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Largest Turn-Out in 20 Years At Dallas Reunion San Antonio To Host 53rd Annual Reunion



Everybody gets into the act! Bennie Bodiford, Columbus, GA, of Co. B, 111th Engineers joins in the festivities with this lovely Belly Dancer at the Early Bird Party. There's more tomfoolery on Page 10

Board Selects Gunter Hotel As Bivouac For '78 Reunion, Sept. 1-3

The T-Patchers are on the GO! And if a big turn-out is an indicator of success, we can modestly say that the Dallas, 52nd Annual Reunion was nothing less than sensational!

The Early Bird Party on Thursday brought in 300 36thers and their wives, and it was as usual, the beginning of 'something big.' Registration, visiting in the CP's and another party was a crowded Friday; with a full-one on Saturday, with general assembly, and the big dinner-dance on Saturday night ... and the CP's did a land-office business.

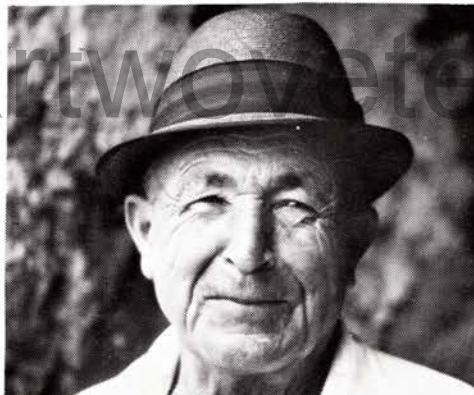
36th Reunions are hard to describe. You just have to be on deck and become an eye witness to really appreciate it.

In This Issue:

More Photos and Heard Froms than any previous issue of the T-Patcher!



Wheelchairs don't stop the T-Patchers from attending a Reunion. Here's AL HALVERSON of Garden Grove, CA, of Co. M, 141st visits with MANSON BEARDEN of Plano, TX, who served with 36th Signal Co.



MEET ANTONIO PAGLIARO, a 76 year old Italian of Fondola, who played a very important chapter in the life of our newly elected Exec. V/P, Julian M. Quarles of South Miami, Florida. See details on Page 7.



JIMMY CARTER attend 36th Division Reunion in Dallas? Why not? Well, if you can't get the original, how about the next best thing? That's Jim and Pat Stokes of N. Fort Myers with ED BEHLER who travels all over as a stand-in for his honor. Behler calls himself — JIMMY C. ARTER and doesn't work for peanuts. He's former T-Patcher, did time with 143rd Infantry and calls Elm Mott, Texas his home



Everybody had a ball at the Saturday Night Dinner Dance in Dallas Labor Day Weekend. Look inside for the greatest array of photos ever assembled from a T-Patch reunion.

142nd RCT At Siegfried

EXCLUSIVE first time report — The 142nd Breaks The SIEGFRIED LINE, March 1945, by Maj. Gen. George E. Lynch. An exciting maneuver that got a Presidential Unit Citation.

See Page 9.

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President's Message:

Dear Fellow T-Patchers:

The 52nd annual reunion held at Dallas, was a great success and will be a challenge for me and your 1978 board of directors to surpass. On Thursday night for the "Early Bird" party we estimate near 300, on Friday night near 450 and on Saturday night we had 700 for the dinner/dance.

Those who attended the 1977 Dallas Reunion had a grand time renewing old friendships and greeting new T-Patchers who were here for the first time . . . over 100 here for the first time! Most said they did not know the 36th Division Association was still in effect until one of their buddies got hold of them, so it pays to pass the word around.

As we have many strays that need to be rounded up and headed our way . . . we need to contact all the veteran and service groups, all retired military associations and pass the word that the 36th is alive and looking for lost comrades.

Those of you who were unable to attend the Dallas Reunion, I sincerely hope you will consider San Antonio in 1978. Your board of officers would like to make San Antonio our largest in the history. We have already started on making plans for Thursday night (Western Party), Friday night (Mexican Party) and the dinner/dance for Saturday.

We would like to see our association grow to 3500 paid members — we can do this by putting in a little extra effort as stated above by passing the word and making contacts. Your president and board can not do this alone — we need the support of all our members.

San Antonio is our reunion city for 1978, one of the great cities of the southwest. Our dates will be Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, and 3. Your 1978 officers and reunion committee wants to assure each of you that every effort will be made to arrange the best possible accommodations at an economical cost. We will schedule a variety of activities for your pleasure and enjoyment.

Leonard E. Wilkerson,
President

Leonard Wilkerson Elected President

Membership Drive To Try To Reach New Goal of 3500 By Reunion Time 1978

To borrow a famous ad slogan, "You're In Good Hands With Wilkerson." Our newly elected 36th Division Association has a long track record with many brownie points.

Leonard Wilkerson, a retired 1st Sgt., of 144th Infantry served 2 years as V/P of his own 144th, then was elected Executive V/Pres. last year in Houston, and since he was the ranking officer, and resided in Dallas where the '77 reunion was to be held, a lot of chores were unloaded for him to handle. And this he did. Working closely with Julian Philips and the rest of the board, they put together a 'blue ribbon' reunion, only a couple of months ago.

Now in the saddle, Leonard has taken over the reigns like Gang-busters, cranked out memos and mailing to the board, made many trips on official business, and has the Association off to a great start for the '78 reunion in San Antonio, come Labor Day weekend.

On Sat. Nov. 5th, the board met in the Alamo City, and after many interviews, selected the old reliable GUNTER HOTEL as reunion site. T-Patchers have met there at least 3 previous times in the past 32 post WWII years.

The big push is MEMBERS. Yes, a lot of new ones. Dropouts, strays and lost. To reach the 3500 goal, will take the help of every Patcher in the book. Send in names to any board members, and they will take it from there.

It takes a lot of greenbacks to run the association, and it's going too good now to slow down.

SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO

Reunion Highlight: When Ed Behler (the Jimmy Carter look-a-like) walked into the 143rd CP, Julian heard GEORGE RAINER ask HENRY SLINKE, "Aren't we supposed to stand when the President enters the room?"

New 'Lance' Beer To Compete With 'Billy'

AMIL KOHUTEK sends in this one: "The more I see of Burt Lance, the more he looks like SAM KIBBEY."

Naturally that gave us an idea for a new beer, to compete with Billy Carter's new beer called "BILLY."

We are contacting Sambo Kibbey for permission to use his photo on a can of new beer to brew here in Fort Worth at the Miller Brewery.

We will call it . . . "LANCE" . . . Over-DRAFT Beer. On the label will be Sam Kibbey's puss. Most people will think it's Burt Lance, but we don't care. He can't sue us if we use KIBBEY. And, Sam doesn't care, cause he will get a free case of LANCE Over-DRAFT Beer twice a week. How 'bout that?



143rd Has Biggest Turnout with 112 Members At Dallas

Actual Head-Count of T-Patchers in attendance at the 1977 Dallas Reunion:

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| 141 Inf | 67 |
| 142 Inf | 84 |
| 143 Inf | 112 |
| 144 Inf | 9 |
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| 131 FA | 16 |
| 132 FA | 25 |
| 133 FA | 21 |
| 155 FA | 15 |

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| Div Hq | 15 |
| 36 Sig | 54 |
| 736 Ord | 11 |
| 36 Recon | 5 |
| 36 QM | 6 |
| MP | 2 |
| 111 Med | 2 |
| 636 TD | 1 |
| 111 Eng | 38 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 484 |

If a grand prize was awarded for the unit that turned-out in the greatest numbers, and based on the T/O of their numerical strength, the 36th SIGNAL COMPANY would win it, hands down.

Of the four infantry regiments, the 143rd came in first with 112. And in the artillery battalions, 132nd again leads with 25. Ole Amazon' Amil sees to that, along with some help, of course.

Stovall's Engineers have for 32 years, led the Special Troopers (38 this time) . . . but Signalmen stole their banner. Our thanks to Ken Nixon for all their earth-shakin' figures.

800 Happy T-Patchers Attend Dinner/Dance

Troops From 34 States Show Up At Dallas Bash

Largest turn-out in twenty years! Here's the facts, by state, of members, wives and guests. Study this with care, and you will get the picture.

OHIO again leads attendance of out-of-state with 19

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| Alabama | 6 | Montana | 2 |
| Arkansas | 3 | New Jersey | 8 |
| Arizona | 2 | New Mexico | 2 |
| California | 5 | New York | 5 |
| Colorado | 1 | No. Carolina | 1 |
| Connecticut | 6 | Oklahoma | 12 |
| Florida | 18 | Oregon | 2 |
| Georgia | 2 | Ohio | 19 |
| Indiana | 13 | Pennsylvania | 9 |
| Illinois | 18 | So. Carolina | 1 |
| Kansas | 9 | Tennessee | 5 |
| Kentucky | 1 | Texas | 602 |
| Louisiana | 9 | Virginia | 5 |
| Michigan | 17 | Washington | 1 |
| Minnesota | 1 | W. Virginia | 3 |
| Missouri | 4 | Wisconsin | 3 |
| Mississippi | 3 | TOTAL | 801 |
| Massachusetts | 3 | | |

Our special thanks to KEN NIXON, who rides herd on the registration desk, all the funds, and comes up with these tabulations (which is no easy task). Three cheers for NIXON. That's Ken, not Richard!



Dear T-Patchers:

Wow! What a convention. You really went over the top!

The castle is still rocking after your Labor Day bash. The folks around here are still talking about what a fantastic group you were.

Please accept by personal thanks as well as a big "Thank You" from the Dunfey's Royal Coach Inns. I can't tell you when we've enjoyed a group more.

Jack Finan still owes me a hamburger. I offered to buy him a Texas size hamburger but he said "no, a yankee never lets a lady pay."

It was good to see my cousin-in-law, Bill Steger again for the first time in years, and *he lives here!*

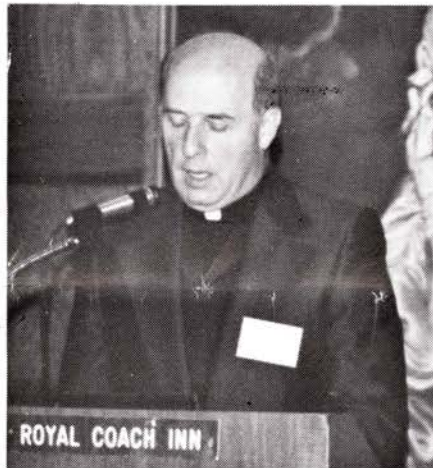
Happily yours,
Bonnie Day, Associate Sales
Mgr.
Royal Coach Motor Hotel



General Paul DeWitt Adams, former CO of 143rd was guest speaker at the general assembly, Sat. Sept. 3rd for the 52nd Annual 36th Division Reunion held in Dallas.



