in Italy.



Jim Stokes of Florida Is Your New 142nd V/P, Wants You In Dallas

A great big thanks to all the 142nd T-Patchers who voted me their vice-president for the coming year. I am sure with your confidence in me and your help, we will make next year in Dallas a great big success.

It was sure good to see all the old timers, first timers and their wives again, so let's go all out to make Dallas an even bigger affair with double the 142nd T-Patchers attending.

I sure hope all the T-Patchers have a good and prosperous 1977 and I am looking for all of you to take the beachhead in Dallas come Labor Day.

Best wishes, from your obedient 142nd V.P. (Let me hear from you).

James H. Stokes Jr.
1971 Longfellow Dr.
N. Ft. Myers, Fla 33903

We're looking for news items and photographs. Send it in, and we'll see you get your pictures back. Write: T-Patcher, P.O. Box 1816, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

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



T-PATCHERS invade Louisiana, summer 1941. Here's men of Co. H, 142nd, from left: Tom Best, Benny Mraz, Bud Cooper, Joe Tousha, Dan Speigel, and Moxazy Gemba. Can anyone identify the last one. Photo sent in by Lucian Lee, 13656 Charcoal Ln., Farmers Branch, TX 75234 of Co. H, 142nd Inf.



Bunch of Early Birds in the 143rd C. P. at the Houston Reunion '76. From left is Eloise Sunday (who worked hard to make it a great reunion), Bob Nowell of Longview, Texas, Mrs. Julian (Ruby) Philips and Mrs. Earl Higginbotham of Burnet, Texas.



PHOTO at bottom right — The Lucky 3, Cecil Rhodes, Tom Best and Norbert Meyer were riding in a jeep when it accidentally ran over a land mine. Cecil lost a foot, and Tom and Norb are still pickin' glass and shrapnel out of their hides. Meyer, a 1st timer made this pix possible by showing up at the Houston Reunion. Cecil and Tom are regulars — Co. H, 142nd Inf.

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Heard from

CLARENCE F. NICKERSON, Derry, N.H. 03038 writes to Amil that he has wanted to meet some of his old buddies of Co. G, 143rd. But, he has a problem. He is 100% disabled, a broken back and legs that don't always let him do what he wants to do. Clarence likes the T-Patcher. Says he was frozen in the Argonne forest and left the front lines on Nov. 11, 1944. His squad leader was Sgt. Kenneth O. Dent. Says he would like to find out more about his old outfit . . . so write to him.

IN THE JULY ISSUE of the Patcher, we ran a photo of JOHNNY CAMERA, now known as Johnny Thompson, the adopted Italian boy who stowawayed on a ship to get to the USA . . . and we received many versions — so check elsewhere in this issue for stories about JOHNNY . . . a young boy who received nation-wide publicity in 1945, plus a spread in LIFE Magazine in 1945.

GIL C. RUSSI, 2135 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, Ill 60659, the well-known 1st Sgt. of 141st Co. D, says he's sorry he couldn't make HOUSTON . . . sends in dues and regards to the troopers. Gil formerly lived in San Antonio, sends congratulations to 36th officers and directors for puttin' on a good show, and good progress report. Thanks, Gil . . . get on down to Dallas in '77.

CARL J. STROM, 9776 Myers Rd., Rockford, Mich 49341 of Co. B, 141st sends in dues. Says he attended the Mid West Chapter Reunion in Grand Rapids — first time and had a great time. Saw two buddies from his outfit — BOB CUNNINGHAM and CLIFF MORNINGSTAR. "Believe me, we had alot to talk about," Carl said. **GEORGE W. PARFET**, 729 Euclid Ave., Temple, PA 19560 is that ole Wooden Nickel Collector, served with Co. F, 143rd, comes in with dues, and if you have any wooden nickels, he wants to hear from you.

J. C. BRYAN, Rt. 3, Box 222, Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072, sends in dues, but did not give unit designation.

ELMER J. COOPER, Rt. 5, Box 209 F, Palestine, TX 75801, walked with Co. E, 141st, writes in that he is a paid up member but needs decals for his car. We'll get Amil to see you get one.

JIM MARKS, Box 1403, Monahans, TX 79756, writes in for a copy of the 32 pager of July '76 . . . we sent it to him. He failed to give his unit.

NOTE: Please give your unit with your name and address in all letters to Amil or your editor. Thanx.

BILL DAVIS, 1203 Kegg Ave., Apt. 7T, Johnstown, PA 15904, sends in dues, and sends regrets that "the ole body couldn't make it to the reunion." Davis served with Co. C, 142nd Inf.

