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San Antonio Welcomes T-Patchers For The 'Big Enchilada'



"Remember The Alamo" is the motto for the men of 141st Infantry.



THE ALAMO, "Cradle of Texas Liberty," is the site where 188 defenders fell before nearly 2,500 men of Mexican General Santa Anna on March 6, 1836. "Long Barracks Museum" has Texana exhibit plus dioramas of famous battle.

Open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Situated on Alamo Plaza is a cenotaph in memory of the defenders, whose bodies are thought to have been burned on that spot.

The One & Only, T-PATCH Plate Picked Up By 'Arab' Powers



Here's a proud Pappa! Cause if you live in Texas, you know how hard it is to get 'the' special license plate you want, because some Smart/A has already beat you to it. But not John 'Arab' Powers, the hard-working, Chili-makin' member of the Santone Chapter. He says he'll have his pickup parked right in the middle of the Gunter Hotel for all to see (but don't touch). We salute ye, brother A-Rab!

Gunter Hotel Is Your Hacienda For Labor Day Weekend — Record Attendance Expected

This is the final call of the muezzin to the faithful; the last incantation from the ivory tower. Once again we chant, in the mode Hejaz, the sage syllables that guide each man to his oasis, and furbish each oasis with the choicest milk-skinned maidens in the caliphate of Allah.

To translate these words of wisdom, quoted some centuries ago . . . it goes like this: "The time is now. Get ready for the big one to be held only a stones throw from the fabulous river that snakes through the heart of downtown San Antonio, 1978 AD . . . Labor Day weekend for the 53rd annual T-Patch Reunion.

Those of you whom have not participated in one of the events, shall never experience a fantasy of fun and fellowship, until you've joined your ole war buddies for such a close encounter.

Time, money and brains have been poured into the plans of this spectacular. If you, like me, have some aches and pains, they too shall disappear when you sit and visit with a long-lost comrade and share a few Lone Stars, talk of old days. Days we shared with equal feeling of privation and some joy . . . just 33 years ago.

In other words, START PACKIN'.

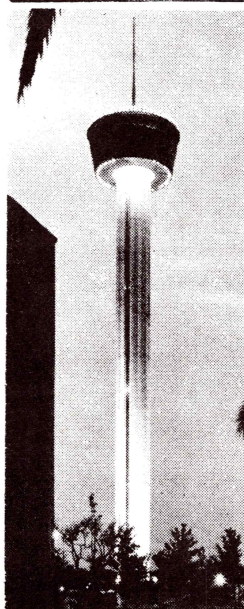
Your 1978-79 Dues Are Now Ready For Payment. Why Wait?



You'll find enclosed in the envelope used for mailing the July 1978 issue of the T-Patcher, a reply envelope for your convenience in paying your 1978-79 DUES which are due now.

This \$5.00 payment covers you from Sept. 1, 1978 through Aug. 31, 1979.

Even if you plan to attend the San Antonio Reunion, it's a good idea to PAY NOW.



Governor of Texas Bids Welcome To Men of 36th



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUSTIN

DOLPH BRISCOE
GOVERNOR

Greetings:

It is with great pride and pleasure that I extend to each of you a most cordial welcome to Texas.

You are meeting in your 53rd Annual Reunion in this City which contains the Shrine of Texas liberty--the Alamo. The military lineage of the great 36th (T-Patch) Division had its early beginning here in Central Texas in 1835.

The great military achievements earned by the 36th Division in World War I and World War II speak for themselves. Present here in Reunion are many of the veterans who earned fourteen Medals of Honor; eighty Distinguished Service Crosses; two Distinguished Service Medals; 2,354 Silver Stars; forty-nine Legions of Merit; seventy-nine Soldier's Medals; 5,407 Bronze Star Medals and eighty-eight Air Medals. These decorations were earned in 400 days of combat--from the landing in Africa on April 13, 1943, through five campaigns in five countries, as the "Fighting 36th" drove steadily onward to victory.

As Governor of Texas, I express to each of you the heartfelt thanks of all Texans for your valor and sacrifices and I wish you continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Dolph Briscoe

Personal Message From President Leonard Wilkerson

Our 53rd annual reunion will soon be upon us, by this time you should have received your reservation card in the mail. If you did not receive your copy or if it was misplaced, I suggest you write The Gunter Hotel, P.O. Box 360, San Antonio, Texas 78292, ATTN: Reservation Clerk. (Be sure and mention you are with the 36th Division Association).

Your 1978 Board of Officers have gone all out to give you the very best reunion at a reasonable price. If you arrive by Thursday night, the "Early Bird" party will cost you \$2.00 per person. The Womens Auxiliary promise you a grand time. The "Hospitality" party on Friday night and the "Dinner/Dance" for Saturday night are a package deal \$20.00 per person for both.

The Friday night activity will be at the famous Lone Star Brewery and you MUST have your 36th Division registration name tag on. WE CAN NOT ADMIT YOU WITHOUT THE 36th DIV. TAG, or receipt showing that you paid your fee for Friday and Saturday night. The Dinner/Dance gets underway on Saturday night at 7 p.m. We plan on having several entrances into the dining/dancing area, so you won't have to wait in line. You MUST have your ticket for admittance and to be served. (Some of us at first will not have a table on the dance floor, but we ask you to please bear with us and as soon as space is made available you can then move into the ballroom) The Grand Ball room with the adjoining rooms of the Gunter, rather than busing to the Convention Center or other locations. With the spirit of this great organization and the grand music of the ARCE Combo & Orchestra we can have a great time.

There is a possibility of us having a 1:00 a.m. breakfast in the Hotel. We are still in the process of getting the views of your board members — if you the individual member would like to submit your suggestion, please do so prior to August 15th. In order for the hotel to open the restaurant and pay overtime at 1:00 a.m. they must have at least 100 of us participate.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for letting me serve you for 1978. I will always be grateful, I have become closer to many of you and hope this comradeship will grow with many more of you in the years to come. I want to thank the wonderful group of men and their ladies of which I have worked with. Nowhere on this earth can you find a better group of people.

Until Labor Day weekend, I say God Bless you and look forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

Sincerely,
Leonard E. Wilkerson
President



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Santone Reunion Only Days Away



Your Unit CP Is A Special Highlight of the Reunions

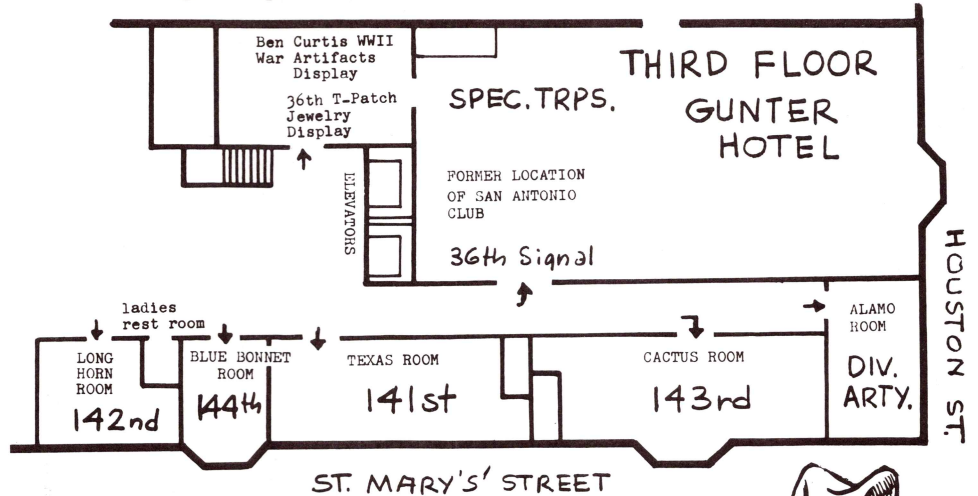
If you have been a regular at the 36th reunion, we don't need to remind you that there's a lot of action in the unit CP's. Here's your best place to visit with buddies from your old outfit.