General Robert M. Ives of Houston, addresses the general assembly at Saturday afternoon business session. Gen. Ives served as G-1 during WWII, also saw service in WWI.



MEMORIAL SERVICE, Sunday Sept. 4th: Father John B. Yadrich, Topeka, Kan., a former member of Co. G, 143rd gives the memorial address. Copies of this are available from Julian Philips or Leonard Wilkerson.



CANDID CAMERA at the reunion dinner dance: Here's Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilkerson of Dallas, your new 1978 Association president, and Ruby and Julian Philips, of Houston the out-going '77 president' who will serve on the board for the next two years.

A Personal Message

Dear T-Patchers:

I have enjoyed every moment of the hour I have spent as your president. To you and to the officers who succeed me, I pledge always my support and hard work to make this association the best to be found anywhere. I believe we all agree this is the greatest bunch of fighting men that have every assembled under any banner.

This reunion was a success because you were here, for without you members we couldn't operate. We had 300 plus at our "Early Bird Party" — 500 plus at our "Welcoming Party and a whopping 720 at the dinner dance on Sat. night.

We recruited more "First Timers" and had more "Life Time Members" sign up than ever before. If you weren't there, we missed you and hope you can make it next year. We will be looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have responded to our membership chairman's notice about dues for 1978. Those of you who have not sent them in do so as soon as possible, so you will continue to receive the T-Patcher. Maybe you can afford to become a "Life Time Member." If so send your money to Amil and in turn he will see that you receive your certificate. Let me also remind you to send in your change of address when you move. This costs the association money for all returned mail and together with the price of postage this gets very expensive.

We have a busy year ahead of us and will need the help of every T-Patcher to recruit new members so we can reach our goal of 3500 members by reunion time 1978.

We have a good president in Leonard Wilkerson and a hard working board, so I'm asking each of you to work for them just as you did for me and I know we will succeed in all our endeavors. Sincerely,

Julian H. Phillips

T-Patch Cameramen Work Overtime At Reunion



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Above: Three T-Patchers pose briefly, but cameraman failed to get names; center: Melvin Walthall of Cherfield, VA (144th) displays his book, 'We Can't All Be Heroes' and that's Bill Steger of Dallas enjoying the buffet at the Early Bird Party. Steger is the man responsible for all that good Lone Star Beer at the reunion.



Saturday Nite Dinner Dance: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Carlson of Dallas, and at center is the Johnny McKeel's, former V/P of Artillerymen and then there's Ken Nixon having a time with the ladies. Photo below: Hey, says Ed Keetin pointing to the camera, and that's Helen Wallace with him, wife of R. E. Wallace, couple in center pix, unidentified, and at right is A. D. Grizzelle flanked by the Charlie Prathers.



Co. G, 142nd Is On The Go

Calling all men of Co. G, 142nd — according to a bulletin from Chas. W. Stimson, Jr., of Portales, NM 88130, your 4th Annual Reunion will be held Sat. Nov. 19th in Snyder, Texas.

The man to make reservations with is: Don Adams, Box 272, Snyder, TX 79549. It's five for one, or \$10 for 2. Registrations starts at 9:30 a.m., and adjournment is "When we get ready," so says the poopsheet.

This is an active fairly new group, and they have come along way in 4 years.



Germany 1945: Here's Raymond C. Hall, of Co. C, 143rd & Hqs. Co. 1st Bn. Ray lives at Rt. 3, Box 181, Martinsville, VA 24112. Pix sent in by Julian Philips of Houston.

Ad Space Available In 1978 Santone Reunion Roster

At the Nov. 5th board meeting, it was approved. Yes, we will have a 32 or more page souvenir program, crammed full of vital information, and it will be a booklet you will want to keep.

This has been done by several other divisional units, and ad space is available for all interested, and the revenue from this space will pay for printing, and some left over which goes into the general fund for membership recruiting.

Get ready, and you'll have complete information on this in the Feb. 1978 T-Patcher.

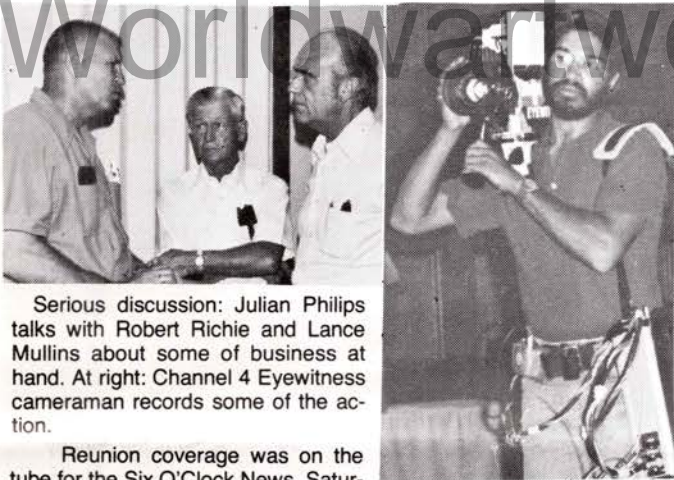
**SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO
1978 Labor Day!**

picture parade

CANDID CAMERA AT DALLAS REUNION



Reunion general assembly: at left is new Exec. V/P Julian Quarles of Miami, who has been on nominating committee for years; and Col. Oran Stovall, the official association historian telling it like it is.



Serious discussion: Julian Philips talks with Robert Richie and Lance Mullins about some of business at hand. At right: Channel 4 Eyewitness cameraman records some of the action.

Reunion coverage was on the tube for the Six O'Clock News, Saturday. Both papers, Dallas Morning News and Times Herald had feature stories about the men of the 36th.



52nd Annual Reunion business meeting at 1:00 PM on Saturday. The largest attendance yet. After the election results were announced these new 1978 office assembled for a group photo. Front row from left: Marvin Steitle (141), Bob Mehaffey (142), and Ken Nixon (Treas). Standing: Norris B. Morgan (143rd), A. D. Grizelle (144), Raymon McCray (SpC/Trps), Leonard Wilkerson, Pres., and Julian Quarles, Exec/V-Pres.

T-PATCHER HERD FRÜMS

LOUIS H. RESSIJAC, 20 Lincoln St., Ayer, Mass 01432 sends in dues, and says he can't make the reunion. Lou served with Co. A, 143rd Inf. Try for Santone in '78.

PAUL M. BEDERKA, 4711 Cleveland Ave., Rockford, Ill 61108 of Co. E, 143rd sends in dues for '78 and asks for membership applications. Amil sent him a dozen, and good huntin'. Paul says he found Commando Kelly's platoon Lt., at Meringo, Ill., a Joseph O'Leary.

ALEX MINTZER, 1201 S. Hillcrest Ct., Hollywood, Fla. 33021 former Capt. of Medics 132nd F.A. Bn., sends dues to Amil with regrets he could not be in Dallas, but would be there in spirit. "A special hello to the ole CO, Col. Pete Green.

JOHN E. BALLIEW, M/Sgt USA Ret, 750 Weaver, Corpus Christi, TX 78418 of 111th Engineers sends regrets that he could not be in Dallas. . . he is 100% disabled, and sends best regards to all the T-Patchers.

LEONARD RICHTER, P.O. Box 159, Flatonia, TX 78941 of Co. L, 141st sends dues and extra stamp money to Amil. Says he'd like to hear from other Company L men, especially those captured at Rapido crossing.

Dog Days . . . **BRALEY VILLANEUVA**, 608 Withers St., Denton, TX 76201 writes to Amil for copies of the last 2 T-Patchers. Seems his new pup tore them up. He got 'em. Braley did time with Co. M, 142nd.

C. A. WILLIAMSON, Lt. Col. AUS Ret., sends in change of address, which is: 98-945C Kainohi St., Aiea, Hawaii 96701. Col. Williamson is a world-traveler, but I think his home base is Corpus Christi. He served with 143rd Infantry. He sends regrets he could not be in Dallas with the troops.

GEORGE J. KERRIGAN, 8008 S. Talman, Chicago, IL 60652 is the greatest Irish comedian of all times. Served with Co. A, 142nd, has made many, many reunions, and sends in this message: "This is the biggest blow to hit me in years. It is impossible for us to attend the Dallas bash, but tell Harry McGown and all the others that — "hell or high-water can't keep me away from the Santone reunion, God Bless You-All." Signed — 'Wrong-Way Kerrigan.'

DOMINIC J. BELLOTTI, 1501 Donnan Ave., Washington, PA 15301 of Co. A, 141st sends in '78 dues and regrets for missin' Dallas, but Santone is our first stop in '78 on a West Coast trip.

CHAS. BROWN, 1902 Inwood Drive, McKinney, TX 75069 writes Amil and says: "would you believe I've been living next door to W. B. 'Bill' Phillips for 20 years. Didn't know he was a T-Patcher 'til about 3 years ago." This is one for Believe It Or Not.

CLAUDE ALEXANDER, 1705 Ave. K, Plano, TX 75074 of Co. E., 142nd sends in dues for '78, sells lotsa houses for Plano Real Estate Company.

E. T. VAUGHN, 14 S. Addinsell, BORGER, TX 79007 heard from Robert J. Ritchie of Lubbock, and sends his dues to Amil, but failed to give his unit.

WALTER SHEETZ, 159 Walnut St., Columbus PA 17512 of Co. H, 141st, pays dues plus picked up a couple of strays: Richard Wagner, 20 Circle Rd., Millerville, PA 17601 of same outfit . . . and Richard C. Kaufman, 59 Locust Grove Rd., York, PA 17502 also Co. H 141st. Thanks Walt, you guys know Pete Walters, now a confirmed Texan?

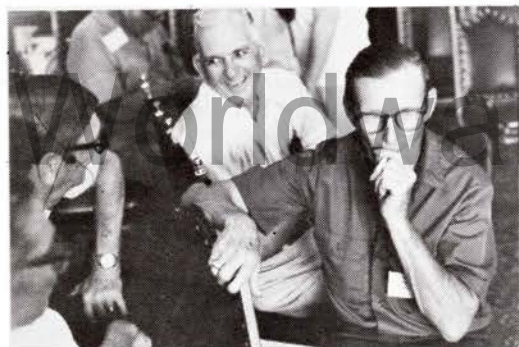
Lone Star Better Than Primo Beer, Says Finan

J. J. Jack Finan is a man of many interests. He served with the 36th, and later was transferred to the 24th Division in the Pacific.

