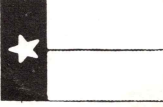
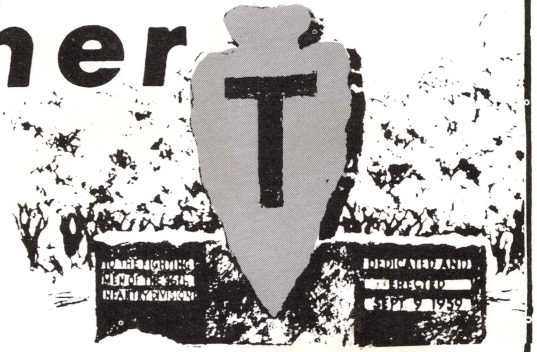


Mayor of Dallas Bids Welcome to T-Patchers

The T-Patcher

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MAY 1977

Make Dallas Your Palace Labor Day Weekend



General Paul Adams To Address General Assembly at 52nd Annual 36th Reunion

The prime purpose of this 16 page news letter for the men of the 36th Division, is number one, keep you posted on the activities, and information about your ole buddies, whom you shared camarade during World War I and WWII.

Also, another prime function is to encourage the membership to attend, and participate at the annual reunions, which occur each Labor Day weekend (as they have since 1946) and partake of the warm and happy feeling you get by visiting again with old friends you may not hae seen for several decades.

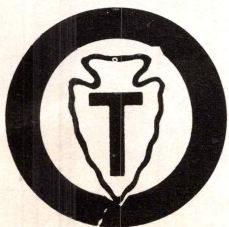
Your Board of Directors have put together a fine agenda of events, that will make your visit to DALLAS a memorable event in your life.

We are fortunate this year, o have a very distinguished soldier, a former T-Patcher who will be your guest speaker at the general assembly, Lt. Gen. Paul Adams, former CO of the famous 143rd Infantry.

It's several days to fun, and fellowship. But it's not all fun and games, the general assembly is the only time each year we handle all the serious business that makes our organization — what it is today . . . PRIDE in belonging to one of the greatest division of the U.S. Army in WWI and WWII.

IN THIS ISSUE: Dallas Reunion Agenda . . . 'The Great Escape' . . . Books you oughta have . . . Report from Stovall and the 36th's records in the National Archives . . . Flock of Heard Froms . . . Lotsa New Members . . . 36th Signal Company Keeps Setting Records . . . Many Unit Reunions . . . some Short Snorts . . . Old Photos nd New Ones . . . Belly Dancers and Polka . . . Another Anzjo Annie (Big Bertha) . . . And a visit to the CP's by "Six-Pack Annie," a first-time, earth-shakin' event for all the troops . . . Company G; 143rd celebrates 104 Years . . . Forty-six wild and wolly photos . . . Old Bayonet Sharpener Uncovered After 60 Years . . . a word from Billy Carter and two men who look like Jimmy Carter — and much more, all in this May 1977 issue of The T-Patcher!

Lt. General Paul DeWitt Adams, U.S. Army Retired, will be the guest speaker at the General Assembly at 1 PM on Sat. Sept. 3rd, at the 52nd Annual 36th Division Reunion, Royal Coach Motor Hotel, Dallas. General Adams was former commander of the 143rd Infantry Regiment. U.S. Army Photo NACOM Photo Lab. Frankfurt, 1959.



There Are No Strangers In The 36th Unit C.P.'s

Probably the most popular place during the annual T-Patch Reunions, is the unit CP's (Command Post) where a guy can, with his own individual outfit, enjoy a close comradeship with the men he went through hell with. The official host is the V/P of that unit. He is responsible for providing all the beverages, snacks and dips that you find in abundant and lavish display as you enter. If it is your first visit, forget it, you ARE IN GOOD HANDS, and you'll relish the true-feeling of what one of the 36th reunions is all about. Don't forget to 'Feed The Kitty' . . . and START PACKIN'.

April 25, 1977

Members 36th Inf. Division
36th Division Association
c/o William E. Jary, Editor
P. O. Box 1816
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

Dear Friends,

It is with sincere pleasure that I, as Mayor of Dallas, extend to you a most heartfelt welcome to our City.

We are especially proud to have you men of the famous 36th Division as our guests for the Labor Day weekend, September 1 through 4th.

Most Dallasites are aware of the great feats performed by you valiant men of Texas (and all states of the union) during World War II.

We are especially happy that your board has chosen Dallas as your site for the 52nd Annual Reunion. This is your eighth time to visit our great city as your reunion site since the end of World War II.

A special welcome is offered to your out-of-state T-Patchers, who will arrive at DFW Airport, the World's largest...and we think...the greatest.

Dallas is dedicated to upholding its reputation for hospitality and cordiality, and we are confident that your visit to Dallas will be enjoyable.

We salute you, the men of the 36th Division.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Folsom
Robert S. Folsom

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ROBERT S. FOLSOM
MAYOR



CITY OF DALLAS 75201

His Honor, Robert S. Folsom, Mayor City of Dallas

Our special thanks to Bill Steger, V/P of Special Troops and a real wheel in Dallas, for getting his honor the Mayor to welcome you to 'Big D.'



President's Message:

Dear fellow T-Patchers:

Just a reminder about our Labor Day Weekend Reunion, Sept. 1-4 in Dallas at the Royal Coach Hotel, so you will start making plans to join us.

We hope you northerners and adopted TEXANS, who have been snowed in will shovel a path to your car and come south for some warmth and Texas hospitality. We are all looking forward to seeing you again for it's folks like you who make any reunion a success or failure. Only by your support and attendance can such a great association continue to operate.

We had many FIRST TIMERS last year here in Houston and I know they will be back, so come and see who they are, you probably know some. Their enthusiasm makes our work worth while, and believe me the Board and Staff of this great association works everyday to ensure that each reunion is a happy and memorable occasion.

Ruby and I will be going to Kansas for the Mid-Western Reunion the 17, 18, 19 of June. Hope to see many of you there.

Come join in the fellowship and fun this Labor Day Weekend 1977.

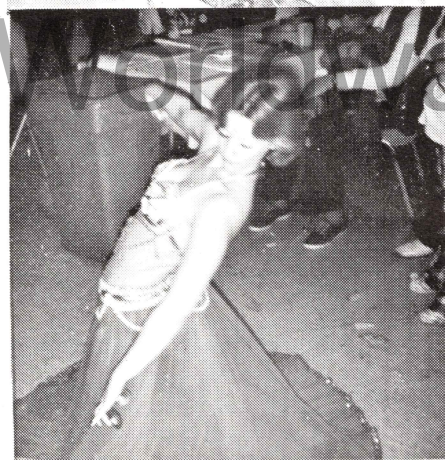
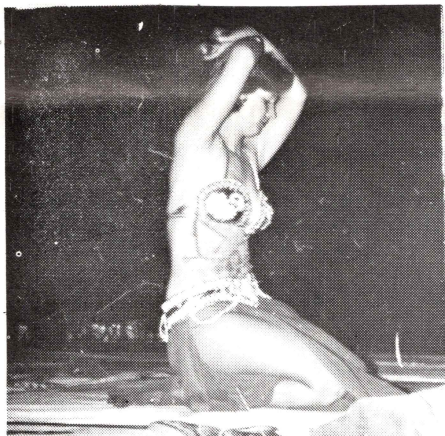
I remain as ever,

Julian H. Philips

Julian H. Philips

11017 Pandora Dr., Houston, Texas 77013
713-673-7746

Polka Patriot's Will Have You Dancin'



Plus, A Bevy of Beautiful Belly Dancers

Our Saturday Night dinner dance is always the big-one for the reunion agenda. And this year at the Royal Coach in Dallas on Sat. Sept. 3rd, you will be entertained by The Polka Patriot Orchestra.

This is a great group. It will keep the troopers on the dance floor all evening. They play Polkas, Waltzes, Novelty Modern and Western. You name it, they play it.

HERE'S SOME info on the leader: Walt Kovar (and his Sousaphone).

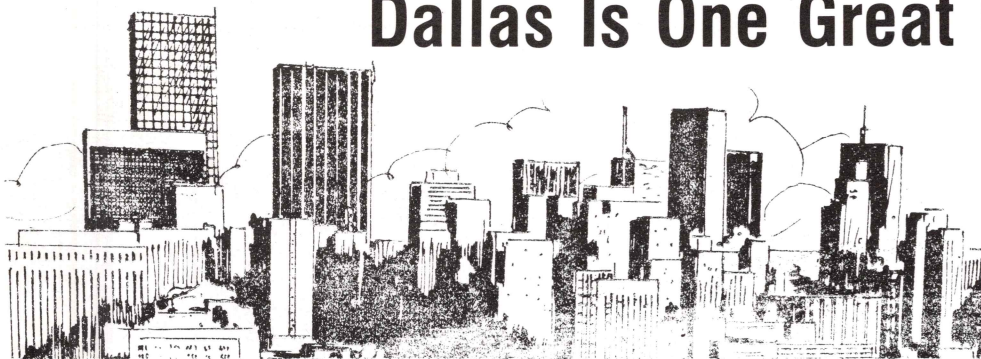
One doesn't often hear a sousaphone played, unless it happens to be at the Ennis, Texas, annual Czech Festival where over 40-50 bands get together each spring for an exciting ethnic weekend. And our own Walt Kovar, Senior Manufacturing Engineer, is right in there to ompah his entertainment from the back of his band, pumping out a 400-tune repertoire.

Walt, who is of Czechoslovakian origin, and his wife, Beverly, bought the old Peppermint Orchestra and renamed it the Polka Patriots. The band naturally plays all the Czech specialties such as Beer Barrel Polka, but also entertains with popular favorites while playing weddings, private parties, VFW and fraternal organizations.

A self-taught musician, Walt has been playing sousaphone for 18 years, beginning with a seven-year stint with Ed Farazil's Polka Band. He is also an accomplished trumpet player.

BELLY DANCERS Galore! Here's a couple of interesting views of the SATAS dancers who will perform at the big Saturday nite Dinner Dance. Wow, wow!

Dallas Is One Great Convention Site



Final Details For 52nd Reunion Nailed-Down At Board Meeting



Board meeting in Dallas, March 12th. Here's President Julian Philips (center) holding forth, with Ken Nixon at right and ole Zeb Sunday. All arrangements for the reunion were nailed down at this meeting. The agenda was set and you can rest assured that it will be great. So save your money, and start packin'.

The logistics of putting together an agenda for a first-class REUNION is no easy assignment. There are a multitude of decisions to be made.

The 36th Division Association Board Members meet at the Royal Coach Motor Hotel on Sat. March 12th to finalize all the many details that have to be resolved.

The board members took time out to attend, they came from all over (at their own expense) and the net result was that the 1977 Board has put together a fine PACKAGE that should please most all T-Patchers. Because a 'good' Reunion is what it's all about. This is the one time each yer that — all members of the Association can get together and enjoy meeting old buddies from years-ago.