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

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

On the 3rd floor of the Gunter Hotel your CP is waiting for you.

- 141st Inf. Texas Room
Marvin Steitle, V/P
- 142nd Inf. Longhorn Room
Bob Mehaffey, V/P
- 143rd Inf. Cactus Room
Morris Morgan, V/P
- 144th Inf. Blue Bonnet Room
Adrain Grizzelle, V/P
- Div. Arty Alamo Room
Dick Griffis, V/P
- Spec. Troops Santone Room
Raynon McCray, V/P
- 111th Engineers
check bulletin board



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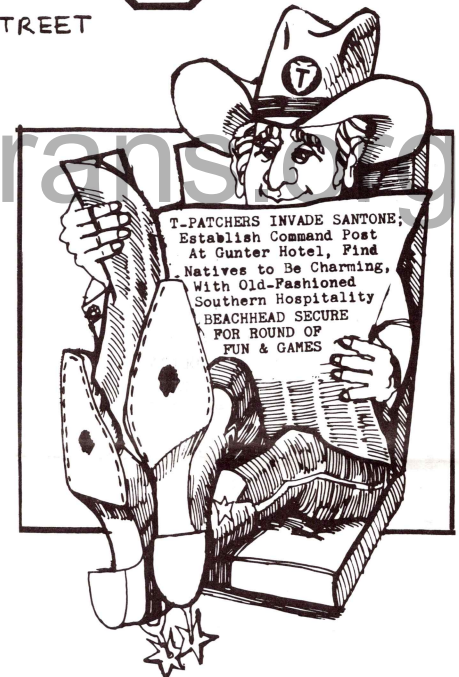
THURS. AUG. 31st —
Tours of San Antonio by Scenic Tours of Tajas, all day.
7-10 p.m. — Early Bird Party Mexican Dancing Group, Combo for dancing, food via Ladies Auxiliary.
10 p.m. — C.P.'s open for business.

FRIDAY SEPT. 1st
8 a.m.-5 p.m. — Registration Desk Open.
6 p.m. — Buses ready for party at Lone Star Brewery . . . wear your badge.
7 p.m. — Hospitality Party, al fresco with free beer and fun.
9:30-10 p.m. — Buses depart for Gunter Hotel.

10 p.m. — C.P.'s open for business.
SATURDAY SEPT. 2nd
8 a.m.-5 p.m. — Registration Desk Open
10 a.m. — Nomination committee; Resolutions Committee meeting.
10 a.m. — Ladies Meeting and Brunch.
1 p.m. — General Assembly — all members urged to attend.

3:30 p.m. — 36th Board Meeting
Evening activities . . .
7 p.m. — Reunion dinner and door prizes.
9 p.m. — Dance with Arce Orchestra, music of the 1940's, 50's and NOW
Note: no tables reserved.
1 a.m. — C.P.'s open for night caps and what have you.

SUNDAY SEPT. 3rd
8 a.m. — Early morning mass, North Terrace Room.
10 a.m. — Memorial service.
Noon — Reunion closes, but all are welcome to stay another day and SEE San Antonio.
SEE YOU IN HOUSTON — 1979



Scenic Tours of Tejas Has Great Tours For You

Tours offered by Scenic Tours of Tejas. Scenic Tours is headquartered in The Gunter Hotel on the mezzanine floor and offering tours for your convention. Tickets can be obtained at our registration desk.

Thursday 31 August, City tour, San Jose Mission, King William area, Otto Koehler home, Sunken Gardens, Witte Museum, Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle — 4 hours — \$6.00 per person.

Friday 1 September — Shopping tour, Windsor Park Mall, Broadway Plaza — 4 hours — \$6.00 per person.

Sunday 3 September — LBJ Park & Ranch \$12.00

Lv. 9:00 A.M. — return 5:00 P.M.
LBJ Library & State Capitol — \$12.00

Lv. 9:00 A.M. — return 5:00 P.M.
ALL TOURS REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 30.

Ken Robb, Secty/Treas. Scenic Tours of Tejas, Inc., Gunter Hote, P.O. Box 360, San Antonio, TX 78292

San Antonio Is The Place To Be Labor Day



Gourmet Guide For San Antonio's Great Tex-Mex Vittles . . .

The item is especially designed to tell our 'Yankee' T-Patchers all about great Mexican Food, and you'll find the mother lode in Santone.

In fact, when your galloping gourmet editor last visited Mexico City we ate in a cafe that featured 'San Antonio Chili.' How 'bout that?

Here are some of the items you need to check out: Chili Con Carne, Tortillas, Bunuelos, Chili Peppers, Picanta, Chilequiles, Cabrito, Enchiladas, Frijoles, Nachos, Tacos, Chili Con Queso, just to name a few.

Add to this a pitcher of Margaritas, mix well and call on Hank Gomez if you need help. He has the Alka Seltzer session at the reunion.

Big Turnout For 143rd Reunion, Waco; Roger Cannon Elected '79 President



Photo above: Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Wm. R. Lynch of Huntsville, TX, former 143rd S-2, and Co. F, a charming Couple if I ever saw one. Photo at right: Gen. and Mrs. Napoleon Rainbolt of Waco join in the festivities in Waco, June 3 and 4th, for the annual 143rd gathering.



Julian Quarles, Exec/VP Bids Welcome to 36thers

Dear Thirtysixers,
Labor Day is just around the corner. If you have been to a 36 Division Reunion you know the fellowship and great time you have renewing friendships. If you have not made a reunion, come this year and you will be back for more.

Those out of state members who have never been in Texas, or been there few times, I was one eight years, will get a big kick out of how your old division handles these affairs.

It is all Texas and big as all outdoors. From the time Amil greets you at the door until taps at the Sunday morning Memorial Services, you will have such a great time that you will wonder why you didn't do it before.

See you Labor Day weekend in Santone!!!

Julian Quarles
Executive Vice-President
36th DIVISION ASS'N
6161 Sunset Drive
South Miami, Florida 33143



AIME J. BROCHU, 40 Pine St., Whitinsville, Mass. 01588 of Co. B, 143rd is a new one, sent in by John L. Kurtyka, Jr., 518 Prov. Rd., Linwood, MA 01525. (see PIX on page 16).

W. T. SPEARS, Rt. 5, Box 252, Nolanville, TX 76559 age 83, served with WWI 36th in Co. F, 141st. Welcome!

WILLIAM WARNER, 360 N. 2nd, Leipsic, OH 45856 of Co. G, 142nd comes in the fold.

JOHN P. SCAHILL, 595 E. Chestnut St., Coatesville, PA 19320 did time with 36th Recon. amil got'em.