GEN. VINCENT CHIODO, 800 Taft, Houston, TX 77019, says he's sorry he was late on his '77 dues — had been overseas for 3 months, and that's a good excuse. Vince served with 111th Signal.

BOB DAVIS, Apt. 329, 3620 S. Pacific, San Pedro, CA 90731, sends in a faded mimeo copy of the "Wooster Rooster," a Souvenir Edition published Dec. 20, 1945. Bob served with K 143rd, and since his copy was so faded, we can't identify just who printed it. Can someone help? Bob's step-father is a WWI 36th — DICK DABBS, of Co. E, 141st, wanted to attend the reunion, but says he's 100% service connected, no pain, just hard to get around. (More on Davis in next issue).



CAMP BOWIE, 1918 in Fort Worth, here's Thomas R. Dabbs, 1616 S. Euclid, Anaheim, CA 92802 who served with Co. D, 141st Inf., transferred to Co. E, 141st on the Champagne front in France. Thanks, Tom for this oldie, try to make it to Dallas next Sept. Labor Day weekend.

Mac Acosta, New V/P of 141st, Also Edits San Antone's T-BONE

MAC ACOSTA, editor "T-Bone" the mimeo house organ of the Santone Chapters writes:

Please forgive me; at the last writing I inadvertently overlooked mentioning the new members who signed up with our Chapter at the Reunion in Houston. Many of these fellows live as far away as California, yet they joined up as members of our San Antonio Chapter. Isn't that beautiful? Here are their names:

FRED A. AYERS, 2535 N.W. 19th, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Service Company)

HARMON T. DAVIS, Route 4, Box 247 J, Canyon Lake, TX 78130 (Company C141)

LYLE LEGAN, 335 Chilverton Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 (Company F-141)

RAY TONTENOT, Iowa, La. 70647 (Co. G-141)

ALEXANDER MacDONALD, 4459 N. McGregor Way, Houston, TX.

JOHNNY COLLETT, P.O. Box 7621, Dallas, TX 75209 (141 Service Co.)

JAMES H. GALLMAN, 501 Magnolia, Pampa, TX 79065 (Company H-141)

ROY G. NEWMAN, 503 Ricky, Pasadena, TX (Company M-141)

JOHN W. O'DELL, 7667 Southern, Houston, TX 77087 (Service Co. - 141)

GEORGE R. STEIN, 8603 Ariel, Houston, TX 77074 (Service Co. - 141)

Ladies Auxiliary Picks Pauline Kohutek As President For '77

Dear Friends and Fellow Officers:

I want to thank each of you for electing me as your President of the Women's Auxiliary, 36th Division Association. I need your support and will appreciate hearing from you.

The Auxiliary needs your support, your presence and your interest. Membership Dues remain at \$2.00 a year. Those of you who did not pay dues—Houston Reunion, those who have not in past belonged and drop-outs, you may do so by mailing me a check (\$2.00). Your membership card will be mailed.

Special effort is made to solicit new members. We have a long way to go. Only you can help reach that goal. We have our own special fun, while the men have theirs.

Plans are already being made for the 52nd Annual Reunion in Dallas in 1977. It has been decided that the Womens Auxiliary assumes the responsibility for preparing and serving the food and drinks at the Early Bird Party. I am glad that the men have turned to us for help. This makes me and the rest of the officers feel like a big part of this great Associaton.

I will try to accept the duties and responsibilities and to execute them to the best of my ability. It is an honor that I will never forget.

Pauline Kohutek
1933 College St.
Abilene, Texas 79602.

OFFICERS 36th DIVISION, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY 1976-1977

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Historian and Publicity — Inez Ayers, 2535 N W 19th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73107

Sgt. at Arms — Louise Starkey, P. O. Box 4, Centerville, Texas 75835



Wars End — Platoon leaders of Co. B, 142nd, front row — Lt. Henke, Baxter, Crenshaw and Hoover. Standing — Sgt's. Cross, Doreing, Albritton and Kinder. Pix sent in by W. J. Baxter, Coleman, TX 76834.



Attends In Neck Brace

Here's Austin D. Brooks, 123 Prindle, Arsonia, Conn., 06497, as he looked 32 years ago when he served with 2nd Bn., 143rd Inf. The Brooks attended the Houston Reunion, both in neck braces from a serious auto wreck recently, are recovering, and promised to be back next year in Dallas. Man, that's the ole T-Patch spirit. Cheers — to the Brooks'.