Needless to say, your presence is requested . . . and we assure you, that you will not regret it.

You Too, Can Write A Letter To Your Local Newspaper

He's looking for
T-Patch men

Editor, News-Press—

I am trying to locate all men who served in the famous T-Patch 36th Division during World Wars I and II.

The 52nd reunion will be Sept. 1-4 at the Royal Coach Inn at Dallas, Tex. For more information write me at 1971 Longfellow Drive, North Fort Myers, Florida, 33903, or call (813) 995-1896.

JAMES STOKES
North Fort Myers

The above newsclip from the Fort Myers News-Press addressed to MAIL BAG, was printed March 3rd. This was sent in by JAMES H. STOKES, Jr., of Co. H, 142nd (is current V/P 142nd) and this just shows what YOU CAN DO.

Send in to your local paper a similar letter. They'll run it, and you never know when you'll catch a drop-out or stray. It works, so try it. IF we had a few hundred of these all over, the results would be staggering.

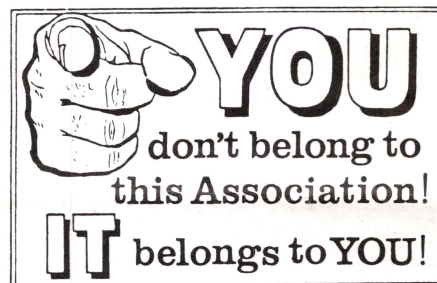
Over the past 3 decades, the 36th has met in the four big cities of Texas. Like Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth.

We even had a flyer at Brownwood, Abilene, Corpus Christi and Austin. Oh yes, even San Angelo. The big problem is, it's hard to guess as to how many Patchers will show up.

The answer is — we must have a facility that is capable of providing ALL the accommodations that are necessary when the top goes over 500 plus.

This is our third gathering at the Royal Coach in Dallas. They have rooms galore, and they have a ballroom that can handle up to 1000 plus. So, that is our assurance that all delegates to our 52nd reunion can be handled at the great Saturday night Dinner Dance (the biggie).

DALLAS is one helluva convention town. It has many hotels of large capacities. We just happen to like the Royal Coach Motor Hotel. So rest assured that you'll have everything — when you arrive on Labor Day weekend. What else, 'an egg in your beer?' That can be taken care of in your own C.P.



Here's A Book of Interest To 143rd

Some of the members of the 3rd Battalion, 143rd, may be interested in a book — "The Colonel" by James F. Skells. Jim Skells was a young Major when he assumed command of the 3rd Battalion. He joined the outfit on the Rapido River to the left of a line through the Abbey of Monte Cassino.

"The Colonel" was published in 1968. You can order a copy from Vantage Press, Inc. 120 West 31st St., New York, NY, 10001. Don't know the price, but write 'em, and they'll tell you.

On the night of February 12th, 1944, the Germans attempted to take Mount Castellone. In his book Skells reports, "The effort of all the men of my understrength companies that night stopped the German attack. And their combined action won the DSC for me."

Jim Sumner, Marty Ball, Bob Hand, Fred Vercelli and Amil Amelunke were in on the above action. I am sorry to report that Colonel (Ret) Jimmy Skells died several years ago in Florida. His wife sent me the above book.

JOHN JACK FINAN
758 E. Whitaker Mill Road
Raleigh, NC 27608

GREAT ESCAPE

Dear Amil:

I just had to write and share with you, 'a thrill of a lifetime!' I served with Co. F, 143rd, but lost all contact with the troops after the war.

I was captured and did 20 months as a POW. Julian Philips was my Lt., and he and my Capt. jumped the prisoner train, and I was so proud of him, because I knew he would get our names to the front and our families would know we were alive.

When I saw Julian's name in the 'first' T-Patcher I received last month, you'll never know the feeling I experienced. My mother had saved the LOOK Magazine story of the escape, so I got it out and re-read. What a thrill to know Julian is well and attending the reunions.

Hope to see you and the guys in Dallas.

Lawrence J. Greco,
106 Garfield
New Castle, PA 16101.

Labor Day Weekend

Royal Coach Is Ready When You Are . . .

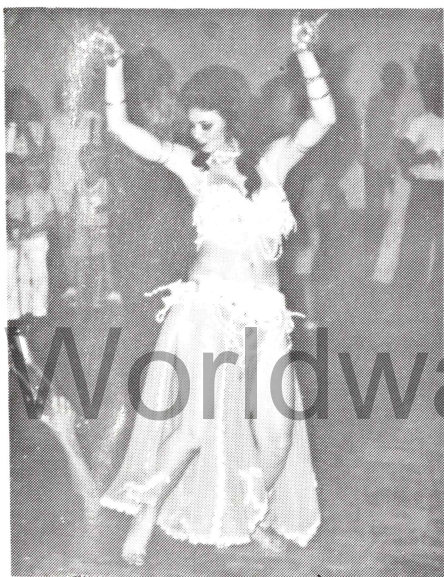
Men of the 36th went through all kinds of privations during the big confrontation with the Nazis in WWII. Like, sleeping in the cold, rain, snow and even storms. Eatin' some lousy food, like the time we ate Thanksgiving turkey out of mess kits, standing in the rain, with water falling off your helmet to water-down the gravy.

Now some 32 years later, the T-Patchers like it a little different. Like clean, newly remodeled rooms with hot and cold runnin' chambermaids. You can get them all at the Royal Coach when you visit Dallas on Labor Day for the BIG BASH.

This is our 3rd visit to this quaint, luxurious and enormous establishment that has much to offer the visiting delegate to our 52nd annual reunion. If you attended the '72 or '68 reunions at the Royal Coach, you'll find that it's a whole new ballgame. All rooms have been refurbished, including the public rooms, and everything is ready for us, according to a dispatch from the management.

For you non-Texans who will fly in, there's SURTRAN Bus service from DFW right to the door of R/C and it's the FIRST stop after leaving the world's largest airport. Now, ain't that nice.

Over the years, we have bivouac'd in all kinds of hotels, some good, some short. We can assure you that you will get the baker's dozen this year . . . Labor Day 1977.



TRIAD Dancers will perform for the Early Bird Party on Thurs. Sept. 1 and again at the Hospitality Gathering on Fri. Sept. 2nd. Let's face it men, Belly Dancing is here to stay, so you be on deck!



1977 REUNION AGENDA

THURSDAY, September 1st

7-10 PM

Registration desks opens

Early bird party — (\$2.00 per person at the door) **Accordion music for your listening and dancing.**
(Waltzes, Polkas and Novelty Modern) Floor show by — **TRIAD Belly Dancers**

9 AM-6 PM

Registration desk opens

(1) Membership dues \$5.00
(2) Dinner/Dance for Saturday and Hospitality Party party Friday night — \$18.00 per person.

7-10:00 PM

Hospitality Party (Must have registration badge on to enter)

(1) Three piece Combo for your dancing and listening pleasure.
(2) Floor show by — **TRIAD Belly Dancers**
(Note: C.P.'s to be closed during hospitality party 7-10. . .)

SATURDAY, September 3rd

9 AM - 6 PM

Registration desk open (Same as Friday)

10:00 AM

Nomination Committee Meet.

10:00 AM

Resolution Committee Meet.

10:30 AM

Ladies Brunch and Meeting

10:30 AM

Special Meeting for 144th Inf. in C.P.

1:00 PM

General Assembly — all members

(1) Colors presented by 143d Airborne Infantry, National Guard, Dallas, Texas.

. . . Evening Activities . . .

6:30-7:30 PM

Reception — Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:30-9:00 PM

(Buy your own drinks)

9:00 PM-1:00 AM

Dinner and Door Prizes

Dance

(1) Music by — The Polka Patriot Orchestra (Polkas — Waltzes — Modern and Country Western) They'll play your requests.

(2) Floor show by — **SATAS Belly Dancers**

Note: C.P.'s to be closed during dinner/dance)

SUNDAY, September 4th

9:00 AM

Coffee — Foyer — Grand Ballroom

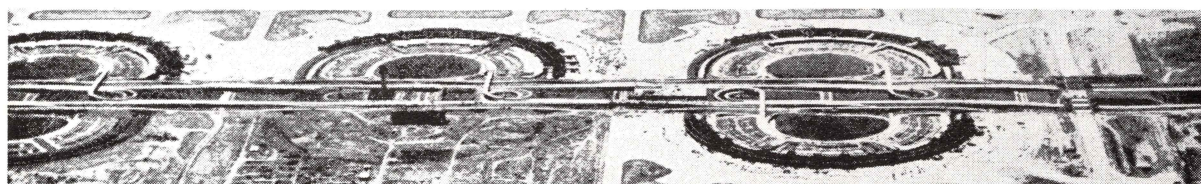
10:00 AM

Memorial Service

12:00 Noon

Closing of 52d Annual Reunion.

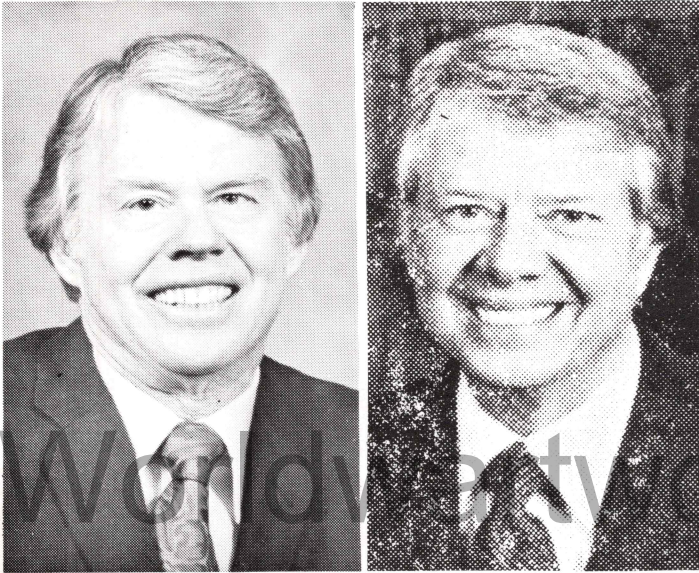
— SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO 1978 —



The Dallas/Fort Worth Airport is larger than Manhattan Island.



One Of These Two Men Lives At The White House



Alright, so you pick the one on the left. Wrong. The real Jimmy Carter is shown on the right. So leave it to the T-Patchers to come up with a man who is getting rich lookin' like the President.

His name is ED BEHLER, Box 102, Elm Mott, Texas 76440 (that town is only a short-beer from Waco). Behler joined up with the TNG 143rd at mobilization, served in Italy, was a POW. James O. Quick sent in dues for Ed, and some data which goes like this: He is now billed as Jimmy C. ARTER (he has an agent) has appeared on the Bob Hope Show, did a skit with Lucille Ball; was also in the crowd shot of "Black Sunday" the BIG movie now at your local Bijou.

