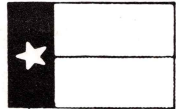
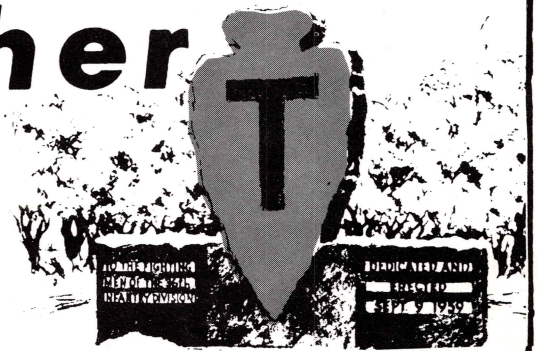


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Plans For 52nd Annual Reunion Are Shapin' Up



BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT I. STACK

Gen. Stack's Own Story On The Number 2 Nazi

Read his first-time published, first-hand report of the CAPTURE OF GOERING, starts on Page 5, continues on Page 7.

Long-time Assistant Division Commander (February, 1944-October, 1945) and frequent task force leader, big, white-haired "Uncle Bob" was trained especially in tank tactics during his Army career and commanded a Combat Command of the 1st Armored Division in the battle of Tunisia. On the last day of the war he headed the mission that sought out and captured Hermann Goering deep within the German line. General Stack succeeded General Dahlquist as Division Commander in October, 1945, and brought the 36th home in December. He is from New York.

Photo and text from "The Fighting 36th" Pictorial History, printed 1946.

Board Meeting Set For March 12th At Royal Coach Inn

On March 12th, the officers and directors of the 36th Division Association will meet at the Royal Coach Hotel in Dallas, to formalize plans for the 1977 Reunion, Sept. 1-4, as announced by Julian Philips, president.

At this gathering, final plans will be made for the Labor Day get-together. Complete report of this meeting will be published in the May issue of the T-Patcher.



End of the line for Fatty

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

To coin a phrase used by Will Rogers, I believe we can all truthfully say "I've never been to a T-Patch Reunion I didn't like."

Veterans of 36th Division have a lot going for them. Like Loyalty, Pride, Tradition and Comradeship etc., all as true American as apple pie, Chevrolet and baseball.

Labor Day weekend (Sept. 1 - 4, 1977) is not too far away. And Dallas, or BIG D as us Texans call it, is always a good place to meet. We've got a great hard-working board, fine hotel accommodations, and all you have to do is plan to be on deck for our 52nd Annual Gathering of the Troops.

Probably the greatest feeling you get at one of these reunions, is seeing an ole buddy who is making his FIRST ONE. These guys light up like a pin ball machine, and have a ball. And they all say they won't miss another one.

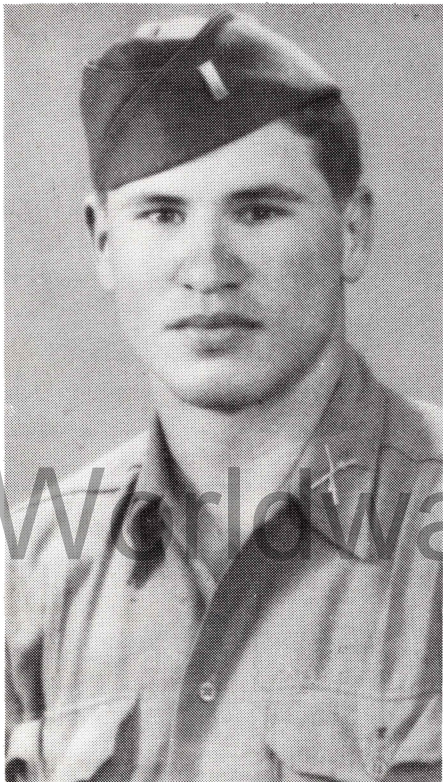
Our out-of-state T-Patchers have proved to be the biggest boosters. They now show up in large numbers, and many travel 1,500 miles or so to attend. A true compliment to our great association.

Dallas Reunion Reservations Cards Will Be In The Mail To You in July

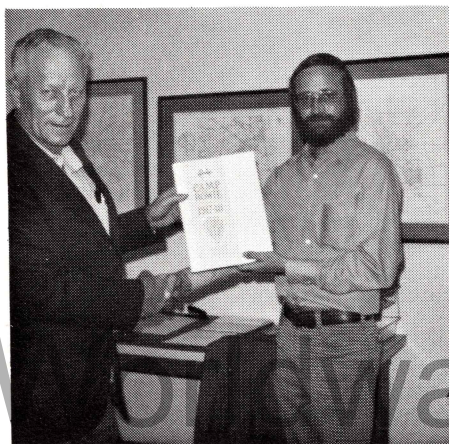
The Royal Coach Hotel will supply us self-addressed postpaid reservation cards appropriately imprinted. These cards will be mailed to each member sometime after June 1st. Please make your reservations as early as possible.

Only 40 weeks away . . . start saving \$15 per week now, and you'll have \$600 in the kitty by Labor Day, and that means you can live it up in style. START PAC-KIN'.

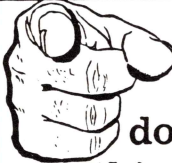
Dallas Reunion Only Six Months Away...



This handsome young Lt. of Co. G, 143rd Infantry is none other than JULIAN H. PHILIPS, your 1977 Association president. Pix made in Italy 1944.



Amil Kohutek presents Camp Bowie 1917-18 Illustrated History Book, published by Bernice Maxfield to the San Angelo Public Library archivist. This book tells all about the 36th in WWI. Order a copy @ \$15.00 from Bernice Maxfield, 1007 East Marion, Fort Worth, TX 76104 (Texans add 7c sales tax).



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don't belong to
this Association!
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A Personal Message From Pres. Julian H. Philips

DEAR T-PATCHER

It is now February, 1977 and it is my fervent hope that you all enjoyed a happy holiday season. May the new year bring you good health and much happiness.

We have accomplished some of our goals in the first quarter of this year, but have a long way to go, especially in finding new members and reminding the drop outs to fall in line.

As you know this great Association cannot continue without our present members helping with the membership drive, for that alone is the life blood of any organization. Some of you are working on your own without any expense to the Association and I want to express my thanks to you.

I wish every member could find just two new members before our next reunion. In so doing, hopefully some will want to become Life Members, by payant \$100.00 in a lump sum or payable \$25.00 per quarter. This way the member will not have to pay anymore annual dues and will receive a nice certificate worthy of framing. Others may want to join the "Club 36 Sustaining Fund", this can be done by mailing a check for \$36.00 to the Association for the Sustaining Fund and continue to pay the dues as they come due.

There is also another way some may want to help the Association and that's by participating in the "Memorial Fund". This fund was set up as an ideal method of remembering a buddy who gave all he had for our country. All of us lost dear ones during the war. You can mail a check of any denomination to the 36th Division Association for the Sustaining Fund in memory of a dear friend or loved one.

This money will be deposited into the Sustaining Fund, and draw the maximum amount of interest. The money cannot be expended for any current operating expenses, but only the interest can be used for this purpose.

May I urge each and everyone to give this some thought and consideration and act now to help insure the continuance of our great Association.

Sincerely,
Julian H. Philips
President



Open Letter To Men of 36th From Dallas Bivouac

They say the "third time is a charm." When you return to our (and your) castle in September of this year, it will be your third convention with the Dallas Royal Coach Inn. Our atmosphere is "charming" to many organizations which, like yours, choose to return to us time and time again.

A lot of changes have occurred since you were here in 1970 and again in 1972. Our old world charm of early England still prevails; however, to give you the best food service and facility available, we have added two new restaurants! Remember the Coach & Horses? (For you new members, this is not our limousine service) Well, you won't recognize it now.

The dining room and lounge have been completely and beautifully remodeled. We still call it the Coach & Horses, however. It features a fantastic menu offering everything from fancy Texas Style hamburgers to continental cuisine for lunch and dinner, plus find in Coach & Horses the same smiling faces and happy employees who served you before. Their smiles are the same, but the uniforms are different — another nice change.

For those of you who stayed, and who may stay this year, in rooms west of the main building, you're in for a treat. All 250 rooms in Phase II have been completely remodeled from the ground to the roof! New carpets, new drapes, luxurious heavy quilted matching bedspreads, new wall covering, lamps, bathrooms, and a new roof! The pool for Phase II is the same, but there is all new poolside furniture.

Another new addition is our Surtran service to and from the Dallas/Ft. Worth Regional Airport. The buses are big and beautiful. We are on the LOVE FIELD route and the first hotel stop from the airport. We still have our complimentary van pick-up and delivery service to Love Field, on request. Parking is still no problem since we can accommodate more than 1,000 cars.

Our service is still excellent — Royal Coach Inn's motto and company policy is "we treat you like one of the family," and obviously, the 36th Division Association is part of our family.

We're thrilled you're coming home and as always, our castle is your castle!
Cordially,

Bonnie Day
Association Sales Manager
Royal Coach Motor Inn,
3800 W. Northwest Hwy.
Dallas, TX 75220 (214) 357-9561

Quarles Will Again Handle Resolutions

Julian M. Quarles of Miami, Fla. who for the last few years has handled the resolutions for the 36th Division Association, has again accepted the responsibility for 1977.

If any of you T-PATCHERS have a resolution you would like considered, put it in writing and mail to Julian as soon as possible. His address is: 6161 Sunset Drive, Miami, Fla. 33143.

36th Signal Company Comes On Like Gangbusters

Big Mail and Phone Call Campaign By Signal Men Pay Off With Giant Round-Up

Our great division of some 35,000 men who served with a T-Patch on their shoulder has been blessed with many units who have, on their own, organized a group for the fellowship that such units can enjoy.

We have many, like Co. H, 142nd, and Co. B, 142nd who have an eastern and western division; and the hot Btry. B, 132nd FA, and many others.

Now, the 'big dog' in the circle of units is the 36th Signal Company. They have come alive with gusto, and many new members. They have some dedicated men who are going after the drop-outs and strays.

As we go to press, according to Amil, they now have almost 100 paid up members of the association. This shows what can be done when a few guys get on the ball and send out letters to their former buddies.

One hard worker is Ray S. McCray, 3148 N. Haltom Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76117 who has mailed out a few hundred letters to drop-outs, and it works! So look out Tony Pellerin, these Signal guys are movin' up fast, and our congratulations!



When the 36th Signal met in Denison, they had this billboard plugging the Dallas Labor Day bash . . . so you can start packin', and Signal will hold theirs at the same time. Good thinking.

OTHER 36th Signal Heard Froms: Dr. James F. Simmonds, RR No. 1, Box 81A, Daleville, Ind. 47334 sends in dues and offers his help, was rounded up by Paul Wells, who sent out a lot of mail.

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Russell W. Holcombe, P.O. Box 34, Hopewell, N.J. 08525 of Co. A, 141st sends in a suggestion. He'd like a listing of all the books on the 36th, and where to buy them, etc. Can do. We'll see that you have it in the May 1977 issue (thanks).

