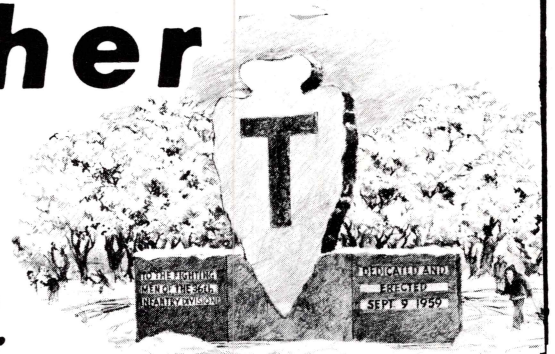


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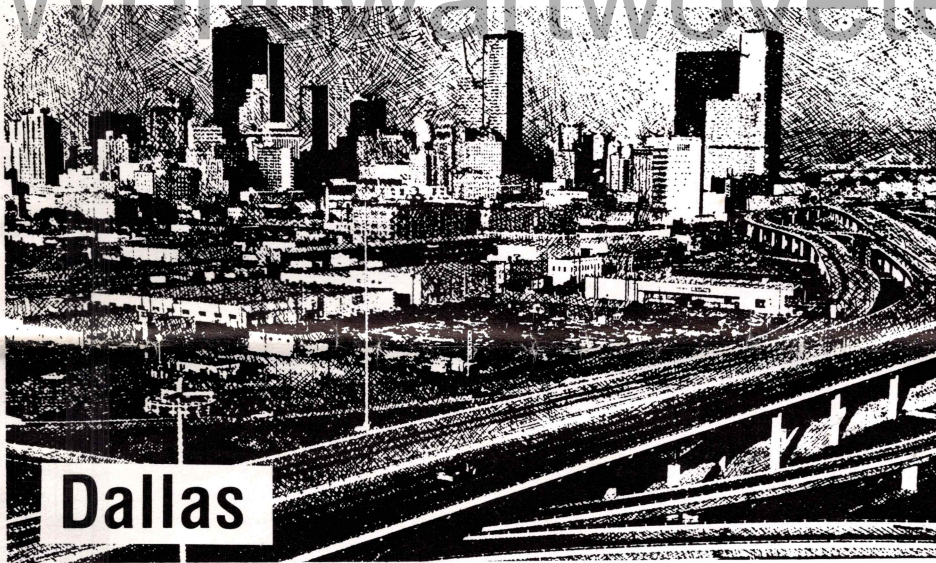
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PRE-REUNION ISSUE

JULY, 1977

Earlybirds Start Arriving Sept. 1, For 52nd Reunion



Dallas

Big and busy ... that's 'BIG D' Dallas ... site of the 52nd Annual 36th Division Association Reunion, Sept. 1-4, 1977, Royal Coach Motor Hotel. Don't worry, the natives are friendly, and the red carpet is rolled out for all T-Patchers ... so what you waitin' for? Start Packin'.

Royal Coach Hotel Is Your Plush Bivouac

Time is near, and we remind you that this one is the BIG ONE. Of course, we say that every year. But, then it's true. They get better every year, as they have since 1946 when the first post-war WWII reunion was attended by no less than 1,000 wild and woolly T-Patcher in Fort Worth.

Dallas is a good town. It's got anything you might want, and the Royal Coach Motor Hotel will give you the RED CARPET (we asked for it). This is our 3rd time at this bivouac, and it has been completely remodeled since our last one in '72.

Bear in Mind, these reunions ARE HABIT FORMING. If you have never made one, then its the same as one who has never tasted champagne, or kissed a lovely lady.

Our active board has planned this one with infinite detail as if they were staff members at NASA, when they made the first moon shot. In fact, this one could very easily 'take you to the moon.'

We have T-Patchers that plan all year for this big event. Like George Ziro of Perth Amboy, N.J., who drives over a 1000 miles, solo to meet with his buddies (and he is past 70). So where ever you are, start packin'. It could be good for what ails you. The years fly by, and the youngest T-Patcher of WWII has to be at least 55 (or he lied about his age).

T-Patcher Travelin' Trio Covers 3000 Miles To Visit Unit Reunions

The **THREE MUSKETEERS**
ATHOS - PORTHOS - ARAMES



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

Alexander Dumas got famous when he wrote about the fabulous Three Musketeers back in 1850. This swashbucklin' trio cut a wide patch of excitement in their time.

And now we have a similiar threesome, all of Houston who have together traveled over 3,000 miles in pursuit of the Association this past year. We're talking about JULIAN, SAMMIE and JEB.

Along with their wives (who work hard at the diplomatic ambassadorship) have attended practically all unit reunions, and there are many, in behalf of the organization, spreading the good word and getting memberships.

Athos, Porthos and Arames were the original Musketeers, Philips, Petty and Sunday are today. We salute thee!

142nd At The Siegfried Line

GOOD NEWS. George E. Lynch, Maj. Gen. USA Ret., has agreed to write for the T-Patcher the 'STORY OF THE 142nd at the SIEGFRED LINE.' All of you recall his story in the July '76 T-Patcher — "Ste. Marie Pass." This is another EXCLUSIVE, and you can say, the old T-Patcher brings you the best of everything. His story will appear in full, in the next issue OCTOBER 1977.

Record Attendance Expected Labor Day Weekend



REUNION GUEST SPEAKER: General Paul D. Adams, U.S.A. Retired, of Tampa, Fla., will address the general assembly at the business meeting at 1 PM on Sat. Sept. 3rd. General Adams was a former commander of the 143rd Infantry, and his career in the service goes back to 1921. Graduated from U.S. Military Academy in 1924. His exploits covers 3 pages, crammed with exciting events and many, many decorations.

The 36th Division Association are extremely fortunate to have this distinguished soldier to speak at our 52nd Annual Reunion.

Photo above made in 1962 on a field exercise at Fort Hood when he was Third Army Commander.

President's Message:



Dear T-Patcher:

Labor Day weekend, 1977, is fast approaching and I have suddenly become aware that this issue of the T-Patcher will be the last one while I'm serving you as president of the 36th Division Association.

I think of the many things I wanted to accomplish during my year as your President and I realize I have only scratched the surface on a few.

I have stressed recruiting to each and everyone of you and want to thank you for your response and support. Believe me when I say, a phone call or personal letter does more than a dozen form letters. If you've ever called someone who has never heard of our association and hear the excitement and happiness in their voice, then you know the full meaning of "esprit de corps." *These men want to belong*, and are waiting by the thousands to be contacted, so join me in the search for every man who ever served with the division.

All roads lead to Dallas Spet. 1-4. Your board of directors have worked very hard this year to insure that your stay in Dallas will be one to remember. Under your Exec. Vice President, Leonard Wilkerson, and V.P. Adrin Grizzelle, watch the 144th this Labor Day for with the recruiting drive they've had this year they are sure to show up in mass.

Joel Peters from Div. Arty. is putting that unit close to the top with his single handed recruiting — thanks Joel. Sp. Troops under the leadership of Bill Steger, has requested a larger C.P. — keep up the good work Bill. It has been hard for the 142nd to regroup after the passing of Col Miner, but they are pushing forward under the leadership of James Stokes from N. Ft. Myers, Fla., and Tom Bast from the Dallas area.

Cliff Torrence, along with George Rainer, Zeb Sunday and Alvin Ammelunke will see that he 143rd has a great turn out. 36th Signal Co. had a Co. Reunion and have expressed their need for a C.P. room this year. Mac Acosta, V.P. of the 141st has a great gang of supporters in the San Antonio area. Their re-



Julian H. Philips (at right) is shown here in this 1945 photo made in Houston at War's end, with his brother, M. H. Philips, who was a Sgt. with Co. G, 143rd from 1938-1942, when we went to OCS and later served with 3rd Division. M. H. now retired after 31 years in the service, Julian retired after 23 years.

cruting is unique and I know they will be well represented in Dallas. Col. Stovall and his fine recruiters keep the 111th Engineers up to full strength and they are sure to make a great showing as always.

The interest and enthusiasm throughout the year has been great. Units having get-togethers to keep us mindful of our big one on Labor Day.

Mac and Adela Acosta are leading the 141st this year. The Chapter in San Antonio have monthly meetings, which keeps the members eager and ready for Sept. Their barbecue and dance, May 11th drew over 300 members and guests.

The Mid-west Chapter had their annual reunion June 17-19. Carl and Katherine Peterson head up that group and its sure to bring members from near and far.

What can I say about men like Bill Jary, Amil Kohutek, and Ken Nixon that would do them justice. We all know what they mean to this association and each man is apply qualified for the job he has. They are the ones who keeps us all on the straight and narrow, well informed and out of the red, so thanks to them for their years of dedication and devotion.

I remain as ever,

Julian H. Philips

ROYAL COACH

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IS YOUR BIVOUAC FOR THE 52nd ANNUAL REUNION
THIS IS OUR THIRD TIME AT THIS GREAT HOTEL

3800 W. Northwest Hwy.
Dallas, TX 75220
Or call 'em at —
(214) 357-9561

How Do You Spell Relief? R-E-U-N-I-O-N

If you have been a regular at the 36th reunion, we don't need to remind you that there's a lot of action in the unit CP's. Here's your best place to visit with buddies from your old outfit.

There's a lot of wild tales, and 'remember when' . . . etc, but it is a real fun place . . . and the CP's are open as long as your host (the unit V/P) has the strength (except during the regular scheduled functions).

Here are the men who will be your host (and don't forget to feed the Kitty) . . .