Two weeks after being in Dallas, he went to the 24th reunion in Hawaii, and sends this dispatch: "I would never trade a Hawaiian vacation for a T-PATCH Pow-Wow." The Primo Beer in Pineappleland can't compare with that LONE STAR suds I enjoyed in Dallas."

But, that's just part of it. We have many troopers of the 36th, who later served with other units all over. The fact is, Jack Finan, is completely dedicated to the 36th Division, and spends time seeking and searching for drop outs and strays. His battlin' average is tops.

First Timers Have More Fun Than Anybody . . .



First Reunion of these Patchers! Dallas 1977. At top left is John Boner with Earvin and Lillian Ivy. Top center: Eunice Lee and Major Fitts. Top right: Dan Celentano, of Co. M, 141st with Kathryn and Patsy Dileo. Pat is Silver Star holder, served with Julian Philips in the 143rd.

Second row, left: Al Pope and M.L. Bowden both of Co. H, 142nd. Above center: Here's August and Catherine Benner, Co. B, 142nd, another first timer. Above right photo: John Brendle of 111th Medics with Arthur Goldenbaum, with daughter, Arlene and wife Elsie.



Shown above is L. O. Pete Thayer and wife, Alice enjoying the Saturday night dinner-dance festivities.

Heard from

CLIFFORD T. ROSSER, 902 Nottingham St., Culpeper Town, VA, rounded up by Julian Philips, who says Cliff served with distinction in Spec/Plat., 1st Bn., 143rd Inf.

LEONARD P. KOSSOWSKI, 38 W. Cedar St., Boston, MA 02108 sends in a ten spot for dues and stamps for ole Amil. Regrets he could not make Dallas, "We had a grand time last year in Houston, hope to see you guys at Santone in '78," Leonard concluded.

JACK CLOVER, P.O. Box 3033, Ormond Beach, FL 32074 drops his dues and one extra for a buddy (which Amil will pick). Clover 'runs' the Stanley Steamer Carpet Cleaner, which is helluva clever name, and we hope he's 'Cleaning-Up.'

Col. RICHARD FLEMING (US Army Ret) 262 Maine St., Brunswick, ME 04011 of 131st F.A. Bn., is a real estate investment counselor, sends in dues and asks for names and addresses of men of 131st and 141st. Help is on the way, Col.

Col. SANFORD H. WEBSTER served with 1st Bn., and Reg. Hqs. of 143rd. After the war he represented the Army on the Leach Cup Team, says Julian Philips. Now retired, Sanford is in the real estate biz in Palo Alto, CA.

DEL W. KENDALL, 1665 Jefferson St., Muskegon, MI 49441 writes that he was sorry he couldn't make Dallas, but would be there in spirit. Del has been a big contributor of old WWII pixs, all of which we are grateful.

FLOYD JAMES SMITH, 1013 West Oak, Weatherford, TX 76086 writes for info on the reunion (he got it, says Amil). He did time with Co. K, 142nd.

GEORGE B. SCHRIVER, 801 Valley St., En-cola, PA 17025 says, "I was a volunteer Bazookaman in Co. K, 141st, and became an expert from the start." Question: "Was I the only infantryman in the 36th who fired a Bazooka overseas, who had NEVER fired one during training in the states? Answer: Amil says, "yes, George, I saw 2 Bazooka men knock out a Nazi tank on Salerno beachhead, and the tank was aiming at my Jeep."

W. L. CONARTY, 3206 Hollybrook Lane, Pueblo, CO 81005 of the 141st RCT says he'd like info on the reunion. "He got it," says Amil. Conarty was with Co. A, 11th Engrs., from 1942-45.

BILL EBERLE, 3880 Schirtzinger Rd., Colum-bus, OH 43220 writes in and says, "I lost contact with the 36th several years after the war and didn't realize it was still in existence. Then Bruce Carter of Patoka, Ill., told me to write Amil." And you know that he got all the information. "Bruce and I both served with Btry A, 133rd FA Bn."

GLENN E. CASSIDY, 9834 Chiswell, Dallas, TX 75238 writes that he wants to join the Assn. Says he was in the 111th Medic for 15 years, but did not go overseas as he was transferred to another unit in 1942. Welcome to the clan, Glenn!

Kentucky Colonel Kibbey is one of the hardest-working T-Patchers that ever came down the turnpike. He is legal eagle for the giant Oil Corporation (Ashland) called to tell me he now has THREE secretaries, and he still has to work on Sundays. AND, he takes time to flood the midwest with letters — looking for strays, and his record is good.



Mutt & Jeff of Co. G, 142nd at Brownwood 1941, sent in by T. B. Curly Roberts, Rt. 3, 900 Crocket Dr., Burleson, TX 76028. He says that shorty is Pvt. Moore, but could not remember Mr. Big. Can anyone help?

Julian Quarles, Miami Attorney, Exec. V/Pres.

To the members of the 36th division assoc.

When I joined the 36th Division at Camp Blanding, Florida, in 1942, shortly after it had left Texas, and met what was then a virtually all Texas complement, I (who had never been in Texas) could not have foreseen that some years later I would be the Executive Vice-President of the 36th Division Association.

This just proves that the Texans finally believe that us non-Texans have red blood too. All joking aside, I would like you Texans and those who are Texans by virtue of being a member of the 36th Division, to know that it's a great honor to me to be chosen as one of your officers.

This Association does not just happen. It works because there are so many individuals who work unselfishly, year in and year out, to make it go. Without them and without each of you contacting your old friends and bringing them into the fold, we would have no Association.

Let us all get behind President Leonard Wilkerson and give him real support for the year ahead. Send your photos in to Bill Jary; names, addresses and dues to Amil Kohutek; and plan for a great get-together at San Antonio. In the T-Patcher and at the reunions you have the opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones who were in your division but in other units.

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Happy Reunion at Fondola, Italy, Aug. 15, 1977.

Julian Quarles embraces ANTONIO PAGLIARO at right, and MIKE CARUSONE. Quarles relates this amazing story . . . "Antonio, now age 76, hid Capt. Bayne and I in his hayloft after our escape for several nights, just before we returned through our lines. Mike, a 12 year old lad at the time, was always under foot. Antonio is wearing a shirt that my wife sent him several years ago."

"We have a son who is an MP in Germany, and while visiting him, we took a side trip via train to visit these very dear friends," Quarles added.

Jim Minor Book Ready For Delivery

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.

But don't wait, send your check for \$3.50 (includes postage) to
BARBARA DAVIDSON,
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Friendship, N.Y. 14739

Ben Wilsons Make Another Visit To Old Spots In Italy

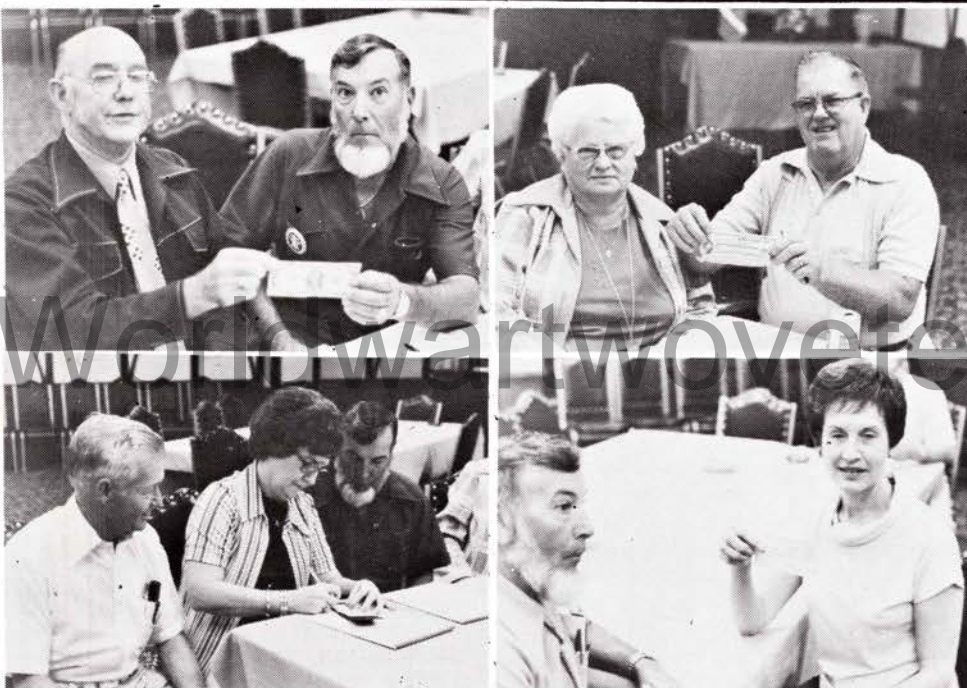
Dear Bill:

Hope to make a reunion one of these days, but this year we are leaving Sept. 8th for Switzerland, Northern Italy, Austria and Southern Germany, and will visit some of the areas we were during WWII.

We made a trip in 1973 to Italy; covered most of the places we were, especially delighted to stay at the Hotel ELESIO in Rome. Remember, that's where Spec. Svc. had the Rest Camp. Also the PENSIONE MUELLER in Naples on the waterfront, which was also 36th Officers Rest Camp. Via Roma (Broadway of Naples) looks about the same, complete with smells and rubbish.

Visited the Greek ruins again at Paestum and the little restaurant adjoining, where the SSO had an EM Club during staging for Southern France. The beachhead is all built up now, but did visit the spot where we landed. It was a real experience. Regards to all.

Col. Ben F. Wilson
(133rd, Div. Hqs.)
230 East King Avenue,
Kingsville, TX 78363



Life Memberships signed up at the Dallas bash: Top left is Payner Rucker (143rd) gives \$100 check to Zeb. (Please note Zeb twisting his arm.) Top right: John Davenport of Evansville, Ind., and wife Margaret display their \$100 Travelers check. Above left: Ruth Richie signed one for Bob of Co. H, 142nd of Pensacola, Fla. Above right: Here's Donna Schultz and her \$100 for Edward of Co. D, 141st, of Oak Lawn, Ill. Ole Zeb Sunday set some kind of "sales" record this time.

Life Members

We only have a few hundred left . . . and they are easy to get. Send your check for \$100 to Leonard Wilkerson, Amil Kohutek or Ken L. Nixon. You'll get card and certificate plus alot of satisfaction, and no more dues to pay. COMPLETE list of Life Members to be published in Feb. '78 Patcher.