HERMAN M. HENSLEY, 3742 Litchfield, San Antonio, TX 78230 of Co. M, 141st was corraled by Doug Place of Harlingen, TX., who also captured: **R. L. LARSON**, 1905 Plymouth Ct., Arlington, TX 76013, also same outfit.

CECIL BREWER, Box 242, Crossville, IL 62827 of Co. F, 142nd was rounded-up by Cliff Ridgeway; who also got **DONALD A. SELKE**, 1702 Indiana Ave., Connersville, IN 47331 with some help from Bob Carey of Woonsocket, R.I.

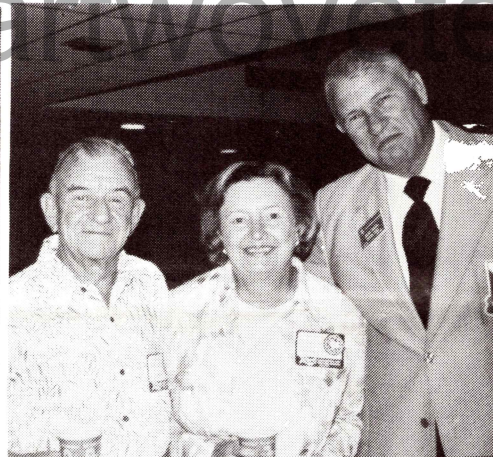
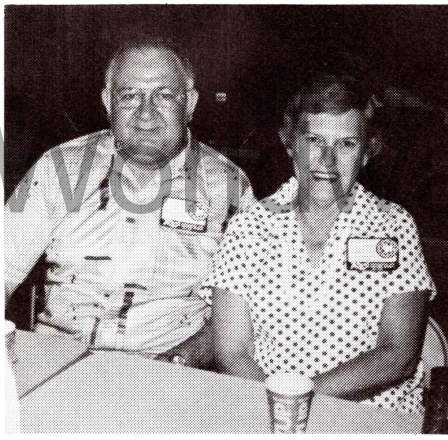


Photo top left: Earl Higgenbotham of Burnet, TX, is twisting the arm of Wiley W. Stem, Jr., Waco attorney to buy a life membership.

Photo above: Tom and Jane Birkhead of Rockdale, TX with Julian Philips of Houston.

Photo at left: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilkerson of Dallas, president of the 36th Assn., who was scouting for dues paying members. Photos sent in by Julian Philips of Houston.



ROGER CANNON, 3520 W. Brookview Dr., Waco, TX 76710 is the new president of the group; Jim Quick, V/P; Archie McDugal, Secty, also Rufus Claghorn and Robert Chudet help run the show.

WACO is the hot-bed of 143rd. Hqs. and Hqs. Co.; K Co., M Co., and Anti-Tank all were home-based there. This is a very active Unit Group. Now, men — be sure and show up in Santone for the biggie!

Life Membership Is Father's Day Present

WAYNE M. NELSON, 203 E. Jackson, Burnet, TX 78611 of Btry. B, 155th FA Bn., received a LIFE Membership on Father's Day from wife and children, so says Julian Philips who sent in this item. Nelson was probably activated for this honor, by dispatches sent out to men of the 155th by EDWARD KEETON (155th), and he really got some results for his efforts. Thanks.

I'm Looking For . . .

OSCAR T. GAINER, P.O. Box Hemet, CA 92343 is looking for A. Mack Rhodes, who was in Co. C, 143rd of WWI. Both shipped out to France in 1918. Can anyone help?

HARLAN M. HOFFMAN, 530 N. Midway Dr., Escondido, CA 92027 of Co. A, 141st is looking-for whereabouts of Edward Fielder, last known address — Detroit 1950. "We both took basic training at Camp Wheeler, Macon, GA." If you can help Harlan, call him at: (714) 741-6608.

Friday Nite Hospitality Party Is A Visit To Lone Star Brewery



Red Carpet Roll Out For T-Patchers

San Antonioians are noted for their great hospitality, and why shouldn't they, since S/A is one of Texas' leading tourist attractions, year round.

And all the Lone Star Beer you can drink ain't a bad deal anywhere. The big Friday Night Hospitality Party at the Brewery. Chartered buses from the Gunter and back is a lot of fun in itself. Be sure to wear your badge.

The Santone Chapter has ordered a 'full moon' for this occasion, we'll give you an Oklahoma-Guarantee, that we'll have one, or a reasonable facsimile.

You can go far — with a LONE STAR!

Ray McCray Wants To See You In The Spec/Trps CP!




In Santone, our Special Troops C.P. will be in the spacious rooms, formerly occupied by the exclusive San Antonio Club at the Gunter, just across the hall from the Infantry C.P.'s.

We'll have plenty of room, and there'll be a lot of volunteer helpers to see that you are properly greeted, and the bar and buffet will be the greatest ever . . . Pete Thayer will be head bartender.

Charlie Linton will have on display his official T-Patch Jewelry (all kinds) also Ben Curtis will display his Nazi Artifacts, and urges 36thers to bring with you any — you may have for sale. He pays top prices, cash on the barrelhead. Curtis is one of the biggest collectors in the nation, and has been a big booster of the 36th.

Come on to Santone and join the fun, you'll have the time of your life.

RAYMON 'Tessie' McCRAY, 3148 Haltom Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76117, Vice/President Spec. Trps.



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205

LILA COCKRELL
MAYOR


Dear T-Patchers:

It is with sincere pleasure that I, as Mayor of San Antonio, extend to you a most heartfelt welcome to our City, and a special welcome to the many out-of-state T-Patchers.

We of San Antonio are aware of the great feats performed by the men of the 36th Infantry Division during World War I and again in World War II, therefore, we are especially proud to have these men and their families as our guests for Labor Day Weekend, August 31, September 1-3, 1978.

Through our San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau we offer our assistance and invite you to visit our many historic sites in our River City. San Antonio is dedicated to upholding its reputation for hospitality and cordiality, and I am confident that your visit to San Antonio will be enjoyable.

We the citizens of San Antonio, salute you, the men of the 36th Division Association.



LILA COCKRELL
Mayor

Saturday Night Dinner Dance Always GREAT!



The big event at all reunions is the Saturday Night Dinner Dance where you are overcome by 'Satdy' Night Fever'.

Music will be furnished by the ARCE Orchestra, and Wilkerson can vouch that they are great, and will play the kind of music, us folks like to hear and dance to.

Your board members and S/A Chapter Paatchers have put a lot into this one, so least you can do is be there and enjoy yourself!

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Feature Story On 36th In Houston Post Creates A Lot Of Interest

On April 22, 1978, a great story appeared in the Houston Post, by reporter Ken Grissom, and it triggered a lot of interest in that area.

For example: Mrs. Mary Schimank of Houston says: "I'm writing for my brother-in-law, DON SPILLERS, a former Sgt. with Co. B, 143rd. He went in with the troops at Salerno, served all through the 5 campaigns, and was discharged Sept. 1945. He has had M/S for 12 years, and becomes worse every day. I hope some of the 36thers who served with him, will write:

Don Spillers, 1116 Millie St., Rosenberg, TX 77471. Best wishes and may God bless your reunion."

Mary & Walter Schimank, 109 Hamilton, Houston, TX 77076. (Walter was a Navy man).