- 141st VP, Mac Acosta
102 Luther Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78212
512-888-7586
- 142nd VP, James H. Stokes Jr.
1971 Longfellow Dr., N. Ft. Myers, Fla. 33903
813-995-1896
- 143rd VP, C. S. "Cliff" Torrence
3509 Lynbrook, Plano, Texas 75074
214-424-6056
- 144th VP, Adrian Grizzelle
4521 Coffey Rd., Ft. Worth, Texas 76117
817-498-1981
- Spec. Troops VP, Bill Steger
1682 Nobhill Pl., Dallas, Texas 75208
214-946-2865
- Div. Arty VP, Joel Peters
1400 N. 10th Box 33, La Porte, Texas 77571
713-471-5308

★ REUNION AGENDA ★

THURS. SEPT. 1st:

7-10 PM Early Bird Party
Music and Belly Dancers
(\$2.00 at door)

FRI. SEPT. 2nd:

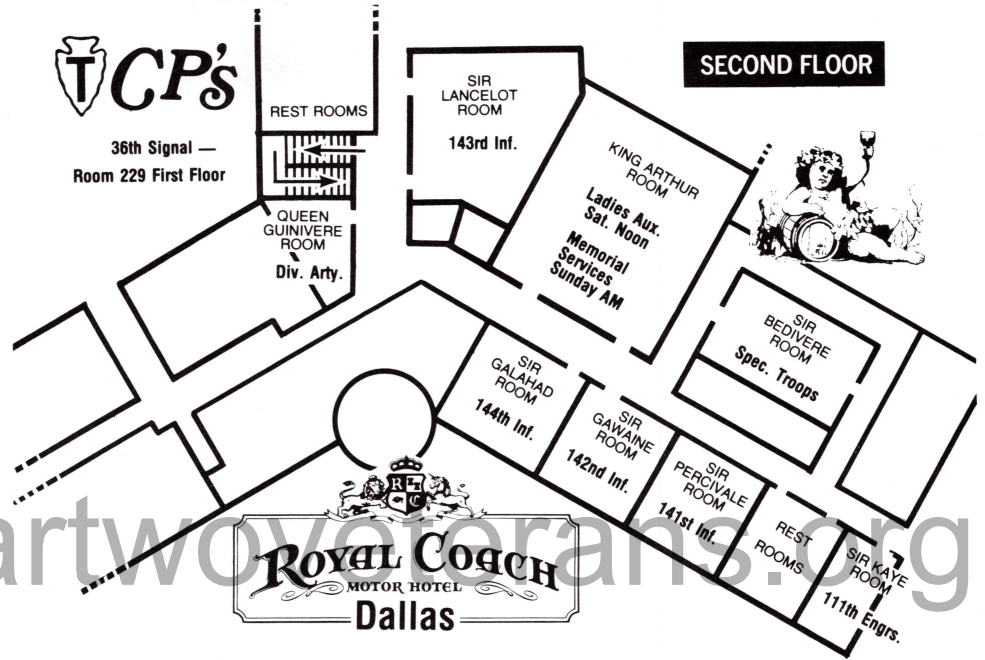
9 AM-6PM Registration
7-10 PM Hospitality Party
Combo and Belly Dancers
(CP's to close during this one).

SAT. SEPT. 3rd:

9 AM-6 PM Registration
10 AM Nominations and Resolutions
Committee Meetings
10:30 AM Ladies Aux.
Meeting and Brunch
1 PM General Assembly, Ballroom
6:30-7:30 PM Reception, Foyer of
Grand Ballroom, buy your own drinks
7:30-9 PM Dinner and door prizes.
9 PM-1 AM Dance, Polka Patriots
and floor show by Satas Belly Dancers
(CP's closed during dinner-dance).

SUN. SEPT. 4th:

9 AM Coffee, foyer of ballroom
10 AM Memorial Services
Noon Closing of
52nd Annual Reunion.



Polka Patriots—Belly Dancers



Saturday Night Dinner Dance Always GREAT!

The biggie is always the Dinner Dance. This year, Sat. Sept. 3rd is the day. The music starts promptly at 9 PM, and it'll be the POLKA PATRIOTS Orchestra, and you'll like 'em. They play every kind of dance music, and play it good. Jitterbug, waltz, polkas, some rock and you name it. Betcha can't dance just once.

The Floor Show about midway during the evening will bring in the SATAS belly dancers. This is a new group from the others who will be on hand Thurs. and Fri. nights . . . but anyone who doesn't like belly-dancers, has a problem.

And all this merry-making goes on 'till 1 AM, and if you have strength left, the Cp's will open for nightcaps and more wild tales of WWII.



T-Patch Jewelry



Finest quality Tie Bar, Tie Tack, Lapel Pin, Cuff Links, Ladies Charms, small and large.

See CHARLIE LINTON and his big display in the Spec. Troops CP

Executive Vice-President Leonard Wilkerson Welcomes All To Dallas

Dear Fellow T-Patchers:

On this day Thirty-Three years ago, many of you were fighting on the fronts as members of the 36th Infantry Division, some of you were with other great United States Army units. Regardless of the organization we were all fighting for one cause, freedom and peace on earth.

Now on this 6th day of June, 1977, as Executive Vice-President I ask all of you who are members of this great association to make your plans on attending our 52nd annual reunion at the Royal Coach Motor Hotel in Dallas, on Sept. 1-4.

Your President Julian H. Philips has really gone out to make this one of the best we have ever had. If you know of any Ex-member of the 36th Infantry Division in war or peace, please let him know of our organization. In fact any person who is now wearing the "T" patch as a member of the 36th Inf. (Abn) Bde. or any person who wore it before or after World War I and II are eligible to become members.

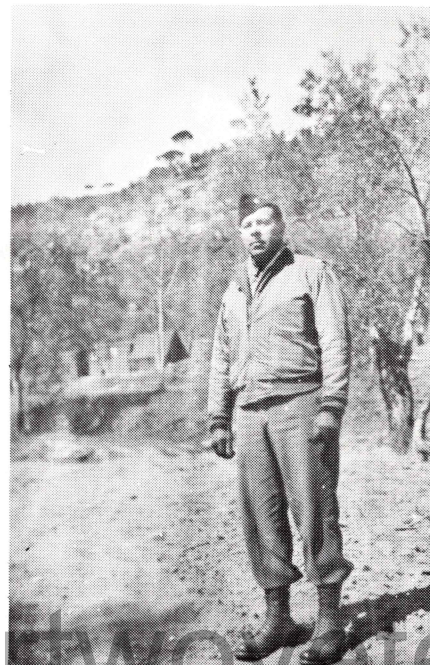
We send our special invitation to the members of the 144th Infantry (past and present) to join us again as members and meet with us at the 144th C.P. Sir Galahad Room, 2nd floor.

Any questions, please call me in Dallas (214) 328-5589.

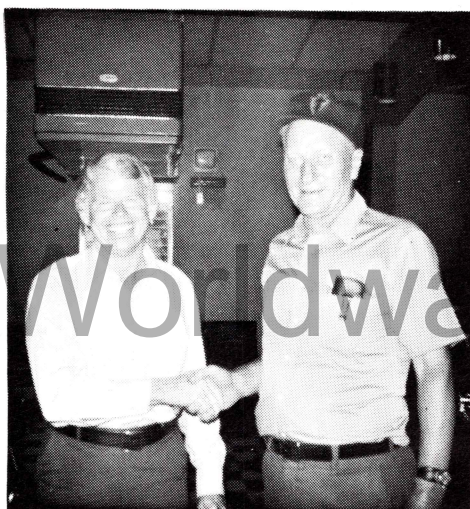
In comradeship, Leonard E. Wilkerson, 11121 Visalia Drive, Dallas 75228. (Co. E, 144th at Camp Bowie Oct. 1940-Sept. 1943. Co. B, 377th Inf., 95th Division, Sept. 1943-Sept. 1944).



Ex/VP, Leonard E. Wilkerson
11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas, Texas 75228



SOMEWHERE IN ITALY, March 1944 — Here's Lt. Col. Robert M. Ives, Ass't ACofS, G-1, pictured here while checking the morale and condition of the troops. In the background is the quarters of Col. Stovall, who lifted this one from his scrapbook and sent it in. Gen. Ives, now resides in Houston (77042) 16 Rivercrest Drive.



Jimmy Carter Meets Amil

JIMMY CARTER finally gets to meet AMIL KOHUTEK! This is headline news. What was he doing in Waco? "Well, officer, it was like this . . .". Seems Amil attended the 143rd reunion and of course, ED BEHLER of same outfit was there. Ed is makin' a killin' standing in for the man in the white house. Behler lives in Elm Mott (a Waco satalite community). If Behler shows up in Dallas, you too, can get your pix made with the look-alike.

Dear Amil:

I understand there's to be a 36th reunion this year, please send complete information. I served with Co. M, 141st.

Dan Gelentano,
11679 Katherine,
Taylor, MI 48180.

Amil says — he got it. Dan, do you remember Tom Fitts, Winfield Atwood? How 'bout Harry McGowan, Carl Bennati, Cecil Price, Charles Wilson?

Heard from

JULIAN PHILIPS says, "while attending the 143rd reunion last month in Waco, I ran into ROY D. GOAD, whom I had not seen since 1942." "Goad and his two brothers served with Co. D, 143rd as EM's. All were commissioned and made fine officers," Philips continued. Roy, a County Commissioner at Temple, Texas, says he'll be in Dallas.

FRANK R. VONDA, Int'l Rep. of IBEW of Washington, D.C., sends in dues and some extra for stamps (makes Amil happy), says he'll try for Dallas. Frank served with Can. Co. 143rd, signs his letter, "The Big Bad Bohunk from Omaha." How 'bout that.

MICKEY MOFFETT writes for info about the Dallas Reunion, and he got it. A new member, Mickey gets mail at P.O. Box 47, Lakeside, Ore. 97449.

JOHN W. PADDY, 2216 Ast, NE, Miami, OK 74354 of G 142nd come in with dues, is another new one for the clan.

RALPH W. YARBOROUGH, former Texas Senator, with law offices now at 721 Brown Bldg., Austin, TX sends in dues and compliments to the association and the T-Patcher. His honor served in the early days of TNG back in the 1920's. Good to hear from you, sir.

COL. TOM P. BIRKHEAD (formerly of Houston) sends in a new address: P.O. Box 1310, Rockdale, TX 76567. The colonel served with Co. G, 143rd.

FRANK VILLANO, Rfd. 7, Longfellow Dr., Lake Carmel, N.Y. 10512 of Co. B, 111th Engrs., suffered a heart attack and is totally disabled, says he needs someone to pay his dues. I am sure that can be arranged, Frank.

H. J. ALLEMAN, 4264 St. Katherine Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70805 of Co. L, 143rd says he was late with dues, and will try to make Dallas in Sept.

WILLIAM T. DOSS, P.O. Box 702, Brownwood, TX 76801 of Co. A, 142nd has been in a rest home for 4 years, has brain damage and cannot talk, but would like to hear from his ole buddies. Your cards and letters will be most welcomed.

HUBERT HOUSTON, who lives in Abilene (is Amil's janitor) sent in name and address of his brother: C. L. Houston, 5317 Anneta Ave., El Paso, TX 79924 of Co. D, 143rd. That now makes three Houston brothers in the Assn. Thanks, Hubert.



The Road To Rabat . . .

Taking a break on the road from Casablanca to Rabat — here's Archie Goodwin with a couple of A-Rabs in the gum wood trees. Arch was an Anti-tanker of 143rd, and buddy of Del Kendall who sent this one in.