Before all this fame, Behler is or was, senior Veterans Claims Examiner for the Waco VA Regional office.

In the Feb. '77 issue, your editor offered a prize of a large sack of Georgia Peanuts to the T-Patcher who looks most like our President. Unless someone else steps forward, looks like Behler will be the big winner.

Your reporter had always wanted to 'look like' someone important. That's important. Then one day, someone said, "You really do look like a movie star." Excitedly I asked . . . "Which one?" He said . . . "Rin Tin Tin."



BOMBED OUT jeep, somewhere in Italy. Here's two men of Co. G, 142nd — at left is J. J. Finan of Raleigh, N.C., and L. B. McCravey of Snyder. This prize photo sent in by Jack J. Finan, who sent in other pixs in this issue.



143rd Bayonet Sharpener Uncovered After 60 Years

SIXTY YEARS AGO at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth in 1917, men of 143rd Infantry used this giant stone to sharpen their bayonets. This 30" stone grinder (less the base) is 4" thick, weighs about 400 lbs., and was brought by your reporter's workshop for a look-see. Haulin' it in was Lemuel L. Clark, 8924 Kincaid Ct., Ft. Worth TX 76116 in his pickup.

Lem, a former 736th Ordnance Patcher (now retired from Carswell AFB) said, "do you know anyone who can use it". Since I can't lift anything heavier than a 12 oz. glass, I said, "hell-fire, let's get a pix of this, so we won't have to haul it around." "Maybe we can donate it to the Museum of Science & History (which is located on the old Camp Bowie campsite) for the Pepsi-generation to see what a relic like this looked liek," I added.

The I thought, maybe my neighbor in the next block, Joe Driskell (WWI 36ther, now 84 and a former Co. 143rd man) could figure out where it ought to be. As a paper-weight, that's out. Look real hard at the photo above, you'll see, carved into the whetstone, the letters 'USNG 143rd INF 36th DIV', so we know this is the real McCoy.

Clark e advised us that a fellow T-Patcher of 131st, lent this item to him to see where we could find a home for it. Seems this guy had a relative who lived on the old campsite, and dug this up sometime ago. So if you are ancient enough to remember these grinders, then you can appreciate it, as a rare find. It is my unsolicited opinion, that the men of the 143rd ought to be offered 'first refusal,' and so if no one speaks up for this stone, then we'll resort to other means to find it a nice home. Write to Lemuel L. Clark, (above address), your editor, or write to Julian Philips, your president and a loyal 143rd T-Patcher.



Five Bucks Will Make an Old Buddy Happy!

THE OLD BUDDY DEAL . . . we've run it before. It has been pretty good in getting some strays and drop-outs. But not good enough. So if you have a \$5 spot you don't need for high-priced groceries, send it to Amil. If you can't think of a buddy, or know of one. Don't worry, Amil can give you a bunch. He will choose and send him a membership paid in your name. That can't be a bad deal for any red-blooded T-Patcher.

Heard from

JOHNNY H. SEIDENBERGER, Rt. 1, Box 292, Shriner, TX 77984 said he was contacted by ALBERT ROGNOVSKY (also of Shriner) and after talking about ole buddies of the 36th, he decided to join up. Served with Co. D, 143rd in Italy, France and Germany. Welcome to the clan, Johnny, and bring a few cases of that SHRINER BEER with you to Dallas.

JAMES H. STOKES, Jr., 1971 Longfellow Dr., N. Fort Myers, Fla. 33903 keeps the pot boiling with dispatches, letters and a raft of cartoons that he is good at doing, all about the T-Patchers. He's lookin' for record turnout of the ROTATE men in Dallas.

GLEN BECKETT, 515 Walnut, New Richmond, OH 45157 of Co. M, 142nd makes window decals. He sent dues for 5 Patchers, so Amil sent him an order for MORE T-Patch windshield decals. Fair enough. The decals are good, and are responsible for getting strays. Amil also avise the 45th and 63rd Associations about GLEN and his craftsmanship, and picked up both. Beckett was on tap at the last reunion in Houston. "Show up in Dallas, Glen, we might need more decals by then."

WILLIAM H. WILBUR, Gen. Retired of Div. Hqs., got some mail from L. B. Easley of Dallas, and the General promptly replied with a check for \$20 for dues and stamps.

PAUL WELLS tells us that there are many ways to track 'em down. Takes some patience, though. He had one name of a fellow 36th Signalman, who had stayed in the service after WWII.

He knew he was with the Adj. Gen. Dept., U.S. Army, and after a few months of forwarding around, he finally heard from — THOMAS E. SULLIVAN, 22 Elmwood Ave., Dedham, Mass 02026. And, through Sullivan, they picked up STANLEY GREEN, 81 Holland St., Saugus, Mass 01906.

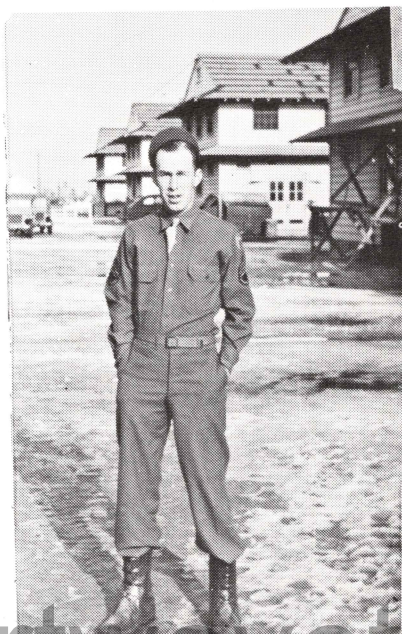
FERRIS R. RAMSEY, 1122 Raney St., Longview, TX 75601, served with 143rd Inf., but Jack Finan who sent this in didn't remember company unit. Maybe the men of 143rd in east Texas can work on him, or — Amil will get him.

LUMBERT J. MEHL, Zion Lutheran Church, Blackburn, MO 65321 says he'd like to hear from any former member of 142nd, 132nd 111th Engineers or even HQS, with which I was attached for a time. Paston Mehl says he's been back to Europe 4 times since the war, visiting Monte Cassino, and the whole Salerno area; and most recently to the Holy Land and Rome. Good to hear from you.

HENRY GOMEZ, that downhill ski wizard who got the wrong kind of 'break' in Colorado reports he's up and at 'em again. Says he will host a FISH FRY at his lake home on July 13th for the Santone T-Patchers.

Julian H. Philips, with the help of George B. Rainer, has found another 36er, who served in the Special PLT of 1st Bn. 143rd. Inf. His name is HENRY C. SLINKER. I had to leave him in France after he was wounded and I've always wondered if he made it back after the war. It's a special find for me, for now I know he returned after being captured by the Germans and released by the Russians. He is now married and is Supt. of High Schools in St. Anne, Ill. Plans to be in Dallas come Sept. 1.

Julian H. Philips,
Co. G, 143rd, Houston, TX.



CAMP EDWARDS, winter of 1943, above is Harry V. Scott, former Supply Sgt. for 36th Signal Co., and photo at right is Scott with WO John M. Grasshoff (at wheel of Jeep). Harry is one of the prime movers of the active Signal gang. Get's mail at 1316 Crestview Rd., Denison, TX 75020.



More Fact-Than-Fiction, Says Finan

Dear Amil:

This past Friday I received my initial copy of "The T-Patcher." Please permit me to say that the magazine is an outstanding publication.

Most of my training in the 36th Division was with Co. E, 142nd. I joined the division during Aug. 1942 in dear ole Camp Edward. I was with Co. G, same regiment, during the Salerno beach landing. With G Company until December 1943 when I was transferred to Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment to be the CO.

Seriously wounded 11 February 1944 in the spaghetti hills of Cassino. Hospitalized until

HELP WANTED

Dear Bill:

I always enjoy *The T-Patcher*! It gets better every time! I wish all "T-Patchers" could get the paper!

With that in mind, I am sending you some good names from Company H, 141st. If anyone knows their addresses, please let me hear from you. They are:

ANTHONY (TONY) ZAMPARDI
DAVID CARTER
WALTER G. BROWN
GEORGE O. HILL
CARL P. SMITH
BILL M. NEEDHAM
ROBERT M. MORSE
OSCAR E. SCHULTZ
ALTON C. FRENCH
DALTON FRENCH

Or any other name from the Co. H. roster.

L. B. Easley
8642 Shagrock Lane Dallas, TX 75238

the following June — a boat ride to Charleston, South Carolina and on to Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey. I made a round trip from Fort Dix to Fort Dix.

Thanks to Charlie Stimson for enlisting me in the T-Patch Division Ass'n. I do believe I'm a dropout since I attended a Reunion in Austin some 10-12 Years ago.

On page 9 of the T-Patcher for Feb. 1977 I read with interest — "A Delayed Dispatch From Dgn Adams." Guy O. Moore was KIA one night during December 1943. The night was cold and the rain was terrible. I was with Guy and a young soldier named Joppie until about 10 P.M. Lt. Carl Matney (CO) sent for me and I remained with him until daylight. I returned to the reverse slope of that damn hill and quickly learned that my two young friends were KIA. It is a hell of a feeling when you look at the remains of two young soldiers and realize that war is hell. Artillery shells were on us all night.

In my book of memories G-Company is the "Cream of The Crop." Joe Lamb of Columbus, Ohio, sent me a copy of the photo on page 12, current T-Patcher. Eight great troopers having a Pow-Wow in the fine state of Ohio.

J. J. FINAN
The Rock of Chickamauga
758 E. Whitaker Mill Road
Raleigh, NC 27608

ED Note: Our thanks to trooper Finan, who has been lost for sometime. But, no more. J. J. Finan, who is known far and wide as "The Rock of Chickamauga" been officially designated as the T-Patcher Carolina Correspondent, says he'll continue to file dispatches as he persues his "seekout and capture" a flock more dropout and strays.



36th Division's WWII Records Contain 157,500 Pages

Col. Stoval Seeks Copies of All Unit Presidential Citations



Col. ORAN STOVALL (1945 pix)

Some of you may have forgotten, that Col. Oran Stovall of Bowie, Texas and former CO of 111th Engineers is the chief of our Historical Department of the ole 36th.

His contributions over the years for preservation of our artifacts and records has been voluminous. He is also the daddy of the large T-Patch granite memorial on the State Capital ground in Austin.

Your reporter has journeyed far and wide with the Colonel in efforts to gather and/or keep in a central and safe place, for our files and records. To a degree, great progress has been made. Most of the good stuff is on file and recorded at the Texas State Library & Archives, Austin.

JOHN VAN HAFTEN, 926 Emerson, Muskegon, Mich. 49442 served with Co. E, 142nd joins the Happy T-Patchers after some coaxing from Jim Stokes, V/P of 142nd.