Lots of Place To Eat Near Gunter Hotel

For after hours (or anytime) there are 5 places across the street from the Gunter Hotel in downtown Santone. They are:

B & B Restaurant; New York Pizza; Jack In The Box, Pizza Hut and Quinney's Good Foods.

Remember last time in S/A, we had to walk about 8 blocks to find the nearest late-nite snack.



R. E. BROADWELL, P.O. Box 645, Sweetwater, TX 79556 of Co. E, 142nd, and JACK E. HAYES, Rt. 9, Box 6, Bucyrus, MO 65444 of Co. E, 142nd Infantry, both were rounded up by Cliff Hale, 2215 42nd St., Snyder, TX.

RAFORD E. JONES, Rt. 6, Box 18, Corsicana, TX 75110 of Btry A, 133rd FA Bn., paid his next years dues, sent in by Dick Griffis, the hard-working V/P of Arty.

ROY C. WARREN, Jr., RFD 2, Limerick, Maine 04048 is one of us, but he failed to give his unit. Sound off, Roy.

JOSEPH BALDO paid for the following new members: JOHN V. CAMPBELL, 7606 Mike, Fort Worth, TX 76118 of Btry B, 132nd; RICHARD D. CEPED Am 519 Monticello Court, San Antonio, TX 78223 of 141st, and H. L. BROCK, 5402 Wales, Fort Worth, TX 76133 of Co. A, 141st Inf.

MILBURN OELZE, 314 Verne, San Antonio, TX 78221 of Anti/Tank 141st.

NEO FERRARI, 2509 Maple Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99504 did time with Stovall's Engineers, Co. A.

HOMER B. SAYLOR, 5890 Woolman, Bldg. 1, Apt. 1, Parma, OH 44130 of Co. E, 143rd Inf.

EARLE A. O'NEAL, Rt. 1, Box 15, Keller, TX 76248 a Anti-tankerman with the 141st is in.

CLIFTON C. WRIGHT, 319 N. Whitaker, Odessa, TX 79761 of Hq. Det. 142nd owns and operates the A-1 Radiator Shop at 1402 E. 2nd St., Odessa, so if you are going to Las Vegas or Hollywood and have radiator trouble, stop by Cliff's and you have no problem.

HERBERT M. HOOPER, 3829 Bonnie Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76116 served with 111th Medics, Co. D.

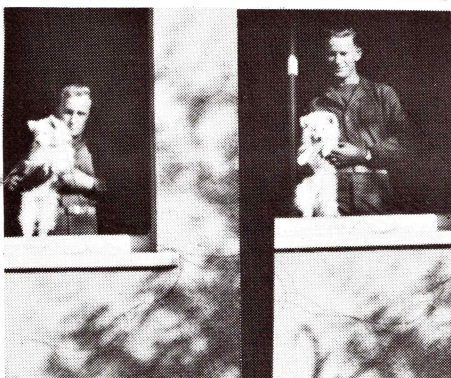
JACK A. WALLACE, 2220 Homeway Circle, Dallas, TX 75228, is a new one of the 36th Airborne TNG.

GEORGE T. BAILEY, Rt. 1, Box 206, Rhome, TX 76078 served with Co. K, 143rd Inf.

BILLY H. WILCOCKSON, 211 Circle Drive, Cleburne, TX 76031 walked with Co. C, 144th Inf.

CHARLES F. CLARK, 2421 N. 74th Street, Kansas City, Kan. 66109 of Co. A, 141st Inf.

CHARLES C. ANDERSON, 2608 Northwest 110, Oklahoma City, OK 73120 of Co. C, 143rd is new, and he now works with the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. Welcome to the clan, Chaz.



Germany 1945: at left is Albert Hassell of Tacoma, WA and his Co. K, 143rd buddy with their dogs. Trooper at right is identified only as 'Rose' and no address. Thanks, Al.

Auxiliary Will Cater Early Bird Party

In the last edition of the T-Patcher I said the Auxiliary would be serving a Mexican plate during the Early Bird Party of the coming reunion. You also remember the adage of "The best laid plans of mice and men—"Well, our original plan has also gone awry. After planning the Mexican plate, we found to our dismay, the meeting room assigned to the Early Bird party has no facilities for heating food, and cold Mexican food is a no no. But don't panic, we have a delicious cold plate lunch planned and we know you will enjoy it.

Among the ladies of the San Antonio Chapter's Auxiliary we have some of the best cooks this side of the Brazos River. We have 35 prizes ready for the bingo game to be held during our Auxiliary's brunch. We have many things to do during this brunch; and we want to run it as efficiently as we can, therefore, I ask you again (and I hate to be redundant,) if you have a subject you wish to present to the membership which will call for a vote, please

Ladies Auxiliary 36th Division Association



submit it in writing to me NOW, so we may place it on the agenda. This way the members can familiarize themselves with the topic in advance, and thereby we can cut down the discussion time. This will allow us more time for the niceties of our get together.

Welcome to our New Members: Lorie M. Thomas, Rt. 3, Box 1054, Burleson, Texas, 76028, Mrs. Richard D. Cepeda, Sr., 519 Monticello Court, San Antonio, Texas, 78223, Mrs. Marian Lee Minor, 711 West 7th Street, Post, Texas, 79356, and Emma L. Adamson, 244 Quentin Drive, San Antonio, Texas, 78201.

Rochester Columnist, Dougherty Writes Memorial Day Story bout 36th

One of the interesting things about being editor of a rag like this publication, is that we get to see most of the material sent in to Amil, Leonard and the other members of the board . . . which is forwarded to us for publication.

A most interesting clip from the Rochester, NY Times-Union came in . . . a column headline says: 'Memorial Day: A Bitter Taste of Melancholy,' written by a T-Patcher named DICK DOUGHTERTY.

It's too long (3 cols x 10") for complete reproduction, but, we were activated to write to Dick, thanking him for his story which carried a big T-PATCH of the 36th . . . in his banner header.

We wrote a short note to Dick about this article on the 36th, and received the following:

Dick says that he got some response from fellow 36ers in that area. The reason he first contacted Amil was his effort to locate Capt. Virgil 'Pete' Pederson, of Co. A, 141st during his days as Forward Observer. He couldn't locate him.

Doughterty continues — "I'm not a long time veteran of the 36th, I didn't join up until all the rough stuff was over. I caught up with them after the Vosges Mountains. I thought it was hell, but the old-timers thought they were on vacation."

"I have some happy memories of the people of Texas. Did time at Brownwood and Fort Sam, and Oklahoma. One thing I like best about the Texans, was the fact that they were nicer to me, despite my awful Yankee accent, before I went to OCS than afterwards. That's class, I hope and they're still that way."

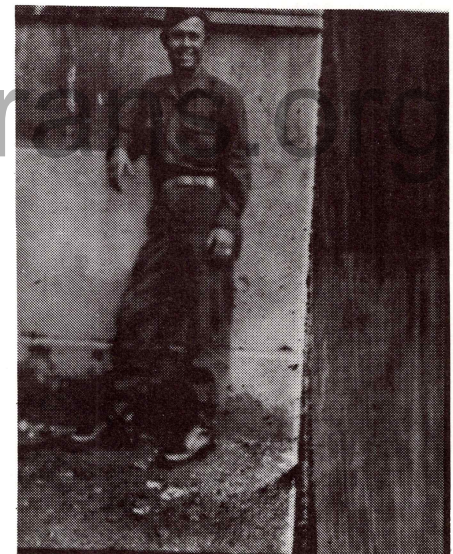
Dick Dougherty, Rochester Times-Union, 55 Exchange, Rochester, N.Y. 14614.