WELCOME

New Members

WALTER G. BROWN, P.O. Box 231, Rt. 1, Clinton, Iowa 52732 who was mail Orderly for Co. H, 141st according to **L. B. Bush Easley** of Dallas who snared him into membership.

JOHN B. DeNARDO, 11 Williamsburg Bldg., Briancrest, Hershey, PA 17033 who served with Svc. Btry., 132nd F. A. Bn., and he was rounded up by none other than ole Amil, who has for years tried to get some of these Svc. Battery men in the fold. So, it's working.

ROYAL B. LIGHT, Box 635, George West, TX 78022 of Co. D, 141st Infantry. Mark another one for Amil. (this proves what can be done when you send out alot of mail).

FLOYD E. HOGAN, 1200 West Bolt St., Fort Worth, TX 76110 of Co. M, 141st Inf.

JOHN M. BIS, 1823 Miller Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 of 36th Division MP's, was corraled by Col. Tom G. Hicks, Inspector General, Adj. Gen's Dept., State of Texas, Camp Mabry (Austin) Texas 78763 ... and our thanks.

JOHN D. 'Tiger' STEIN (Salerno Landing) 407 South York St., Wheeling, W. VA., 26003 of Co. C, 142nd, another new one (and we need a 1000 more). Amil got 'em.

BEASEL T. MARCHBANKS, Rt. 1, Box 313, Alvarado, TX 76009 of 36th Div. M.P.'s, and formerly served with Co. G, 142nd Inf., before being transferred to Div. Hqs. in 1942.

JULIS BOSSE, 500 Sudbrook Road, Baltimore, MD 21208 of Co. M, 143rd Inf., was rounded up by James H. Wharton, 1310 Ridge Rd., Baltimore 21228, who served with Co. G, 143rd.

JAMES F. YOUNG, 51 Thayer St., Weymouth, Mass. 02188 also Co. G, 143rd and he came in because of efforts of Wharton.

JOHN L. LAVEZZA, Jr., 4111 6th St., Baltimore, MD 21225 of Co. K, 143rd is another score for Jim Wharton. Great work, and welcome!

JOHN D. FORSYTHE, Box 156, Blanco, TX 78606 of Stovall's 111th Engineers, Co. C, was roped in by Tom Monk, P.O. Box 186, Arlington, TX 76010 ... and thanks to you both.

THOMAS E. SULLIVAN, 22 Elmwood Ave., Dedham, Mass 02026 got a message from Paul Wells, his former CO in the 36th Signal Co., to join the association. He did just that and sent his dues to Amazin' Amil. Just one more reason why the Signalmen have done such a great job with memberships.

DELBERT GRUBHE, 404 West 15th St., Christopher, Ill 62822 joins up. He served with Co. E, 143rd Infantry.

WILLIAM J. BRATHOVIES, 518 Atlanta St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 of Co. A, 143rd Infantry was solicited by our association president Julian H. Philips, and he got 'em.

GEORGE B. SCHRIVER, 801 Valley St., Enola, PA 17025, formerly of Co. K, 141st Infantry.

M. R. 'Mickey' MOFFETT, P.O. Box 47, Lakeside, Ore. 97449 served with Co. I, 141st and Co. C. 111th Combat Engineers, rounded up by Amil.

PLEASE NOTE: In this issue is the longest list of new members in some time. That is good news, and that means that the lost and strayed are comin' in ... thanks to Amazin' Amil and an assortment of loyal Patchers who are 'ritin' letters and makin' fone-kalls.



This is an 'action' photo: Kentucky Colonel Kibbey Komes-Kross with \$100 Kold Kash at the Mid West Reunion last month in Kansas. Life Membership, that is. Here's Sambo handin' his check to Zeb Sunday, as Association President. Jullian Philips is all smiles. Sam Kibbey served with 143rd and could hardly refuse the 'Godfather' deal he was offered by 'these' two 143rd Patchers. Two others bought L/M's — Col. Oran Stovall and James W. Roberts, whose wife gave him his — cause it was Father's Day. How bout that.

Life Memberships Are The Answer . . .

A \$100 tax free contribution to the 36th Div. Assn., for Life Membership is 'insurance' money, so we can rest assured we won't go out of business.

Think of it this way. The 36th Division was a large university of 15,000 (students). It had one helluva large campus, and the travel was good and it was long. Maybe, 'School of Hard Knocks' is a better title.

You got your diploma in 1945 when they pinned that 'Ruptured Duck' on your uniform. So now, you are an alumnus of a great university, and you have PRIDE.

If you went to Harvard (you should be so lucky), you would be asked to support your old alma mater. And the alumni does just that. The millions that pours in each year to support the university, comes mostly from the former students. (Would you believe \$50 million).

Think about it



Look What You Get . . .

This 8½ x 11" certificate is yours when you join up for a Life Membership. A tax-free deduction of \$100 is all it takes. This will look good when framed and hanging in your den. You also get a plastic Lifetime Membership card. Send your checks to Julian Philips, Ken L. Nixon or Amil Kohutek, and sleep better at nights.

Here's an UPDATE: **ROBERT P. HUGHES** of Co. A, 142nd (AltaVilla to Germany) sends in his Life Membership, orders a roster from Amil. Robert operates the Hughes Mfg. Co., Wholesale Display Materials, P.O. Box 55383, 1748 Crestdale, Houston, TX 77055. Our thanks, Robert. (You kin to Howard?).



Somewhere north of Rome, these two Anti-Tankers of 143rd take a break. At left is 'Fat' Roy Risler and 'Bloaty' Bill Breshears. Del W. Kendall of same outfit took this out of his large photo album. Thanks.

**WOULDN'T YOU RATHER
BE IN DALLAS LABOR DAY
-THAN ANYWHERE?**



BAYMOND B. TOGUCHI, P.O. Box 442, Kapaa-Kauai, Hawaii 96746 of Co. C, 100th Inf. Bn., 442nd Regiment (Lost Battalion) fame, a new Honorary member rounded up by Amil.

WILLIAM DEBRASON, 305 Ann St., McKeesport, PA 15132 of 2nd Bn. Hqs. Co., 143rd is in, and score this one for Amazin' Amil.

THOMAS V. ATKINS, Rt. 4, Box 208 B, Williamsburg, VA 23185 of 155th F. A. Bn., another one from Kohutek.

JOE L. REYNOLDS, 53 Hilltop Drive, Kerrville, TX 79028 is a new one sent in by **Lewis W. Starkey**, P. O. Box 4, Centerville, TX 75835 of Hqs. 133rd. He failed to give his buddy Joe's unit. Thanks, Lew.

S. L. NICHOLS, 1140 Robbier Houston, TX 77009 of 155th FA Bn., comes in new, and comes in strong with \$25 . . . and our thanks!

EMERY YARBER, P.O. Box 85, LeRoy, TX 76654 who walked with Co. L, 143rd joins up. Was caught in Amil's big drag-net. Welcome aboard.

ROBERT E. COOPER, 11450 Lansdowne St., Detroit, Mich. 48224 of Co. F, 142nd is captive of the efforts of Tony Pellerin of Port Arthur, TX who is in there hustlin' for new members all the time.

JOHN T. WHALEY, Rt. 3, Box 41, Richlands, N.C. 28574 had not heard about the association until he got a letter from Amil, and now he's in. Asked for more info, and he got it. He failed to give his unit.

JOHN F. STUCKEY, 8910 Zane Trail, Road, Circleville, OH 43113 of Co. I, 142nd is another new one lassoed by Amil.

ALBERT VOIGT, P.O. Box 5, Addicks, TX 77410 of Svc. Co., 141st Inf., was zeroed in by hard-working Zeb Sunday (the pride of Pasadena) and former VP of 143rd.

EARVIN F. IVY, 1220 Bramble Avenue, Farmington, N.M. 87401, former S/Sgt. same outfit. **FRANCIS BAKER**, 26 Oak St., Corinth, N.Y. 12822, formerly of Cannon Co., 143rd.

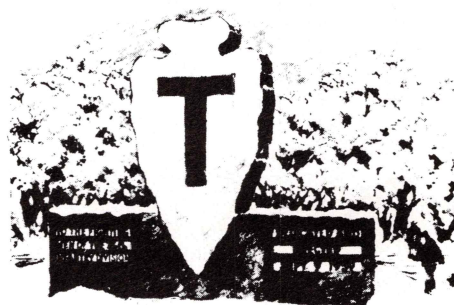
TONEY SPARACINO, 1952 Dodge, N.W., Warren, OH 44485 of Co. D, 143rd Inf., was rounded up by James H. Stockes, Jr., 1971 Longfellow Dr., N. Fort Myers, Fla. 33903 who is our current VP of 142nd.

GORDEON M. GAFFORD, M.D., 414 S.E. First St., Mineral Wells, TX 76067 of Med. Detachment, 142nd joined up after some friendly persuasion by Tony Pellerin of Port Arthur.

Story of Texas Guard In June Texas Parade

TEXAS PARADE, June 1977 issue has a cover story on Texas's Weekend Army (National Guard) who have 15,789 persons in 178 companies in 117 locations in Texas, also the Air National Guard under state control with 2,998 men in 35 units in seven locations. The Texas Guard is headed-up by an ex-T-Patcher, Maj. Gen. Thomas Bishop, who was re-appointed Adjutant General in 1973, after having served previously for seven years. The story is quite controversial, but I recommend you get a copy, and judge for yourself.

36th Memorial Monument At Austin Dedicated Nov. 11, 1959



We've had several requests for us to tell our new members the facts about the T-Patch Monument that appears on our msathead. This is quite a story, but her's a condensed version.

This 11' high granite monument is located on the west side of the State Capitol grounds in Austin. It represents alot of work and effort on the part of many who worked on it. Number 1, getting the right to put it there. (It ain't easy to get something on the Capitol grounds).

After approval by the State, Col. Oran Stovall was the head honcho on this, since he is an engineer of renoun. It was dedicated on Nov. 11, 1959 at 11:30 AM, climaxing a Veteran's day parade with Governor Price Daniels delivering the dedicatorial address. This impression stone cost \$4,250.00 (1959 prices) and stands in remembrance of the heroes who gave their lives in both World Wars while wearing the world-famous T-Patch shoulder insignia of the 36th Division.

Association president, Lee Allison had invited all T-Patchers to attend this much-to-be-remembered ceremony.

If you visit Austin, make a note to stop by and see this impressive memorial. It is one of a kind, done in a manner that reflects the dedication of the men of the 36th Division.