Heard from

T. C. CHADICK, of Co. K, 144th sends in dues and says he has been appointed to the Texas Supreme Court as of Oct. 6th. and that explains why he could not be in Dallas, Chadick's address is: Court of Civil Appeals, 6th Supreme Judicial Dist., Texarkana, TX 75501. He was appointed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

ALBERT B. CROWTHER, 509 Alamo Heights Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78209 sends in his '78 dues and some 'extra' for the pot, and regrets that he could not make Dallas. "A-B" as he affectionately is known to his close buddies, was in this reporter's opinion, the BEST G-2 in the ETO. Gen. Crowther, in his spare time, runs one of the biggest banks in the Alamo City, has served the 36th for 60 years, cause he was a young Lt. in 1918 in the Artillery.

"PINEAPPLE JACK," the Rock of Chickamauga, and a most devoted T-Patcher sends postcard from Waikiki Beach, only 3 weeks after attending the Dallas bash. J. J. FINAN really gets around. He is now retired, spends hours on his Smith/Corona writing to strays and his record is tops. Jack Finan served with 142nd (and 143rd) gets a ton of mail at his mansion: 758 E. Whitaker Mill Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27608.

VINCENT LOCKHART once called Canadian, Texas his home. He published a newspaper, and also printed many editions of the T-Patch (newspaper size) in 1946-47-48. Somehow strayed away to the east coast, gets his mail at: P.O. Box 8, Valley Head, West VA, 26294, but now says he's moving back to Texas.

THOMAS M. REUSCH, Cleburne, TX sends in dues for '78, and said that Johnny McKeel had paid his '77 dues, and that he's proud to be a former member of the 36th. He enlisted in Co. B, 144th in 1934, and stayed with them 'til 1944, then was transferred to Co E, 60th Inf. of the 9th Division, served as C.O. Received 4 Purple Hearts, Silver and Bronze Stars.

HARRY KELLY, 359 Wardman Road, Buffalo, NY 14217 of AT 141st sends dues and says "Sure love the T-Patcher." Harry had planned to be in Dallas, but went to Hawaii in July, got hepatitis and had to stay in Los Angeles for 2 months with his daughter, so there went the Dallas reunion.

GEORGE PARFET, 729 Euclid Ave., Temple, PA 19560 walked with Co. F, 143rd sends dues and his card, which says he is the world's greatest Wooden Nickel Collector. So if any of you Patchers have any wooden nickels, contact George.

JOSEPH B. McSHANE, 248 Cheryl Drive W, San Antonio, TX 78228 (Lt. Col. USAF Ret.) acknowledges a letter he received from BILL STEGER that he could not attend the Dallas reunion, but sends best wishes to all the Patchers. Col. McShane was 36th Division G-3 in Italy.

R. T. Dick MESHELL, 1373 Kelham St., Daytona Beach, FL 32014 of Co. D. 143rd drops his dues on Amil, and sends regrets for missing the Dallas bash. Asks for T-Patch decal and he got 'em. Be sure to be in Santone in '78.

JOE F. PRESNALL, Rt. 2 Box 202 Baytown, TX 77520 of 143rd Infantry slips \$5 to Amil for dues and says he regrets missing the Dallas reunion (recovering from heart attack), sends best regards to all 143rd Patchers.



MID WEST REUNION, Kansas City ... Here's a photo sent in by Eleggio A. DeAndero, 4998 Kings Hill Road, Columbus, OH 43299, who sent it to Zeb Sunday, who then sent it to the T-Patcher. Standing of course, is ole Zeb. From left is Mrs. DeAndero, Eloise Sunday, DeAndero and lady at right unidentified. And a good time was had by all.



Here's Martha and George Pengress, Rt. 2, Anna, Ill. 62906. George served with 111th Engineers, Co. B, from North Africa, Salerno, and all battles in Italy. Landed D-Day Southern France, was wounded March 1945 and lost sight of both eyes. He has served his community well, as a member of the school board, military service officer, was a soldier of valor and is a first class citizen. Photo sent to Col. Stovall was forwarded to the T-Patcher.

REPORT

Here's some bits and pieces from the C.P. of the Special Troops, Royal Coach Motor Hotel ... Vinc. Lockhart moving back to Texas (nearly El Paso) Gen Iven looked real good still working at 79 years young. Bob and Carl Phinney, Lee Allison, Harold Johnson (old APO 36 from Wichita, Kansas) Otto Anderson from Michigan, Gerald Pate from Florida, Ed Brendt from Chicago, Doc Wiggins Munday, Texas, Gossett from 736 Ord Co, Geo Fell (Recon) and quite a few from different SP troops units were on hand, we had 691 for big banquet Saturday night and I understand we have over 3000 members on the books now. The T-Patch is the salvation to the reunion- it keeps the old boys alert as to where the other troops are and how they are getting along. I think Julian Phillips did a wonderful job and we are going to have to give old Leonard a lot of help to keep up the head count.

Bill Steger, (Div. Hqs.)

1682 Nob Hill Place, Dallas, TX 75208



TOMMIE V. DAVIS, JR., 447 Central St., Elkins, W. Va. 26241 walked with Co. D, 141st joins up, and also becomes a Life Member. STEVE KALAT, 4542 S. Whipple, Chicago, IL 60632 served with Co. M, 142nd was roped in by Glen Beckett.

ALBERT D. WHITE, Exec. V/P, Marketing of Porter Burgess Co., 1233 Levee, Dallas, TX 75207 served with Div. Hqs., was rounded-up by Leonard Wilkerson (our 1978 prexy).

DOMINICK FERRARA, 18838 Monica Drive, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 of Regmtl. Hqs., 143rd Inf., was entered by Richard Stansell.

LAWRENCE HOAK, RD 1, Boiling Springs, PA 17007 joins up, served with that famous Btry. C, 132nd F.A. Bn.

LOUIS P. ADAMS, 2371 Rose Garden Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 walked with Co. D, 143rd comes in. Hey, Lou, do you remember Payne Rucker of Dallas?

ROY G. PANKAKE, 403 Sand Hill Road, Hershey, PA 17033 of Hqs. Co., 143rd I & R, was fetched by Dick Stansell. Hey, Roy, how bout sending us Patchers a case of Hershey Bars?

IRA W. ALEXANDER, 920 West Chickasaw, Lindsay, OK 73052 of Co. A, 111th Medical ... ole Amazin' Amil got him.

WILLIAM E. GALLAGHER, 1703 Dakota, Levenworth, KS 66048 of co. F, 143rd was the result of the efforts of Warren Anderson. FORREST M. GUMPER, Box 1147, Dalhart, TX 79022 of Co. I and Service Co., 143rd was rounded up by Antoine Pellerin of Port Arthur.

EDWARD J. SULIGA, Sr., 195 Jeffery Road, Colonia, N.J. 07067 of Co. B, 142nd is another new one for Tony Pellerin, who works like crazy all year to roundup the lost and strays.

JOHN SANKO, RD #3, Box 305, Philipsburg, PA 16866 of Co. F, 141st is one more for Pellerin. Welcome John, and thanks to Tony.

FRANK S. KULA, 12 Pine Ave., Bordentown, N.J. 08505 who served with Co. F, 142nd and Co. L 141st as a 2nd & 1st Lt., was rounded up by Amil. Welcome, Frank!

ALFRED MANELL, 5 Adams St., Box 136, Whitehall, N.Y. 12887 of Service Btry., 155th is another score for Amil.

JOHN R. CREGLIS, 37 S. 2nd Ave., Broadalbin, N.Y. 12025 walked with Co. B, 142nd, another new one from Amil's great mail campaign.

ALEJO GARCIA, Rt. 3, Box 42E, Edinburg, TX 78539 of Co. F, 142nd joins up.

TOMAS SALINAS, Rt. 1, Box 245, Santa Elena, TX 75591 of Co. I, 141st is welcomed to the clan.

IVEY W. EDGERTON, P.O. Box 70, Micro, N.C. 27555 of Hqs. 3rd Bn., 142nd was rounded up by Pineapple Jack Finan of Raleigh, who covers the Carolinas like sunshine for getting new members. Welcome Ivey, and thanks Jack!

JIM WILLIAMS, 27 School St., McLean, N.Y. 13102 who served with Hq. Co. 143rd is one more score for Richard Stansell, who has been working like crazy on new members.

RICHARD GROUSSET, 2594 Clovermere Rd., Oceanside, N.Y. 11572 of Co. G, 143rd is in due to efforts of Julian Philips.

Exclusive First Time Report:

142nd Breaks Siegfried Line, Mar. '45

Thirty-Sixth Division ended an exhausting winter stalemate, attacking across the Moder River, 15 March 1945, thrusting forward against heavy German delaying actions until it crossed the German border north of Wissenbourg. There, 36th Div. crashed into the concrete fortifications of the Siegfried Line, where it became clear that the German forces intended to stand fast.

1st Bn. 142nd with Co. B 753rd Tank Bn. attached led 142's advance from Wissenbourg. About eight miles north of Wissenbourg, having taken Ober-Otterbach, 1st Bn. met the Dragon's Teeth, pill boxes, trenches and wire of the Siegfried Line. Because of these fixed defenses and the wide open terrain in the battalion sector, the attack was planned for that night. But, German defensive fires were too much. James Minor brought 1st Bn. back to Ober-Otterbach, reporting that the German Fires had been so heavy that almost every tank of B-753rd had had its aerial shot off. At the same time, 141st Inf. was having an equal lack of success in its attack East of 1st Bn. 142nd, and for the same reasons of terrain and fortifications that balked Minor's 1st Bn.

Meantime, 2nd Bn. 142nd had attacked in the hills just west of Ober-Otterbach. Even in these precipitous, wooded hills the Germans had constructed pill boxes and connecting trenches. These boxes were really small forts, sited so that each provided cross fires to its neighbors, denying close approach to attackers, and so strong that our normal weapons could not penetrate.

IIIth Engineer Bn. provided a new explosive, the "Beehive," instructing Joe Gill and the men of his Co. E how to apply the "Beehive" to the doors and the vents in the roofs of the pill boxes. The explosions quickly emptied the pill boxes of their remaining defenders. Carl Matney and his Co. G enjoyed equal success. Matney received a nearly direct and nearly fatal hit from a German Mortar, and left the war. He lived to coach and manage athletics in Amarillo. 2nd Bn. subdued fifty-four pill boxes during this operation.