JOHN T. GANNON, 9 Ashton St., Pawtucket, R. I. 02860 of Co. B, 142nd is in like flynn.

JACK BECKWORTH, 2617 Mitchell, Waco, TX 76708 of Co. K, 143rd got the signal from Alvin Amelunke, last years' Assn. Pres., also of Waco.

JOHN J. MCSHEFFREY, 881 East 12th St., Brooklyn, NY 11230 of Co. A, 141st, score another one for Amil.

HELMUTH H. (Grenze) GRENZEBACH, 4738 Anderson, Road, South Euclid, OH 44124 of Co. A, 143rd, was rounded up by Julian H. Philips, big chief for '77.

Here's five new members that were gathered into the clan by GLEN BECKETT (Co. M, 142nd):

JOHN E. LADUZINSKY, 2421 Marshfield Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60614 of Co. M, 142nd.

WILLIAM RIDENOUR, 928 E. Pleasant Run Pkwy., Indianapolis, Ind. 46203 also Co. M, 142nd.

MICHAEL KUNTZ, 37170 Bainbridge Road, Solon, OH 44139, same outfit.

SAM AMENTINE, 3926 Broadview Rd., West Richfield, OH 44286 — and EDWARD FLORANCIC, 5200 S. Leclair St., Chicago 60638, two more T-Patchers of Co. M, 142nd. Man, that's good shootin'.

JAMES C. CHAMBERS, Rt. 4, 6279 S. Stemmons, Denton, TX 76201 served with 111th Medics. Chalk this one up to BILL STEGER (VP Spec Trps), who commented: "Chambers said he had not heard of the 36th Association reunions, and was happy to know we are in business. Let's get some newspaper publicity going." You are right, Steger. Let's get started.

RUBY BROWN, 576 Ave. Z, Brooklyn, NY 11223 of 141st was found by L. B. Easley of Dallas, who works 12 months a year in behalf of 141st and the association. Thanx, L. B.

SYL BENEDETTO, 5455 Vanderbilt, Dallas TX 75206 walked with Co. E, 142nd, was rounded up by ole Amazin' Amil.

S. T. RICHARDSON, Box 62, Bennington, OK 74723 is another new one for Raymon McGray, he gung-ho worker for the 36th Signal boys. These guys have in one year, built up one of the biggest 'company' units in the association.

THOMAS R. JONES, 370 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 joins up after a prod from Amil, and welcome. Jones did time with Co. I, 141st.

BILL BURGA, Box 155, Hager Hill, KY 41222 is another new 'un, but he failed to give his unit.

M. W. FERGUSON, 990 Calloway, Beaumont, TX 77706 comes in first time. He served with Co. E, 142nd.

WILLIAM E. GARBER, Sr., 1203 Paxton Church Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110 of Co. A, 143rd is also new, via mail from Amil.

THOMAS F. PROTHRO, 9012 Diana, El Paso, TX 79904 of Co. H, 141st is another 'new one' courtesy of L. B. Easley of Dallas.

ELDON EARL HONEYCUTT, Rt. 4, Box 142, Galax, VA 24333 of Co. M, 142nd was corraled by none other than Sammie D. Petty of Pasadena. Sammie was association president in 1975, and still takes time, money and effort to rounding up strays and drop-outs. Thanks to wife, Ruth Petty who cranks out those great letters.

SAM ROTUNDA, 299 Michigan Ave., Elyria, OH 44035 of Co. F, 143rd joins up after discovery by Amil.

(NOTE: Amil is now one of Abilene, Texas' biggest mailers, so the postmaster tell us).

JACOB E. EMERY, 507 S. Ray St., New Castle, PA 16101 of Co. E, 143rd — and another New Castle man: WESLEY G. COOK, 1461 Sunny Ave., same town and zip. Cook walked with Co. L, 142nd. Amil get both of these coalminers.

WILLIAM O'CONNOR, 9030 Directors Row, Dallas, TX 75241 conted money for the 36th Division Finance Section, for the troops and Col. Bob Phinney (his boss) who helped him count. Bill Steger scored this one. (But we can't figure out why Steger didn't get him sooner).

HERMAN Toby FERGUSON, 222 Holiday Lake Dr., West, Tarpon Springs, FLA 33589 of Co. C, 141st comes in via Amil.

ALBERT VOIGT, Jr., 1416 25th St., Galveston, TX 77550 of Co. H, 143rd is a new one, rounded up by Benny L. Mraz, same town, same outfit. Thanks.

Dear Bill:

As one interested T-Patcher to another, and we both like history, so I have written to the Historical Dept., National Archives and Records Service of Washington, D.C. in an effort to secure the 'ACTIONS' where the units of the 36th were awarded PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS.

I feel that is vital information for us to have in our own hands, and can't recall ever being able to see such a comprehensive listing.

Getting this kind of detail info is rather difficult, takes months and sometimes not conclusive. However, here is the answer to my letter (dated Nov. 22, 1976) and dated Feb. 18, 1977, signed by JAMES J. HASTINGS, General Archives Division. QUOTE:

Dear Colonel Stovall:

The operations reports of U.S. Army units for World War II period are in the custody of this division. Included among these records are the reports of the 36th Division and its attached units.

Here are the statistics: The overall volume of reports of the 36th Division is 63 cubic feet (2500 pages per cubic foot) or 157,500 pages.

Of this volume approx. 27 cubic feet, or 67,500 pages originated at the divisional level, and 36 feet, or 90,000 pages in attached units. There are approx. 1,500 pages of the files contain operations of the 111th Engineers.

The records in National Archives and Record Services of GSA, consists of items such as: Unit histories, Operations reports, Journals, lists of Awards and other documents pertaining to the activities of the units.

We would be pleased to make the records available to you or your representative in our research room where you can select the most interesting documents for reproduction. If you cannot come to our research room, we can provide a limited reproduction service if you can specify the type of document you need and the dates of interest.

FEEDBACK: Since we all know now where all the good stuff is kept in Washington, isn't it high time we get copies for all the 36th's unit Presidential Citations.

Do we have any volumntters? How 'bout someone who lives near D.C. take on this assignment. It takes months to get a reply via mail. Write to Stovall (Bowie, TX 76230) or your editor.

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

Co. B 142nd East/West Joint Meeting In Coleman



MAKING PLANS for the giant East-West Co. B, 142nd reunion in Coleman, TX on Aug. 6-7, 1977. This will be a biggie reunion. From left: Doc Moore, Carl Stewart, H. F. Fenton, Ralph Pridemore, W. J. Baxter and Leon Windham. Also at the meeting was Price Middleton, president of Co. B, Western, who took the pix. Thanks to Baxter who sent this in. He get's mail at: Box 961, Coleman, TX 76834.

Jim Minor Book To Be Ready For August Reunion

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

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

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

Wilkerson Is A MAN Of Good Vision

Leonard Wilkerson of Dallas, your Executive Vice President in charge of Belly Dancers, really came through this time. We have the TRIAD and SATAS groups for all three evenings — the TRIADS on Thurs. & Friday night, and the biggie with the SATAS dancers for the dinner dance floor show on Saturday

Wilkerson is quite an authority on Belly Dancers. He attends many functions of military units in Dallas, and the B/D's are the favorite. So rejoice, dear Patchers and be glad we have a man of such 'vision' as Leonard Wilkerson on the board.

"The Bond of Co. B"

*Strong men, brave men with courage to a T,
Are each and everyone of Co. B.
Assembled together too hard to understand
As memories say forget when I knew that man.
Yes, forget when life was so ever the dearest,
Yet, the loss of it so ever the nearest.
Living from one breath to the other,
But praying for your comrade and brother.
Such fear no man should endure,
To burden a heart so true and pure.
A foot soldier needs a higher Power.
A salute to Co. B in her shining hour.
The hour of sacrifice without a whim,
That bonded — yes, all of them.
Those from the East — those from the West
Surpassed by none — they're the best.
By Dewey Mann, March 1977.*

Mid-West Reunion, Overland Park, Kansas June 17, 18 & 19th



The super-active group, the Mid-West Chapter will 'take-over' the Holiday Inn and Holidome for their reunion, June 17-19th. That's just minutes away from KANSAS CITY on the Kansas side. Sounds great, and the facilities are deluxe. The man to contact is: CARL PETERSON, 1618 East Sheridan Dr., Olathe, Kansas. There just might be a special flight out of DFW for the Texas T-Patchers, so says Col. Stovall. Bully!

Joint Effort Should Yield Large Turnout, August 6 and 7th

The men of Co. B, 142nd Infantry are a unique outfit. They are the only unit we know of that has an Eastern and Western reunion. Some kind of record, no doubt.

But, this year on Aug. 6 and 7th, both units will gather in Coleman, Texas (Hqs. for West) and have what will be known as 'the Biggie.'

W. J. Baxter, Box 961, Coleman, TX 76834 is ramrod of this event, and he says over 300 letters have been sent to the troopers and the response has been good.

This tremendous project was partially due to the work of Dewey Mann, and Secty Barbara Davidson of the Eastern, working with the Coleman group.

There's an Early-Bird deal at the Tradeswind Motor Inn of Fri. Aug. 5th, and the rest of the events take place at the Coleman Natl. Guard Armory.

The Eastern group have sent out 275 letters, and look for a big turnout. But, here are some you can call . . . H. F. Fenton, 915 625-2864; Carl Stewart 915 625-2671 and W. J. Baxter at 915 636-4369.

I'm sure that Amazin' Amil will attend to represent the 36th Association. More on this in July issue.

Special

War Museum To Display At Dallas Reunion, Will Buy Your Artifacts

A museum-quality display will be shown as part of the forthcoming Labor Day Reunion in Dallas. This display represents relics and souvenirs taken by members of the Fighting 36th and other U.S. Combat Units.

Ben Curtis, display curator, will be present at the reunion in order to appraise and buy relics. They need these relics and will pay cash for German and Japanese helmets, uniforms, medals, daggers, swords, guns and higher prices for the rarer artifacts belonging to known Nazi Officials and Officers.

They are trying to enlarge this display and hope to become a permanent fixture for future 36th Division reunions. If you have relics you wish to sell before Labor Day in order for them to be included in the display . . . Phone BEN CURTIS, 1 (214) 495-4189.

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.

**Hoover Didn't Know
We Were In Business,
But, He Does NOW . . .**



Dear Bill:

I have been in California for 25 years and had lost touch with anything and everything concerning the 36th until a friend of mine from Alabama, Dan Brown, wrote to me on his Christmas card that he had been to the reunion.

I have to admit, I did not know that reunions of the Division were being held. I am already making plans to arrange my business schedule so I can make the Dallas meeting.

This past summer my wife and I visited some of the sites of the 36th in Europe and one place excited us above all others. This was the tiny village of Picilli in Italy. This was the town where my unit the Hqrs. Division Artillery was located during November and December of 1943. To this day not one person in the town speaks English, but all the old timers in Italian managed to tell me of one date they would never forget.