Something New: Workers For Memberships To Be Appointed by State

Here's another great suggestion from J. J. Finan, the 'Rock of Chick Chickamauga,' says we ought to have a 'state' membership chairman. One interested T-Patcher from each state to carry the ball, help Amil in the great roundup of drop-outs and strays. Great idea!

To start the deal . . . Finan has officially been appointed head honcho for the TAR HEELS of Carolina. He has dug up alot of lost souls, so he might as well take it now.

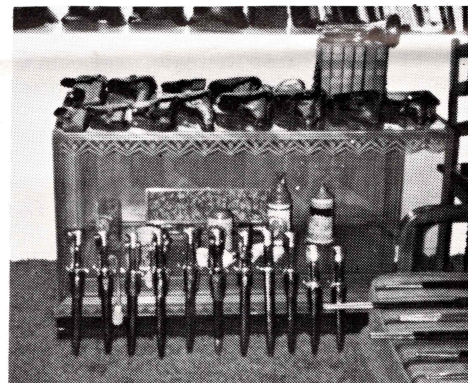
Here's some more: OHIO — James Norton, 27904 Lincoln Road, Bay Village, OH 44140 (111th Engrs).

KENTUCKY: Gerald G. Groneman, 516 Kyles Lane, Covington, KY 41011 (36th Signal).

The name of the Game is NEW MEMBERS. These guys will shake the bushes for strays and dropouts, and plain 'lost' T-Patchers. So let's get going, men!



GROUND-BREAKING on the state capitol grounds, from left is Gen. Carl Phinney, Ernest O. Thompso, William Martin and handsome young Oran Stovall. These are the men who put together the fabulous 36th Division Memorial Monument in Austin, 1959.



War Trophies To Be On Display At Dallas

A special exhibit of Nazi artifacts will be on display at the Dallas Reunion, on the second floor, near all the unit Cp's.

Here you'll see one of the great collections in the entire nation. Daggers, pistols, medals, flags, standards, full dress uniforms on dummies (no not you). We all know how flamboyant the Nazis were with their brand of display, and you'll see 'em all in Dallas.

This is part of a major project which will someday be in museum style. It has been put together by two executives of Dallas, who really have something. They are: Ben Curtis and Ben Swearingen (see Jan. 1976 issue) and the story about their \$40,000 Goering Cutlass.

IF YOU HAVE anything you'd like to sell along these lines, bring it to Dallas, and they'll buy it, top dollar and spot cash. SEE THIS in Dallas — Labor Day weekend!

General Walker's Last Reunion With Some Great Engineers



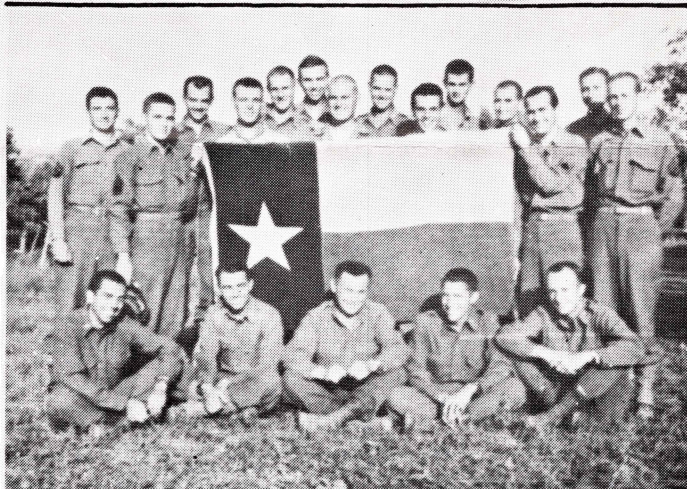
LOUISIANA MANEUVERS 1942, both of Co. H, 143rd, at left — R. Cossanat, and L. Robert Higgins, who sent in this photo. Higgins operates his own Waterwell Drilling Co., Route 1, Merkel, Tx. Thanks.



RARE PHOTO indeed. This gathering took place in Fort Worth at the Blackstone Hotel, 1969. At left is Henry A. Geer, Gen. Walker, Col. Oran Stovall and Judd Sessions. The large, framed crest of 111th Engineers was designed and fabricated by Geer's wife, Mary Jane. Henry Geer joined the Hq. & Svc Co. of 111th at Port Arthur TX Nov. 25, 1940. He was a Warrant Officer, and served Judd Session, his company commander (shown here). This photo was sent in by Col. Stovall of Bowie, TX., who reports that Henry Geer died May 23, 1977 at San Diego, CA., services at El Camino Park with full military honors. This makes Stovall the only one left. Gen. Walker died in Sept. 1969, only weeks after the reunion; Judd Session died in the early 1970's.



Men of Co. B, 111th Engineers, packed and ready to pull out. From left — Wm. Woodruff, Larry Ford, Troyce Reich, the late Orbie B. 'Bull' Thomas and Vernon Bright. Photo sent in by Mrs. Lovie M. Thomas, Rt. 3, Box 1054, Burseson, TX 76028 (widow of Orbie) and she sends her best wishes to the Engineers.



RABAT, North Africa 1943 — the Adj. Gen. Section, Division Hqs., proudly display the Lone Star of Texas. Sitting from left: Harry Kelton, (-), John J. Deane, John W. Page and Grant King. Standing: James W. Jenkins, William Hasbrook, Lewis E. Bailey, Otto Anderson, John C. Kelsor, H. C. Gembler, Bill Steger, Donald C. McClanahan, Willie D. McBride, Harold Long, Curtis C. Hector, (-) and Harold E. Schwartz. Photo sent in by Bill Steger.



It's a No-No for an editor of any publicatin to run a picture of himself. But I'll break the rules this time. The above — Jan. 1943 in Boston, and that big bronze sign says — THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK, Statler Branch. Since we ran out of booze at the Staler Hotel, I went to the FIRST National for cash and no deal, so who says No. 2 ain't bad (they try harder) . . . and the party went on. There must be a moral in here somewhere. If you don't believe that sign says "SECOND," get a magnifying glass. (That's the first — 'Second National' I ever heard of).

MOTHER LODE of Maps, Data Received From General Adams

Col. Oran Stovall, our great Division Historian, spends alot of time and effort in pursuit of gathering rare documents, maps, stories etc., about the exploits of the great 36th Division.

Now, the big one. Gen. Paul Adams had assembled all his data, maps etc., that he personally carried while commanding the 143rd RCT in WWII, and sent them to Stovall. A giant cubic foot of rare history, and Stovall will compile, and later place them in the Texas State Archives at Austin, where along with all of other data will be preserved — for future historians.

We all owe alot to these two men. Stovall for asking for it, and Gen. Adams for turning it over to us for the ages. THANKS!!!



SPRINGTIME in the Rockies '77. Here's Col. Lee Beahler, 3217 Gladiola Dr., Colorado Springs, Colo., who was a 1st Louie with 111th Engineers in WWII, later became something of a hero in Korea, commanding Co. D, 2nd Engineers on the retreat from the Lake area, got the DSC; shoulda gotten the Medal of Honor, said his Infantry Commander. Stovall sent in Photo, and thanks.

Joel Peters Welcomes All Artillerymen

Dear T-Patchers:

This is the year, Dallas '77 for Artillerymen. I'll be lookin' foward to seeing you at the C.P., Queen Guinevere Room, Royal Coach Motor Inn. Make it your home away from home, and we'll listen to all your wild stories and tell some of our own. Round up your buddies and head for Dallas. Even "Six Pack Annie" will drop by, for a quick one.

Sincerely, Joel Peters,
V/P Division Artillery.
1400 N. 10th Box 33, La Porte, TX 77571

If You Misplaced Your Royal Coach Room Reservation Card . . . Here's Another One

If you have misplaced the complete mailing sent out by Amil in July, and can't find the hotel reservations card, then use this one, it is a reduced duplicate of same. Notice the **deadline** for room reservations is Aug. 12th . . . so send it in and start PACKIN'

36th Infantry
Div.
"T-Patch" Reunion



Bunfey's Royal Coach Motor Hotels
3800 WEST NORTHWEST HIGHWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS 75220

ONE PERSON \$22
TWO PERSONS \$26
ONE BEDROOM SUITE \$65
TWO BEDROOM SUITE \$85
ROYAL SUITE or BI-LEVEL (On availability)

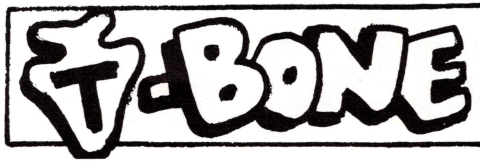
- Children Free (with adult)
- Transportation available to Airports
- 2 p.m. Check out time
- Reservations held until 6 p.m. local time
- Extra person in room \$8

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Name(s) Additional Person(s) sharing room _____

Will Arrive _____ Date _____ Time _____
Will Depart _____ Date _____ Time _____

YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 8/12/77

San Antonio Chapter



This gang of T-Patchers in the Alamo City have something cookin' all the time. They also have a monthly newsletter called T-Bone, written and mailed by Mac Acosta, and it's a good rag. Here are some items from July 1st issue:

Twenty-three guys showed up for our last meeting, since we have 102 paid-up members this means we had 22.5% attendance. Here are the names of the members that showed up:

Harry McGowan, Bob Von Toussaint, Rudy Alexander, Martin Dominquez, Marvin Steitle, Willard Waddell, Phil F. Marx Jr., Harold S. Dullnig, Pat J. Osborn, Fred L. Garcia, Frank Alfano, Roy A. Young, Alvino M. Machado, Charles Walter Keller Jr., Lorenzo J. Covarrubias, Burnie R. Hall, Mac Acosta, John Powers, Leo P. Simon, Concepcion Sanchez, Otto C. Neider, Glenn R. Marple, and James A. Meehan.

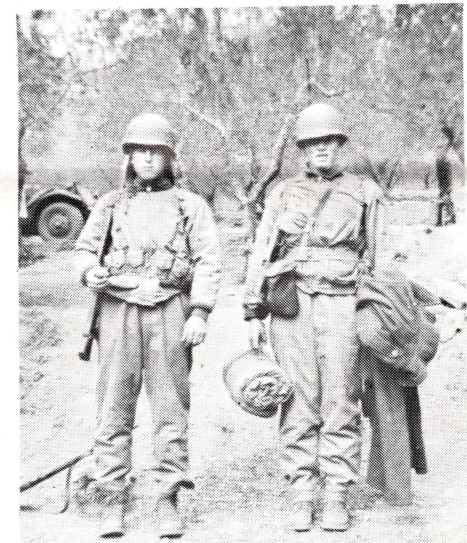
I have received several cards from Lorenzo Covarrubias, Co. F. 141 Infantry, he said he was enroutte to a company reunion, he didn't say where the reunion was to take place, but his last card came from Chicago. "Good luck to you Lorenzo wherever you are."