Editor's Note:

Dick Dougherty served in Btry. A, 132nd F. A. Bn., and was assigned as FO with Co. A, 141st. Though he was not with the 36th for a long period, some of the devotion to the 36th must have rubbed off, and we are most grateful to him for this very fine story on the 36th Division.



Dougherty



This one is faded as a summerlove, but Edward D. Koranek, 43 Hope St., Acushnet, MA 02743 says he has on all new clothes and boots while attending his first rest camp. Ed was radio operator in Hqs. 155th FA Bn. Served with Col. Phelps and Hibbs, was FO in Italy & France. See you in Santone.

Thursday Night 'Early Bird' Party Gets Better Every Year

Twenty years ago, if our recollection is correct, it was a rare occasion when we had more than 50 T-Patchers who anxiously arrived on THURSDAY for a reunion that started, as always on FRIDAY.

However, in the past 10 years, since more and more of our out-of-Texas 36thers started coming in droves, most of them now arrive on Thursday. Hence the great popularity of the EARLY BIRD PARTY.

And it is still building. There must have been 250 plus at the Early Bird last year at the Royal Coach Motor Inn in Dallas.

So if you plan to be in Santone this year . . . DO IT! Come on in on Thursday, Aug. 31st. The Early Bird Bash will be at the Gunter, starts at 7 p.m. — until 10:30, then the C.P.'s open for more of the same. How 'bout that!

Welcome To All 36thers



MARVIN and POSEY STEITLÉ, will be there to welcome you to San Antonio. Marv is a multi-office holder. He is head of the Reunion Committee, also president of the San Antonio Chapter and Assn. V/P of the 141st Infantry. This must be some kind of new record for participation!

You are in good hands when you get to Santone. Marvin & Posey Steitle will see to that.

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

In early June, the entire membership of the 36th received letters and a hotel registration card, so as to make it easy to let the Gunter Hotel folks know that you would be there.

This is important, as we have blocked off a flock of rooms, and the inn-keeper needs to know. So, if you can't find that card, and have now decided to be in SAN ANTONIO, clip this and fill out, and mail — and do it pronto. The cut off date is early August, so don't get left out in the cold.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

THE GUNTER

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GILBERT KING, Box 449, Newcastle, OK of 636th TD Bn., was 'discovered' by Fred Ayers, 2535 NW 19th St., Okla. City, OK 73107.

ERNEST M. THOMAS, 509 Alcorn, Dallas, TX 75217 of Co. D, 144th is in cause Leonard Wilkerson saw to it. Also he grabbed: A. P. 'Pete' JOHNSON, 4009 Upland Way, Garland, TX 75042 of Co. K, 142nd Inf., plus — LESTER LEE MIZE, Rt. 1, Iredell, TX 76649 also Co. K, 142nd.

RICHARD D. CEPEDA, 519 Monticello Ct., San Antonio, TX 78223 of 1st Bn., 141st is now in. LUIS ORTEGA, 8815 Sunland Rd., El Paso, TX 79907 served with S&A Btry, 133rd FA joins up.

J. FRED PATTERSON, 5724 Pershing, Fort Worth, TX 76107 was captured by R. E. Wallace 144th Inf.

R. W. BRADWELL, Rt. 2, Commerce, TX 75428 of Co. A, 141st is a new one for the 36th, cause L. B. Bush Easley worked hard to get 'em. Also grabbed: RAYMOND BASSINGER, 1037 Greenwood, Lewisville, TX 75067 of Co. L, 141st. Bush adds — "Bassinger is a member of the Highland Park (Dallas) Police, was called 'Tex' back in the olden days."

EDWARD N. SCHULTZ, 10016 S. Minnick, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Co. D, 141st sends in his dues, and picks up a couple of new ones: CHARLES ROSELIP, Pearl St., Boscobel, Wis. 53805 of 142nd and WAYNE THORNE, Rt. 3, Wisconsin Dells, Wis. 53965 of Co. D, 141st Infantry.

JOE L. HAMRICK, Rt. 4, Box 21 A, Winnsboro, TX 75494 of 144th Inf. is a new one of the FBI program sent in by Leonard Wilkerson.

SIDNEY E. OLIVER, Rt. 3, P.O. Box 92, Pelham, AL 35124 of Co. B, 142nd was corraled by Albert E. Bizell, 722 South St., Yreka, CA.

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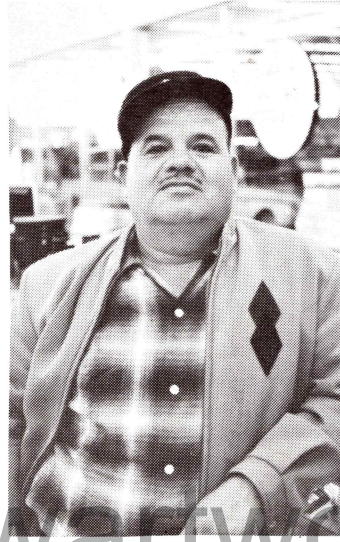
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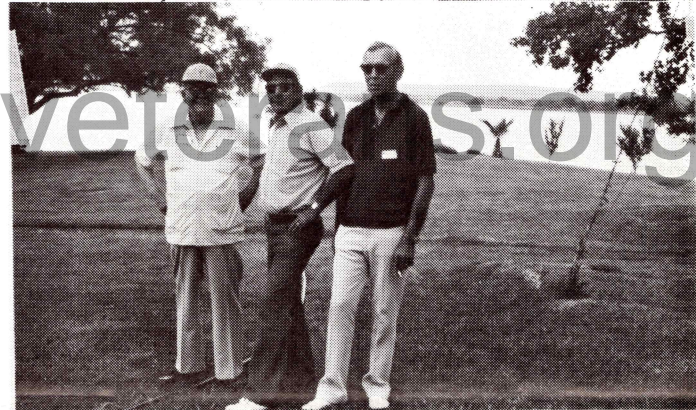


THEN AND NOW

Fish Fry At Gomez's Rondo Retreat Highlight For S/A Chapter Patchers

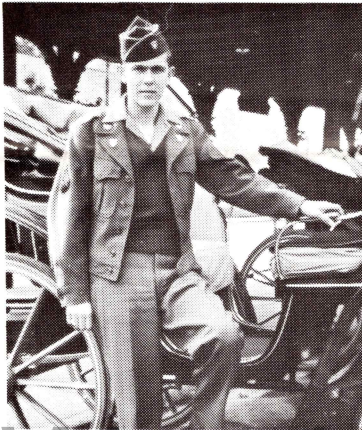


Feb. 25, 1945 Stausburgh, France: Frank G. Galvan, 1209 S. Arthur St., Amarillo, TX 79102 of 111th Combat Engineers with 4 years service. Now — Here's Frank who is retired from Santa Fe with 45 years service (quite a record). Pixs sent in by Julian Philips who has his dragnet working. Our thanks to Frank!