TAPS

Lt. Col. James L. Minor of Post, Texas died Aug. 4, 1976 at the VA Hospital, Big Spring. Minor started his long military career as Pvt. in 1939 with Svc. Co., 142nd, and rose rapidly through the ranks, received the DSC, Silver Star w/cluster, Bronze Star, Croix de Guerre, Purple Heart with two clusters and Unit Presidential Citation. Col. Minor was a former president of 36th Assn., 1965, also served in many other capacities in behalf of the association.

See page 11 of this issue for more information on this great T-Patcher.

Charles L. Mullins, 57 of Fort Worth died Nov. 9, 1976 in a Dallas hospital from burns he sustained Oct. 24 at his home in Grand Prairie. Mullins served 4½ years with Hqs. Btry. 155th FA, made practically all reunions since end of WWII. He was memorial division manager for Greenwood Funeral Home, Fort Worth. Armand Jones phoned in this sad message.

Wm. S. Sullivan, of Gouverneur, NY, member of 736th Recon, died Jan. '76 according to report from John House, of Rome, NY who served with Can. Co., 142nd.

Col. J. Trimble Brown, died Aug. '76 in PA., served as CO, 1st Bn., 141st Inf., according to report from Stovall.

Lionel Wesley Echols, San Benito died Mar. 20, 1976, of Co. M, 141st and Regmtl Hqs. 141st. Echols was 55.

Emil 'Curly' Story, 68 of Longmont, Colo., died June 26, 1976, was with Co. M, 141st, served as CO of Hqs. Co., 141st, left 36th while we were in Italy.



When Sue Archer Gives A Surprise Party.....

WHEN SUE ARCHER, Maryville, Mo., has a birthday party for her husband, Ralph, it is a humdinger! Her surprise this year was a visit from seven of his prisoner of war buddies of World War II. After 31 years these eight POW buddies, who spent 15 months in prison before being marched from the Polish border to the Elbe River, from Feb. 17 until April 12, held a reunion at the Archer home last week with some of them present from Wednesday until Monday. All the men contacted came with their wives and some of their children. Eugene Henggeler, Barnard, another POW, and his wife, visited Sunday afternoon with the group. Addresses of other POW buddies now have been obtained and they hope to have a larger gathering next July in Tennessee. Archer was truly surprised!

Col. Tim O. Cook of Lamesa, Texas of Co. G, 142nd, date not known according to Amil.

Nathan Shepherd of Brownfield, TX of Co. G, 142nd; also no date given.

George Drolson, age 75 of WWI, Co. A. 111th Engineers died May 1976 at L'Anse, Mich.

Walter A. Stockton of Goliad, of Hqs. 141st, letter returned marked 'Deceased,' says Amil. Theodore J. Nykiel of Chicago died June 1976, according to Ed Berndt, who sent clipping to Bill Steger, who passed it on to us. Nykiel was Capt. in 36th Special Services in Italy and France, was the man responsible for obtaining wrist watches for the troops, which he acquired in Switzerland.

Chas. E. Burkham, Sr. of Cartwright, Okla., died Sept. 16, 1976 with burial at Denison, Texas (no unit given) according to note from Arlon O. Adcock of Houston, daughter-in-law. William J. Phillip, 64, resident of San Benito area died April 9, 1976, another one from Co. M, 141st.

Ammon C. Beard of Highspire, PA., died March 1976, served with Hq. Co., 141st Inf. Cecil C. Griffin of Somerville, TX of Co. E, 143rd died June 23, 1976, Notice from Amil. Bruce Carter of Patoka, Ill., died Jan. 1976 served with 133rd FA, was a long-time supporting member of Assn.

Above photo made at home of the Archer's front row, left to right, Monroe "Roe" Sheets, Gallipolis, Ohio; Leslie Rasmussen, Litchfield, Neb.; Wade Davis, Hickory (Bethlehem), N.C., and James Rewis, Homerville, Ga.; back row, Julius Ray, Danville, Ill.; Tidence Lane, Sevierville, Tenn.; Ralph Archer; and Leon Hollingsworth, Junction City, Kan. As a special bonus, Sue Archer paid for the 36th Association dues for all these men of 142nd.



It's cold, and it's Mount Castillone, Italy . . . and here's old timer, JULIAN QUARLES, 6161 Sunset Drive, So. Miami, Fla. 33143 modeling the latest in Parkas, February 1944. Julian, a true-blue Patcher never misses a reunion, always serves on the resolutions committee of the association, did time with Co. F, 143rd Infantry. Thanks, Julian for this history-making photo.

Charles C. Flatt of Cleburne, Texas died Sept. 7, 1976 was with Btry. B, 132nd FA.

Charles E. Macyunas of Chicago, 736th Recon, died June 22, 1976 according to report from George Fell, El Paso, who says "Charles and wife made the reunion last year, had planned to be in Houston. He was a great guy, saved my _____ a few times."