John "Arab" Powers, 736 Ord., has had his hands full getting things ready for the Chili-Cook-Off, he says "Don't sweat it, all systems are go." "Fuzzy" McIhany will be the Chef, Pat Osborn is furnishing the field range and the rest of us will be KP's.

SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO
1978 Labor Day!



LOUISIANA piney woods. Paul I. Wells, a good soldier, knowing the importance of field sanitation, gets ready to take a field bath after a long, hard day. Photo sent in by Albert L. Nemic, LTC Ret., former CO of 36th Signal.



VENAFRO, Italy, Nov. 1943 — ready to go back in the line: William B. Wines, 3811 First St., Des Moines, Iowa (at left) and Irving A. Merrill, 1323 W. 7th St., Spencer, Iowa 51301, both of 36th Recon. Photo sent in by Merrill, and our thanks.



CAMP BOWIE, three 36th Signalmen getting ready for a hike. From left — John Clark, John Derek and Ralph Lowe. Another one from Albert Nemic, former CO of Signal Co.

PROFILE

Rest Camps, PX Rations, Movies Courtesy 36th Special Service

This little vignette about the Division Special Services Section is designed to inform some troopers, who may not have known where, how and why they got some of the goodies, that were great for the morale, and greatly appreciated I am sure.

Like Movies, those U. S. O. Shows, those special PX rations, cigarettes and beer, and the 5000 Swiss watches, the arrangements and operation of Rest Camps, just to name a few.

This unique section was ably headed by Major Ben O. Wilson, Jr., with the late Capt. Theodore J. Nykiel. The crew of EM's was small, but each one were colorful in their own right.

Since the overseas 'T-Patch' was also another function of this section, it was pleasure to have been under command of these two officers.

For example. All those U.S.O. shows (Marlene and Mickey Rooney, Bogart and others) were assigned to 36th from 5th Army through Corp., and so someone had to see that they were properly handled. Of course, Col. Stovall and his Engineers always were on he spot to build a stage, (and special sandbox for female performers).

And the Red Cross and those great gals, and their amazing doughnut machines all came to you via Spec/Svc. (I'll never forget seeing that load of 30,000 cans of beer stacked six feet deep and a mile long).

Remember when a wrist watch would bring a fortune, and were scarce as hell? It was the ingenuity of this section to obtain (via secret mission) 5000 Swiss watches which were allocated to all units. And that great Rest Camp at Baine Les Baine, France was set up and operated for the troops by Special Service.

If my memory serves me right, the EM's included 3 yankees: Bob Roccio of the Bronx, Sam Snyder and Ben Jones of New Jersey; H. E. Presnall of Olney, TX; Lee Sibley of Dallas and Sam Miles of Austin.

Ben Wilson owns Wilson's TrueValue Hardware, 230 E. King St., Kingsville, TX 78363, Ted Nykiel died a year ago in Chicago.



Kaufbeuren, Austria 1945 hill-top high, and a relaxed Maj. Ben F. Wilson and some of his fellow officers from Div. Hqs. Wilson was Div. Special Services Officer.

PHOTO at right, is Capt. Theodore J. Nykiel, ex-officer of Spc. Svc. with the mobile sound truck. This durable vehicle shows marks from some shelling taken at Wissembourg.



AHH, man this is livin'. Here's that famous hot mineral water pool at the Baine Les Baine 36th Division Rest Camp. Remember, there's lotsa snow outside when this pix was made by the US Army Signal Corp., 5th Army, and was released for statewide distribution to all major newspapers. This Rest Camp was just one of the many facilities operated by 36th Special Service Section, Division Hqs.

SHORT SNORTS

Gerald G. Groneman (36th Signalman) live at 516 Kyles Lane, Covington, KY 41011 sends in a grim report of the Beverly Hills fire at Southgate, which is next door to his home town. Says he lost one member of his church and one of the musicians in the band were from Covington. A terrible tragedy with 163 lives lost.

This reminded your rovin' reporter of the Boston Cocoonut Grove fire of 1942, when 484 perished in that fire-trap. Lucky me, had been in the joint only weeks before his holocaust.

Our good buddies, the Thunderbirds of the 46th Division will have their 32nd annual reunion in Oklahoma City, Aug. 25-27 at the Hilton Inn West (I40). Hope some of our Okie T-Patchers will drop by for a quickie. A tour of their fabulous Museum will be one of the highlights.

Score another one for J. J. Finan, that Tar Heel reporter of Ralieg, found the name of STANLEY OWENS, sent it to Cliff Torrence, who rounded up same. Stanley gets mail at: RDI Box 20, Mineral Point, PA 15942, joins up and says he was FO for Co. M, 143rd mortar platoon. Welcome to the clan, Owens!



CAMP BOWIE 1941, at left is William S. Yeary and G. N. Wolf, Jr., both of Med. Det., 2nd Bn., 141st Inf. Pix sent in by Wolf, of 62 Sueann, Lampasas, TX 76550.

Heard from

GEORGE E. 'Red Legs' Echols, 609 Gulf St., San Antonio, TX 78202 sends in a couple of **HERD FRUMS** . . . **Albert Shanklin**, an ex-Sgt. of 133rd FA Regmt'l Hqs. battery, address: 2814 Blanco Rd., San Antonio TX 78215. Also sends in: **Howard Neper**, ex-Sgt. of Svc. Co. 141st Inf., is now chief of security for Gillespie Ford, cars & trucks and Jeep. Neper's home address: 223 West High St., San Antonio, TX 78210, would like to hear from old buddies.

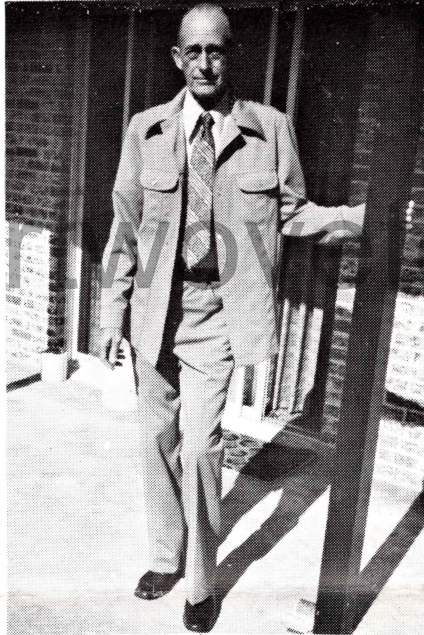
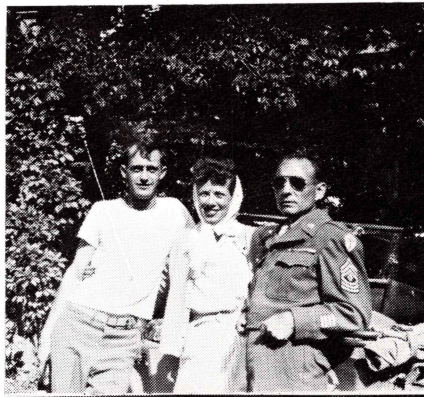
RUDY L. KOVACEVIC, Box 614, DePue, Ill. 61322 of 3rd Bn., 143rd sends in dues for '78, with regrets he cannot be in Dallas. Rudy hurt his back at work last year, and has to take it easy. Says he likes the T-Patcher very much. Thanks.

TONY PELLERIN of Port Arthur sends in two more: **FORREST M. GUMPER**, Box 1147, Dalhart, TX 79022 of Svc. 143rd; and **E. L. COWART**, 3434 W. Brookview, Apt. 764, Waco, TX 76710 of Btry A, 131st FA Bn.

MILTON J. WINKLER, Box 532, Katy, TX 77450 served with 142nd Inf., sends in a note that his buddy, **W. J. Bill Hube**, of 141st was elected to the Katy City Council in the April municipal elections.

THOMAS T. ATKINS, Jr., Rt. 4, Box 208B, Williamsburg, VA 23185 writes to Amil for information about the 36th. He got it.

GLENN BEVERS, 515 Plateau Dr., NW, Roseburg, OR 97470 sent in dues for 2 years and some more for payments of others, would like to hear from **Lee Allison**, **Jack T. Cone**, **James Poole**, or anyone from his hometown of **Gainesville, TX** which was homeplate for Co. D, 111th Medical Bn.



THEN AND NOW. Top pix taken in Italy 1944, and at right is **Billy K. Skidmore**, with 'Dot' the Red Cross gal and **Sgt. Abe Spangler**, both of Hqs. Btry 132nd F. A. Now — **Billy Skidmore** 1976 foto, is Texas Power & Light Manager of Kaufman, where he resides at 1104 Crestview (75142). **Spangler** gets mail — Rt. 1, Trenton, TX 75490. Thanks, **Billy**. Don't forget 'Splendor in the Grass'.

John J. Pershing Memorial Underway at Laclede, Missouri

Here's something of interest to T-Patchers of WWI who served under General of the Aries, **John J. Pershing**. There's a Memorial Museum underway at **Laclede, Missouri**.

Why did they pick this town? **Laclede** was the boyhood home of **General Pershing**. Also he has recently been named one of the ten greatest military leaders of all times.

The other 9 include: **Alexander the Great**; **Hannibal**; **Napoleon**; **Robert E. Lee**; **Ulysses S. Grant**; **George Washington**; **William Tecumseh Sherman**; **Sir Harold Alexander** and **Field Marshall Erwin Rommel**. (I'd call this a rather select club).

We wrote and got all the info, so if you too are a War buff . . . write to:

Pershing Memorial Museum Development Fund, Pershing Drive, P.O. Box 177, Laclede, MO. 64651.

Unit Reunions



Men of 143rd Have Big Bar-B-Que Reunion in Waco June 11th

The annual gathering of the members of the 143rd Inf. Association was held at the former **James Connally AFB Clubhouse** on Saturday, June 11, 1977. As usual, the bar-b-que was outstanding to go along with all the fine fellowship that prevailed in swapping "War Stories" and renewing old acquaintances. 145 members and wives were present.

President **Bob Scott** (former 1st Sgt. Regt. Hq. Co.) welcomed all who were present and recognized **Julian Phillips**, President of the 36th Division Association who made appropriate remarks including reminding all present of the forthcoming 36th Div. Association annual meeting to be held in **Dallas (Royal Coach Inn)** on the Labor Day weekend. Old faithful **Amil Kohutek** and wife were present.