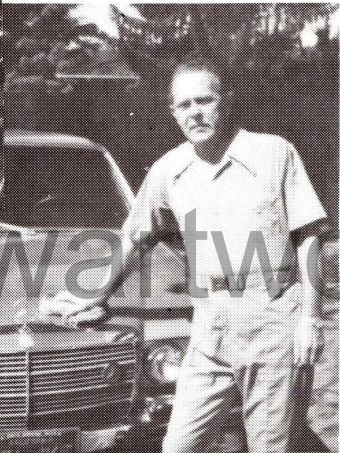


When the San Antonio Chapter has a FISH FRY, they really do it up-brown. On June 4th at Hank Gomez's lake house (also known as Rondo Retreat) over 60 Patchers and wives showed to the festivities. Known as "Over The Hill Studs, at the top photo, from left: Host Hank Gomez, Bob Rosales, Charlie Beacham, Boyd Wilson, Mac Acosta, Alvin Ezzell, Bob Meehan, Charles Dawson, Col. Pete Holt (Hank's neighbor), plus Harry McGowan, Glenn Marple, Lorenzo Covarubrias, Harmon Davis, Rudy Trevino and L. M. Buddy Sinclair.

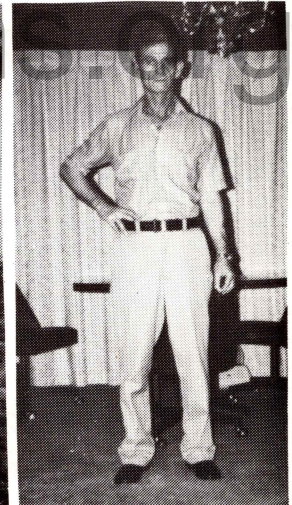
Photo above — Charlie Beacham, Hank Gomez and Bib Meehan on 'Rondo CP Point', which sits on a peninsula and has 450' of seawall around it.



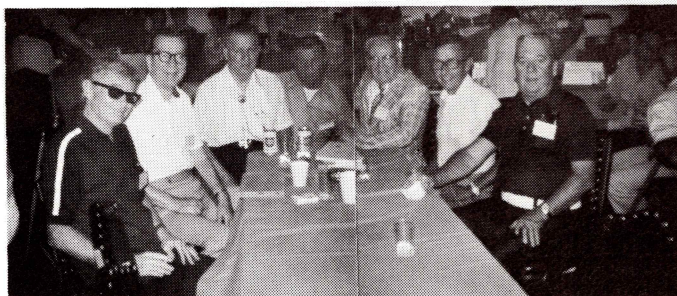
THEN ... Earle LeCates, Asherton, CA served with Div. Hqs., and Hank Gomez sent in these two pixs, says Earle met him in San Francisco recently, and they journeyed on to Lake Tahoe.



1978: LeCates and his Mercedes which these two old buddies cruised around in on Gomez's trip to Ski Country. This is a better buggy than the one shown above. Thanks to Earle & Hank.



33 Years separate these 2 pix. Thurman R. McDougle, 1804 Wynn Ter., Arlington, TX 76010 is an associate member of the Assn., cause he served with Co. B, 753rd Tank Bn., and they were always attached to the 36th. At left is McDougle leaning on an '88' shell from the tank we knocked out in France, other one is a now-pix. "We also joined the 36th Recon on the 'Task Force Butler' missions. Thurman said he and his wife will be at the Santone Reunion. Welcome!



Here's a delayed photo made in Dallas last year of men of 141st, sent in by Harry McGowan. From left is 'Red Bell, J. T. Scoggins, Buddy Sinclair, Harry McGowan, Elmer 'Hoss' Fain, Tommy Davis and 'Windy' Atwood. Harry is one of the hard-working Santone guys who'll be lookin' for you in the Alamo City.



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(Deceased)
Leonard E. Wilkerson

Gringo Zeb Sunday Is Honorary Mexican



Holy Margarita! Zeb Sunday looks like Poncho Villa, and rightfully so, as Hank Gomez makes the special presentation in Santone.

The San Antonio Chapter is 'hot!' They have a great bunch of Patchers who meet regularly, have a great time — and do it all up brown!

On Sat. April 29th they had their Spring Picnic at MacArthur Park, Pavilion No. 4. They start early, if 5:30 PM is considered early. Tons of BarBQ, Lone Star Beer and lotsa dancing, fun and games.

Your humble editor planned to attend, but had to cancel. But ole ZEB SUNDAY, the 'Shining-Star of Sunshine' from Pasadena, Texas was there with a group from Houston, and he got the 'BIGGIE.' I mean, he was awarded a framed certificate that officially made him an HONORARY MEXICAN. (Do you suppose they meant — ORNERY).

This is a very special award given only to a select few Patchers. Hank Gomez made the presentation, gave ole Zeb a sombrero and an assurance that his HONORARY MEXICAN certificate would allow him to join the wetbacks, and could 'swim' in the Rio Grande. (Man, that's living).

John Boner Gets Bevy of Dropouts & Strays

Every now and then we find a T-Patcher who decides to take the bull by the horns, and get some drop-outs and strays. Here's a list of good huntin' from —

JOHN BONER, 1285 Walcrest Drive, Mansfield, OH 44903, rounded up the following:

OTIS WATSON, 213 Greendale Ave., Byesville, OH 43723 of 111th Engineers; DANNY R. RINGLER, Box 114, Savannah, OH 44874 pf Co. B, 141st; MILLARD TOLLENGER, Chesapeake Drive, Harve de Grace, MD 21078 . . . and JOE L. TOUSHA, Rt. 2, Box 231D, Liberty, TX 77575 of Co. H, 142nd . . . plus JOHN F. GORENFLO, Ca'd Oro Villa, Apt. 29, 5039 Timuquana Road, Jacksonville, Fla. 32210 of Med. Det. 132nd FA Bn.

How bout that . . . sports fans.

Heard from

PERRY BASS, P.O. Box 1131, Corsicana, TX 75110 of 113rd F.A. Bn., comes in with '79 dues, plus \$10 for HENRY NICHOLS, 820 Cedar Crest Lane, and PETE McCAIN, P.O. Box 175, both of Corsicana. Thanks, Perry! FRED 'Blub' HALL, P.O. Box 487, Mansfield, TX 76063 of Hqs. Btry, 155th pays dues for OSCAR BYERS, A. C. MOSER, and HAROLD S. STEFFY all of same outfit. Fred has made most all reunions since 1946.

DEMPSEY W. WELCH, P.O. Box 8902, Waco, TX sends in a memorial for the late Lt. Col. Jack L. Armstrong, also dues for RAY NOLAND, 1930 Hilltop, Waco, TX 76710 of Co. K, 143rd and N. T. SHARP, 1300 N. 63rd St., Waco, TX 76710 same unit. Thanks, Dempsey.

CHARLES A. DUNCAN, 4305 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX 79762 wants to hear from ole buddies who served with 141st Julian Philips of Co. G, 143rd sent this item.

LESTER R. BERTOLET, 116 Lakeview Drive, Carlinville, IL 62626 sends in his dues . . . served with Co. E, 143rd Inf.