31 December 1976

Dear Bill:

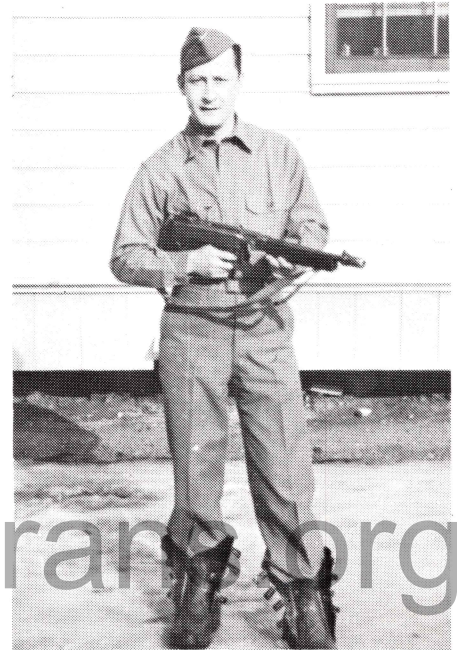
I have read the last edition of the T-Patcher with much interest. Hope some of my guys will submit a news item for one of the upcoming editions.

On page 15 under TAPS I see the name of CHARLES E. BURKHAM. He was a member of the Motor Maintenance Section of the 36th Signal Company. Apparently the person sending in the death notice information was unaware of his WWII unit.

Ex-members of the 36th Signal Company will meet at the Holiday Inn at Denison, on 23 January 1977 for a partial Company Reunion.

Our plans for Sept. 1977 call for a Company Reunion at Dallas to coincide with the Division Reunion on Labor Day weekend. Several ex-members from the Mid-West have indicated that they will plan to be there. I definitely plan to be there from Virginia . . .

PAUL I. WELLS
EX-36th SIG CO.
2926 wnd St., South
Arlington, Virginia 22204



'Ready to get the Krauts' — Here's PAT URSO, of 36th Signal Co., at Camp Edwards, winter/spring of 1943. Pat gets mail at: 61 Wayne Ave., East Orange, N.J. 07018. John H. Schweitzer sent in the photo.

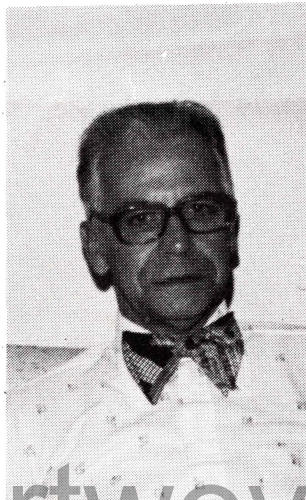


Photo above: Gerry Groneman, Covington, KY traveled a 1000 miles to be with his 36th Signal Company buddies, who met in Denison, Texas, Jan. 23, 1977. That's what we call loyalty!



Photo at right: August 1943 — Men of the 36th Signal Co., packing for Salerno Invasion (standing from left: Warren Reed, Bill Sudduth, Dick Keplinger and Paul Williams. Front: Jim Kenney and Raymon (Tessie) McCray of Fort Worth who sent in pix. They'll be 'packin' again in August for Dallas!!!



36th Signal Company is alive & active — here's a foto of LT. JACK J. FORMAN, 5524 Shadowcrest, Houston, TX 77096 taken somewhere in Italy. Forman is with Lone Star Furniture Co., and is a director in Heights Saving Asso. of Houston. The 36th Signal is the fastest-growing unit in the whole association and they have done a terrific job in recruiting members for the Assn.



HARRY KELLEY, of Anti-Tank 141st sends in dues, was coralled by Amil (but failed to give his address).

L. C. Birmingham, Jr., 103 Norman St., LaFayette, LA 70508 of Cannon Co., 141st was nabbed by Zeb Sunday, our 143rd VP.

CHARLES R. LIMROTH, Box 430, Bertram, TX 78605 of the 142nd was a stray, but no more, and welcome to the club.

CLARENCE A. WOOD, 104 N. 13th St., Marshalltown, Iowa 50158 of Co. F, 141st was snared in Sammie Petty's drag-net.

HENRY W. SENSEL, RR #1, Prairie DuRocher, Ill. 62277 is another one from Co. F, 141st, and it was Sammie Boy who got him.

NORMAN H. Limey WOOTTON, 308 Washington Road, Pittsburg, PA 15221, traveled from Camp Edwards through to Germany with 36th Signal Co. joins up. The 36th Signal is really on the move this time. Wootton also sent in name of teammate: C. D. Smith.

LOUIS J. PETRILLO, 80 Hanover St., Wilkes Barre, PA 18702 of Co. L, 143rd is 'in-like-Flynn with Amil and his 1977 dues.

GEORGE PERMAN, 40 Camino Alto, Mill Valley, CA 94941 served with Co. K, 142nd only in Florida, but likes the 36th enough to get in with his \$5.00.

LOUIS H. RESSIJAC, P.O. Box 97, Ayer, Mass. 01432 walked with 143rd.

JOHN J. CONNAUGHTON, 62 Churchill St., Milton, Mass. 02187 was with Co. I, 142nd only a short time in 1944, still joins up. Welcome!

HARRY V. SCOTT, Jr., 1316 Cresview Dr., Denison, TX 75020 is another 36th Signal Co., man to join the ranks.

WOODROW W. ECCARD, 577 E. Franklin St., Circleville, OH 43113 served with Co. G, 142nd.

BILL SOTH, Chateau LaFayette, Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583 served with Hq. 36th Division was rounded up by Ben Wilson of Kingsville, Texas also of Div. Hqs.

FRED GRAHAM, 1407 Marguerite St., Bremer-ton, Wash. 98310 is another 36th Div. Hqs. man that Ben F. Wilson welcomed into the fold.

ROBERT D. SAWYERS, P. O. Box 193, Willard, MO 65781 sends in dues, served with Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 143rd Inf.

JACK HOOVER, 3505 Evergreen Dr., Palo Alto, CA 94303 of Hqs. Btry, Div. Arty., was roped in by DAN BROWN, who tells Amil he hopes to be in Dallas, requests back issues of the T-Patcher, and he got 'em.

IRVING J. 'Bud' HAGGART, 2645 Hounds Chase, Troy, Mich. 48098 of 36th Signal Co., was rounded up by Tony Pellerin.

MORTON S. WEISE, Saxony, 494 King Pt., De-lray Beach, Fla. 33446 of 155th FA Bn., Svc. Btry, was captured by Joel Peters of La Porte, TX, our Arty V/P.

MACK WRIGHT, 941 Hayes Ct., Melbourne, Fla. 32935 comes in with dues. Served with Hqs. Btry, 132nd FA.

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Julian Quarles sent this one in, and asks: "Men of 2nd Bn., 143rd at Mount Castillone, in Feb. 1944, who are they?" If you know, write to your editor. Thanks, Julian.

There's A T-Patcher Somewhere Who Looks Like Carter



America was launched on a new era last month, when Jimmy Carter became our great new leader on Jan. 20th.

As always in the past decades, there are some folks that look like the president. Since the thousands of T-Patchers would cover a multitude of sins, we know — THAT somewhere, there IS a T-Patcher who "looks like Jimmy Carter" (well almost).

As an amateur student of political history, your editor — will award (at the Dallas Reunion) One (1) large sack of Georgia peanuts — to the T-Patcher, who looks most like our new president. There are no gimmicks. Just, send in a photo of the man — you think is "Jimmy."

He will be recognized at the Dallas Reunion Banquet on Sat. Sept. 3rd with ceremony.

Do not let your political view enter into this. He could become a stand-in for the 39th president of United States, and receive nation-wide publicity.

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

Gomez Gets Break He Didn't Kneed . . .

As previously reported each January, HANK GOMEZ, 2907 Chisholm Trail, San Antonio TX 78217 makes an annual trip to Colorado for a ski run.

This time was different. Hank writes from Brooke Army Hospital where he is mending from a twisted knee. He's in a cast from hip to toes, but says, "Well, I finally busted my ars, but like MacArthur, I shall return."

Hank continued "If there's anything that encourages one to get out of the hospital, it's the THUNDERNUG. I'm writing a book called, The Bed Pan and ME."

Hang in there Hank, we'll see you in Dallas . . . and remember, "There's No Bizniz like SNO Buzniz."



Here's 'Hillbilly' W. T. Logue, 6, Oakland Lane, Harrodsburg, KY 40330 at left with his ole buddy, Eli Peeples, Rt. 3, Chatworth, GA 30705 get together for the first time in 32 years. These two T-Patchers pulled lanyards with Btry. C, 132nd

Co. F 142nd Reunion To Be Held June 11-12 Wadesville, Indiana

Men of Co. F, 142nd Infantry will hold a reunion June 11-12, 1977 at Wadesville, Indiana in the Robinson Township Conservation Club, according to a report from Joseph L. Gasaway, RRI, Box 277, Wadesville, Ind. 47638.

Joe Gasaway invites all men of Co. F to attend, and if you need more info, call him at (812) 985-3734 or write at the address above.

CAMP BOWIE 1917-18 World War I History of 36th

Order direct from publisher. Book is hard-cover, gold stamped 144 pages with over a hundred illustrations. Also makes a great gift. \$15 postpaid. (Texans add state tax of 75¢ (\$15.75).

**Mrs. Bernice B. Maxfield,
1007 East Marion
Fort Worth, Texas 76104**

Capture of Goering: "Had No Idea He Would Be Considered A War-Criminal"

On 7 May 1945, the Command Post of the United States 36th Infantry Division was located at Kufstein, Austria, on the Danube. This Division, already fortunate in the capture of Marshal von Rundstedt, Air Marshal von Sperrle and Admiral Horthy, today was to take the biggest prize of World War II, Reichsmarschall Hermann Goering, Chief of the German Air Force, President of Prussia, "Nachfolger vom Reich," successor to Hitler according to his Testament of 1939.

This 36th Division, (Texas), had made the assault landing on the beach at Salerno, Italy, and had fought their way north thru Naples, Anzio, the capture of Rome, as far as Piombino. They had participated in the assault beach landing in Southern France, near Nice, and had fought their way up the Route Napoleon to north of Strasburg, crossed the Rhine and the Danube, and were now battling with retreating German forces in Northern Austria.

To me, as Assistant Division Commander, that morning, the Division G-2, (Staff Officer for Enemy Information), brought a letter, purportedly from Reichsmarschall Hermann Goering. This had been brought into our lines under a flag of truce by Colonel von Brauschitz. Von Brauschitz was Goering's senior Aide-de Camp and a son of Marshal von Brauschitz who had been in command of the German Armies in 1939. The letter was sealed and addressed to General Eisenhower, Commander of the Allied Armies. The messenger had told G-2 that he expected to deliver the letter personally to General Eisenhower!

I had von Brauschitz, who spoke English, brought in and told him that this was as far as he was going. That I would read the letter and then decide whether or not to forward it thru our XXVIth Corps and Seventh Army. Altho I speak German, I had a Sergeant-Interpreter read the letter aloud. It is an advantage when you speak the enemy's language if they are not aware of that fact. In the letter, Goering stated that he recognized that Germany had lost the war, and offered his services to General Eisenhower in effecting the capitulation of the German Army and in reorganizing the German Reich!

I thought "Ike" was doing all right but told von Brauschitz that I would forward the letter. After having copies made, I sent the letter by Cub airplane to XXVIth Corp's Headquarters.

Shortly after this, General John E. Dahlquist, the 36th Division Commander, returned from visiting some of our regimental Command Posts. I told him about the letter and my actions which he approved. I then questioned Colonel von Brauschitz as to where Goering was and whether he wanted to surrender. He replied that Goering was at a country estate near Brucht, about 30 miles inside the German lines and that he did want to surrender to American troops. I said to General Dahlquist, "John, let's go get him." General Dahlquist replied, "You got get him." So I was stuck with the job.