That was on Dec. 2 when the "Million Dollar" Artillery barrage took place. Some of the 240's were dug in nearby. Strangely enough I was told that I was the first American soldier to ever return there. The town was, and is, almost out of medieval times.

I am curious if any information has been published on what soldier served overseas in Europe for the longest period of time during the war. I was one of the 36ers who returned with the Division in December of 1945 after having served with the unit since September 6, 1943.

My thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to keep the traditions of a great outfit alive.

Jack L. Hoover
3505 Evergreen Dr.
Palo Alto, Ca 94303

Cpl. Jack L. Hoover 39566689
Hqrs. Div. Arty
Home town: Mount Calm, Texas



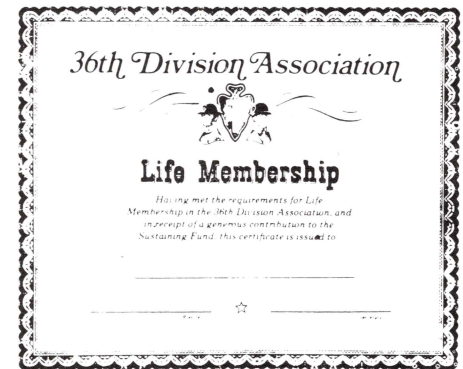
CAMP BOWIE, Brownwood 1941 — here's Julian H. Phillips with Sgt. James W. Higgins, mess sgt. for Co. G, 143rd. Julian sent in this photo, says that Higgins is a member of the Assn., gets mail at: 1010 Globe, Houston, TX 77034.

Audie Murphy Book Now In Braille

Col. Harold B. Simpo, author of 'Audie Murphy, American Soldier,' informs us that his book on America's most-decorated soldier (and also a T-Patcher in the post-war era) has been selected by the Library of Congress to be re-printed in BRAILLE, and in large type for the blind and the Sight-Saving Institute. This is quite a tribute.

If you have a WWII Library, you need this one. Order from Hill Junior College Press, P.O. Box 619, Hillsboro, TX 76645 . . . send check of money order for \$13.00, (tax and postage included). It is truly a great slice of WWII history.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP
IS AN INVESTMENT
IN THE FUTURE**



ELMER J. COOPER, Rt. 5, Box 209F, Palestine, TX 75801 of 141st, and a Life Member of the 36th, sends \$5 for some T-Patch decals. Says he puts them on everything — car, truck, front door etc. Say Elmer, let's get some T-Patchers down to Palestine to ride your new (old) Engine 200, Texas State Railroad that runs down to Rusk. Understand it starts May 28th making daily runs. Pass the word. (Ed note: this is a Texas State project, old 1896 model completely restored).

GEORGE HUNN, 255 74th St., Brooklyn, NY 11206 another Life Member (Co. I, 143rd) sends in \$10 for dues for HARRY E. SAUERS, and \$5 in memory of Thomas Maher, Catskill, NY who passed away 1975. Both were buddies in same outfit. Amil says Sauers was already paid, so he picks up: Walter J. Payne, 3826 Parviss, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 and Wm. J. Chambers, 531 West Lane, Spencer, Iowa 51301, both of Co. I, 143rd. Thanks to you, George.

A \$100 Life Membership is the 'insurance' money that means the 36th Division Association can STAY in business. If your heart so directs — send your check for \$100 to Ken L. Nixon, (Treasurer) P.O. Box 818, Stafford, TX 77477. It's tax deductible. Plus, you get a certificate that can be framed and will look good on your wall in the den.



**Rock Of Chickamauga
Is Solid Booster of
The T-Patchers . . .**

THEN AND NOW . . .

Photo at left: Why is this handsome young man smiling? 'Cause he just got his 2nd Louie bar, with Co. E, 142nd Infantry at Camp Edwards, winter '42. Jack J. Finan, who, every morning sings a few bars of "What Could Be Finer That To Be In Carolina In The Morning," lives in Raleigh.

Now 35 years later, you have his son, Tim Finan and Roberta Kelly Finan, and of course, 'Old Folks' J. J. himself.

Jack Finan was transferred from the 36th, and wandered all over in his military career. He picked up alot of buddies along the way, and is now dedicated to trackin' down some of the characters of his old outfit, who have been drop-outs and lost. He loves the 36th, and the feeling is mutual.

36th Signal Spreads Word, Troops Get 'Message'

Wells Uses Ham Radio To Round Up Drop Outs For 36th Signal Co.

PAUL I. WELLS, 2926 2nd St., South, Arlington, VA 22204 who commanded 36th Signal, has a hobby that is handy for trackin' down strays and drop-outs.

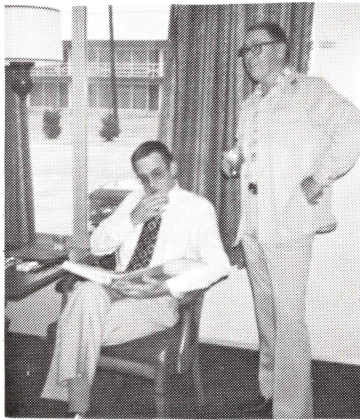
His call letters are — W 4 L Q F, and he tells me that in finding old members of the Signal company from a roster that's over 30 years old — "It is a problem," Wells said, "but to my surprise a good many have continued to live in the same community."

As you know, HAM operators are about the most cooperative bunch, anywhere. Wells can call a Ham in a certain town, ask the guy on that end to check his phone directory for a certain name and listing. "In some cases, I have been able to have a cooperating Ham to make a phone call directly to the ex-member," Wells said.

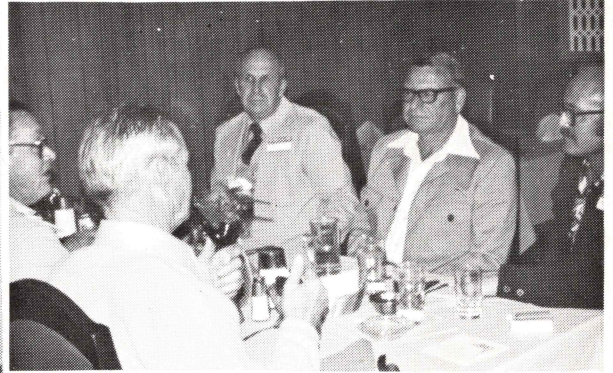
So you see, there are many ways to 'track 'em down,' and the Signal boys learned their lessons well during WWII.

We have just received a copy of their new '77 ROSTER, which contains about 150 men of 36th Signal. And these guys did all this from scratch, in less than one year. Maybe, some of the other units of the 36th could get a 'MESSAGE' from the Signalmen.

Here's McCray's Photos of Denison Reunion



Signal Co. meeting at Denison — Lamar Melton (seated) looks over Ray McCray's photo album of war days. "Did I look like that then," Melton says.

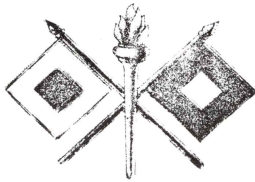


Top right pix: That's Ralph Henderson (talking with hands) telling how tanks squashed their phone wires in Italy. L to R: Ray 'Tessie' McCray, Harry Scott, Truman Hooper & Virgil White.



At right — "Remember when, etc" pixs L to R: Pete Thayer, Ft. Worth; Gerry Groneman, Covington, KY; Harry Scott and David Bruton (Denison) hash it over at reunion. And a great time was had by all.

MEET THE CHAMP

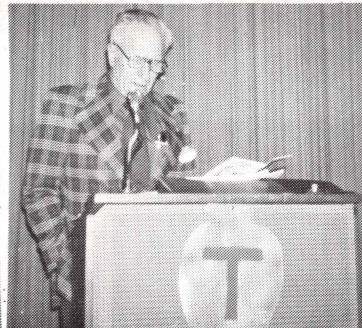
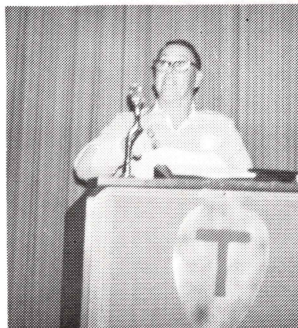


RAYMON 'Tessie' McCRAY, 3148 Haltom Road, Fort Worth, TX 76117, along with Paul I. Wells and a bunch of other hardworking 36th Signal men, got in the saddle and really put some spark in their unit.

They had their 'first' gathering in 32 years in January at Denison, TX (see pixs) and then they put on a campaign like crazy. Letters went out like an "APB" in Police Story, and dues for the association started rollin' in.

Here are a flock of new ones, via Ray McCray:

1. FRANK B. BENEDICT, 1509 Young Ave., Clearwater, Fla.
2. LEBO MANCUSO, 428 Worth St., P.O. Box 307, Kenner, La. 700063.
3. FRED SAN ROMAN, 7218 Scotland, San Antonio, TX.
4. JOE D. COMBS, 1825 West Morton, Denison, TX 75020.
5. THERON W. HOOPER, 1006 Green Hills Road, Duncanville, TX 75137.
6. ARLIN D. BROWN, 1811 Merlin Road, Kleberg, TX 75145.
7. ERCIL D. MILLER, Lt. Col. Ret'd, 19 Elm Drive, Neptune, N.J. 07753.
8. JAMES A. BROWDER, 3222 Juanita Drive, Denison, TX. All of 36th Signal Co.



Anchorman Ray McCray (pix at left) making introduction for Amil Kohutek at Denison 36th Signal reunion, Jan. 23rd 1977. Amil makes a pitch for memberships in the 36th Association, comes away with 21 signed up ... new members. Another 21 have come in since then. McCray will be V/P of Signal Co. C.P. at Dallas Reunion.

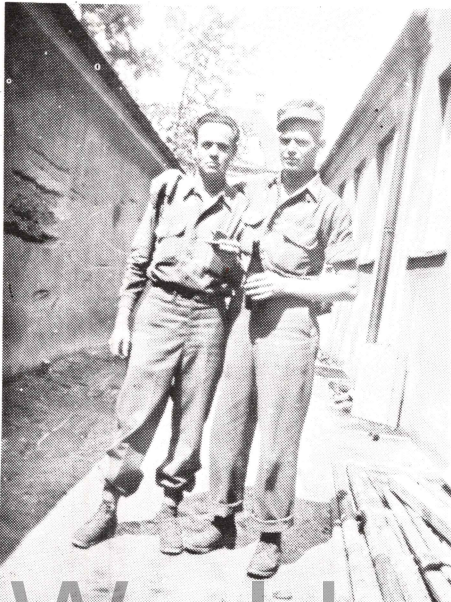


Photo at left, above: Former CO of the 36th Signal Company, Charles Wingo, Ret'd Col., speaks of his retirement and his hobby as coin collector at the Denison Reunion. That's Joe K. Highes of Austin in front.