Col. Henry G. Stein, age 83 of Harlingen, was father of George R. Stein of Houston, a member of the Assn., formerly of Luling, where he mobilized with Co. L, 141st. The 4 above notices were sent in by Doug Place,



GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan in July, (top Photo) are the new '77 officers of the famous Mid-West Chapter of 36th Division Association. From left, is Jim Norton of Bay Village, Ohio (111th Engrs); Carl Paterson, president of Olathe, Kan. (111th Engrs) and Bill Nagle, secy-Treas. of Princeton, Ill.

Above: The old-timer, wizard of the 111th Engineers, Col. Oran C. Stovall of Bowie, Texas, just after being honored and presented with a plaque for his loyalty by former president, Ed Northouse. The Mid West Chapter has become a very active group of T-Patchers who get together each July and have a ball. They also attend the annual reunions, in strength in Texas. We salute the Mid-West!

A Letter From Mrs. Clyde Fillmore . . .

October 20, 1976

Dear Editor:

I am hoping that you can help me. I am looking at an August, 1975 T-Patcher and obtained this address.

I am doing a plaque of my husband's medals, his book "Prisoner of War," and of all things I can not find his T-Patch and I need one to complete it. Clyde Fillmore was a member of the 36th Division, 2nd Battalion, 131st Field artillery. He was a prisoner of war of the Japanese from March 8, 1942 to August 17, 1945. He was taken prisoner on the Island of Java and released in Bangkok, Thailand. He was one of the unfortunate Americans to help build the "Railroad of Death" from Moulmein, Burma to Ban Pong, Thailand. He did not get home with many of the T-Patches, I am afraid.

I will appreciate your telling me where I can obtain one.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Clyde Fillmore
2618 Bretton Road
Wichita Falls, Texas. 76308

Avila Wins Plaque Designed & Donated By The John Powers

Shown at right, is ALEX E. AVILA, 7909 Helmers, Houston, TX 77022 of Co. G, 143rd was the happy winner of the T-Patch Plaque, designed and made by Reita Powers, and donated by John Reita Powers at the Houston Reunion. Ole John 'A-rab', as he was known when he was a S/Sgt. with 736th Ordnance.



Here's John receiving an authentic FEZ from Col. Hank 'Rondo' GOMEZ (San Antonio) who bought the fez for himself, but got carried away — and gave it to Powers. Hank, is like that. He once gave a T-Patcher the shirt off his back, then got arrested for indecent exposure. The John Powers get their mail at - 102 Stardust Dr., San Antonio, TX 78228.

Sept. 24, 1976

Dear Bill,

Enjoyed seeing you & Billie again this year but wished we could've spent more time with you for some plain old conversation.

Will inform you that the Midwest Chapter will hold it's 1977 Reunion on June 17, 18 & 19th in Overland Park, Kansas.

It will be at the Mission-Overland Park Holiday Inn, 7420 West 63rd St., just south of the Kansas City Int. Airport. More details later.

We hope this will draw some of you wonderful Texans as it is closer to D.F.W. than lots of points in your own state.

Our best to all of you & God willing, we will meet again.

In Comradship,
Bill Nagle
Mid-West Secy.-Treas.
Hidden Lake Drive,
Princeton, Ill. 61356



McPherson Re-Discovered

LOST & FOUND: A lost T-Patcher who had paid dues for sometime, then all mail came back, according to Amil, and now — CARLOS MCPHERSON, 4810 Anice, Houston, TX 77039 writes in for more info. He got it. Item: Please advise ole Amil IF YOU MOVE . . . this is very important. We don't want to lose our T-Patchers.



CAMP EDWARDS, Jan. 1943: Aubrey J. Dixon, 105 7th Ave., Nederland, TX 77629 show at left sent this one in. All are Co. C, 143rd — Eddie Maciewicz, Robert Brown and Charlie Macha. Thanks, Aubrey.

"The Watch On The Rhine" 3rd Divisions Newsltr.

Yes, we do hear from the other division associations, like the 3rd (whom we all know well). They have a magazine called "The Watch On The Rhine," which we receive, thanks to Amil for contacting the other guys. The SOCIETY OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION, with Hqs. at P.O. Box 6, Graham, Wash. 96338 is the place to write if you need info on any of the guys of the 3rd you might have had a drink with.

They had their 57th Annual reunion in Tacoma, WA on July 20-23rd. (Their dues are \$8.00.) And they have organized 'Outposts' all over the US. Remember, this is a regular Army outfit. Their publication has NO photos. How 'bout that? We use 30 to 50 in each 16 page issue.