I took my sedan, a jeep with my aide-de-camp, Captain Harry Bond, and a half-platoon of our Division Reconnaissance Troop in their jeeps and reconnaissance cars. Colonel von Brauschitz led the way in his German touring car. We passed thru the American Lines near Kitzbuhel and very shortly ran into German road blocks and sentries. When von Brauschitz explained the situation, they made no difficulty and we continued on, over the Pass of Thurn and down into the valley of Brucht, perhaps 25 miles.

Near this small village, there was a gateway to a driveway leading up to a modest country estate. On arrival at the house, we were met by Waffen S.S. officers, a Colonel and a Major; one looked like a gangster and the other like a pervert. The manor was occupied by the remains of the Florian Geyer S.S. Division which had been badly mauled in Russia. It was here for rest, recuperation and replacement. The S.S. Colonel was Chief of Staff of this division; it's generals were probably on leave. But no Goering.

When von Brauschitz asked about Goering, the S.S. Colonel said he knew nothing of his whereabouts.

When von Brauschitz explained our purpose was to accept Goering's surrender, the Colonel said he knew nothing of any surrender plans and certainly *his* division was not going to capitulate. Their discussion was becoming heated when I told my Sergeant-Interpreter to interrupt them, tell them I wanted to bottle of wine *right now*, and some lunch as soon as it could be prepared.

Speaking German, I had understood their argument and I know the best way to handle Germans is to get "tough" with them; — give them orders, make demands on them. The wine was brought by an orderly and the S.S. Colonel departed to see about lunch. Von Brauschitz found some telephones and began trying to locate Goering. We had lunch and hours went by but the German telephone system was in such bad shape that he was unable to contact Goering.

Finally, about 5.00 P.M., I became exasperated and asked him if he knew where Goering might be, or his intended route. He said "Yes", so we started on the probable route. I left the half-platoon of the 36th Reconnaissance Troop at the manor and took only my aide's jeep and my sedan. Von Brauschitz rode with me as his German touring car had "conked out". We drove southeast over another mountain pass down into Radstaat, (probably). Here we found hundreds of Allied Prisoners of War whose guards had left them. I told them to stay put, that United States troops would be there in two days. I also told them I would be returning a little later with a German convoy and that they must not touch these Germans or the vehicles as they were mine.

We drove on another 5 miles or so thru man German troops bivouacked alongside but off the road. We finally came to a detachment of

about 25 vehicles, halted on the road and facing in the direction from which we were coming. This was Goering's personal convoy. He had with him his wife, his sister-in-law, his daughter, General von Epp, (the Gauleiter of Bavaria), his chef, valet, butler, aides, headquarters commandant, guards, etc. — altogether about 75 persons.

He and I got out of our vehicles and von Brauschitz introduced us. Goering gave me the old German Army salute, not the "Heil Hitler," and I returned it. I asked him if he wished to surrender unconditionally and he said "Yes" but that he would request my promise that his family would be brought inside the American lines. I *hoped* we would all get back inside United States lines so I agreed. We talked thru my Sergeant-Interpreter altho Goering said he spoke English but that he had not had much practise in the last five years. He did not wish to speak English as he might misunderstand or be misunderstood. His wife was crying so he comforted her saying everything was all right now as this was an American General.

I told him I would lead the column, then his automobile, then the rest of his detachment, and that my aide, Captain Bond, in his jeep would bring up the rear. Goering's automobile was a large Mercedes-Benz with bullet-proof glass and steel body: I kept it a week or so but it was so heavy that it was a "white elephant" on country roads. I presented it to the Commanding General Seventh Army. I believe it is now in the Museum of our Military Academy at West Point. Unfortunately his pistol, which I took, was not the gold one he was reputed to possess.

We drove back to Brucht and here at the gateway to the manor was a fantastic sight, — an American soldier as guard on one side and a German on the other! It was nearly midnight and I decided to spend the night there. I knew our troops would have advanced during this long day but I had no way of knowing how far. I did not want some trigger-happy G.I. to shoot me up in the darkness. I ordered Goering's headquarters commandant to bring all their weapons to the room my aide and I were to share and he did. Goering's people prepared him a dinner, I suppose, and the Florian Geyer S.S. Division brought food for us.

The remains of this division had surrendered to the lieutenant in command of the section of the 36th Rcn. Tr. which I had left at the manor. Goering had noticed this S.S. Colonel, who was Chief of Staff of this division when we entered the building, and had seemed a bit startled. This man was Colonel Fegelein, a brother of S.S. Gruppenfuhrer Hermann Fegelein, who was Liaison Officer for Himmler with Hitler, and married to Eva Braun's sister. Goering and Himmler were bitter enemies and Goering was fearful of what Fegelein might do that night. He sent his aide to ask for the return of four machine pistols to protect him. I wanted to bring Goering back alive so I let him have the pistols overnight. Goering said four of

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Heard from

JACK B. MOSEBACHER, 232 N. Shamrock, Monrovia, CA 91016 of Co. C, 143rd sent his dues to Tony Pellerin of Port Arthur, at about same time ole Zeb Sunday zeroed in, so Jack sends in pix (shown in this issue) and would like to hear from any of the old gang.

Lt. Col. **GEORGE N. LaBOUNTY**, Rt. 1, Box 2614, Copperas Cove, TX 76522 was CO of Co. G, 143rd at Brownwood 1941, later transferred to Air Corps, now retired. George tells Pres. Julian Philips (who rounded up this one) that he still feels close to the 36th Division and wants to get the T-Patcher. It's done.

JOSEPH A. KULIK, 725 Center St., Williamsport, PA 17701 says he'll be in Dallas this year. Wants some Polish Polkas played at the Sat. Nite Dance, so he can show us Texans how its done. Kulik feels he is an adopted Texan, so let's show him a good time. Julian Philips gets credit for another one. World walked with Co. G, 143rd Inf.

PAUL WILLIAMS, RD 1, Wellsville, N.Y. 14895 sent dues to Amil, served with 36th Signal Co., and was scouted by Col. Paul Wells, former CO.

AUSTIN J. KNICKERBOCKER, Salt Point Rd., Clinton Corners, N.Y. 12514 says he got a letter from Paul Wells asking him to join the Assn. So Austin sends in his dues, and that's another score for 36th Signal Co.

EDWARD N. SCHULTZ, 10016 Minnick Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453 of C. D., 141st pays dues, sends regret about missing the Houston Bash, but includes 2 names for the round up: Willard Quade, Rt. 1, Milton Jct., Wis. 53564 and E. J. Schultz, 4301 Western Ave., Western Springs, Ill. 60558. Thanx, ED.

Charles W. Ainlay of 141st sends in change of address. He's with Yoder, Ainley, Ulmer & Buckingham (evidently a law firm) but gets his mail now at: 2605 Salem Drive, Goshen, Ind. 46526. Thanks, Chaz.

Memo from Julian Philips: Some of you will remember JOHN J. MAYYEO, who was aide to Gen. Wilbers when he returned to the states after the war. John promises he will make the Dallas reunion. His comments about the 36th Division Assn., "the reunion objective not only continues many friendships from the past, but also the Espirit de Corps of the Fighting 36th. (Philips unit was Co. G, 143rd).



Mrs. Evelyn Wagner sends in this pix of her late husband, Orvalle Wagner of Co. A, 143rd, who died Jan. 1976. Orvalle was a POW for six months.



What was left of the original Co. B, 142nd, Inf, after Salerno landings, these included only the men from Coleman, Tex. Photo taken with a liberated 35 mm, somewhere north of Naples, Italy.

L to R 1st row.—Hack Clevange, Jess Whitfield, H. F. Fenton, Bob Moneyhun, Paul Nail, George Cloud, Jake Elrod, Proky Cullins.

2nd row.—Burton Barr, Dude Proctor, Red Kimbrell, James Hubbard, Harrold Hamilton, Lavert Hubbard, Ned Hughes, Buell Musick, Mutt Slaughter.

3rd row.—Lloyd Boyles, Gather Vaughn, Robert Futrell, Ralph Pridemore, Floyd Kemp, George Epperson, Doc Moore, Garland Smith.

4th row.—W. J. Baxter, Travis Bohannon, Leon Windham, Raymond Greaves, Edgar Greaves, Carl Stewart.

(W. J. Baxter sent in photo).

RAYMOND STRAKBEIN, 9777 Shadow Island Dr., Sunland, CA 91040 has been rounded-up by Albert Bozell, both of Co. B, 142nd Inf., and we welcome you to the club.

JOHN McARTHUR, 9 Cottage St., Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920 of Div. Hqs. 36th was captured by ole Amil.

Julian Quarles says that as a result of having his address printed in the Patcher, he heard from Edgar Ford of California who was his company commander. See, that's what it's all about. Here's the business address for Julian: Quarles & Mills, Attys at Law, 6161-B Sunset Drive, South Miami, Fla. 33143.

HAROLD E. DONOVAN 'the ghost of the 36th' sends in new address: now is — 12800 Briar Forest Dr., No. 23, Houston, TX 77077. Donovan served with Co. H, 142nd, says he'll be in Dallas, ... be lookin' for you, Ghost!

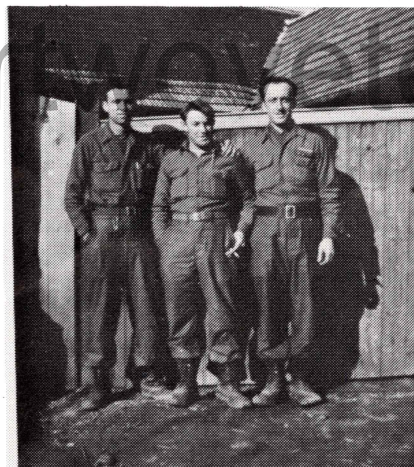


Here's Jack and Mrs. Mosebacher, 232 N. Shamrock, Monrovia, CA 91016. Photo sent in by Zeb Sunday, the V/P of 143rd this year (who works like crazy to keep the troops comin' in) ... a more handsome couple, we haven't seen lately. You Mosebachers try to be in Dallas in '77.

HELP WANTED

Lawrence B. Easley, 8642 Shagrock Lane, Dallas TX 75238 sends in this list of 'lost' former members of Co. H, 141st. If you have a line on any of the name below — write to him. They are:

Walter Brown, Ed M. Taylor, George O. Hill, Woodrow Willingham, Carl P. Smith, Thomas Tidwell, Bill M. Needham, Arthur J. Meigel, Troy Landers, Homer 'Pop' Read, Vic Kalinowski, Oscar E. Shultz, Rudy Bloom, Rafael M. Palicious, David Carter, John G. Thompson, Carl L. Parks, Frank Lynch, Ed R. Smith, jim V. Hernandez, Wm. T. Blalock, Ed A. Beard, Alfonso Hernandez, Ignacio Sierra, Chas. O. Gemlich, Geo. E. Crawford and Margarito G. Amparino.



Another pix from Dock E. Roberts, Dec. 1944 at the Siegfried Line, from left: Clarence Oshome, Harry Yale, and A. L. Zirpoli. Oshome and Yale were KIA by screaming-memmie, Zirpoli wounded, but survived. All men of Co. D, 143rd.