1st and 2nd Bns. being engaged in the Siegfried defenses with no prospect of quick success, I sent Seldon Simpson's 3rd Bn. on a flank envelopment in the Grassberg Hill, west of 2nd Bn. About noon of 20 March, 3rd Bn. reached the foot of the Grassberg Hill. This steep, wooded hill, perhaps 1,000 feet above the plain, had been denuded of trees which had been felled to provide fields of fire and obstacles against an attacker, and these were very large trees, to be clambered over, not walked over. By evening, 3rd Bn. had climbed this awkward hill and taken its outer defenses by night-fall. Dead and captured Germans numbered one hundred and ten. But, the previous days of almost continuous action, the wearing climb of the Grassberg and the fight itself had exhausted 3rd Bn. Although it had breached the Siegfried outer de-

Author's Note

(This is simply a story about the 142nd R.C.T. at the Siegfried Line, not an account of the 36th Inf. Div. The other R.C.T.'s of the 36th Div. also have stories of their great moments which can be told only by someone who was there.)

fenses, it was losing momentum.

The low mountains west of Ober-Otterbach, steep and densely wooded simply had no roads. Dirt trails were blocked by felled trees. There was no way to supply 2nd and 3rd Bns. by vehicle. So, Cannon Co. cached its cannons and took up the burden of supplying 2nd and 3rd Bns. by man-pack. A stout heart and strong legs were needed to carry a forty pound load up the timber-strewn Grassberg.

Though the closeness of the combat and the steepness of the slopes made artillery fires difficult to use, 132nd and 155th F.A. Bns. continued heavy and effective fires throughout.

3rd Bn. had penetrated the Siegfried on the Grassberg, two miles west of Ober-Otterbach. It was urgent that we continue this penetration before the Germans hastened to repair or attempt to throw back this breach of their defenses. But 3rd Bn. simply was used up. Tired, sleepless men must rest.

1st Bn. meantime had had about eighteen hours rest in Ober-Otterbach after being stopped at the Dragon's Teeth. I decided to move 1st Bn. through 3rd Bn. on the Grassberg, giving Vernon Scott's Anti-Tank Co. the mission of holding 1st Bn.'s positions in and around Ober-Otterbach. A.T. Co. parked its guns and vehicles while defending as light Infantry with carbines. Though there was some risk in this light defense, I did not much fear a German counter-attack across the open plain.

To have moved 1st Bn. to the rear eight miles and then forward eight miles to the Grassberg would have provided the Germans an added day to repair 3rd Bn.'s penetration of their lines. There was a dirt trail going West from Ober-Otterbach, skirting the Grassberg and about four hundred yards from some of the German positions. The 1st Bn. could move out on foot on this trail and reach 3rd Bn. in a matter of two hours, and though there was risk of 1st Bn. coming under German fires while making this flank movement in a column of twos, I felt the time to be



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THROUGH THE BROKEN SIEGFRIED . . .

gained thereby warranted taking this risk. So, that evening, I instructed James Minor to move 1st Bn. at mid-night on foot on the west-ward trail to 3rd Bn., pass through and continue the attack to the small town of Dorrenbach, two miles north of 3rd Bn. positions.

1st Bn. moved at midnight, 10-21 March reached 3rd Bn. without incident and attacked about 0700 hours, 21 March. Most of the day was spent in a slugging match with both 3rd and 1st Bns. widening and deepening the penetration. That afternoon, Dave Sisco's Co. B suddenly found no more Germans opposing, and moved quickly into Dorrenbach, the remainder of the battalion following. Dorrenbach was a minor supply point for this section of the front. Men of Co. B later told me they enjoyed the tinned butter and herring which were frequent components of the German field rations.

General Dahlquist, eager to exploit this penetration, sent L. Col. Tom Clarkin's 1st Bn. of 143rd Inf. through our 1st Bn. near Dorrenbach 21 March, which followed by most of 143rd Inf. fought on to BergZabern. From there, 141st, 142nd and 143rd all moved rapidly against only minor resistance to the banks of the Rhine River.

142nd RCT Receives Presidential Unit Citation

The 142nd Infantry lost 334 killed and wounded in four days. All 3 rifle battalions were fully engaged. Anti-Tank Company held a position as riflemen; Cannon Company gave its all as supply bearers.

This great Regimental action was recognized with THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION.

Our thanks to General Lynch for this great slice of outstanding achievement in World War II.





Lobby of Royal Coach at the Dallas Reunion: from left is — M. E. 'Fat' Vandiver, Joe Jackson, Harry V. Scott, Jack Forman and Paul I. Wells, all of 36th Signal Co.

36th Signal Co. Reunion Photo Round-UP

For doing an outstanding job in recruiting members for the Association, men of 36th Signal asked, and got their own Charter. In photo below, from left is Paul I. Wells, former CO of 36th Signal, and chief ram-rod, Raymon McCray of Fort Worth receiving their Charter from president Julian Philips.



'Jimmy Carter' and Jack Forman of Houston, ole Signalman, with Fred San Roman and Jimmy Clay in the background. It isn't everyday that we have the President at our reunion. But, you see, the Signal men try harder.

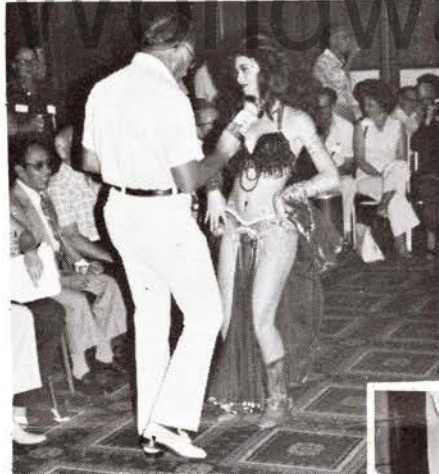
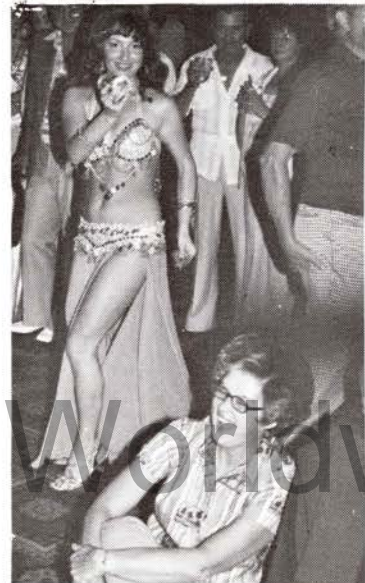
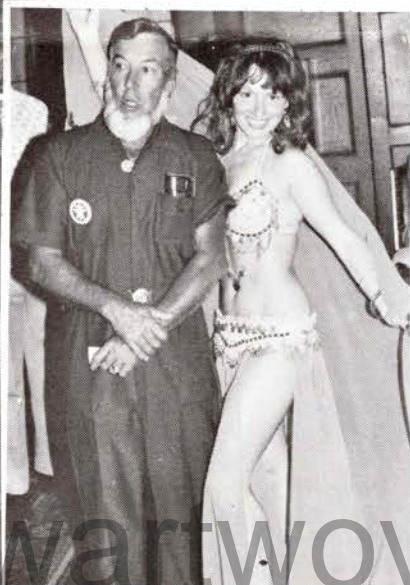


Photo at right is Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nemic of Waco, who was former commander of 36th Signal at the Saturday night dinner dance in Dallas, Royal Coach Motor Inn.



BELLY DANCERS galore! At top is Jack Scott of 111th Engineers, joins in . . . see that currency in his right hand, that's one way to keep-'em-dancing.

Photo above: That's Donna Scott, getting a big laugh, at Carl Peterson grabbin' his behind, after getting swift-kick, probably from his wife. Photos from Benny Bodiford's Album of Belly Dancers 1977.



Here's the Beard. Ole Zeb Sunday is thinking about selling some more life memberships, and isn't concentrating too much on the girations of this lovely thing. T-Patchers have more fun than anything.

Editors note: Photos taken at the Reunion by a large bevy of 36th photographers poured in this year like an avalanche. In fact, we received over a hundred pixs from many sources. So if you don't see yours in this issue, wait 'til Feb. 78 and we'll try to catch 'em all. Our thanks to all you picture-makers.



The whole gang pose for this poolside group photo of 36th Signalmen and their wives. A great time for all, and a great 'show' for these troopers who really turned-out for the Dallas bash.



Jan. 1945, Lemberg, France: Mortar section of Co. M, 143rd Inf. Pix sent in by former Lt. Leon J. Kalkut, 360 Gamrini Blvd., New York, NY 10040, who said he received same from A. J. Malchow, PO Box 133, Chinook, WA. Also says, "Maybe Alvin Amelunke can help identify these men." Let's hope so for next issue.

WELCOME New Members

CARLOS GONZALES, 2620 Meadow Ave., Laredo, TX 78040 of Co. 3, 141st Inf. is another one from Amil's membership drive. **CLIFTON J. RIDGEWAY**, 2020 S. Spring St., Evansville, Ind. 47714 (no unit given) was corraled by Julian Philips.

R. E. DILL, 17202 Sunshine Dr., Rt. 15, Houston, TX 77049 pf Co. D, 144th Infantry is another one for Amazin' Amil.

ERIC C. ANDERSON, 1450 Cherry Drive, Bozeman, Mont. 59715 walked with Co. G, 143rd is one more for Julian Philips and his great new membership campaign.

FRED W. SLADEN, Jr., 6205 Hillcrest Dr., SW, Tacoma, WA 98499 of the G-2 Section of Div. Hqs. came in on efforts of Amil's mailings.

THOMAS SHIFLETT, 301 Lake Ave., Franklin, OH 45005 of Co. B, 141st joins up.

BEN W. McCULLOUGH, 411 Hassett, Fort Worth TX 76114 of Btry. B, 132nd F.A. Bn., is another score for Julian Philips.

H.O. REED, 318 Sweeny St., West Columbia, TX 77486 of Co. H, 142nd . . . and welcome to the clan.

JO ELLEN BAKER, 218 W. Wheatland, Duncanville, TX 75116 of Hqs. 36th Bde, solicited by Leonard Wilkerson.

MARION T. WILKINSON, Rt. 3, Box 370, Anniston, AL 36201 of 143rd, gathered in the fold by Stanscell.

EUGENE WELLS, 15 Division St., Port Chester, NY 10573 of M Co., 141st is a new one.

FRANCIS E. CHANEY, 4005 Fort Worth Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304 of Svc. Btry, 132nd is another score for Amil, who have been scrounging for years to find men of Svc. Btry. And, say Francis, I'll pay \$10 for a photo of your street sign that says "FORT WORTH." Our chamber of commerce would be delighted to know we had a street in Virginia!

EDWARD WAYNE McCURDY, P.O. Box 217, Jay, FL 32565 of Hqs. Co. 143rd. Corralled by Stansell of Amarillo, TX. "Keep 'em coming, Stan."

TIMOTHY I. FINAN, 758 E. Whitaker Mill Rd., Raleigh, N.C. 27608 is a new member, cause he is the son of "Pineapple Jack" J. J. Finan, the Maestro of the Tar Heels of the Carolinas, and a constant worker to recruit new members to the 36th. (You too, can enroll your son, for \$5 bucks).