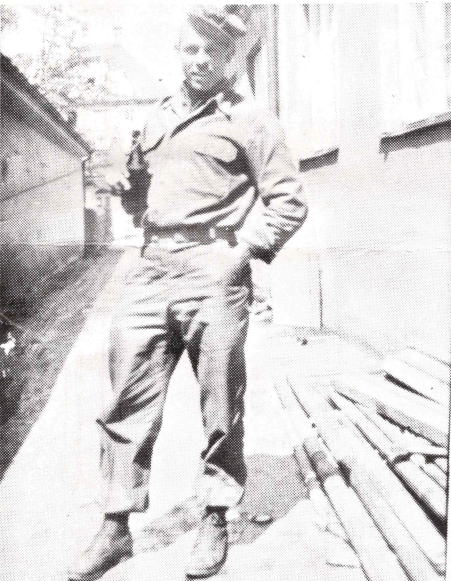


Photo at right, above: Ole Bill Steger, Spec. Trps V/P took this one, from left is: Lester Conner; Bob Sparkman; James Kenney, Lon Williams; C. A. Steele; William Capshaw, James Bell; James Browder; Vernon Lashley (behind Browder) and Lamar Melton. Somebody yelled 'Chow' and they all lined up, GI fashion for a delightful buffet dinner. Photos from Raymon McCray, and our thanks.

Heard from



BATTLE, Germany at war's end. Here's Oily Sizemore, Beckley, W. VA., and Doug Hemby of San Antonio. That's German Beer in his hand, Doug says. Both men of Co. D, 141st Inf.



Here's Cecil Gilmore Price of Beckley, W. VA., at Battle, Germany, also of Co. D, 141st. Pix from Doug Hemby, Rt. 1, Box 423W, San Antonio, TX 78223.

A Buyer For Nazi Artifacts

If you're tired of all that Nazi artifacts you collected during WWII, now is a good time to turn 'em into cash. Prices are way up!

Hans E. Schlotthaus (B 143rd) of 6228 80th Rd., Glendale, NY 1127, and a hard-working T-Patcher, was head honcho of the now defunct New York Chapter, told a buyer-collector about the Patcher, so here it is:

Write to: GEORGE A. PETERSON, P.O. Box 1007, Alexandria, VA 22313 and tell him what you have.

The rare Nazi stuff brings top money, so take it from here, and tell him, "Hans Sent Me."

RAYMOND W. JOHNSON, 13611 Barnett Way, Garden Grove, CA 92643 says he's sorry he was late with dues, and that he missed Houston, but will try for Dallas. Ray served with Co. B, 111th Engineers.

GEORGE ECHOLS, 609 Gulf St., San Antonio TX 78202 sends Five to Amil for dues for a buddy: Sgt. Robt. S. Johnson, Co. A, 2nd Bn (ABN) 143rd Inf., 36th Airborne Infantry Brigade, Tex. Army Nat'l. Guard, 3816 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004. Thanx Echols. WILLIAM H. DAVIS, 1203 Kegg Ave., Apt. 74, Johnstown, PA 15904 of Co. C, 142nd sends in his dues and some kind words to Amil for his efforts in making the 36th an active veteran association. Says he's still on disability, but hopes to make it to the Dallas reunion. We'll be lookin' for you Bill.

I. ERIC FELDMAN, 279 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 of 142nd Med. Detachment, but says he was attached to Co. I, 3rd Bn., 143rd Inf. Score this one for ole Zeb Sunday, the Pride of Pasadena.

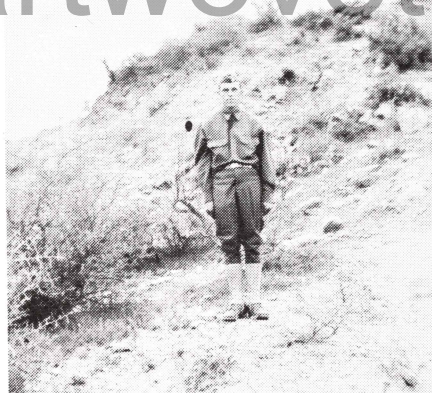
JOHN J. MCSHEFFREY, 881 E. 12th St., Brooklyn, NY 11230 of Co. A, 141st is a new member. Says he was glad to find out the 36th was in business. Also wanted to know if ANYONE had an extra copy of the Pictorial History, published in 1946. It's that big, thick, heavy hard cover book that is as rare a smile from your mother-in-law. We get requests for them regularly. Can anyone help????

BENNY L. MRAZ, 3325 Ave. R, Galveston, TX 77550 sends in dues for a buddy, Ralph Adams, 3525 Ave Q 1/2, same town and zip. Both men served with Co. H, 142nd, and thanks Benny, that makes two for you.

GERALD B. PATE, formerly of Hinesville, GA, sends in a new address: Rt. 2, Box 30 AJ, Crestview, Fla. 32536.

GERRY GRONEMAN, 516 Klyes Lane, Covington, KY 41011 of 36th Signal writes to Amil a letter of thanks for the coverage of his outfit in the Feb. issue, and his help in getting the Signal outfit in the association. See you in Dallas.

Feeling old? Forget it. Last week Spanish-American veteran died at age 97. Roy Bryan Hall, of Denver enlisted in 1898 because he wanted to go somewhere and do something. His pay was \$15 per month as an enlisted man, got \$22.50 for combat pay in the Philippines. How 'bout that?



PASSING INSPECTION, so says this caption of a faded photo sent in by Luther J. Gee, 234 Hohldale, Houston, TX 77022 of Co. F, 143rd, Camp Bowie, Jan. 1941.

Gomez Doing Fine, After Getting Plastered Hard Way



Hank Gomez never gives up. Though his ski accident is about over, he swears he'll try the Colorado slopes again next January. Take along a Red Cross nurse with you next time.

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

Amil says he'll mail the hotel reservation cards late June . . . so don't wait, we have an early-August cut-off date. But Start Packin' now.

DALLAS IS THE PLACE

Good And Bad News From Carolina 'Rock'

Dear Bill:

Good news and sad news in my mailbox yesterday. Samuel J. Lustman, 1527 Chappel Street, Northbrook, Ill. 60062. Sammy was first a member of Co. "L", 142nd. Later served as a Liaison Officer in Regimental Headquarters. I shared a BOQ room with Sam at Camp Edwards.

The sad news — Major Samuel W. Rosenberg — deceased 28 February 1976. A great combat surgeon has left our ranks. This information came from Sam Lustman and then to me from my good 24th Division friend.

My Auto Road Atlas shows me that Van Alstyn is north of Dallas. If you have any contats in that good city perhaps we can locate Top Kick Tyrus R. Lewallen. If my Pineapple memory is computing, he was Mess Sergeant, Easy Company, 142nd, during my days in the outfit.

There is a photo in "The Fighting 36th" — Colonel John J. Albright, CO of 143d, with battalion commanders, receives surrender of enemy XIII Corps. My USA Register shows that he retired during July 1948 for disability. Last known address from my Third Army Roster is 811 Albion Road, Columbia, S.C. 29205. According to the above book he also served as the Division Chief of Staff.

J. J. Finin, The Rock of Chickamauga
758 E. Whitaker Mill Road
Raleigh, N.C. 27608

Hey, T-Patchers, How Do You DO IT?

The other day, a friend of mine in the same racket, (A WWII veteran but not a T-Patcher) is very familiar with our Quarterly publication. Reads every issue with envy.

He asked me, "how do you guys do it. How is it you stay in business and continue to grow after 32 post-war years." He admitted his old outfit meet once in a while, but have no news-letter or such.

I told him that it isn't easy. We've had some knocks and some rough years where it looks like we might sink. But the main thing you need is a good guy (completely dedicated) who doesn't know what the word 'give up' means.

I'm talking about ole AMAZIN' Amil.

Don't suppose he ever attended a direct mail seminar, that's where folks try to figure out what it takes to get someone, via mail, to buy something you want them to have. Amil may not know that large companies who send out 100,000 letters are happy with a 3% return. And I'm glad he didn't know that. He probably would have quit 8 years ago.

What he did know is simple. You gotta send out lotsa letters. Then, do it again and again. Find new names and keep 'em flying.

Amil Kohutek of Abilene, Texas is a retired 3 million-miler for ETMF, and a record so good you could play it on a \$10 Radio Shack turn table. He has now created his own 'Mini-Post Office' at his home. He has built pigeon holes for sorting the permit mail by zip codes.

He has the master card file system, makes the label for mailing the T-Patcher in an envelope 4 times a year, and when he isn't doing that, he cranks out tons of letters to the troops on a new mimeo machine the (far-sighted) board got for him.

Amil also is a shrewd buyer. He can spot a bargain in paper and envelopes, dickers prices

SHORT SNORTS

FLASH . . . from Pickens Rasco, 647 S. 17th St., West Columbia, TX 77486 is trying to 'round up' all the men of Motor Pool, Hqs. Co., 142nd.

Pickens urges all you guys, wherever you are to be in DALLAS for the '77 Reunion . . . so write to him, now.

Says he's looking for a roster of Hqs. Co., 142nd — BEFORE going overseas in 1943. (That is a tough one). Hey, Rasco, have you looked at the 1946 Pictorial History, post war book of "The Fighting 36th?"

COLEMAN P. ALTMAN, of Co. D, 142nd Inf., sends in a change of address (a good one). He says, "I retired from civil service, and now live in paradise — P.O. Box 23206, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822. Made the 1975 San Antonio reunion, and it was great. Here's \$10 for my dues and a BUDDY (of your choice), and send me a few back issues of the Patcher, hope to get back to Texas soon."

Your reporter received a phone-call from T. B. Roberts, an ole Co. G, 142nd man to tell us that he had just found out about the 36th Div. Assn. He lives south of Fort Worth in Garden Acres and says he will try to make Dallas in '77. This is good news, another stray has been rounded up.



Armand G. Jones, the Spaghetti King of Fort Worth, shown here at right on North Carolina Maneuvers (1942) with his old buddy, (----) Latham of the wire section, 155th Hqs. Btry.

with Kwik-printers and if he could only find out how to steal stamps (we'd have it made).

I could go on and on, but now let's hear it from AMIL, (excerpts from his letter of April 1, addressed to the Board):

Dear Board Member:

Please accept my thanks for your vote of confidence in my capacity as membership chairman. I shall put forth an added effort to earn my keep. The problems are sometimes hectic, but somewhere among all the way, a letter, word or note rewards me for this labor of love.

I am also aware of the help I receive from the board members and other devoted T-Patchers. I know 700 pieces of mail to drop-outs from the Florida Rebel, Jim Stokes; and hundreds of letters sent out by Wilkerson, Grizzelle, and Steger (who made some road trips) and all make many LD calls. Petty and Peters, and our leader Philips on the gulf coast crank 'em out, attend many unit reunions, all with good results.