Con't. From Page 5—'Fatty Sweats'



Old buddies: Here's 1st Sgt. Franklin E. Tanner and Sgt. Steve Ruzika of Btry C, 132nd FA. These two had their hands full keeping Amil in line. Pix sent in by Roy Terry, Rt. 1, Box 197, Dunnville, KY 42528.

Every Issue Gets Better and Better, So Says Del Kendall

Dear Amil;

Fresh back from my annual trip into Chicago to be with the family at Christmas time. Upon arriving home there was the T-PATCHER waiting for me. I must say each and every issue seem to be better and better. The whole format, layout, news is remarkable considering that you gather this from just about all the 50 states.

Amil, I do have a request from you (or the new president, Julian Philips). I noticed that one, Albert Harris from New Cumberland, PA, was at the reunion, as you say "a first timer". Now Al was not in Anti-Tank Co. 143 but in one of the line Co's, a helluva man and we got to know one another shortly before la guerre fini. We did write a few times and in my moving lost his address, would you have that in your files? Send me your up-dated 36th roster, if still available, I would appreciate it very much. Please find enclosed check for same. Hang in there Amil, you're doing a great job, and remember, "if you're ever in a jam, here I am!"

Del W. Kendall (A/T 143rd)
1665 Jefferson St.
Muskegon, MI 49441

Thanks To Stovall

Our great white leader, Col. Oran Stovall, the Mikado of Montague County Texas is the one who sent in the exclusive story on GOERING, by Gen. Robert Stack. We are grateful to the colonel and our former Ass't Division Commander for this rare slice of history.

his men stood guard on his room all night. The lieutenant of our reconnaissance section, who also understood German, told me that Fegelein and the Adjutant got drunk later and they said that neither General Stack nor Goering would ever get to the American lines. But it was just drunken talk; they made no overt acts.

I told Goering's aide that I wanted the Reichsmarschall in my room at 9:00 A.M. the next morning. The aide was shocked and said Goering always slept late and that 11:00 A.M. would be a better hour. I said, "He will not sleep late tomorrow morning. I want him in my room at nine." He was there on time. Goering feared capture by the Russians, the Austrian Communists, and the Schutzstaffel, all of whom would probably kill him out of hand.

I questioned Goering at length that morning, particularly about the "Austrian Redoubt." Our Intelligence, including Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, were convinced that the die-hard Nazis had constructed underground factories, hangars, armorie, etc., in the Austrian Alps and that they would carry on a last ditch stand there, perhaps for years. Goering said, "No, there had been some talk of such a plan a year before but that nothing at all had been done to implement the plan." He was telling the truth altho our Intelligence had been completely taken in by the story.

Goering told me he saw Hitler last on 22 April 1945. He said Hitler was very sick when he left him. Goering went to Berchtesgaden via Pilsen. On the 23rd April, Goering learned that Berlin was completely surrounded by the Russians. So he telephoned Hitler and advised him that, as "Nachfolger" according to the testament, he, Goering, should assume authority over the Reich and negotiate a peace. Hitler became infuriated and said that Goering had broken faith, was disloyal to the Fuhrer, and deserved death. Goering denied this and tried to calm Hitler down. Finally, Hitler agreed that if Goering surrendered all his offices and authority, he would permit him to live. Goering was Chief of the Air Force, President of Prussia, Reichsmarschall, "Successor" and much else.

Goering was put under arrest and guarded by an SS unit. In a few days, telegraphic orders were received to shoot Goering, his family and all his staff. This was a large order, even for Nazi Germany, and the S.S. commander sought assurance the order was really from Hitler. Then Berchtesgaden was bombed by the British so they moved him south of Salzburg, into Austria, still under arrest. Then two companies of Luftwaffe, (AirForce), troops rescued and released him. Then he started northwest in an attempt to contact American troops. All very dramatic and some of it was true.

Goering was not as fat as the cartoons made him altho he was very corpulent. He was perfectly healthy and his own people, the Luftwaffe, liked him very much. I am not a doctor but I could not recognize any signs that he was under the influence of drugs, nor of drug addiction. He was sober.



The Fat former Reichsmarschall sweats out a press conference by Allied reporters. He was sullen defiant, pensive and remote, then smug and slightly simpering, and finally depressed and rejected but not repentant. (Life Magazine, May 15, 1945).

Goering seemed to have no idea that he would be considered a "war criminal." When I dismissed him after this talk and told him to be ready to leave in half an hour, he said to my Sergeant-Interpreter, "Ask General Stack if I should wear a pistol or my ceremonial dagger when I appear before General Eisenhower." I knew he would never see the Allied Commander so I said, "Das ist mir ganz wurst." Literally this means, "that's goose liver belogna to me" but it is German slang for "I don't give a damn." As this was the first Goering knew I spoke German, he was a bit surprised and startled.

When we started back for the American lines, I took only Goering, General von Epp, Colonel Fegelein and the Adjutant, leaving the rest of the party and the Florian Geyer Division in charge of the half platoon of the Rcn. Tr. I took Fegelein and the Adjutant because they might make trouble for the lieutenant. I had no difficulty being recognized at the American lines but the S.S. Adjutant went nuts and attempted to escape. One of the drivers killed him.

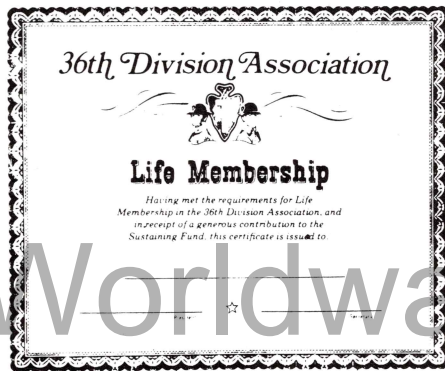
36th Division Headquarters had moved forward and was located in the Grand Hotel in Kitzbuhel where I turned Goering over to the Division Commander, General Dahlquist. After another interrogation and lunch, Goering was sent by Cub plane to Headquarters Seventh Army, then in Augsburg. We had doubts he would fit in the miniature plane but we stuffed him in.

Shortly after this incident, some United States columnists ran stories that we had shaken hands with Goering and fed him a chicken dinner. Neither General Dahlquist nor I shook hands with Goering. We fed him a chicken dinner because that was all we had, chicken and rice out of a tin can. The people making the criticism never saw any Germans with weapons, never killed any Germans, never took any German prisoners. We did.

Robert C. Stack

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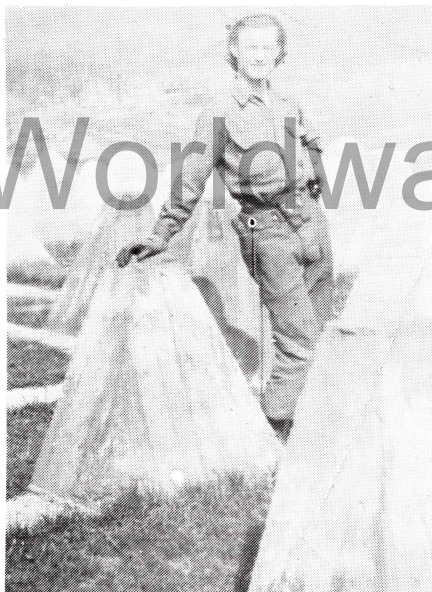


The idea is not new. It is used by alumni groups all over America. It works, and funds generated by this are put into CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT that draw the maximum interest. This is INSURANCE that the ole 36th will be around for years to come. It is an INVESTMENT in the future.

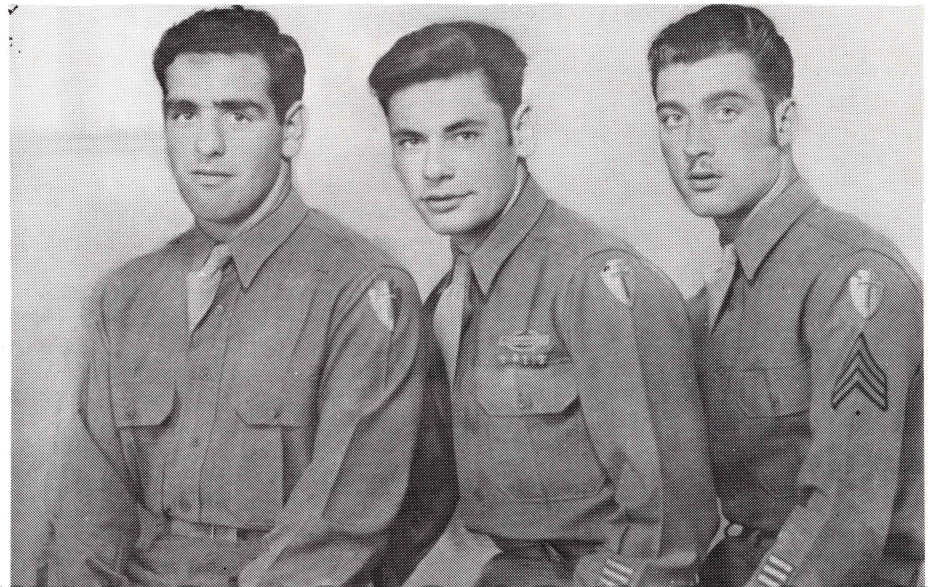
EASY TO JOIN

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 10. We repeat—It's tax deductible!!!



Mayo Caldwell, 229 E. Boyd Ave., Bonham, TX of Hqs. Btry., 132nd shown here in a faded pix leaning on a 'dragon's tooth' of the Siegfried Line, Germany 1945, sends dues and stamps to Amil, and that's good.



Three handsome young men of Co. E, 143rd Inv. (this was a hand-tinted color pix), from left: Joe Torre, 258 Meriden Rd., Painesville, OH

44077; Ed Velten, 106 Kingdom Ave., Huguenot, NY and Robt. Crispin, 23805 Hurn River Dr., Rockwood, Mich. 48173.

Steger & Amil Attend Signal Co. Reunion

Dear Bill:

On Jan. 23, 1977, Amil Kohutek and I made a little trip to Denison, Texas and joined a great bunch of men from the 36th Signal Company. We had over 40 of their members in a 3 hour meeting and really had a great time.

Raymond McCray of 3148 Haltom Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76117, is responsible for getting these jockers together and really did a great job. There were several that you will remember: James H. Clay, Dallas who was in the message center, and Philip May, Denison, also message center. Jack Forman, Houston, Signal supply officer and a whole bunch more. Amil made a little pitch about the association and we came away with 20 new members and promise of many more. They will be at Dallas in September during 36th Reunion.

Regards,

Bill Steger
1682 Nob Hill Place
Dallas Texas 75208
(Hqs. 36th Division)



Buzzards Bay 1943, here's Oscar Troehler, 5613 Tarlton Rd., Circleville, OH 43113 of Co. C, 111th Engineers. Oscar makes the Mid-West reunions, but sends regrets he couldn't make Houston.