During the business meeting election of officers for the next year was conducted and the following were elected:

- President: **BG David Frazier**
- Vice President: **Joe Fitts**
- Secretary: **Major Rufus Cleghorn**
- Treasurer: **Robert Chudej**
- Sgt.-at-Arms: **Tom (Speck) Head**

111th Medics Meet Again in Gainesville


T-Patchers of the 111th Medical Bn., meet June 4th at the **VFWS Post** in **Gainesville, TX**. Winner of the long-distance award was **ED BASS** of **Washington, D.C.**


John M. Hardy, the original old company commander was also present. Great food was prepared by **Lou and Bill Cullum**, and money received for same, was donated to the 36th Div. Assn. for membership dues for those unable to pay. **Amil Kohutek**, representing the Assn., was on hand (his second), reports that it was a good turnout and everyone had a good time. They'll do it again next year, first Saturday in June.

THE TEXAS ARMY

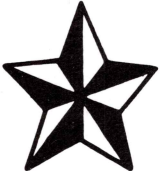
The Texas Army, **Robert L. Wagner's** book about the gallant T-Patchers in the Italian Campaign is rapidly being sold out. When these are gone there won't be any more. No paperback edition. Plus, the last fifty copies will be sold at a premium. The last chance for the present \$10.50 price will probably be Reunion time in Sept. '77, so get yours while they are still at the old price.

ROBERT L. WAGNER
P.O. Box 13488, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711





NOTICE



By Official
Legislative Resolution

CHILI

Has Been Declared
The State Food of Texas!

Alot of our Yankee brothers probably are not aware of the great earth-shaking news that came out of Austin lately. The State lawmakers passed a bill — proclaiming **CHILI** the official State Food of Texas. That's big news, cause we all know that it started probably in San Antonio a hundred plus years ago. And, the Santone boys didn't take it lightly. The S/A Chapter, headed by **John 'Arab' Powers** and helpers will enter the **Chili Cookoff** in **San Marcos** next month for the finals to be held in October for the **World Championship 'Wick Fowler Memorial' Cookoff**. We hope the T-Patchers win — with a bowl of **RONDO RED**.

LETTERS

Dear Amil:

Upon return to my permanent home address after 15 years, I found T-PATCHER mail that was not forwarded to me.

I've retired from active duty with 30 years service, and trying to adjust to civilian life again. I wish to say that of ALL the units I have been assigned to, the 36th was the best!

I am proud to have been a member of the best fightin' unit ever assembled. I served with 7th Inf. Div. in Korea; th 4th Inf., Div. in Vietnam and I ALWAYS WORE my T-Patch. It was like a "good luck charm" to me. My T-Pach is still on my uniforms. Enclosed is ch. for membership.

CHARLES A. CASTANIA, 541 Sherman St.,
Johnstown, PA 15901
(Co. I, 142nd Infantry).

Dear Amil:

Here's dues for Dr. Gordon Gafford, who was located solely through our "Letter to the Editor," which must prove something. Heard from one of our biggest boosters of the Fightin' 36th . . .

Jack Smyth, Edgewater Apt. No. 2, RD 5, Latrobe, PA 15650. He sent to us names and addresses of 19 newspapers in Pennsylvania; and we mailed announcements to all. This is an effective way to find the 'lost' T-Patchers.

Jack Finan of Raleigh, N.C. 'Ole Rock' and CO of Co. I, 142nd and is trying to find an ole buddies (Lt) Evan McIlrath of Co. F, 142nd, last known address — Evanston, Ill. Can anyone help.

Tony Pellerin, 3731 Avalon,
Port Arthur, TX 77640
Co. H, 142nd Inf.

Dear Amil,

Last Saturday I attended the annual Convention of the Department of Delaware, Reserve Officers Association, at the Dover Air Force Base. I have been secretary of the Delaware Department for longer than I care to dig into; however, it was my pleasure to meet while there a delegation of R.O.A. from the State of New York Department and while in conversation the presence of one man seemed to send special vibrations to me. I somehow had the feeling that he had been in the 36th Division and before seeing the T Patch on his uniform I found out this was so. We had a long and interesting conversation about many related interests. I discovered however that he has not been in touch with the 36th Division Association.

Please note this name and forward to him whatever you can so he can be put on the rolls and keep up to date with the activities of the 36th . . .

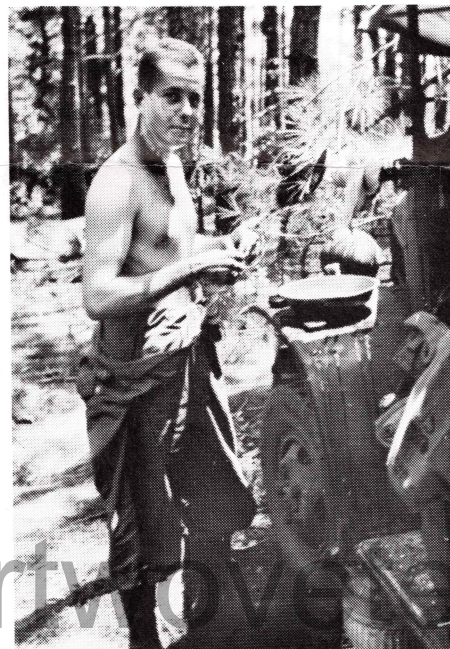
Col. B. Edward Lavender, P.E.,
84-12 168th Place,
Jamaica, N.Y. 11432

Best to you, and thanks.

Jack Hawkins, 160 Christiana
Rd.
New Castle, DE 19720.



COLD CAMP EDWARDS, here's two close buddies: WO John Grashoff, of San Antonio, and Lt. Mercaldo of Butler, PA., probably planning a trip to Providence or Boston. Pix from Albert L. Nemic, former CO of 36th Signal.



LOUISIANA Maneuvers: Handsome Joe Alston of San Antonio taking his daily shave, using 36th Signal truck's rearview mirror. Tess McCray reports that Joe is currently a big TV personality in Santone. Another pix from Al Nemic.

FLASH . . . what kind of beer would you expect a good Texan to drink? Well, to be real loyal to the great state, your committee for the scroungin' of beer. has chosen LONE STAR as the official suds for the Dallas Reunion, according to a report from one Bill Steger of Dallas who is responsible for this. Would you believe a carload? Visit your CP and see for yourself. Remember, you can go far, with a LONE STAR!



W. L. MELTON, 6110 Flaming Oaks Circle, Norman, OK 73071 another new one from 36th Signal Company.

JOHN W. PADDY, 2216 Ast. N.E., Miami, OK 74354 joins up, he walked with Co. G, 142nd Infantry. Amil got 'em.

DWIGHT W. BAKER, 310 Darbyview Drive, West Jefferson, OH 43162 of Co. H, 142nd Infantry.

B. EDWARD LAVENDER, 84-12 168th Place, Jamaica, N.Y. 11432 of Co. M, 141st Infantry joins up.

WILLIAM P. HENDERSON, 95A Harper Drive, Turtle Creek, PA., 15145 served with 142nd Medical Det., attached to Co. G.

DANIEL W. CELENTANO, 11679 Katherine, Taylor, Mich. 48180 of Co. M, 141st Infantry is a new one. Welcome!

GEORGE A. SELLARD, 20 Bacus Ave., Durango, Colo. 81301 walked with Co. K, 141st joins up.

WILLIAM H. KAVANAUGH, 6628 Aintree Park Drive, No. 103, Mayfield Village, OH 44143 comes in. Another 36th Division Signalman. RALPH TRAPAS, 115 48-114 Place, South Ozone Park, N.Y. 11420 of Try. C, 131st F. A. Bn. joins up.

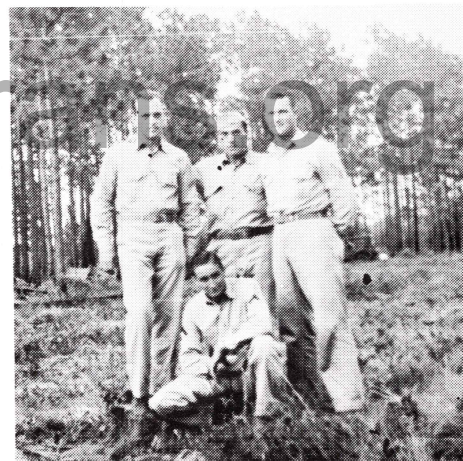
ALBERT BILSKI, 401 Florence, Tomball, TX 77375 comes in clan, served with Btry. B, 132nd F.A. Bn.

RICHARD T. MESKELL, 1373 Killian St., Daytona Beach, Fla. 32014 walked with Co. D, 143rd Infantry.

GLENN B. BEVERS, 515 Plateau Drive NW, Roseburg, Ore. 97470 served with 36th Quartermasters, four years.

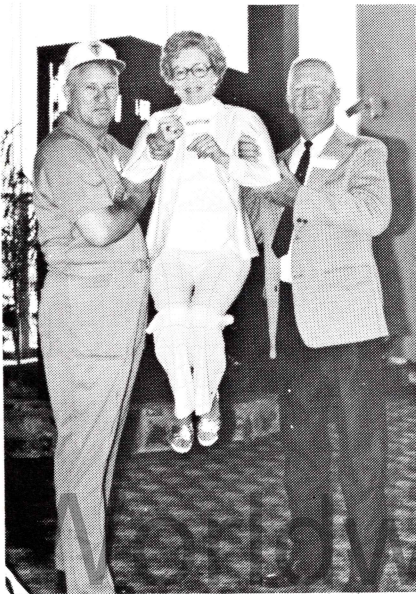
T. T. PHILLIPS, Jr., 2638 Gulf Life Tower, Jacksonville, Fla. 32207 is another new one for 36th Signalmen . . . the hottest thing goin'.

PAUL G. BENEDICT, 4667 Woodlawn, Wichita Falls, TX 76308 is one more of the flood of 36th Signal Co., men who have joined up the past six months. Bully!



NORTH CAROLINA Maneuvers, these 143rd Anti-Tankers are all cleaned up and ready for some action. At left is Buddy Shields, Joe Messtechkin, Dutch Kohler, and kneeling is ole Archie McDugal of Waco, TX. Pix from Del W. Kendall, 1665 Jefferson St., Muskego, MI 49441.

Troops Still Talking About Mid-West Reunion



MID WEST BASH, Pix at left — Julian and Lee Allison, two husky Texans, lift one small Yankee, who is better known as Mrs. Bill Nagel. Pix at right is the new Midwest officers: Bill Nagel, V/Pres.; Jim Norton, president and Bob Steinke, Secty/Treas. Congratulations, you guys are doing a great job in promoting the 35th Association.