Then there's ole Zeb Sunday, Roy Harder in Orange, and L. B. Easley of Dallas, and past-pres. Amelunke of Waco, and many-many more who keep the pot boilin'.

And, not to forget that coal miner of Latrobe who has rounded up hundreds of PA Patchers, plus stamps etc., and he still does it. I mean — William J. Smyth.

Some local unit chapters in the past have ignored our plea for support to the association, but that too has changed. I have made many of these reunions, with this message . . . **The T-Patch does not belong to the Brass, it belongs equally to you and me, the supporting members.**

Respectfully, Amil.

World Champion Chili Cook-off Renamed In Honor of Wick Fowler



The late WICK FOWLER, a war correspondent for the Dallas Morning News during WWII, covered the 36th for many moons.

Wick was a guy who loved the T-Patchers more than anyone I ever knew. He filed stories daily, which were re-printed in practically every newspaper in Texas.

Though, a civilian, we become so attached to the 36th, that in the post-war years he spent most of his time in our behalf.

He made practically all our reunion. Swapped stories with all the troopers. I recall sitting up til all-hours, with Wick at his last reunion. It was at the Royal Coach Motor Hotel Labor Day weekend 1972.

He said, "Bill, I have here 400 recordings of the famous 1945 Radio broadcast he made with General Fred L. Walker." Take 'em, give 'em away, or sell 'em. Be sure the Association gets some revenue. And this was done. He had contributed many hours of his time, and alot of his money in behalf of the T-Patcher. His records were sold at the next four reunions.

Only 27 days later, Wick Fowler died of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis on Sept. 27th, 1972. Services held 2 days later in Austin, your reporter, Bernice Maxfield and Earl Higginbotham ('72 president) attended, representing the 36th Division.

Wick Fowler was also a real Texan. He loved Texas Chili. He even created and marketed a packaged mix, called "TWO ALARM CHILI." Organized his own company, and sold this product like crazy. It is called Caliente Chili Co., of Austin.

He was one of the ram-rods in the International Chili Appreciation Society (organized by some Dallas newsmen) and they grew so big that they had, what is called an annual **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CHILI COOKOFF.**

This year, it will be held at Arriba Terlingua (that's out in Texas' Big Bend Country (ghost town), and the event is now named in his honor . . . the "WICK FOWLER MEMORIAL" . . . and the date is Sat. Oct. 8th, and this year is the 11th annual.

IF ANY of you T-Patchers are chili-lovers, and want to get in on the action, let me hear from you, and we'll take it from there.

REUNION Reflections

By HANK 'Rondo' GOMEZ

All year long we look forward to Labor Day Week-End — that is the time when we will see all our buddies again — But do we?

Finally it's here — we pack our bags, make our reservations and we head for Big D — Cowtown — San Antone — or wherever it may be.

We get there full of anticipation to join in the festivities, the hand shakes, the warm welcomes, the lies — "*You haven't changed a bit*" and we plunk down our cash on the line at the registration desk where "*Ole Money Bags*" Amil Kohutek or *Ken Dixon*, our most able treasurer, eagerly takes it from you with a warm Howdy and an ever-ready smile.

We head for the desk, sign in and head for the room for a quick refreshing shower and a change of clothes. Then for the CP's, and there we greet our friends, most of whom we have not seen since the last reunion. Suddenly you see a familiar face — but you cannot recall the name. No wonder, this is his "First." You can see his name tag — but from a distance you cannot make out the name — either he is too far or the lettering is too small — or to be more truthful, we just can't see like we used to. Then it dawns on you and it dawns on him too, who you are — because af ter all it has been some 30 years or more since the parting of ways — either in Germany or at the debar- kation point. And so it goes.

The lights go on and we head for the early bird party and then all hell breaks loose. What a thrill to be with your buddies again. A little pouncier, a little greyer — less hair, a few wrinkles, but the same warm feeling of mutual admiration. Great??? — You betcha it's great. Because nobody else has that feel- ing of comradeship that members of the "Fighting 36" have.

Then you look around and you can't find John — John was here last year and the year before. Then you learn the sad fact that John has made his last reunion. He was here last year but you just could not make it — you had business, you had a golf game planned, or you had vacation plans. Now you are here — but John is not. You had always planned to write to John — yes, you got a Charmas card from John and you were going to thank him and tell him how much you thought of him — but you just never got around to it.

Now it's too late — and this scene is re- peated over time and again.

All too soon the party is over for the even- ing and you return to your room. You think of John, you think of Tom and something drops on the back of your hand. A tear? Gosh it is. And then you begin to reflect and look back through the years. Gee, aren't we the lucky ones — we are here one more time. Then you look back and recall reading the past issues of the T-Patch and you read the "TAPS" Col- umn. It gets longer every year.

Two recent deaths bring the thought closer to mind. First it was Jim Shamburger — Jim and I were together for a long time and we



Photos from album of W. B. Phillips, 1404 West University Dr., McKinney, TX 75069 — shown above is Phillips in Louisiana Maneuvers; Phillips in hospital robe at 17th General Hospi- tal, Naples.



We've had a lot of photos of Big Bertha at Anzio. This is one of the best yet.

At left-is what's left of the village of CASSINO after months of bom- bardment. We called it 'Rubble City'.



Below: A knocked out Kraut tank in a cave. Our thanks to W. B. Willie Phillips for these great photos. He served with Hqs. Det. 3rd Bn. 141st Inf.

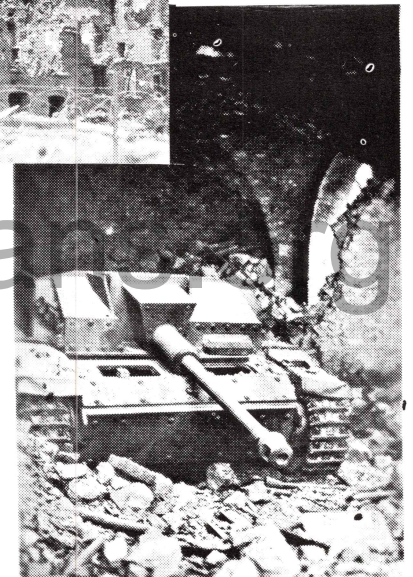
went through thick and thin — Jim always had a pleasant smile and a wise crack to break up the tension of the situation. He was a good soldier and a good friend. We raised a little hell and we did our jobs as best we could. Jim was called to his great reward and now makes his reunions at a greater CP where he waits for us and we will all get there — one at a time.

Last year we got another "shocker" and this one really hit us hard because it was so unex- pected. Jim Minor — what a great soldier and what a great guy — always happy go lucky and with a happy smile.

We will miss the TWO JIMS for a long time. So it goes.

We are indeed thankful for being here for another reunion — and we are GRATEFUL for the many wonderful friends with whom we have been associated for all these years.

Some say we live in the past, maybe we do, but what a past — and it is truly worth reliv- ing and REFLECTING.



Our annual membership dues are only \$5.00, so get a dropout, and send it in now to:
MAIL TODAY AMIL KOHUTEK
 1933 College Street
 Abilene, Texas 79602

San Antonio Patchers Give The Nagel's The Royal Treatment . . .

Dear Amil,

Just read the latest T-Patch and as always, sure enjoyed it.

Your column about the San Antonio Chapter hit home. Edna & I were there for the March meeting.

We left Princeton on Feb. 26, driving for about 150 miles at 25 m.p.h. in a terrible snow storm. The interstate was one big junk yard of flipped & spun out vehicles.

But who cared? We were heading for Texas! At St. Louis it was rain & we were breaking thru.

Tues. we were with the Durans at Lockhart & thier beautiful ranch near-by. Sam & Martha showed us a good time in the true Texas spirit.

Wed. we arrived in San Antonio & believe me were royally entertained day & night by the McGowans & Acostas.

Friday nite the San Antonio Chapter held a specil ladies nite meeting to surprise us with 57 people turning out.

Now isn't that just the greatest? Just to be in San Anontion was a delight but for those wonderful people to do this was frosting on the cake. We were pleased & humbled by it all.

It didn't end there either as Harry & Gladys, Mac & Adela were so generous with their time and facilities you wouldn't understand without being there. We were on the go continually — Wed. thru Sun. with these friendly generous people.

Spent Tues. eve. out with the Pettys & Sundays in Pasadena. Sammie & Ruth were the first ones to take us under their wing at our first reunion & we've never forgotton their efforts.

What truly beautiful people all you Texans are. From the greatest state come the best!

If we ever do that again we want to get up aroun Abilene to see some people we know there. God willing — will see you in Dallas.

W. C. Nagle Princeton, Ill.
Hidden Lake Drive 61356



BILLIE CARTER tells it like it is: (this guy lives in Plaines, GA, runs a fillin' station and sells beer) . . .

He admitted to being a "redneck" and proceeded to define it. As he put it, "A good ole boy drives around in a pickup truck and puts the empties in a litter bag. A redneck drives around in a pickup truck drinking beer and throws the empties out the window."



One of the great satisfactions, as your editor of this illustrious quarterly, is the ENTHUSIAM I have noticed in the past few years.

We were 'conned' into this job in June 1971, by none other than ole Amazin' Amil. With mixed emotions, I said I would take a flyer at it.

It's a helluva experience. I get all the mail that goes to Amil. I have privy to the actual letters written by the T-Patchers. The great ones are always the ole boy WHO after 30 years or so has found out that we DO have a 'goin' organization.

Amil sends to the drop-out, lost, & strayed T-Patchers, a few copies of the Patcher. They read and find out about a bunch of guys they had lost track of. They become interested in their old buddies, who shared all the good and bad of war.

Now, the letters from these 36thers, and from all-over hell and half of Georgia . . . are most heart-warming.

So happens that I have to spend alot of my time — studying TRENDS, etc. (commercially, that is). The trend I see, from my past years as editor, proves that we T-Patchers are now beginning to gather some degree of real acceptance . . . on a nation-wide basis. And that is good. Real good.

The real impact of all this is . . . that we are getting some of these drop-outs at the reunions. They come for the first-time and have such a good time with their old friends, that their ENTHUSIAM for the 36th and the comradeship . . . is really, what the association is all about.

Since we do not champion any causes, are try to change anything, our bunch just get together and enjoy ourselves. That's what makes the 36th Division Association, a real Texas Bar-B-Q sandwich, with lotsa 'come-back' sauce.

I am sure, you feel the same way. End of lines, everybody out.

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



JACK CLOVER, shown top above at left, of 143rd Inf., sends this one in. The gal is "Anna," and John Fodor of Michigan, Naples, Italy 1944. Cute gal, multabona.

Above is also Naples, here's a British sailor and Clover, picture made shortly after a few bottles of vino. Jack gets mail at: 2100 Ocean Shore Blvd., Apt. 205, Ormond, Fla. 32074.