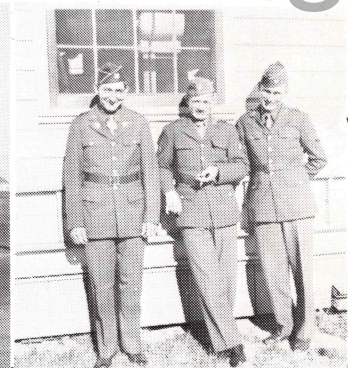
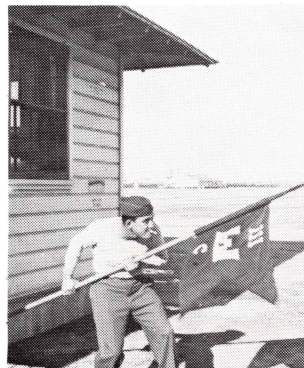
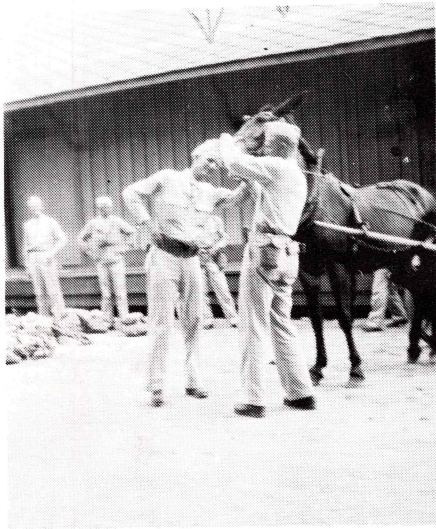


Photo above: Randall Bonnette, Port Arthur, TX is a dramatic pose with the Co. C, 111th Eng. flag. Above center photo: Oscar Troehler and Randall Bonnette at Camp Edwards, and pix at far right — Oscar again, but he could not name his 2 buddies. Photos sent in by Oscar Troehler, 5613 Tarlton Rd., Circleville, PH 43113 . . . and thanks. Col. Stovall will bless you for these.



Carolina Maneuvers 1942: Here's Toliver Tucker and Bob Bewley of Co. L, 142nd checking horses teeth to see how old the nag is . . . a little clowning was always a part of the daily activities. Mrs. Tucker sent this one in, and attached a check for \$10, and that's real good. Thanx.

A Delayed Dispatch From Don Adams . . .

Here's a delayed dispatch, from DON ADAMS, who is Assessor-Collector for Scurry County, Courthouse, Snyder, TX 79549 in regard to pixs shown in the 32 page T-Patcher dated July 1976.

On page 27, the bottom pix (previously unidentified) are: from left —

E. E. (Moose) Seitz, Pampa, TX, last known address was State of Colo. ? Holt, probably had med. discharge. Thurman Craig, Snyder, TX, present whereabouts unknow, Otis Roe, Snyder, TX, killed in truck accident at Snyder several years back, ? Ritchie, MIA in Italy, Guy O. Moore, Snyder, TX, KIA in Italy just a few*days prior to capturing Mt. Lungo, and Sgt. Raymond Rucker, Snyder, TX, KIA in Southern France. Could be wrong about some of these names, but believe I am correct.



Here's some Co. C, 111th Engineers loading railroad ballast to build a road to the ill-fated Rapido River crossing in Jan. 1944, sent in by Oscar Troehler, Circleville, OH.

T-BONE

San Antonio Chapter Has Something Cookin' All The Time . . .

The January 'Blue-Streak' newsletter, called The T-Bone, carries some interesting items about the activities of the San Antonio Chapter.

This group is quite active. They meet regularly at Beethoven Hall, have a flock of parties, and something cookin' all the time.

Their Christmas Party on Dec. 3rd was attended by over 100. The Bar-B-Q was delicious, the beer was good and cold, and the dance band was hot.

Roy Young got a plaque for his services as the out-going chapter president. Certificates of Award of Merit were given to: Burnie Hall, Marvin Steitle, Posey Steitle, Bob Von Tous-saint and wife Mary and Albert Garza — for their hard work at the '76 Reunion.

Charles M. Beacham, Esq. received a 'first' award. This was a fancy certificate embellished with gold seal and ribbons proclaiming him an "Honorary Mexican", and is to be accorded all privileges and amenities Mexicans receive. Ole' . . . and it was signed by Mac Acosta (T-Bone Editor), Roberto Rosales, Leonel 'Rod' Rodriguez, and Sir Raymond Vasquez. How bout that?

John Powers has suggested that the T-Patchers enter the 'CHILIMPIAD' at San Marcos and the Menudo Cookoff put on by the Boy's Club.

In the Feb. 1st issue, just in* . . . The T-Boners will have a summer picnic May 7th at MacArthur Park. Bob VonToussaint is chairman. And, Sammie and Ruth Petty will surely come from Houston for this one.

Two new members have been rounded up: Tony Kleppinger and Robt. Milam. At the last T-Bone meeting, Col. Pete Holt of LBJ Lake is making plans for another big fish-fry, this spring. And nobody, but nobody (says Mac Acosta) can fry fish like Pete Holt.

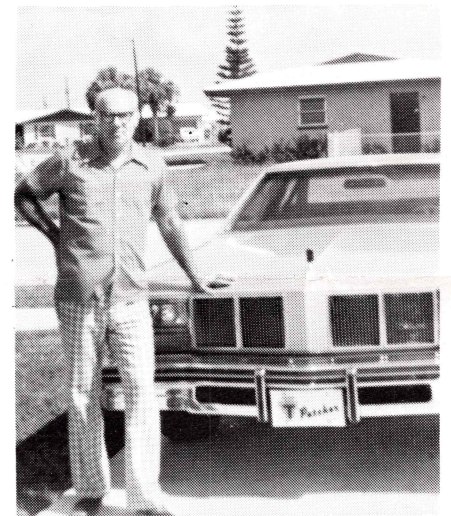
Ed. Note: This San Antonio Chapter is very active. They have some prime-movers who keep the kettle boiling all the time. We other peons from the other lazy units — salute thee.

DALLAS IS THE PLACE

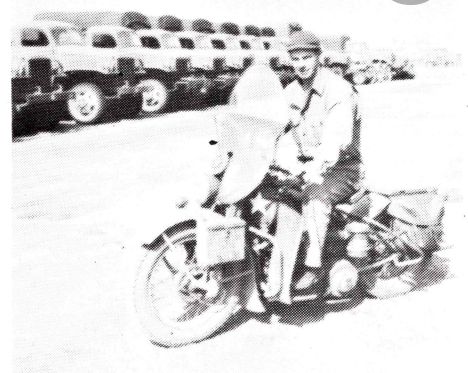
Billy Carter dazzled Detroit while there to tape a television talk show. The younger Carter said he drinks from six to 25 beers a day, depending on whether or not he is working. He also said he once called on his faith healer sister, Ruth Stapleton, to cure him of a hangover. "She didn't do a very good job, but three beers did," Carter said.



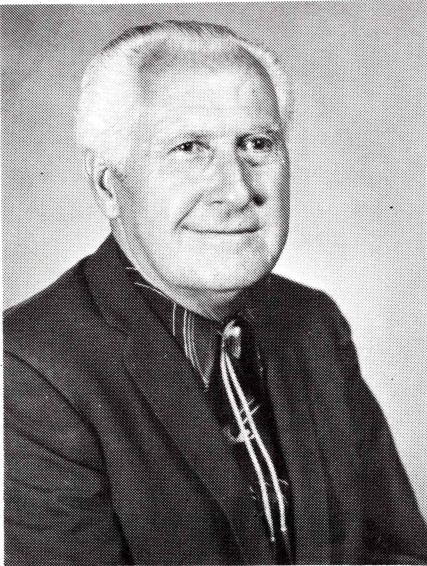
John H. Schweitzer, 410 Adam St., Tonawanda, NY 14150 sent this one. Men of 36th Signal operating a direction finder: from left — John Murphy, Bronx, NY; Reomo Pacchiorotti, Philadelphia; Ed Grady, Baltimore, and Sid Storch of Long Island, NY.



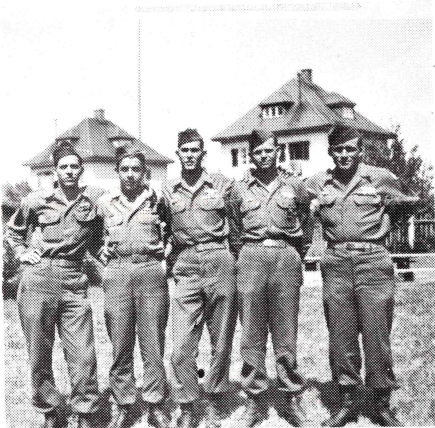
JIM STOKES, your 142nd VP for '77 is a tireless worker for the old 36th. Please note the LICENSE plant on his dunebuggy. It's made of plastic, and he can supply you one for \$10.00. Write to him — 1971 Longfellow Drive, N. Ft. Myers, Fla. 33903, and you'll be happy about it. Stokes served with that famous Co. H, 142nd gang.



Herbert Loree, Co. C. 111th Engineers at Camp Edwards, was KIA, pix sent in by Oscar Troehler, Circleville, Ohio, of same outfit.



James A. Stratton, 3799 W. Chenango Ave., Littleton, Colo. 80123 joined Co. F, 143rd in 1944, was wounded Feb. 3, 1945. Jim says he'll some day make a reunion . . . so how about '77 in Dallas, as see such notables as W. T. Walden, Kovar Jackson, Julian Quarles and many, many more.



Some of the great guys of Co. B, 142nd, taken in Germany at war's end. L to R: Pershing Freeman, Ralph Kinder, Dempsey Albritton, James Cross and Jesse Doreing. Pix was sent in by W. J. Baxter, Coleman, TX.

Btry. C, 132nd To Meet at Texoma Lodge

Probably the 'most active' of the Artillery units is ole Battery C, 132nd. This gang gets together almost as frequently as Wayne Hayes visited Elizabeth Ray.

Their final bash for '76 was held in Weatherford (home base) Dec. 4th at the Wayside Motel. Besides having Amil Kohutek on the team, Btry C, has alot of work-horses that saddle-up the troops for a big turn out.

Under the guiding hand of president Frank Moseley and his wife June, plus Joe C. Kincaid, V/P and Harold J. Pickard. Secty-Treas., this bunch will have their annual reunion at **TEXOMA LODGE** on June 17, 18, 19, 1977.

For information, write: Frank Mosley, Jr., 5412 O'Dell Dr., Fort Worth TX 76134. (817)-293-6776).



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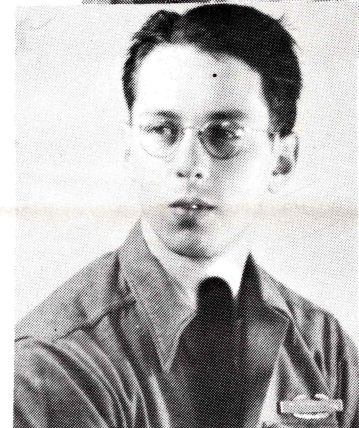
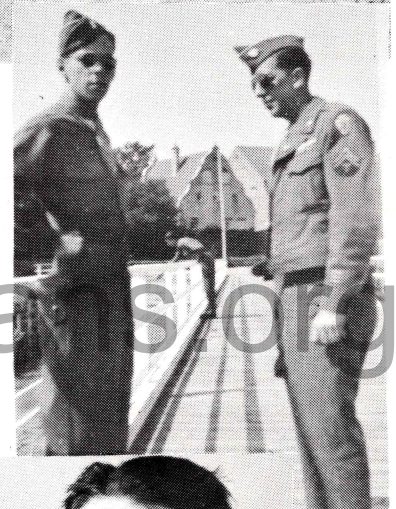
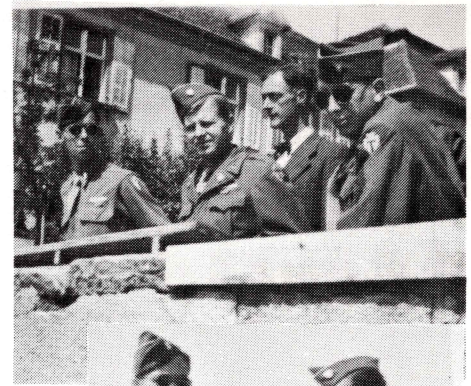
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All of the above officers, directors and staff members want to hear from you . . . so write to your chosen member and tell 'em what you want, what you did, or what have you.