FRANK BARTOLMEO, 29 Huyler Road, Somerville, N. J. 08876 of Div. Arty, is a new discovery. Welcome to the clan.

Willie V. Ford, 7813 Pebble Ford Road, Fort Worth, TX 76134, served with 131st Field Artillery.

FREDERICK HUCKRIEDE, 15065 Oak Grove Dr., Doylestown, OH 44230, artilleryman of Btry C, 133rd.

GORDON 'Sandy' CHITWOOD, 3037 Rome, Warren, MI 48091 of Co. M, 142nd joins up, according to Amil, who says . . . Do you remember Glen Beckett, Aussie Brown's Dog Robber?

CALVIN R. McCURLEY, 1528 Blue Bell Rd., Blue Bell, PA 19422 of Svc. Co., 143rd.

RAYMOND L. SIZK, 122 Columbia Road, Enola, PA 17025 of Co. H, 142nd Infantry.

DUDLEY B. GRIMES, Rt. 1, Box 191, Dublin, VA 24084 of Co. G, 143rd is IN.

OLEN WITCHER, 48 Park Avenue, Newnan, GA 30263 of Co. A, 142nd Infantry.

CANDID CAMERA AT Dallas

MORE REUNION PHOTOS: At the general session, here's Amil Kohutek giving his membership report, with wife Pauline at left, who was president of the Auxiliary, and Ruby Philips, the better half of president Julian Philips who presided at the session. Amil reported that memberships are up, and growing each month, thanks to a lot of co-workers.



Above: Julian Philips presents plaques to some of 36th World War I veterans at the general assembly. Above right photo is Bill Nagle, taking time out from shootin' pix to dance with his lovely wife at the Early Bird Party Thursday nite.



Photo at left: Mary Gambini and Pat Stokes prepare a lot of goodies for the 142nd C.P. at the Dallas reunion. Above: Eloise Sunday and Ruby Philips working at the bar at Early Bird Party, and so did Ruth Richie, who missed this picture. Tom Best, shown at right gets a hug from one of the many belly dancers who did a 3 night stand at the festivities. Some guys have all the luck.

RAYMOND C. HALL, Rt. 3, Box 181, Maryinsville, VA 24112 of Co. C, & 1st. Bn. Hqs. 143rd Inf., says he wants to hear from ole buddies. Scouted by Julian Philips.

Score another one for Julian. **RICHARD F. PRATT**, an attorney in Houston, and he sent in a Life Membership. His brother, **DAVID PRATT**, also served with distinction with the 36th.

B. H. TURNER, 'Ole Sarge' was contacted by Julian Philips, and he said he couldn't make Dallas because of surgery. Julian picks up his dues and also **JOE B. MOORE**, both of Brty. C, 131st FA Bn.

MAX W. WOJTALAS, 5138 Belmont, Hamtramck, MI 48212 served with Co. E, 141st Infantry.

E. T. HUDSON, 1814 Stevens, Bridgeport, TX 76026 of the Lost Battalion, 131st Field Artillery.

JAMES NICHOLS, P.O. Box 2243, Eden, N.C. 27228 of Co. A, 111th Engineers.

LEO D. SCHARENBERG, RD 1, Florence, KS 66851 of Hqs. Co., 143rd Infantry.

SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO
1978 Labor Day!

Heard from

JOHN W. McARTHUR, 9 Cottage St., Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920 of Adj. Gen. Section, Div. Hqs. sends \$25 for dues, a couple of lost buddies and stamps, which Amil is always glad to get. John is deputy treasurer of Bernards Township, will retire in '79, and offers his services to get the lost and strays in New Jersey. **BILL STEGER**, former member of same section gave his work sheet.

CLIFF SNOW, 23 Captains Landings Tiburon, CA 94920 a retired Colonel, served with 131st, 132nd, 155th Field Artillery, is a very devoted T-Patcher. Writes to Amil that he could not attend the Dallas reunion, but sends a check to cover dues and a multitude of other expenses. This makes ole Amazin' Amil H-A-P-P-Y !!!

MARY McMANN, Route 2, Box 112, Minden, LA 71055, widow of Arvial McMann sends regrets she could not attend the reunion and visit with the men of Co. G, 141st and talk about Camp Blanding, North Carolina Maneuvers and Camp Edwards and all the memories that mean so much.

GEORGE EDWARD ECKOLS, 609 Gulf St., San Antonio, TX 78202 sends in dues, and this message to Amil — "All's Ticky-Doo, Bloody Good Show ole man, hand in there, pardner." What more can a guy say? Eckols wears many hats, but his heart belongs to the 36th.

JOSE G. SANCHEZ, 5236 Marietta, El Paso hospital, which keeps him from being in Dallas. Sends his regrets. Hey, Jose — thanks again for that bottle of Tequila you gave me at the Astroworld in Houston '73.

LESLIE W. ENSLOW, Box 229 Crestone, CO 81131 of Cannon Co. 143rd says his business keeps him from attending the Dallas reunion, but pays dues and sends regards to the troops. Hey, Les, do you remember Archie McDugal?

PETE SMITH, 4818 Marion Circle, Corpus Christi, TX 78411 of 736th Ordnance sends dues, and regrets for missing Dallas, but sends \$5.00 for Arthur Brown, (1st Sgt.) Ariel View Farms, RD1, Lake Ariel, PA 18436. "See You in Santone," says Pete.

OSCAR TROEHLER, 5613 Tarlton Road, Circleville, OH 43113 served with Stovall's Engineers, Co. C, says he had spinal surgery 2 years ago, and that rules out traveling to reunions ... but sends regards to the troops.

LLOYD R. WILLIAMS was a Sgt. with Co. F, 143rd, received a battlefield commission in Italy. Was captured and escaped when Gen. Patton sent a task force to release his son-in-law, Gen. Waters. Lloyd returned to our lines in France. Now retired and sell Real Estate in Monterey, CA. Sent in by Julian Philips.

DANIEL CELENTANO, 11679 Katherine, Taylor, MI 48180 wrote to Amil that he would like a photo of JOHNNY CAMERA, now known as Johnny Thompson. Dan says he thinks he is the same boy we had in Italy, in Co. M 141st. Contact Bill Steger in Dallas, as he has current info on Johnny.

Ed note: For those who are not familiar, Johnny Camera was the most celebrated War Orphan in WWII. Was a stowaway aboard ship, was legally adopted by the late Curley Thompson of Waxahachie, changed his name to Thompson.



CHECK OUT time on Sunday. Here's Fred San Roman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wells, Harry Scott, Doyle Reid and Joe Jackson, all of 36th Signal Co. at the Royal Coach, Dallas, saying 'so long' till next year.



Visiting in the 36th Signal CP is Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nemic. Signalmen turned out to the tune of 54 at Dallas reunion. Quite a record!

LETTERS

Dear Amil:

Here's my dues, and a little history. I enlisted in the Howitzer Co., 143rd in 1934, was commissioned in March 1939, same company. Was platoon leader under Jimmy Stell, later in A/T Co., under Van Pyland. Commanded F Co. 143rd at Camp Edwards with Julian Quarles, my second in command.

During Louisiana Maneuvers, served as division liaison with Patton's Armored, and was umpire during North Carolina Maneuvers. I transferred to the Air Corps in May '43 for pilot training in grade, flew B-17 in Italy with 414th; was shot down over Ploestim July 22, 1944 and was POW in Bucharest for short period.

Later commanded a B-29 outfit and B-47 squadron in SAC. 2nd Lt. Napoleon Rainbolt, Jr., son of 143rd's Col. Nap Rainbolt was a crew member.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Winford L. Crook, who at one time was 1st Sgt. of A/T 143rd? Or, John G. Blair, former CO same outfit? John D. Riddlehuber now lives in Waco. And, is Tim McCoy of Austin still active in the Assn.? Regards to all.

George W. Call,
Col. USAF Retired.
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Wichita Falls, TX 76306.

Dear Bill:

In the 143rd CP at Dallas Reunion, I met J. B. Worley of Co. E, and Cliff Hale of G Co. At first they did not recognize me. I introduced myself as "Jack Shelterhalf." Then informed them that I was a buck private in their platoon. You should have seen their faces as they tried to remember me. It was great!

I met Gene Hetmanski, the man with the big camera, he may live in Farmington, MI, but he is a native of Butler, PA. Milt Crow told me that Gene lived a charmed life in combat — never got a Purple Heart.

J. J. Jack Finan,
'Pineapple Jack'
758 E. Whitaker Mill Rd.,
Raleigh, N.C. 27608



SILVER STAR Medal for Darold S. White of Elizabethton, Tenn., being bestowed by Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker in Italy for his valor at Rapido River. Photo sent in by Julian H. Phillips of Houston, his platoon leader.

MAILBAG

Dear Amil:

Back in February, you mailed a roster of membership to my husband, and asked that we let you know about the arrival and condition. Well, it finally arrived here (Canal Zone) on Aug. 24th. Isn't that great service for six months? Hope to see you all in Santone.

Faye Wicliffe,
for Lt. Col. K. V. Wickliffe.
Box 544, Fort Clayton, C.Z.
Formerly with 141st Inf.

Dear Amil:

Here's another year and I can't make it to Dallas, (health problems). We survived the flood, but all around me. Here's dues and extra for some dropouts. And, send me a copy of the Jim Minor Book. Regards.

Earl R. Pebley, Co. M, 142nd.
1006 Ash St., Johnstown, PA 15902

Heard from

JAMES C. GENTLE, Col. Ret., of The M. L. Stewart Agency, Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., Independence Sq., Philadelphia, PA 19172 reports that he just got back from a Senior Golf trip, Scotland, England, Paris and Deauville, France. He played with the French Seniors Tournament in Deauville, which was run by Col. Paul Lefort who was the Liaison Officer with the First Free French along side of the 36th all the way to Stausbourg.

SELDEN SIMPSON, 500 First National Bank Bldg., Amarillo, TX 79101 writes to Amil that he has been out of touch with the Association and wants to renew contact. He is a member of the law firm: Gibson, Ochsner, Adkins, Harlan & Hankins. Gets his mail at: P.O. Box 1510, Amarillo, TX 79105.

KENNETH AXELROD, P.O. Drawer A, Borger, TX 79007 of 142nd Inf. sends in '78 dues and regards to the troops.


HENRY WEIDAW, Postmaster, Skytop, PA tells Amil that the mail stops when he gets his copy of the T-Patcher. Henry trooped with Co. F, 141st, with guys like Sammie Petty, Sam Duran and a flock of other great 36thers.