That fast-growing Mid-West Chapter of the 36th Div. Assn., met in Overland Park, Kansas at the Holiday Inn, June 17-19th.

Their Thurs. nite Early Bird party was attended by 50. On Friday was the Welcome Party, and Sat. night Banquet was the big event. At the business meeting, outgoing officers were: Carl Peterson, pres. of 111th Engrs.; Jim Norton, V/P of 111th Engrs., and Bill Nagle, Secty/Treas. of Hqs. Co. 2nd Bn., 141st Inf. New officers for '77-'78: Norton moves up to pres., and Nagle to V/P., with Bob Steinke the new Secty/Treas.

Twelve states were represented: Texas, 21; Michigan, 22; Ohio, 6; PA, 2; Tennessee, 4; Illinois, 9; Indiana, 2, Kansas, 8; KY, 2; Missouri, 8, Minn. 4 and Okla. 2.

Assn. Pres. Julian H. Philips and wife and the Zeb Sundays attended and invited all to the 52nd annual reunion in Dallas.

Mid-West will meet next June at Cleveland, OH.

At left is a couple of 'first-timers', Edward and Donna Schultz of Oak lawn, Ill., of Co. D, 141st Infantry. Welcome!

Delegation from TEXAS, biggest ever (at right) turn out for the Mid West reunion, all 11 couples, and that's great. Mid West is growing each year, and next reunion will be in Cleveland. There's alot of T-Patchers in that area, if you don't belong . . . join up now!



Notice: If you cannot attend the Dallas Reunion, please send in your 1978 Dues Now . . . to Amil Kohutek, 1933 College St., Abilene, TX 79602. Your 1977 dues expires as of August 1977.



COUPLE OF PRESIDENTS: Here's Carl Peterson (from left) who put together the '77 Reunion, Ruby Philips, Katherine Peterson and Association president, Julian Philips. Photo made at the dinner dance, Holiday Inn, Overland Park, Kansas.



Albert O. Jarrell of Sanford, Fla., died May 3, '77, served with 36th QM, reported by Archie Harriett.

Foy C. Messer of Fort Worth died June 1975 as reported by Amil, with unit not given, but we believe he served with the old 133rd FA Regmt.

Lt. Col. Hubert Simons, 3508 Charlton, Waco TX 76711 died Aug. 1976, according to his wife, Mary Simons, who said "We never missed but one reunion." Hubert served with TNG and the 36th for 31 years.


Seeley P. Craine Hodges of Fort Worth died July 1976 as reported by his widow, Ann Huges. He served with Hq. Btry, 132nd FA Bn.

Robert Crispin of Rockwood, Mich., died May 1976, served with Co. E, 142nd Inf., as reported to Amil by his widow, Bea.

M. Chambers Peak, of Rockwall, TX died recently (no date given) served with 131st FA Bn.

Joseph La Russa of Houma, La., died Oct. 3, 1974, served with 36th Signal, and sent in by Paul Wells.

Curtis Harris, Rt. 2, Bx 456, Vernon TX 76384 passed away March 3, 1974, reported by his widow, but no unit was given.

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

Hardworking Steger Beckons All Men of Special Troops

ALL SPECIAL TROOP MEMBERS
36th Division Association

All road lead to Dallas for 1977 Reunion, September 1-4 are the dates and the place is the Royal Coach Inn, Dallas, Texas. Make your plans now so you will be ready when the time arrives. Motel people have everything in order and those guys you haven't seen in 30 years will be glad to shake your hand . . . second floor, Sir Bedivere Room.

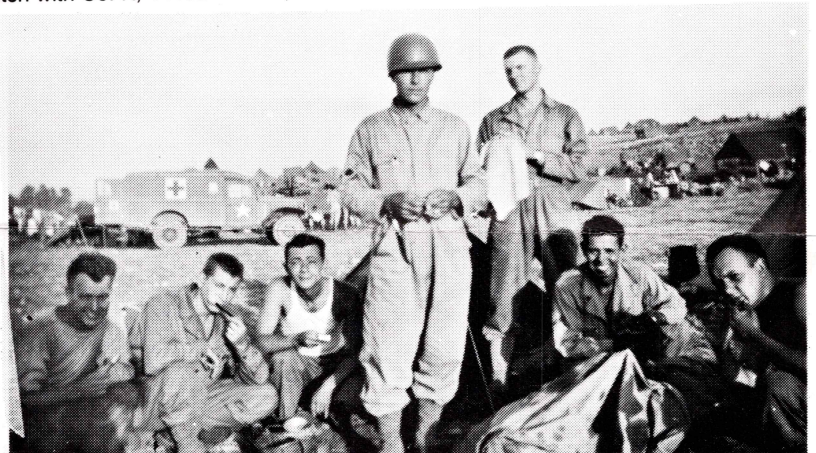
See you there,
Bill Steger
V-P Special Troops
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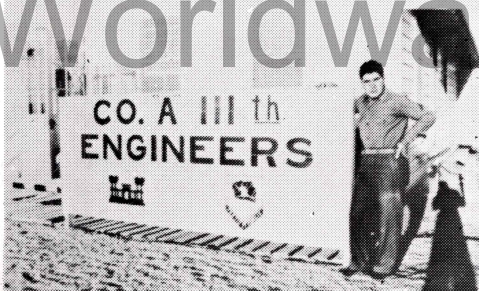
POSTWAR GERMANY: Here's Fred M. Graham (left) in Munich, July '45 of Div. Hqs. I & E section, and the sign says — 'Captured Enemy Materials #804'. At right is Harid Clark of Co. C, 143rd, same location. Note sign at top — '489th Ord. Evac. Co.' These pixs from Wm. H. Soth, Chateau Lafayette, Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583, who served in Div. Hqs., after a hitch with Co. K, 141st. Thanks, Bill.



The dapper man with the derby is none other than the ole maestro himself, Col. Oran Stovall, with a couple of his Engineers, both of whom live in Port Arthur. At left is Bernice Sadler (Mayor of Port Arthur) and Salvadore L. Mazzara, of Co. A, 111th Engineers, and if you look at foto below, you'll see Mazzara by the giant sign that probably, was made at Camp Bowie, cause that's where EVERYBODY made big signs and rock formations to spell out the name of the company. This one from Stovall.



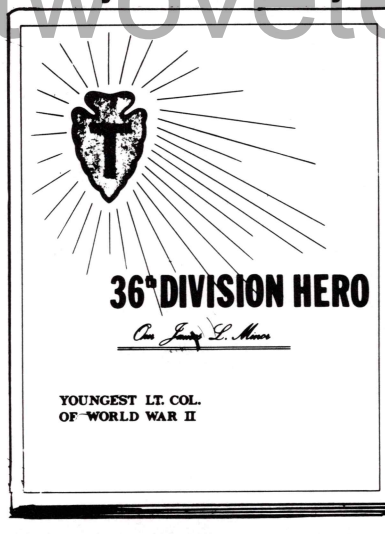
NEAR ST. LIEU; before the invasion of Salerno, Aug. 20, 1943. Here's men of 141st, from left: Curtz, Mechler, Wright, Clark and Kyser (standing), Rodriques and Prosel. Pix sent in by Joe Wright, 456 Spring Lane, SSS Ocala, Fla. 32670.



Here's A Few That Cannot Attend Reunion

STOP THE PRESSES: The following newsmakers will be unable to attend our Dallas Reunion — Anita Bryant, Billy Carter, Farrah Fawcett, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Howard Cosell, Eddie Stanky, the Boston Strangler and many others, too numerous to mention.

Jim Minor Book Now Ready For Delivery



As far as we know, this is a FIRST. Now available to the troops. Barbara Davidson has just completed some six months of work on a great paperback . . .

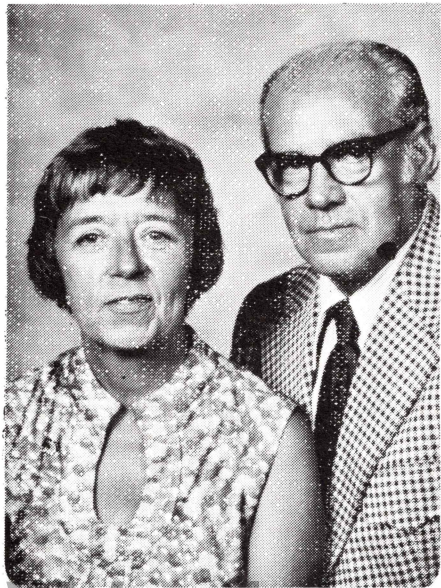
It's 64 pages, 8½ x 11", with lots of photos and stories . . . JAMES L. MINOR, 36th DIVISION HERO, Youngest Lt. Col. of World War II. It's a fine tribute to a great American soldier, who died last year.

There's lot of history in this one, and we feel many of our T-Patcher will want a copy. Copies will be on sale at the Co. B, 142nd East/West Reunion Aug. 6-7 in Coleman, and of course at the Dallas Reunion.

But don't wait, send your check for \$3.50 (includes postage) to

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This is a limited edition, so order now, we can guarantee that it is a mighty fine book you'll be proud to have.



A RARE SOUVENIR sent in by Del W. Kendall, 1665 Jefferson St., Muskegon, MI 49441. Del says, "In the vosges Mountains of France, this 20 Franc note was used as 'ID' purposes by the Underground. NOTE the head of Hitler, cut from a postal stamp and inserted in the rope's knot. An ingenious device from those 'Fightin' Frogs,' the French Forces of the Interior, known as the FFI, and pronounced F-F-E, naturally." Thanks, Kendall for this interesting bit of warfax.



HOPE TO SEE YOU
IN DALLAS.
JIM STOKES

Here's your host for the 142nd Infantry CP at Dallas. Jim Stokes and his charming wife will hold forth (with a fifth) for all T-Patchers, especially the men of 142nd.

Stokes has been a regular contributor with his cartoons, which he turns out in quantity, and his handcraft shown above means just that — "Hope To See You in Dallas" . . . so be there. Drop him a line and tell 'em you're coming . . . 1971 Longfellow Dr., N. Fort Myers, Fla. 33903.