ROBERT E. COROTIS, 610 S, Third St., Columbus, OH 43206, shown above is a new-comer to the association, joined last year. In a letter to Amil, he says — "please accept this as a note of appreciation for the efforts of those involved in perpetuating achievement of the 36th Division".

Corotis served with Co. L, 142nd, joined the division from the 'Repo Depo' at Casserta. He was manager of Officers PX in Geislinger, Germany after the shootin' stopped. In the top photo, that's Corotis on the left, he can't remember the others. The center photo is Robert at left with the 45, and an unidentified T-Patcher

Next Issue: "When The Afrika Korps Came To Texas" . . . An Amazing Story.

As a member of the Texas Historical Society, I just received my Southwest Historical Quarterly, which features in the Jan. '77 issue, an amazing story about Nazi prisoners in Camps all over Texas.

Even our Camp Bowie at Brownwood was one of them, and here's where the plot thickens.

A new paper, "When The Afrika Korps Came To Texas," written by Arnold P. Krammer, professor of History at Texas A&M University, is probably the first in-depth story on the Krauts P.O.W.'s, some 78,982 in all were quartered in Camps in Texas. COMING in May issue.

Heard from

LOYD E. WHITMAN, Lower Ridge Trail, Rt. 7, Soddy, Tenn. 37379 served with Co. C, 142nd during WWI. The 83 year-young Loyd, says he'll be in Dallas. Be lookin' for you, podnah.

CLIFF BLANKENSHIP, 2114 Edwards, Salina, Kan. 67401 of Co. A, 143rd sends regrets that he missed Houston last year, but heard from Carl Peterson about the Mid-West bash to be held in Kansas City. He plans to attend. Spread the word.

JAMES F. WHITLOCK, 141 N. Quidnessett Rd., N. Kingston, R.I. 02852 was rounded up by Leonard Wilkerson of Dallas. Whitlock came in with dues through 1978. He served as Sgt. in 143rd, then as a Lt. in 144th. (Ed note: Wilkerson, our Ex/VP this year served with 144th 1939-1943 and is a ball-o-fire in roundin' up men for his outfit — the great 144th Inf.)

Col. WILLIAM L. SCARBROUGH, PO Box 9521, Alexandria, VA, 22304 sends in dues, served with Co. I, 3rd Bn., 143rd Infantry. The Col. is now serving on active duty with the US Army Military Personnel Center, Alexandria. Recruited by ole Amil.

JACK BEARD, 1023 E. Earl St., Tyler, TX 75702 sends in change of address (shown above). Jack served with Hqs. Co., 142nd Medics.

HERMAN J. LAKIN, Rt. 1, Box 271, McCordsville, Ind. 46055 of Co. H, 142nd sends Amil his dues through 1978. Herman says . . . "I'm still around but not in the shape I was a few years ago." (Herman took the words right out of my mouth).

DEL KENDALL, 1665 Jefferson, Muskegon, Mich. 49441 is a loyal T-Patcher. He digs up lost and strayed Patchers. Sends in a new one: FRANK STEC, 5416 S. Lockwood, Chicago, Ill 60638 plus JOE PRAZAK, 4034 Cheena Drive, Houston, TX 77025. And that's good. Kendall did alot of time with Anti-tankers of 143rd. Our thanks.

VICTOR G. VAUGHAN, Sr., 5702 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412 says, "The Houston reunion was well-planned, and well run. The committee made and carried out the arrangements, certainly deserve the thanks of those of us who attended. My thanks to the officers and directors of the 36th for a job well done."

"I believe I am the oldest member of the 36th. I am the ole man who went to Gonzales, with Co. A, to bury General HULEN (date not given)." This statement comes from A. V. TERRAZAS, Sr., 640 Waverly Ave., San Antonio, TX 78201. Terrazas served with Svc. Co., 141st. Later in Korea with 3rd Division, 1951-1953. Now, let's not get into an argument. Check your figures, and if Terrazas is incorrect in his claim, then — drop him a line and speak your piece.

My wife likes Coors. I like Pabst. And she complains about this. So, after the inauguration on Jan. 20th in Washington, I said "If Pabst is good enough for the president's brother, Billy Carter, it's good enough for me."

MAYO CALDWELL, 229 E. Boyd Ave., Bonham sends in dues and stamp money (that's good). Mayo served with Hq. Btry, 132nd. Has a pix in this issue taken on the Siegfried Line. Thanx Mayo.

PAUL I. WELLS (W4LQF) 2929 2nd, St. South, Arlington, VA 22204 former CO of 36th Signal Co., has been hard at work roundin' up the lost and strayed men of his outfit. This issue is full of coverage, pixs etc. Our thanks to Paul Wells.



REUNION — Wacoans attending the 51st annual reunion of the 36th Division Association in Houston will be Robert Chudej, Archie McDugal, Roger Cannon and Alvin Amelunke, president of the national

organization. The reunion of veterans of the Army division will be Sept. 2 to 5. The 36th division served in World War I and was among the first American divisions landing in Europe in World War II.

This is a 3 column photo from the Waco newspaper and outline of the men of 143rd in Waco, Texas. Here you have three former Presidents of the 36th Division Association (all 143rd) . . . Archie McDugal, Roger Cannon and Alvin Amelunke. This has to be some kind of record for the history books.



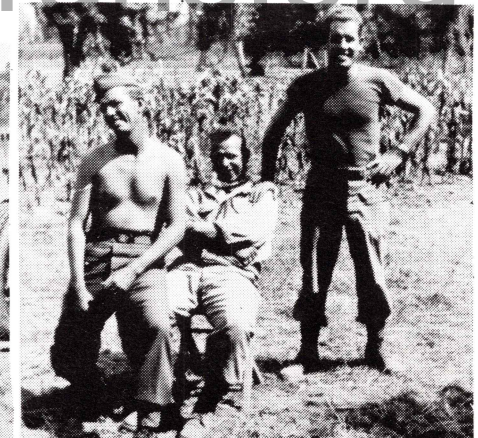
Near Avalinno, Italy April '44, the 131st F. A. personnel section, from left: kneeling, Joe Kelly, B Btry; Harry Filder, Btry A; Leo Vames, Svc. Btry. Standing (all of Hq. Btry) — Pete Divelbiss, Sam Cohen, Jack Moore and Gene Clark. Warren Fisher, Btry C took this pix, sent in by Harry Filder.



131st F. A. Battery A, north of Rome, June 1944: 3rd gun section, from left: Julius Andreas, Hilarion W. Tigges, Sydney Fleischman, Lloyd Ross, Bob Blair, Tom Wells and Bill Wilson. (Pix from Harry Filder).



Btry A, 131st, north of Rome, June '44, portion of first gun section, from left: Vincent Calderone, James Nesmith, Waymon Stokes (kneeling) and Marvin Williams. (Harry Filder photo).



Near Quilliano, Italy, August '44, from left: Art Beats, 1st Sgt. Jack Stiles and Lester Wigal . . . from Harry Filder's scrapbook . . . and thanks for these pics.



Reunion Photo sent in by John O. Mabery — Small Ballroom of the Shamrock Hilton, from left: Norvell & Mildred Yates, Hanley Hills, MO., (first timers), Doyle and Virginia Waldrop of Eagle Lake, TX and Betty and Aubrey Dixon of Nederland, TX., all of Co. C, 143rd Inf., and did they all turn out.



Eight Men of Co. G, 142nd gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Neff, RR1, Mt. Sterling, Ohio 43209 for a mini-reunion. Front row from left: Jesse King of Snyder, TX; Lawrence Neff; Jacob Maxwell of Kingston; Willie Wilt, Grove City. Back row: Jake Thompson, Circleville; Joe Lamb, Columbus; Charle Morris, Circleville; and Jay Skinner Delaware. Photo sent in by Charles Morris, R 4, Circleville, OH 43113. Thanks.



IN FRANCE a mere 59 years ago. Here's men of Co. K, 141st sent in by Alex G. Walsh, 3605 West Waco Dr., Waco, TX 76710. Alex says he has lost track of these men, except Weisiger, who died last year. They are: standing l-to-r: Seward, Robertson, Buchannen. Seated — Fields, Weisiger and Prejean. Thanks, Alex for this historic photo . . . see you in Dallas.



Dock E. Roberts P.O. Box 604, Quitman, TX 75783 of Co. D, 143rd sent this one — from left: Andy Simington, Dock Roberts, Harry Langner, Lt. Douglas, Alex Spikofsky and William Warwick. Pix made in Alsace, France, Jan. '45.



Julian Philips sends in this photo (at right) he took last May at the Rome-Sicily American Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy. "There were many memorial floral tributes, but the only ones from a fighting unit of WWII, were from the 36th Div. Association and Co. G, 143rd Inf.," Julian said.

"This was made possible through the efforts of Maj. M. L. Shaw, now stationed at NATO Hqs., Naples," Philips added.

Major Shaw is the son-in-law of Lt. Col. (ret) and Mrs. Julian Philips of Houston, our 1977 Association President.

Next issue of the T-Patcher will be May 1977, and the deadline for pixs, letters and stuff is April 15th. So do it now. Then July is the traditional PRE-REUNION issue to remind you to be in Dallas Labor Day 1977.

Heard from

W. C. BILL NAGLE, Hidden Lake Dr., Princeton, Ill. 61356 sends in dues for **ARLAND HEISTAND**, 1202 Franklin St., Kalamazo, Mich. 49001, but didn't know his unit. Also sent in dues for **ERNEST CROW (Jim) Rural Route, Blairstown, Iowa 52209**. Nance said he received a 'Big Boy of Texas' Pecans from **Mac Acosta, who is the new V/P for 141st of San Antonio**. "Ain't that nice", Bill said.

L. J. WATSON, Box 94, Sherman, TX 75090 of Co. E, 142nd donates \$20.00 along with membership dues — in memory of those of Co. E 142nd that never made it back.

H. L. 'Bill' FENLEY, Jr., of Co. G, 143rd sends in a ten spot for dues etc., says he enjoys reading the T-Patcher, as it brings back many memories of marching through mud and the sands of time. Fenley gets his mail at 8143 Brockton, Houston, TX 77017.

BILL COFFEE, 645 Francis St., Lancaster, TX 75146 writes in, "I commanded H Co., 142nd in the 36th, but not overseas. If I am eligible for membership, please accept this check". The answer, is YES! Coffee also stated that he is currently assigned to 49AD Provost Marshall, just finished 3 years in a tank battalion.

CHESTER DOTY, 3453 Falsburg Rd., NE, Newark, Ohio, 43055 who did time with **Stovall's Co. B, 111th Engineers**, sends \$20 to Amil for dues and postage, and that's good.