GEORGE BRESSLER, 229 E. Louthier St., Carlisle, PA 17013 who walked with Co. L, 142nd is lookin' for the whereabouts of **PAUL MAYFIELD**, who listed his ad as Granite City, Ill. George visited Granite City, but with no avail. Can anyone help? Bloodhounds please write to Bressler.

GIL C. RUSSI, 2135 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60659 writes to Amil that he "hates like the devil to miss the Dallas reunion, but cannot get away at that time." Gil was 1st Sgt., Co. D, 141st Infantry and a great T-Patch booster.

Mrs. CECIL MOORE, Rt. 1, Box 169, Clifton, TX 76634 evidently saw one of the releases that was sent out early in August about the Dallas Reunion . . . says, "Please send info on the reunion, my husband served 4 years with the 36th, and we've never attended a reunion." (Amil says she got it.)

GEORGE A. REGIER, 1042 S. Church Ave., Reedley, CA 93654 wore the T-Patch from March 1941 until Oct. 1943, served with 111th Med. Bn., Co. A, and asks for info about the reunion. He got it. Sends in name of a stray: Ben R. Mayerowitz, 9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick, N.J. 08901, of Co. H, 142nd.



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Co. B 142nd East/West Meet



Photo at top: East/West joint reunion of the men of Co. B, 142nd met for the first time at one location: Coleman, Texas. At 11:00 AM on Aug. 6th, men of Co. B marched down Main Street to the Co. B. Monument at the Courthouse for a ceremony. Taking a ride on a flatbed are the members who were unable to march in this history-making parade.

Photo at right: A memorial wreath is placed on the marker by Capt. Dewey Mann, of Nitro, W. VA. The wreath was in memory of and to honor departed members of Co. B, 142nd.

Photo at right, lower: W. J. Baxter, the secretary of this illustrious company of T-Patcher who worked long and hard puttin' it all together. Our thanks to W. J. for the photos and story.

As far as we know, the Co. B 142nd group are the only one who are so big they have an East/West chapter. Each had been meeting for some years in their own area. This August they all assembled in Coleman, Texas — Home of the original TNG unit.

At the Saturday night barbecue, Capt. Middleton of Ballinger presented all the out-of-state veterans with honorary Texas Citizenship certificates, signed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

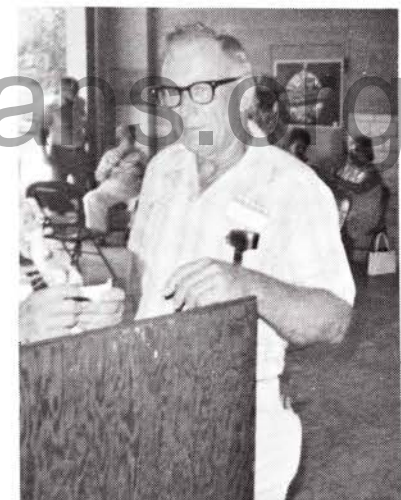
Barbara Davidson (Secty of Eastern) and wife of Victor, presented her book, "36th Division Hero," a paperback on the life and wartime experiences of the late Col. JAMES MINOR to his widow and members of the family.

A great unit reunion, and they deserve a standing ovation for their devotion to the tradition of the 36th.

FOOTNOTE: Imagine the surprise this reporter received when on Sunday after the reunion, to be honored by a visit from the Dewey Manns and Vic Davidsons, who pulled off I20 enroute back home. Dewey told this one — "When Shelby Krause met Robert Vinson, Shelby said — Where in the Hell is my ammunition you were supposed to get to me at Salerno? This is a helluva time to show up, 34 years later." They had a laughing good time, as did all others . . . in Coleman 1977.

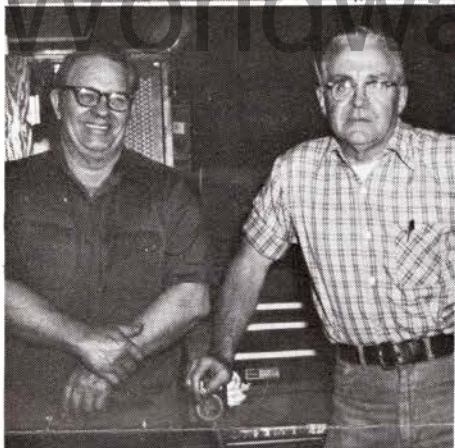


DEWEY MANN, Capt. Co. B



W. J. BAXTER, Secretary of Co. B, Western, Coleman

THEN AND NOW



The 'Then and Now' photos sent in by the troops, have always been a favorite with us. You see a 32 year or more span between the two. Above is Gordon B. Duck in the center, flanked by Carl R. Sechener and William Wynn, all of Co. G, 141st. And above is Gordon Duck at left with Everett R. Burns of Co. B, 142nd. They both work at Union Pump Co., in Battle Creek. Our thanks to: Gordon B. Duck, 11 N. 25th Street, Battle Creek, MI 49015.

San Antonio Chapter



'Slit-Trench' Chili, they call it. That's what these brave souls of Santone Chapter cooked up at the Chiliympiad, State Chili Cook Off held in San Marcos. A more animated crew you'll never see. But here's Robt. 'Rosy' Rosales, Albert McIlhaney, Leonel Rodriguez, ole John 'A-Rab' Power and Mac Acosta. T-Patch Chili at it's best, and it rated at least "THREE ALARMS."

Ladies Auxilary 36th Division Association

Dear Friends:

We, the newly elected officers of our Association, thank you, for the vote of confidence you have given us in placing us in office.

We will work hard to improve our Association at the same time upholding its by laws and constitution and without losing sight of its purpose.

Our never ending job is to recruit new members not only for our Auxilary but also for the 36th Division Association.

For you ladies who have not paid your current dues, send \$2.00, make your check payable to: Women's Auxilary, 36th Division Association, and mail to: Adela Acosta, 102 Luther Drive, San Antonio, Texas, 78212.

Members will receive a copy of the Constitution and by-laws, Roster and membership card.

Our last general meeting during the reunion was splendid, we accomplished everything we had on the agenda, and more. However, the business meeting took longer than had been anticipated due to discussions of subjects that were not on the agenda.

In order that we may save time and simplify our next business meeting, only those proposals and recommendations that are submitted in writing and placed on the agenda will be discussed. These proposals and recommendations will be submitted for printing in the T-Patcher (Auxiliary Column) which will give all our members an opportunity to study them for their merit prior to the meeting.

All your proposals are welcome; send them to:
Adela Acosta, 102 Luther Drive,
San Antonio, Texas, 78212



1978 Newly Elected
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Division Association



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- Sgt. At ArmsFRANCES CROCH



CAMP BOWIE 1941, men of Co. G, 143rd Inf., from left: 1st Lt. Andrew Y. Austin, Sabiaco, Ark.; 1st Lt. Geo. N. La Bounty, Harlingen, TX; Sgt. Robt. E. Lee (KIA); Geo. T. Nichols, Houston; Harold Hooper, KIA with 104th Inf., at Remaggen, Germany; Harry Dryfus, Houston; Raul G. Casas, Houston; Thurston B. Dillard, Houston and James Perkins. Photo sent in by Julian Philips.

Heard from

R. PHILIP HADDOCK, Attorney at Law, Drawer 1839, Lakeland, FL 33802, known in WWII as Sgt. Rayburn P., of Co. G, 143rd Infantry, sends a ten spot and hellos to Earl Higgenbotham, Col. Stovall and the other great men of the 36th.

RAY RUNICE, 845 Cranston Rd., Beloit, WI 53511 of Co. K, 143rd sends in dues, and asks why he had not heard any more about his squad leader, LOWELL PENNY, who was pictured in a Patcher a few issues ago. (Can someone help us on this?)

J. J. FINAN, known as Pineapple Jack sends in this item: "The minute I saw Bert Carlson, I recognized him. He recalled our detail in late '42 to the American Locomotive Works, in Schenectady, NY. Our mission was to test half-tracks and we did a helluva job. Col. John Forsythe selected me for this detail. We were in NY City for 3 weeks before we returned to Camp Edwards."

BERNARD CHABOT also has a new address: Airport Trailer Park, Lot G32, 10540 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48213. Bern walked with Co. A, 143rd Infantry.

GEORGE T. TALBERT, 4908 Hillview Dr., Louisville, KY 40258 of Co. B, 142nd sends in dues and some extra for a buddy. Also says "holler at W. J. Baxter and Ralph Kinder, same outfit." Amil adds **ALBIN F. CHUDEJ, 406 Reagon St., West, TX also of Co. B, 142nd Inf. ROBERT A. NOWELL, 1220 Clover Lane, Longview, TX 75601 sends in \$15 for his '78 dues, plus these two: Joe Maberto, 521 W. 4th St., Bicknell, Ind. 47512 and Leonard Myers, 425 Raines St., Plainfield, Ind. 46168. All of 143rd Infantry.**

Change of address: **RALPH FINFGELD . . .** now gets mail at 321 Sabo Drive, Mansfield, OH 44905 (only a few blocks down the street from his former address). Ralph and June attended the Dallas reunion, and have made most all of them. Hey, do you know George Howell of Tappan Ranges in Mansfield?

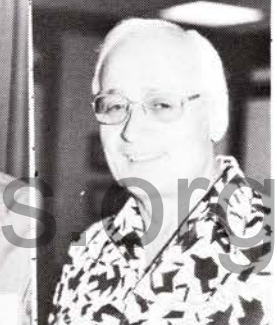
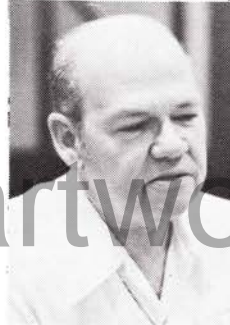
Lt. Col. JAMES M. De GARMO, 5305 Chateau, El Paso, TX 79924, a 90 day wonder from 132nd, Btry B, and after trying on bars, returned to 132nd and later 133rd, has a great habit of over-paying his dues, is now paid up 'til 1980, so says Amil. How 'bout that.

ANGELO TEDESCO, 1238 Foster, So. Plainsfield, NJ 07080 of Co. H, 142nd says, "Can't make the reunion, but here's my '78 dues. and regards to all."

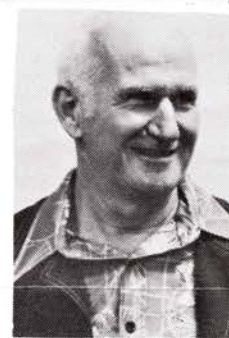
STEVE KALAT, 4542 S. Whipple St., Chicago, IL 60632 sends in dues with regrets for missing the Dallas Reunion. Steve served with Co. M, 142nd, is a new member, corralled by Glen Beckett, who has rounded up a bunch of strays.