IN GERMAN, after VE day . . . Johnny H. Seidenberger (at right) with James Mitchell and William Graham, all buddies of Co. D, 143rd. Johnny sent this in, gets his mail at: Rt. 1, Box 292, Shiner, TX 77984.

Btry. C, 132nd To Meet at Texoma

Last call for troops of Btry. C, 132nd for reservations to their annual reunion — Texoma Resort, June 17-19th. The hotel is located on Lake Texoma, Oklahoma side, between Dirant and Madill, at Kingston.

Frank Mosley, Jr., president of this active gang of artillerymen has sent out APB's and reservation cards . . . with a cutoff date of May 15th, so maybe you'd better write Frank (if you're late) at 5412 O'Dell Dr., Fort Worth TX 76134 or call (817) 293-6776.



Co. G, 143rd Infantry Celebrate 104 Years



BUDDIES of Co. B, 142nd in Italy 1943, from left is Joseph Matko, Albert Bozell and Sidney Oliver. Bozell sent this one in. Gets mail at 722 South St., Yreka, CA 96097. Thanks Al.

Men of Co. G, 143rd have a lot of heritage to be proud of. Not many units can trace their history back for 104 years of military service. TOP PHOTO: Houston, Texas, April 21, 1977 — from left is: Brig. Gen. David M. Frazier (a 2nd Lt. in Co. G back in 1940); Maj. Gen. William C. Chase, Commanding General of 1st Cavalry Division; Maj. Gen. Robert M. Ives (was Co. Commander of Co. G 1940) and Capt. Jimmie D. Jones, CO of Co. A, 143rd Airborne, Houston Light Guard Association. These men represent a total of 147 years of military service.

ABOVE: Representing the 36th Assn., is — Sammie and Ruth Petty, Zeb and Eloise Sunday and Julian H. Phillips, 1977 Assn. President.



'Six-Pack' Annie To Substitute For Farrar Fawcett-Majors

For several years now, we have had Gladys to visit the C.P.'s, and this year we wanted Farrar, the gal whose poster sold over 2 million copies. But the star of Charlie's Angels TV show wanted \$10,000.

So we got "Six Pack Annie," who frequents Joe Bar and Grill, and she said she'd come, and even bring her own six pack . . . how 'bout that. Us T-Patchers work great miracles!

San Antone's T-BONE

STOP THE PRESSES . . . bulletin just came in from Gomez on the San Antonio Chapter May 9th Mini-Reunion . . . bar-B-Q and beer bust. Bob Von Toussaint as chairman did an excellent job, says Hank. And, out of town visitors included the Julian Phillips, Zeb Sundays, Sammie Pettys, the Sinclairs, the Higginbothams from Burnet, a bunch from the Rio Grande valley, Mac Acosta, T-Bone editor, had his folks in from Houston, the Garzas . . . plus a flock of local members of the Audie Murphy Chapter of the ole 3rd Division. John 'A-rab' Power's wife personally made and donated raffle tickets, which covered cost of the suds.

Where Do The T-Patchers Live?

These figures are supplied by our membership chairman, Amil Kohutek, who along with all the other chores, handles the actual addressing, stuffing and mailing of your T-Patcher.

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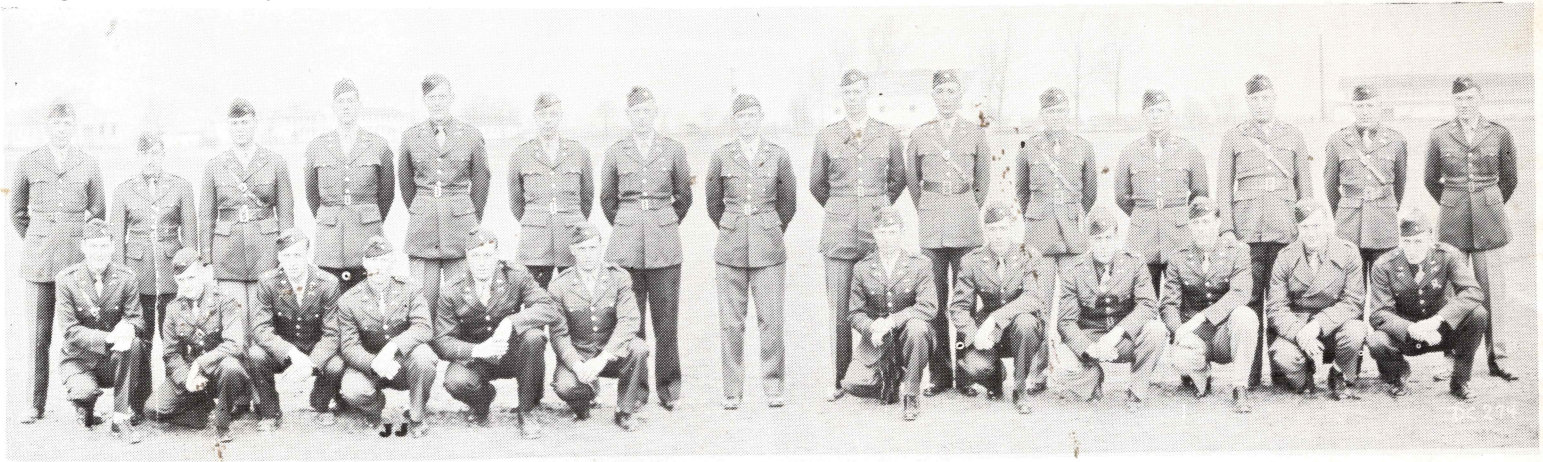
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Fall/Winter 1942 CAMP EDWARDS, Officers of 2nd Bn. 142nd Infantry

Top Row — Left to Right: Lt. Willis Cason - Lt. Mike Kristal - Lt. Carl Matney - Lt. Ralph Leonard - Lt. Woodrow Jenkins - Chaplain Harris Hall - Major James Padgett - Capt. Terrell Davis - Capt. Homer Spence - Capt. Judson Skiles - Capt. James Barnett (?) - Lt. Roland Black - Lt. John (Jack) Hunley.

Bottom Row: Lt. Robert Cromwell - Lt. William (Buck) Rogers - Lt. Evan MacIvrath - Lt. John (Jack) Finan (?) - Lt. Robert Carey - Lt. Frank Kula - Lt. Fremont Dibble - Lt. William McGregor - Lt. John Turner - Lt. Frederick Laing - Lt. James Curran.

NOTE: The (?) in the top row may be Lt. Clayton Butterfield. The (?) in the bottom row may be Lt. J. W. Atkins.

photo sent in by Jack J. Finan

Dear Bill:

Amil Kohutek sent me copies of The T-Patchers of Nov. 1976 and Feb. 1977. The publications are outstanding and you are doing a great job as the editor.

The "G" Company 'Review' as you call it shows that Charles Stimson is one in a million. You fellows who put out the news deserve the Medal of Honor.

I'm also a member of the 24th Division Ass'n — Pearl Harbor Survivors Ass'n — and for the second time the 36th Division Ass'n. During the early sixties I got a hop to Austin with Lt. General Paul D. Adams, OG, Third US Army. The reunion was great and I was treated to a meeting with Colonel Sammy Graham, CO, 2nd Battalion, 142nd.

I can't make the 1977 Reunion due to a planned voyage to Hawaii. I do hope to be with "The Men of Company G" during their November 1977 Pow-Wow in Snyder.

JOHN JACK FINAN

758 E. Whitaker Mill Road
Raleigh, NC 27608

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.

The reaction to *The Texas Army* has been uniformly good. Both by the critics and from individuals the book has been warmly received. The only regret Robert Wagner has is that he didn't publish 3000 copies instead of the less than 2000 copies in the fall of 1972.

ROBERT L. WAGNER

**P.O. Box 13488, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711**



W. M. Bill Shaw, 77 of Hillsboro died Feb. 15th. Was a T-Patcher of WWI, made many reunions and had alot of good buddies, like Hugh P. Helms of Dallas who sent in this notice.

Thomas Maher, Catskil, NY of Co. I, 143rd died in 1975 according to note from George Hunn of Brooklyn.

Margie Hawkins (wife of Jack Hawkins) died in March '77, at New Castle, Del. Jack Hawkins authored the 132nd book, Passing In Review.

James F. Norris of Waterford, Mich., died recently as reported by Carl Peterson. Norris served with Co. C, 111th Engrs., was active in the Midwest Chapter.

Ben J. Dragan on Co. I, 142nd of Kingston, PA has been deceased for 19 years according to note from Jack Symth of Latrobe, PA.

Wife of James L. Mansfield died recently in Abilene. Husband James served with C 131st FA Bn., lives at 1025 N. 18th St., Abilene TX 79691.

Benjamin Roper of Co. C, 143rd passed away in 1976, according to his widow, Frances, of 188 Church St., Edwardsville, PA 18704.

We Never Make 'Mistakes'

Dear Bill:

In the last T-Patcher we misspelled "John J. Mazzeo's" name. We are expecting he and his wife in Dallas this Labor Day Weekend as "first timers," so a correction would be appreciated.

There will be another first timer come Sept. 1, Capt. Eric C. Anderson, a past C.O. of G Co. 143rd. Inf. He is coming from Bozeman, Mont. He sent dues for himself and a buddy, another G. Co. man, Richard Grousset.

Regards, Julian H. Philips

Father Fintan A. Murphy of 142nd died Feb. 22, 1977 according to Rev. Sullivan of St. Anthony Shrine, Boston.

Harry F. Kemble of Sussex, N.J. died Jan. 12, 1977, was member of Co. I, 143rd. Word was received by Bill Langston, 501 Neil St., Belton, TX 76513 from Harry's sister, Mrs. Helen Turner.

J. B. Dick Walker died in Dallas March 1977 according to his widow, 4011 June Drive, Dallas TX 75211. She stated, "Dick was proud of all the men of the 36th, and you will never know how much pleasure it gave him to hear from some of his old gang from Co. C, 142nd Inf."

William J. Wynn, of Hqs. Btry 131st died Nov. 1976 as reported by his widow, 3 Albert Rd., Mountain Top, PA 18707.

M/Sgt. August C. Waskow, 61 of San Antonio died of heart attack Jan. 3, 1977. (He was brother to the late hero Capt. Waskow of Belton, TX). August was 1st Sgt. of Co. I, 143rd Inf.

John L. Cruse of Houston died August 1976, was with Hqs. Co., 3rd Bn., 143rd. Notice sent in by his son, Ken.

Theodore F. Popowicz, Breckenridge, PA, of Co. K, 142nd died in 1947, according to his widow, of a service connected disability.

(Ed, note: the reason we get some of these delayed obituaries, is that names from the old rosters are used, and we get the delayed sad news).

HEY, YOU GUYS . . . Amil tells us that many are still writing to him at his old address in IRVING, Texas. He moved to west Texas many moons ago, and this is the correct address:

**AMIL KOHUTEK, Membership Chairman
1933 College Street
Abilene, Texas 79602.**