JAMES E. KENNEY, PO Box 75, Hillsboro, Ill. 62049 of 155th FA Bn., sends in '77 dues, says he was transferred to 36th Signal Co., and his job was with message center. Jim said he joined the 36th Assn., years ago, but became a 'drop-out'. At the prompting of former CO, **PAUL WELLS**, of Arlington, VA., he decided he'd better rejoin. Welcome Jim, and our thanks to Wells for rounding up alot of 36th Signal drop-outs. (see story in this issue).

JAMES EVANS, 120 E. Cheltenham Road, Syracuse, NY of **AT Co., 142nd sends to Amil \$10 for dues and or a drop-out buddy . . . and that's good, and Jim has our thanks.**

JAMES J. CURRAN, 130 W. Main St., Ayer, Mass. a former member of Co. E, 142nd Infantry writes that he is sorry he could not be in Houston last Labor Day, says his thoughts were with us, and hoped all had a good time. (true) . . . Jim sends in ten for dues and stamps, and ole Amil lights up like a pinball machine when he ets stamp money.

ALDEN W. WILLIAMS sends in a new address: **100 St. Jo Terrace, Nocona, TX 76255**. Says he doesn't want to miss his copy of the Patcher. Alden served with **Co. C, 111th Engineers**. And, he's a paid up member.

JOSE G. SANCHEZ, 5236 Marietta, El Paso, TX sends dues and regrets that he could not be in Houston. Jose served with 111th Medics.

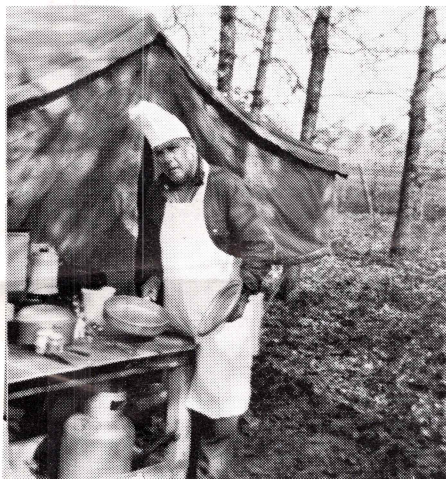
ARVIL R. MOORE, 13222 Laguna, Houston, TX 77015 of **Co. D, 142nd** says he's sorry he missed the last reunion. "As the ole saying goes, Once a T-Patcher, always a T-Patcher" is standard around this household.

GEORGE PERMAN, 40 Camino Alto, Mill Valley, CA 94941 drops \$5 dues, says he hopes he can make DALLAS in '77. George served with Co. K, 142nd.

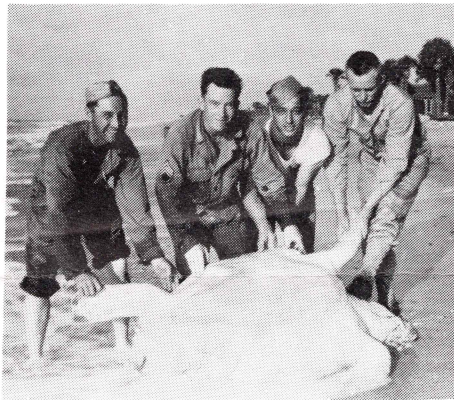
CLAUDE ROBERTS, 302 Glen Oaks, Bonham, TX 75418, walked with **Co. F, 30th Infantry of the 3rd (Watch On The Rhine) Division**. Welcome to the clan. Claude is a buddy of **O. B. Jennings**, a T-Patcher of Bonham.



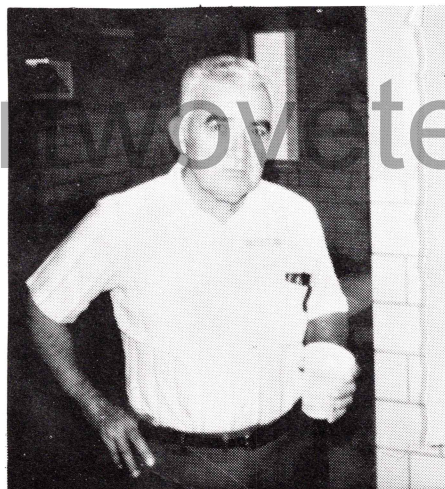
Here's 3 sterling characters of Div. Hqs. in April 1945 in the Bavarian Alps. At left is **Vernon Rigenbach, J. C. 'Jewel' Phillips**, of G-1 section (better known as Big Phil) and **Wilson P. Clark**, who sometimes carried the mail. Photo was sent in by Phillips who has been AWOL from the reunions, but says he'll be in Dallas. Gets mail at 3208 Harwood Drive, Tyler, TX 75701. Phillips is a rep. for American Standard Corp., the biggie in electrical and maintenance supplies.



Here's chef **Zeb Sunday**, your 143rd VP for '77 on a recent cook-out. **Joel Peters** of LaPorte, TX sent this in who says, "the deer got wind that there was a cook in the area, and took off and that's the reason I didn't get one". OK Joel, next time try dear-huntin', maybe you'll do better. PS: Joel Peters as V/P of artillery, says for all you cannoneers to send in dues, and get those drop outs and strays. Gets mail at: 1400 N. 10th St., LaPorte, TX 77571.



Men of **Co., E, 144th Infantry** at Edisto Island, S. C., April 1943: from left — **Rusty Phillips**, **T/5 Rogers**, **Morgan** and **Calley**. A great bunch of fellows, says **Leonard Wilkerson**, who sent in this pix. Wilkerson is our '77 Ex/VP of the Assn.



Pedro Lopez of **Co. B, 142nd** lives in Edinburg (Rio Grande Valley) attends the Coleman "Western" reunion every summer and always brings a load of watermelons. Photo made by and sent in by ole Amazin' Amil — who makes all the reunions.

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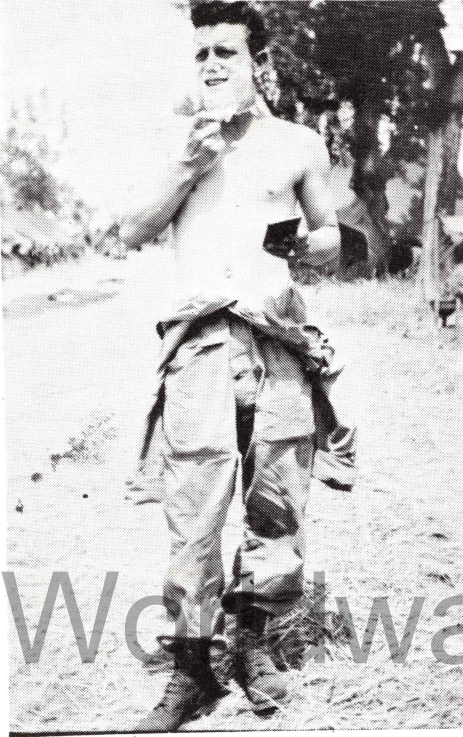
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Somewhere in France: Here's O. B. Buster Jennings, shaving out of a canteen cup, of Hqs. 132nd FA. Buster gets mail at 1500 Island Bayou, Bonham, TX 75418, is in the trucking biz.

Leonard Wilkerson, Executive V/Pres. Rounds Up 15 New Ones

Our hard-working, stray & drop-out getter, LEONARD WILKERSON, 11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas, TX 75228 sends in the 15 names shown below, who have sent in their '77 dues; and this is good-shootin'.

Roy A. Ayers, Rt., Scroggins, TX. (K Co. 144th Inf.)

Allen Baker, 1654 Birch, Grand Prairie, TX (C-144th).

R. L. Bobby Bearden, 1904 Comanche, Harker Heights, TX (F Co., 144th).

E. G. Burgess, 1007 W. Madison, Clarksville, TX (I-144th).

Judge T. C. Chanddick, 4017 Potomac Ave., Texarkana, TX (I-144th).

Roger B. Eberhardt, 1519 S. Main St., Duncanville, TX (Hqs.-144th).

Col. James W. Edwards, 10503 Mt. Marcy Dr. San Antonio, TX (Hqs.-144th).

Rayford N. Head. 3068 Cliff Creek Dr., Dallas, TX (G-144th).

Willie J. Hefner, 1221 W. Drew St., Ft. Worth, TX (Hqs.-144th).

Bill Ibbotson, Rt. 4, Mission, TX (M-144th).

R. H. Lamberth, Rt. 2, Kaufman, TX (Ser-144th).

Thomas N. Mize, 7507 Corpus Christi, Houston, TX (AT-144th).

Walter L. Seaman, 2307 Sterling Rd., Nashville, TN (B-144 WWI).

Fred L. Williams, 1721 Preswood Dr., Arlington, TX (C-144th).

Hal C. Witherspoon, 9636 Leaside, Dallas, TX (Hqs.-144th).

Bailey Remembers His Ole Buddies After World War II

Former member of Hqs. Btry., 155th F.A. Bn., has been elected president of the National Association of Cemeteries. This is a big one, with 1,800 members in US and world-wide.

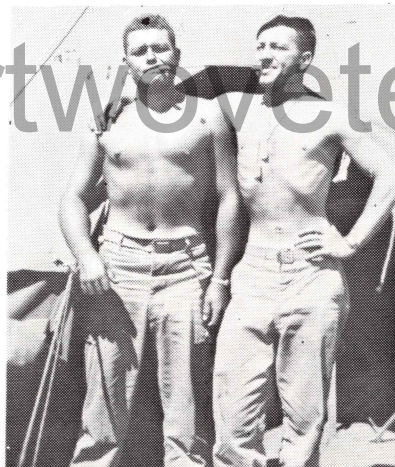
JOHN T. BAILEY, general manager of Greenwood Memorial Park and Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth has endowment trust fund of \$2.5 million, are the two largest in the city.

Bailey joined TNG in 1940, mobilized with his Fort Worth based Hqs. Btry. (then was called 133rd FA). After a few years with the 36th, John later was the Adjutant General on the staff of Gen. Wm. Hood Simpson, U.S. 9th Army Commander.

John Bailey remembered his old T-Patch buddies after WWII, put DICK KING in charge of Mount Olivet, and the late C. L. 'Skinny' MULLINS at Greenwood.



You've got to HAND it to ole ANDY HEWITT, he really knew how to handle the French gals. This one is from your reporters 'private' files of great WWII photos. Does anyone know the whereabouts of one Andy Hewitt, last address, Austin, Texas. Goofed off in Div. Hq. Co.



ORAN, North Africa, Aug. 1943 just before the Salerno invasion — here's S/Sgt. Jack M. Townsend and Cpl. Raymond C. Wells, both from El Paso, members of Co. H, 141st. Pix sent in by L. B. Easley of Dallas who was also with the same outfit. Thanks, Bush.



Camp Blanding, Florida 1942 — Here's Joe Orloff, Alton Wilby, — Crawford and Harvey Weaver, of Btry. C, 132nd FA. Pix sent in by Roy C. Terry. Whereabouts of Wilby and Crawford are unknown. Can anyone help?