ROBERT H. DAVIS, 3620 S. Pacific 329, San Pedro, CA 90731 sends in dues for himself and his father: Thomas R. Dabbs, 1616 S. Euclid, Space 99, Anaheim, CA 92802 who served with Co. E, 141st in World War I. Davis walked with Co. E, 141st, and in a letter to Amil says, "I never knew that the 36th captured Hermann Goering, even though I was on duty at the Neuremburg War Crimes trials. How bout that?"

WALTER HOLES, Rt. 1, La Jose, PA 15753 would like to contact former members of 143rd Infantry, especially a cook nicknamed 'Flytrap', or Sgt. Robert Smith, or Forrest M. Hardy, Italy 1943 and thereabouts. This item from DAV Magazine, July 1977.



Here's Just
A Few Of Our
LIFE
MEMBERS . . .



New Life Members at the Dallas Reunion: Top row left: Kenneth Axelrod of Borger, TX, S-4, 3rd Bn., 142nd; J. J. Pineapple Jack Finan, Raleigh, NC, 143rd; Tom Crawford of Fort Worth, Svc. Co.; and Milt Crow, Co. H, 142nd of Houston. Middle row, from left: Doug Place, Harlingen, TX of Co. M, 141st; Ken L. Nixon of Stafford, TX, 111th Engrs., our watchdog of the funds; James Stokes, Co. H, 142nd of N. Ft. Myers, Fla.; and past president, Alvin Amelunke, Waco, TX of 143rd. Third row: Bernard E. Connolly, Pittsburgh, PA of 143rd; Robert Bewley, Adkins, TX of Co. L, 142nd and Joseph H. Spivey, Bradenton, FL of Co. E, 143rd.

WILLIE B. KEITH, 1605 N.W. 11th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73106 sends Amil his dues and greeting to all ole buddies. Served with Svc. Co., 142nd Infantry.

JOHNNY SEIDENBERGER, Rt. 1, Box 292, Shiner, TX 77984 of Co. D, 143rd sends in dues and photo (in this issue). Hey, Johnny can you get us a case of Shiner Beer?

CHARLES R. WEAVER, 2771 Warner Dr., Orchard Lake, MI 48033 drops \$15 for his dues for three years . . . '78-'79-'80. Chaz served with Co. L, 143rd Inf., and sends regrets he could not make Dallas.

ROBERT C. RICHIE, 903 N. 70th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32506 writes in to say his Co. H, 142nd had 22 troopers present at the Dallas Reunion. Co. H men have always turned out in droves. Bob sends a letter from Mrs. Edward Twardos, 40 McArthur, Sayerville, NJ 08872 that he husband is ill and regrets he could not attend the reunion, but sends regards to all the T-Patchers.

CARL J. STROM, 9776 Myers Lake Ave., Rockford, MI 49341 of Co. B, 141st sends in his dues and a couple of new ones: Col. Snover H. Sargeant, 2129 Eldon N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505 of Div. Hqs., and Martinus Kok, 936 Cricklewood Drive SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49509 who served with 36th Recon. Strom operates the Tripmasters Travel Agency.

Troopers Respond

Dearl Amil:

Just received my latest T-Patcher, your letter and membership card. Words cannot express the enjoyment I got out of reading all the news. The Dallas reunion is my first in 25 years, but have kept up with old buddies, like Major Mehafeey of Breckenridge.

I'm sending dues for buddie: R. F. Stallings, Co. I, 142nd, 3911 Cochran, Houston, TX 77009 and am working on Robert McAnallen, 12th Terr., 1525 NW, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311. Thanks for everything.

Earvin E. Ivy, Co. I, 142nd Infantry.
1220 Bramble Ave.,
Farmington, NM 87401.

Dear Amil:

Here's my '78 dues, and I cannot make the Dallas reunion, BUT will be in Santone next year, I talk with Sambo Kibbey often, and Harry McGowan, who is coming to visit me this fall. I enjoy T-Patcher and would love to hear from any of the troops of Co. E, 141st.

Clarence Elkins,
1153 2nd Circle Prospect, Ashland, KY 41101



RUDY L. KOVACEIC, P.O. Box 614, DePue, Ill. 61322 didn't promise you a rose garden, but for the past 20 years, he's been hard at it. Shown above, Rudy with his favorite rose bush, which he's named "The 49'er." I raise the brush type, also the climber, says Rudy, wh walked with the 143rd Infantry.



Small world. Amil gets the name of a stray and sends him a bunch of back issues. This T-Patcher sees himself in a photo sent in as 'un-identified', and now he is a member. He's James K. Williamson, Rt. 1, Box 38, Westbrook, TX 79565. The pix above is one he sent in of some 141st buddies. At left is Paul A. Griffo, and John Paul Jones, both of Dallas, and Co. D, 141st. Photo made at Nice, France 1945. J. K. says he's never made a reunion, so plan now to be in Santone '78.



Retired Maj. Gen. Clayton P. Kerr, Dallas died Aug. 15th. Former Chief of Staff of 36th under Fred L. Walker. Started his military career 1919 with 6th Army Texas Cavalry. Gen. Kerr organized Hqs. Co., 2nd Bn., 144th Inf. in Dallas, promoted to Lt. Col. 1940. Became CO of 49th Armored Division Artillery in 1951, assumed command of entire division in 1958. Was Ass't chief of National Guard Bureau in Washington in 1959, retired 1962. Gen. Kerr made practically every reunion.

Martin Decosky of Gallitzin, PA, of Co. M, 143rd; Thomas R. Lynch, same city, of Co. A, 111th Eng., died 3 years ago. Both reported by J. J. Finan. No date given on Decosky.

Bruno Strazzaboschi, Midland, PA of 142nd was killed in an auto accident some years ago, according to word from his widow, Esther.

James Frost of Co. C, 111th Eng. died Aug. 1974 as reported by Oscar Trehler, Circleville, Ohio.

Robert Cable, Lt. in Co. H, 141st of Sidney, N.Y., who was captured at Rapido crossing, died recently. Word received from L. B. Bush Easley of Dallas.

Lamar B. Harvey of Mineral Wells, TX of Co. H, 142nd died in 1975, according to Bowden, same company of Wichita Falls, TX.

Richard J. Krill, age 58 of Van Nuys, CA died in his sleep June 24, 1977. He was M/Sgt. in the G-3 section, Div. Hqs. Krill was president of Human Engineering Laboratory of Los Angeles, and this message was sent in by a Joseph P. Wallace, Vice/Pres.



John Bis, Kalamazoo, MI passed away July 21, 1977 according to a letter received from Armin Puck of San Antonio, who says, "John was a selectee at Brownwood, assigned to 132nd, but was transferred to assist in the organization of the 36th M. P. Platoon. Served throughout the war, returned to Mass. to claim and marry his fiancée, who had waited out the war for him. In May of this year, he visited with us in San Antonio, and had planned to move to Texas when he retired in 1979." Bis was a Lifetime member of the 36th. (Ed note) — Armin Puck was CO of the 36th MP's.

Ed Note: A letter from John Bis, along with this photo shown above was sent to Amil on June 25th, arrived too late for the July issue. With a heavy heart, we are using this great photo of the late John Bis. A fine soldier and devoted T-Patcher.

NEW MEMBERS

The following names of new members were sent in by Tony Pellerin, 3731 Avalon, Port Arthur, TX 77640.

E.L. Cowart — 3434 W. Brookview, Apt. 764, Waco, TX 76710, Btry. A, 131st F.A.

Frank Gainer — 15231 Mapleridge, Detroit, Mich. 48205, Co. D, 141st

Vincent Felderhoff, Box 87 Muenster, TX 76252 — Co. A 142nd. Vincent enclosed \$20.00 for his dues and to help with association expenses.

J.C. Bryan — Rt. 3 Box 222, Goodlettsville, Tn. 37072 — Co. L, 143rd

John Sanko Jr., R.D. #3 Box 305, Phillipsburg, Pa. 16866 — Co. F, 141st

Paul J. Southern, 826 S. Lightner, Wichita, Ks. 67218 — 1st Sgt. in Co. B, 144th from 1940-1945

James K. Williamson, Rt. 1 Box 38, Westbrook TX 79565

Robert R. (Bob) Bell, 828 Magnolia, Lake Jackson TX 77566 — Co. D, 141st

Anthony (Tony) Chervenak — 1281 Douglas St., Vermilion, Ohio 44089 — Co. C, 142nd

Lt. Col. Hershel E. Angus, P.O. Box 485, Coleman TX 76834 — served with Co. I, 142nd

C.R. Littrell, Box 2A Rt. 1, Telephone, Tx. 75488 — He served with 141st Co. A in WWI

John P. Powhida — LtC. Ret. — 1312 College, Canon City, Colo. 81212 — Headquarters Military Gov. section. He was the military Gov. (G5) during the period from Cassino to the Mosel River.

E.J. (Ed) Suliga — 195 Jeffery Rd., Colonia, N.J. 07067 — Co. B, 142nd. He sent \$10.00 to cover dues and five for any other G.I. in his outfit of our choosing.

Dear Amil:

On this Labor Day weekend, I am sending regrets that we will not be able to join you guys in Dallas. Hope all had a good time. Enclosed is my dues and some stamp money. I'm cutting down on my farming operations, and maybe I'll see you in Santone. We sure enjoy the T-Patcher. May God Bless.

Mitchell Lanier,
Medics 142nd Inf.

Rt. 1, Box 26, Thebes, Ill. 62990.

Herbert E. MacCombie, former Division Chaplain, of Sagamore, Mass., died May 5th, reports his widow, in response to a letter Bill Steger had written to the Colonel. Mrs. MacCombie said, "He loved the Texans and the 36th Division men, I had a T-Patch and Chaplain of the 36th Division put on his marker."

W. Harold Anderson of Midlothian died recently. Served with the 36th Division Band.

Orville E. Jones, Port Lavaca, TX, first Sgt. in Co. K, 143rd died during the Labor Day weekend. Reported by Amil.

John M. Buss of Odessa, TX, of Co. M, 142nd died Oct. 17, 1977 according to Amil.

Frank T. strake of Monroeville, PA of Medics, 141st passed away in May 1977. Reported by Amil.

Rev. Morgan J. Murphy, of Boston, was former chaplain with 143rd 1942-1945, was wounded in France, died Feb. 22, 1977, as reported by Leonard P. Kossowski, 38 W. Cedar St., Boston, MA 02108.