DALLAS IS THE PLACE
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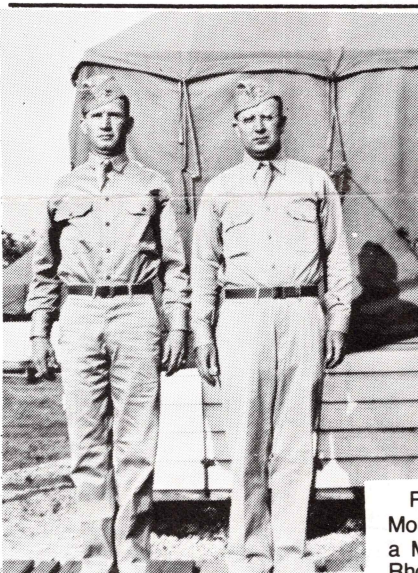


PHOTO at left: Camp Blanding 1942 — Here's Charles Morris and Joe Lamb, buddies of Co. G, 142nd. At right is a Mutt & Jeff: Carolina Maneuvers, 1942 — Charles Rhodes, Woodrow Eccard and Raymond Fryer, also Co. G, 142nd Inf. Both pix from Joe T. Lamb, 93 Pasadena Ave., Columbus, OH 43228, who served with Anti-Tank and Co. G, 143rd Inf. Thanks, Joseph.



ARMAND G. JONES, the great Spaghetti King of Fort Worth is shown above in this 1942 pix taken in Santone at his Uncle Al's house, where Armand just dropped by to see if he could 'borrow' that snazzy convertible ('41 Plymouth). Seems Armand told him he had a hot date, and needed the extra touch of class. He got it.

The Third And Last Invasion Of The
36th "Texas" Division

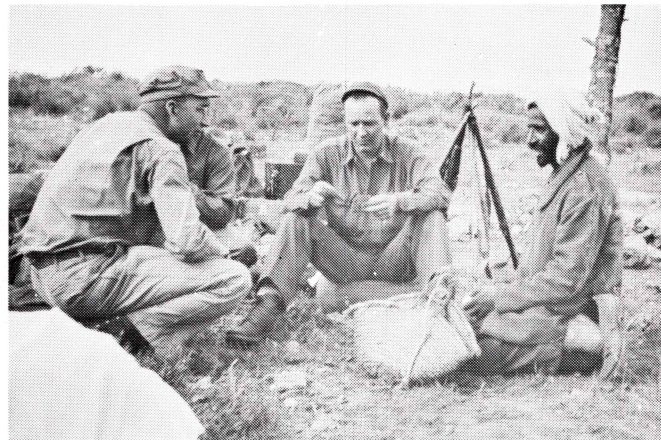


POST WAR POST CARD — Can't recall who sent it, but this one designed by W. White was distributed to all the troops of 36th, who were the 'late' ones to come back in the fall of 1945, months after V-J Day. Thanks, wherever U R.

Nemic Sends Photo Album of 36th Signal Co.



A sight to behold: Here's where the Sahara Desert begins, and these men of 36th Signal take a 10 minute break to absorb the view of mountains and desert, 125 south of Oran, Algeria in Spring of 1943. This was just one of many physical-endurance marches.



Carl O. Bennett and 'Doc' May of 36th Signal visit with a friendly A-Rab at the company bivouac outside Oran, the morning after disembarking from the ship the night before . . . the end of a 13 day voyage from New York.



CAMP EDWARDS, winter of 1943 (top pix) Message Center section of 36th Signal . . . they are, sitting from left: James Henson, James Kinney and Stan Wilt. BACK row: Albert Westmoreland, Lt. John Mercaldo, Charles Anderson, Robert Miller, Warren Reed and J. Edwards.

PHOTO ABOVE, from left: (also at Edwards) - Sam Bando, Archie Sawyer (KIA), Clarence Steele and Bonnie Gresham, are the telephone section crew installing CP phones during the winter maneuvers on the Cape. Photos courtesy Albert L. Nemic, 519 N. 62nd St., Waco, TX 76710, former C.O. of the 36th Signal Company, who are currently our fastest-growing unit in the Assn.

FINAN'S RAINBOW

Dear Julian:

When I became a member of the 36th Association I did not plan to make the Dallas Pow-Wow. You fellows and several others aroused my interest and that is what it takes to get high on the hobby horse. Then, I get a letter from Jimmy Curran, Easy Company, 142nd, and he is planning on Big "D". Jim and I were teammates in Captain Jimmy Barnett's outfit. AND I figured next year may be too late since the Good Lord takes us each day. We are born to die.

Top Kick Jessie C. Stroud, Route 2, Holland, Texas. My Top Kick in Company "I", 143rd. I addressed a warm letter to Jessie and his brother, S/Sgt. William H. Stroud, same address — no reply after 30 days — letter was not returned. I am disappointed but I will not give up the ship.

Do you have any info regarding William A. Crawford, Medal of Honor? Private in Company "I", 142nd. WWII address — 1812 Jones Street, Pueblo, Colorado. He is listed as MIA — Captured. Twelve T-Patch members live in Colorado and perhaps one of them will do some leg work on Crawford.

AND I got in touch with Otto Goldstein, Dentist in 142nd: He mentioned that he sees Robert Cromwell now and then in New York City. Bob and I were teammates (cell-mates) at OCS. After my second letter Otto sent me Bob's address and now I have to get Bob in the group. He was a Looie in Bn, Hqrs, 142nd — from Arizona (former home) to NYC.

J. Jack Finan, The Rock of Chickamauga
758 E. Whitaker Mill Rd., Raleigh, NC 27608



SNYDER, TX, right after mobilization 1941 — Here's T. B. Roberts and Jack Starns of Co. G, 142nd lookin' around on a weekend pass. That sign 'ROOMS' lists 50c, 75c and \$1.00. How 'bout that? Pix from T. B. Roberts who got out on the over-age deal in 1942, he'd joined the TNG in 1938. Thanks.

We Were Like A Bunch of Gypsies, Says John

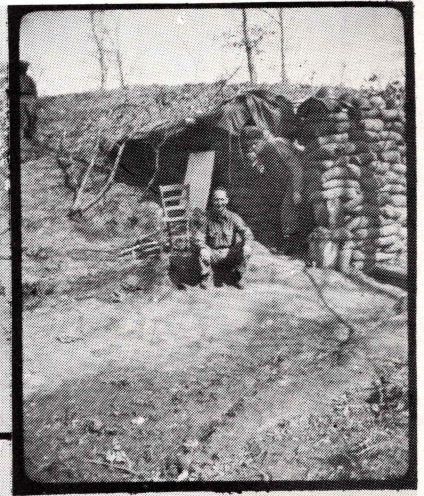
John H. Schweitzer, 410 Adam Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150 who sent in the 3 photos shown here, added this explanation about the Signalmen.

"the 36th R&I Platoon were like a bunch of Gypsies. Very seldom out of action, and I guess we were attached to nearly every outfit in Italy, French and British included, at one time or another," John said.

"at Anzio we were attached to the British in the N W sector. We were sent to the beachhead in early April and reunited with 36th Signal, just before the pushout for Rome in May," Schweitzer continued.

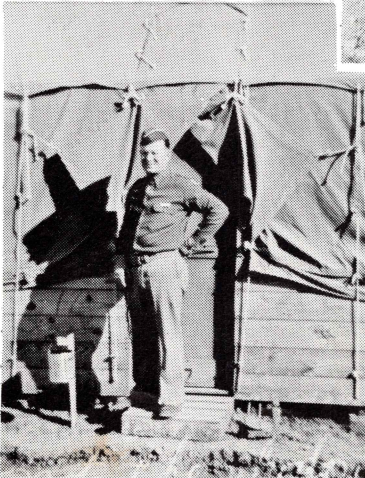
"I am a Ham Operator K2LRH, having made use of my signal corps. training," John concluded.

TOP LEFT PIX: 36th Signal, Anzio May '44 . . . from left — standing: Sgt. Wm. Powell, and three British Sgts., front is John Schweitzer and another Limey. Top right, 36th dugout is Sgt. Wilber Mason and John Schweitzer, and sitting on a live torpedo that beached one morning at Anzio right in front of their dugout, is John Schweitzer of Tonawanda, NY who was kind enough to send them in. (These Signal guys are hot!)



ABOVE: "Henda Ober Das Kopf" says Wilhelmi, with the Kraut helmet. Other men of AT 143rd are: steinhauser, Lt. Ninnis, Lt. Ogburn and Johnny Holt, in Vosges Mountains, Oct. 1944.

Right: "Got it made" at 236th Gen. Hospital, Epinal, France April '45, that's ole Del Kendall with his arm around Lt. nurse Nichols, the other 2 dogfaces are not identified. Kendall served with at 143rd Inf.



CAMP BOWIE Brownwood, Texas 1941 — Here's Capt. Tom Clay, CO of Co. G, 142nd Infantry. Pix sent in by T. B. Roberts, Rt. 3, 900 Crockett St., Burleson TX 76028. It's only one Lone Star Beer from Burleson to Fort Worth, so bring us some more, and thanks T. B.

TAPS

Col. Ben M. Primer, of Austin, Texas died Dec. 8, 1976, was Division Surgeon at Div. Hqs., reported by his widow, Mildred, 2401 Bluffview Dr., Austin, TX 78704.

James Morris, Waterford, Mich., of Co. C, 111th Engineers died Jan. 14, '77, according to Herman Zerger, of Co. I, 141st of Woodsfield, OH, who was a buddy and a brother-in-law.

Walter J. Payne, of Pittsburg, PA passed away Dec. 1974, according to report from his widow. Payne served with Co. I, 143rd Inf.

Ralph M. Heidtman, of Co. A, 144th Infantry died April 16, 1977 in El Paso, according to letter from his widow to Amil.

Albert O. Suessmuth, Lt. Col., of Houston, a Life Member of the 36th, passed away Feb. 22, 1977, was with the 143rd Infantry.

Jack E. Finks, of Co. C, 111th Quartermaster Regmt., we regret we have not time and place of his departure.

Adolph Pollak, of Temple Texas died April 1977, served with Co. D, 143rd, reported to Amil by Hubert Houston.

G.W.T. Kearsley of Oakridge, Tenn., died April 29, 1977, was member of Btry. B, 132nd in World War I.

Doss A, Dulaney of Houston died May 4, '77 (Co. M, 141st) according to his widow, Eunice, who sent along ck. for dues so that she could continue to get the Patcher.

Troy Moreland (Co. C, 142nd) of Ballinger TX, died June 1, '77 as reported by Amil.

Charles W. Walton of Fort Worth died May 10, '77, served with Service Co., 144th Infantry.

Carol O. Bennett of Dallas (36th Signal), no date given.

Lee H. Foster, age 88, of Co. E, 143rd Inf. WWI. He was a retired mail carrier (37 years), avid civic worker for his home town, Crockett, Texas.

Charles E. Spangler, Kingswood, W. Va., of Co. L, 143rd died Feb. 1974 according to his widow, Kathelene. Spangler made the 1973 Houston Reunion.