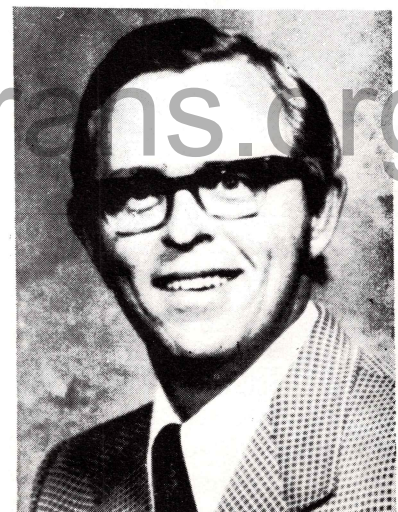
Zeb Sunday Has Staff Of Workers To Help In New Memberships

Dear T-Patchers

I have been getting a lot of praise for getting a lot of dropouts back into the association. I would like to let you know that it would not have been possible for me to do all this correspondence without the help of Leo Bricker, Sammy Petty and Mr. & Mrs. Billy R. Miller. If we have someone that has the time to write letters maybe you might have some one in your area that might be able to furnish some Stationery or stamps to help. So let the T-Patcher know and with the help of each other we will be able to find a lot of drop outs.

Thanks again for the help.

Zeb Sunday, V/P 143rd
3311 Jana
Pasadena, TX 77505



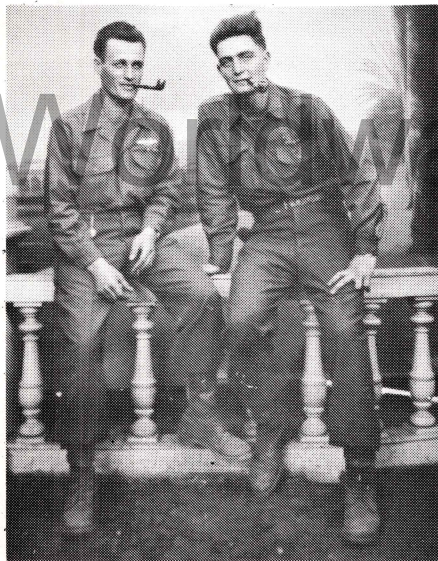
William R. F. Morris, served with Svc. Btry, 132nd, is Ex/Dir. of Junior Achievement of Charlotte, Inc., gets mail at 2630 N. Sharon Rd., Charlotte, NC 28206 is one of Amil's outfit that has been looking for Svc. Btry men for some time. Try for Dallas, Morris, we'll be looki' for U.

The Mosleys Make a Great Husband and Wife Team For Btry. C



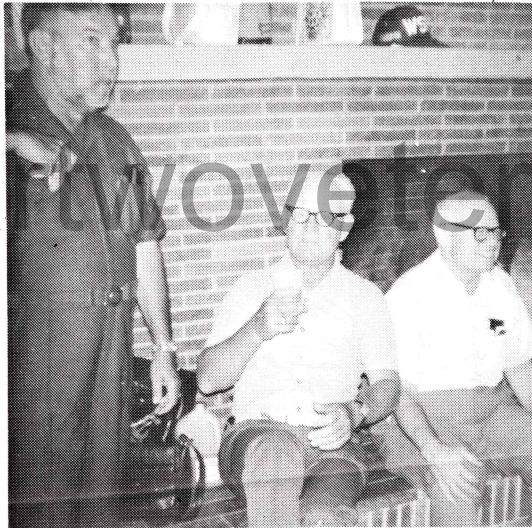
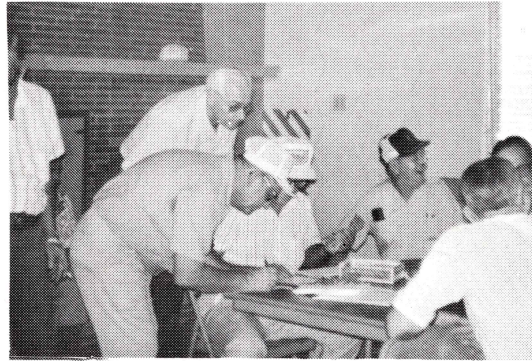
The husband and wife team of FRANK and JUNE MOSLEY, President and Recording Secretary, respectively of BATTERY "C" REUNION ASSOCIATION have proved to be a winning combination. Battery "C" Reunion Assn. (132nd Field Artillery Bn.) is one of the Nations oldest World War II company size reunion organization and perhaps the most active.

Frank and June are currently responsible for the latter. Hardly a day passes without them hearing from one or another of the far flung members. Frank and June regularly put together a newsy newsletter that is mailed to over a hundred active members. This newsletter serves to keep in closeknit membership aware of happenings of interest to all, and fills in the period between reunions. Under the able leadership of Pres. Mosley, names are constantly being added to the mailing list as members are located. Each succeeding reunion sees members attending for the first time. Membership is free and is open to all ex-members (or their widows) of Battery "C" of any period. Frank's address is: Mr. Frank Mosley, 5412 O'Dell Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76134

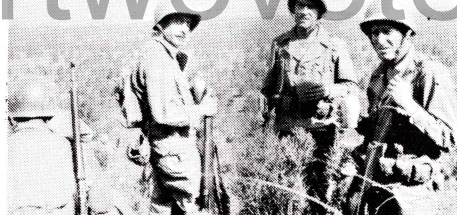
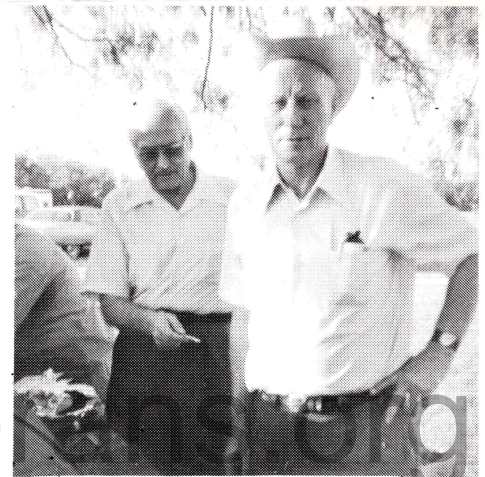


Ole Faithful, Sam F. Kibbey sent this one in. Here's two pipe smokers (maybe pot) pix taken 1945 at Lyons, France rest camp. At left is Lowell Penny of Nebraska, and Sambo Kibbey, both of 143rd Co. K. More on Lowell Penny is next issue.

Waco Is Annual Site For 143rd's Get-To-Gethers



Waco, Texas is a hot-bed for men of the 143rd. They are an active group, get together often, and last summer they had a barbecue for all the old timers. In the photo at top left is the registration at James Connally Club House. Top right is Bob Scott, the new '77 president of the 143rd Inf. association (who was our guest speaker at the '76 reunion). Above is ole Jeb Sunday of Pasadena, TX, with Doc Everett and James Quick. Center left is Mrs. Cliff Torrence, and at right is — Alvin Amelunke, former 143rd CO, last year's Assn. President with ole Amil Kohutek (who makes all unit reunions). He always gets their \$5 for Association dues.



EDWARD B. TORRES, 625 N. Waiola Ave., LaGrange Park, Ill. 60525 of Co. C, 143rd — and EDWARD S. MACKEWICS of 739 Hillside, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 60137 of same outfit, both were the handicraft of JOHN O. MAYBERY of Dallas. Do it some more, John.

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

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YANK WARRIOR BURIED IN ITALY—Against a background of towering mountains, the body of one of the 36th Division's dead, accompanied by his comrades, is carried to a resting place in an American cemetery in Italy. (AP) Wirephoto

TAPS

E. Paul Mansell, O'Donnell, TX, after a long illness died in his hometown last month. Paul was a devoted 36ther. Made many reunions, contributed time and money in behalf of the Assn. Served with 133rd, was transferred to 132nd at Camp Blanding.

Morris Barron, of Nacona, TX served with 144th Inf., died in Dec. 1976 according to report from his widow Ruth who sent in the notice.

Letter to: Rex T. Parker of Marshall was returned to Amil marked — Deceased. (Btry C, 133) Can anyone help?

R. C. 'Shorty' Markham, Texarkana, passed away Oct. 1976 of a heart attack, according to letter to Amil from his widow — address - 3002 Senator, Texarkana, Ark. 75502.

John Vasillisin of Dusquesne, PA, of Co. M, 143rd died Jan. 1, 1977 as reported by his widow, Mary.

Richardo H. Alaniz of Co. G, 141st died of cancer at his home at Alice, Texas.

Oscar A. Vest, a WWI member of M/G section of 141st died last March, in a note from his widow of Fort Smith, Ark.

Kenneth F. Grob of Co. A, 142nd died March 1976. His name was sent in to Amil by Bill Smyth, Latrobe PA., when a letter soliciting dues from Roy Harder was answered by his widow, Phyllis, of 504 Hazlett, Wheeling, W. VA. 26003.

Seaborn E. Hearrell, of Rt. 2, Box 50AB, Kilgore, TX 75662 of the 144th was killed Sept. 1976 in a car wreck, as reported by his widow, Bobbie.

Alex Kuntz, age 60, died Dec. 6, '76 at Garfield Hts., Ohio. Served with Stovall's 111th Engrs: **Don H. Hollingsworth**, Oil City, PA, served with Co. I, 141st died Dec. 4, 1976, as reported to Amil by Carl Peterson.

The above news clip dated April 6, 1944 from the Buffalo Courier-Express was sent in by John H. Schweitzer, 410 Adams, Tonawanda, NY 14150 who along with many other of the 36th Signal Company have contributed much to this issue of the T-Patcher. This was an AP wirephoto and made headlines stories in hundreds of newspapers all over America during the dark days of 1944. Our thanks to John for this photo. Let us never forget.

Neal F. Godbey, Denison, Texas of 144th was solicited for membership by Leonard Wilkerson, and his widow replied with the message he had died June 15, 1976.

Edward M. 'Dutch' Gee, former Capt. of the 142nd, had served as the member of the board of the 136th Assn., had been in ill health for some time, died Nov. 1976 in Fort Worth.

Forrest Kimbrough, of Co. B, 142nd died Feb. 1, 1977 at his home in Coleman, Texas, hqs. for Co. B Western unit.

Willie W. Fullilone, Harwood, TX died at Holmes Hospital in Gonzales, Aug. 23, 1976 according to report from his widow.

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

We generally run a coupon for those who have paid their dues, and want to pay for a buddy. This has been good, and here are a few results:

Virgil Duffy, 2705 Hamstead, Wichita Falls, TX 76308 of Co. M, 142nd paid dues for **Jarrell Langford**, 3418 Michigan, Midland, TX.

Robert Harrison sent in dues for his buddy — **Henry Carrasco**, 2410 Jackson, Carlsbad, NM 88220 both of Co. I, 142nd Infantry.

NEXT ISSUE of the T-Patcher for '77 will be May, then there will be a Pre-reunion special issue for July. So if you have anything to say, or pix to send in, do it now . . . if we are full for May, you'll be carried over for the July issue. We all want to hear from you.



Another Co. B, 111th Engineer at Camp Edwards: **Jim Bob Kelly** of Alba, TX. Pix sent in by **Oscar Troehler** of Circleville, OH 43113.

Heard from

Dear Amil:

Enclosed is my ck. for \$15.00, dues and stamps. I was in Fort Worth last June for a week, saw Bill Jary and had a great time visiting with him. Like that town very much.

Last week I called **Robt. Snurr** and was advised that he had a heart attack and died on Jan. 15th. Both of us served with Co. B, 142nd. He resided in Waynesboro, Pa.

George C. Howell, 480 Sunset Blvd., Mansfield, OH 44907.

Ed. note: George works with Tappan Industries. They are the ones that make all that kitchen stuff. I asked him, if he could get me a good deal on a kitchen range. He said yes, and gave me a Zippo lighter. Thanks, Geo.