PETE RODGERS, 1901 N.E. 51st Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64118 of 636th drops \$15 for these lost T-Patchers: LINDLEY W. GERRINGER, 618 S. Holden Rd., Greensboro, N.C. 27402 also 636th; RALSTON H. LAUGHREY, 825 S. 94th St., Edwardsville, KS 66111 . . . and JAMES D. EVANS, 1929 Brittany Drive, Eugene, OR 97405, both of 636th TD Bn. Thanks, Pete.

Col. RICHARD S. FLEMING, 262 Main St., Brunswick, ME. 04011 of 131st FA Bn sends in \$20 for his dues — plus three dropouts . . . Amil picks the following:

WILLIAM C. FRAZIER, 4557 Hammon Road, Erie, PA 16512 of Hqs. 143rd; EDWARD FUENTES, 1017 Alta Mont Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76106 of 141st . . . and JOHN A. FERNANDEZ, 32 Clover St., New Bedford, MA 02740 of Co. C, 142nd.

Col. GALE E. NEVILL, 320 Valley Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028 of Co. F, 111th Engrs. is a new one. Dues paid for by J. A. NOVILLO, who is already paid.

WILLIAM A. ROURK, Jr., 5543 Blackwell Ave., North Charleston, S.C. 29406 of Co. H, 143rd sends in \$5, but is already paid, so Amil adds: PAUL M. SMITH, 84 South, Union City, PA 16438 of Co. K, 142nd Inf.

PAUL F. MITCHNER, 611 Woodland Ave., Van Wert, OH 45891 of Co. H, 142nd sent \$15 for his dues and also: KENNETH LANDRY, 5307 Gransville Ave., Flint, MI 48505 (same outfit) and CURENUS F. COSHENET, 141 Bridge St., Oconto, WI 54153 of Co. H, 142nd. Thanks Paul.

BILL BAILEY, 3309 Moylan Dr., Bowie, MD 20715 of AT 143rd pays his '79 dues and sends blank FBI form for WM, A, ROURK, Jr., 5543 Blackwell Ave., N. Charleston, SC, 29406 of Co. H, 143rd and FRANK D. PRUVADENTI, 1245 Brown Ave., Erie, PA 16512 of Co. M, 143rd.

KENNETH M. AXELROD, Drawer A, Borger, TX 79007 of 142nd comes in with \$15 for: RUEL J. DAVIS, 1348 Baker, Borger, TX 79007 of Co. I, 142nd, JAMES W. (Buck) SHEPPARD, 905 W. Walker, Breckenridge, TX 76024 of Co. L, 142nd . . . and MARVIN C. REEVIS, 2620 E. Thomas, Pasadena, TX 77506 of Co. K, 142nd. Ken promised to be in Santone.



Sussen, Germany, Aug. 1945 — Here's T/Sgt. Gerald E. Charlton and Pfc. Albert W. Hassell, both of Co. K, 143rd Inf. Photo sent in by Hassell.

“Find ’em, Bind ’em, and Install ’em - F.B.I. Is The Answer

Get On The Great F.B.I. Membership Bandwagon

Our F.B.I. program is alive and well! The FBI as you recall was “Find ’em, Bind ’em and Install ’em.” Better call it “FINALLY BROUGHT IN” . . . and here is proof. DOUG PLACE of Harlingen, TX sent in 3 FBI’s, all paid for by JOHN H. LOHR, #6 Blue Ridge Circle, Little Rock, AR 72207 for the following new ones:

LOREN P. SCHRANTZ, Box 524, Clifton, TX 76634; ZADEN O. LEE, P.O. Box 587, Wimberly, TX 78678 and SAMUEL L. YOUNG, 3126 Carol Jack Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 — all three men served with Co. M, 141st.

Good huntin’, and our thanks to Doug and John.

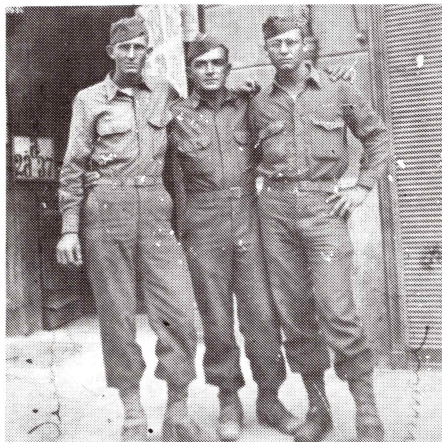
Never Underestimate The Power Of A Woman

“Never under estimate the power of a woman,” is an old saying, but it’s true when you consider that the T-Patchers’ wives are very interested parties in the welfare of the association.

RUTH SHIFLETT, (Mrs. Tom) 301 Lake Ave., Franklin, OH 45005 writes to Amil . . . *“Enclosed is a MO for \$15 for 3 memberships of your choice and the FBI blank . . . you add the names. You see, I won that money last night at our bowling banquet, and thought it would help.”*

Now that’s what I call ‘good folks.’ Our thanks to Ruth Shiflett and all the other T-Patch wives who take the bull by the horns and help the cause (cause we can use the help) . . . Thanks! Here’s the new ones:

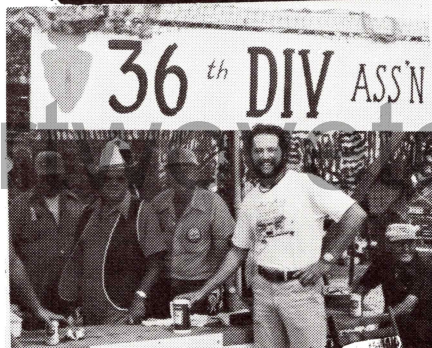
Col. MILTON M. NEMKY, Flint Hills Farm, Rt. 1, Box 73C, Pittsville, VA 24139 of 141st; JOHN A. NOVELLO, 1015 West 31st St., Erie, PA 16508 of Svc. Co., 141st; and ROBERT C. STRASSBURGER, 2222 W. Sherman Ave., Peoria, IL 61604 of Co. L, 141st.



Men of Co. B, 142nd in Rome 1944, from left is Willie Humphrie, Pedro Lopez and Charles R. Hanna. Pix sent in by Pedro of Rt. 3, Box 42E, Edinburg, TX 78539 who is looking for whereabouts of these two buddies. Can anyone help?



CORK FOREST, Rabat, Morocco 1943. This photo was sent in by Julia: Quarles of Miami. All three of these officers of Co. F, 143rd were KIA. From left: 2nd Lt. Anthony Hauck, Brooklyn, N.Y. who lost his life on the beach at Paestum; Capt. Carl Bayne of Yoakum, TX, killed at Rapido Jan. 1944; and 1st Lt. Bucky Boyd of Pecos, TX KIA at Persano Sept. 1943. Standing is T/5 Preston Nichols.



This photo was made last year at the San Marcos Texas State Chili Cook-Off, where this sturdy group of T-Patchers from the Santone Chapter offered their “Slit-Trench” Chili. It did not win, but Mac Acosta says they’ll be back again in August.

In the photo above, from left you have the old timers: Harry McGowan, Albert ‘Chili King’ McIlhany, John ‘A-Rab’ Powers and the bearded one is WEJ III, who showed up in behalf of your editor who was unable to attend.

Maybe these guys can grab some awards this year . . . if so, we can have a celebration at the Santone Reunion. Over and out.

SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO



RUEL J. DAVIS, 1348 Baker St., Borger, TX 79007 of Co. I, 142nd is in.

JOHN F. GORENFOLO, 5039 Timq Timuqanna, Apt. 29, Jacksonville, FL 32210 of 132nd Medics wants to hear from any of his ole buddies of same outfit.

PERCIL J. PRIGOGLE, Box 204, Brookline, Ind. 47002 of Svc. Btry 133rd is a new one, thanks to HERSHEL G. HUELSENBECK, 605 Van Scoyoc St., Aville, Ind. 46710 same unit, and he sent in his FBI blank, with 5 bucks.

CHARLES O. BOARD, Box 7, Newport, OH 45768 walked with Co. B, 141st, says he’d like to hear from any of the Co. B Patchers.

ARTHUR M. BUSHNELL, 123 Fleming, Apt. 93, Houston, TX 77013 did time with Hqs. & Hq. Co., 141st.

Dr. ORVIL JOE STEPHENS, 3101 Fillmore St., El Paso, TX 79930 of 3rd Bn, Hqs. 143rd was bagged by Leonard Wilkerson of Dallas. Welcome, Doc!

M. F. TUPLER, 7925 N. Kolmar, Skokie, IL 60076 did some time with AT/Co. 143rd is brand new.

JUAN JOSE PEREZ, 505 W. Guerra St., Rio Grande City, TX 78782 of Co. A, 142nd came in on an FBI, sent in by Pdoro Lopez, Rt. 3, Box 42E, Edinburg, TX 78539 of Co. B, 141st.

PABLO T. HERNANDEZ, 2507 Bermuda, San Antonio, TX 78222 of Can. Co., 141st is in because his buddy, CARLOS GONZALES, 2620 Meadow, Laredo, TX 78040 bagged him with an FBI blank and \$5.00.

The reason the 36th is on-the-go, is plainly because we have some dedicated members who get out and round up the strays. JULIAN PHILIPS, last years prey didn’t quit after a great job during his term in office. He stays with it, the following NEW ones are part of his efforts:

CHARLES R. GLEN, RR1, Box 187, Selma, Ind. 47383 of B Co., 142nd; BILLY J. SHIFLET, 6811 Rustic Lane, No. 122, Houston, TX 77087 of 143rd Airborne) ODEN BROOKS, Jr., 11757 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024 also 143rd Airborne; Col. ROY CAMPER, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, TX 77001 another 143rd Airborne . . . and TOMMY G. WEEMS, 723 W. 17th, Houston, TX 77008 of Co. G, 143rd.



Men of 111th Medics, smiling cause they have weekend pass. From left: Ralph Culver, Amarillo, TX; Aldon Crowley of Breckenridge and Arthur Brown, San Angelo, TX. Photos from Jack Livingston, of Fort Worth.

Shelby Speights Located By Barbara Davidson

Last issue of the Patcher (May '78) was a story about 'A Most Memorable Soldier' by Gen. George Lynch, all about how SHELBY SPEIGHTS got his 5th Silver Star.

NOW, he has been located. Barbara Davidson (Mrs. Vic) of Friendship, N.Y. and secty' of the Co. B, 142nd Eastern writes: "Shelby is alive and well and happy. He was located via some LD calls to Mississippi. He says he will be in San Antonio for the BIG ENCHILADA. Here's his address: Shelby Speights, Rt. 2, Box 380, Purvis, Miss. 39475, or call (601) 794-2978.

Our thanks to Barbara for this G-2 report.

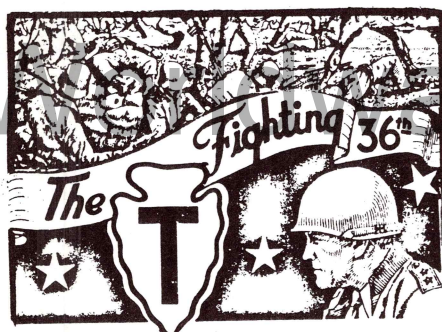
Ham Radio Operators Help In Finding Strays

In digging around in my Signal Company address files I came to realize that a fairly large number of ex-members are still in the communications business via the media of Amateur (HAM) radio. The names/addresses of those I have been able to identify are listed below:

JOHN H. SCHWEITZERK2LRH
JOHN ROSICKW8TRN
STANLEY W. GREENEK1BYN
SWAN T. RICHARDSONW5EWK
WILBUR W. MASONK5ZZB
GAINES C. ALDRIDGEW5GWF
ERCIL D. MILLERWB2SJF
PAL I. WELLSW4LQF

If there are more Signal Company "HAM" radio operators they might be asked to advise me...

Best regards,
PAUL I. WELLS, W4LQF
 2926 wnd Street, South
 Arlington, VA 22204



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THE MAIL

WILLIAM J. McLAUGHLIN, P.O. Box 14801, Philadelphia, PA 19134 writes to Amil, "noticed the reunion message in the VFW Magazine, and it brought back lotsa memories. I landed at Salerno with my buddies of Co. L, 141st, got hit and was sent to North Africa. That's the last I saw of those men, and I'd like to hear from any of the Co. L men."

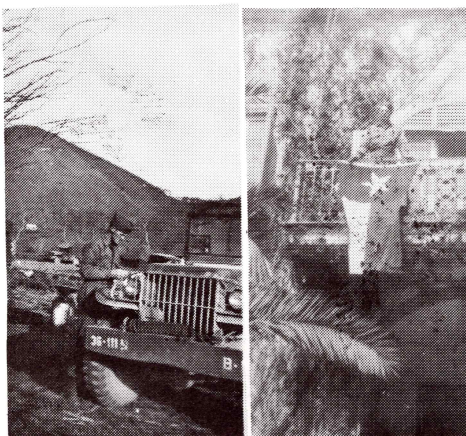
STEPHEN J. KUJAWA, 651 Comstock, Elmhurst, IL 60126 drops a line to Wilkerson, drops a check for \$20, five for a 'booster' listing in the Reunion Souvenir Program the \$15 for 3 lost or stray T-Patchers. Steve spends most of his time fishin', but recently visited in Chicago, dropped by the giant First National Bank to see **GEORGE 'Rongway' KERRIGAN** (who keep guard on all that cash) and they had a three-hour visit. "Was great," says Steve, who served with Medics 142nd Inf.

JACK E. BRIDGE, Crestview Manor Apts. No. 9, 4425 Hull Road, Leslie, MI 49251 served with Med. Detch. 143rd Medics in Italy, was wounded Jan. 1944 near San Angelo. Jack saw the notice in DAV Magazine, and writes for info on the reunion (Amil says he got it) and says he was stationed at Fort Sam and also the Huntsville POW Camp until 1946. His wife has never been to Texas, so here's your chance, Jack — just be in Santone!

Dear Amil: Here's my check for \$20 for 3 years dues ('79, '80 & '81) plus \$5 for a dropout of your choice. **John V. Campbell**, 6706 Mike Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76118, says he'll try to make the Santone Bash.

"John was gun chief of Btry. B, 132nd and a good buddy of Charlie Prater," so says Amil.

Dear Amil: Enclosed is my check for \$100 for a Life Membership. It was good to see you last year in Coleman for the Co. B, 142nd reunion. See you at the Santone Reunion. **Shelby Krouse**, 14200 E. 39th Ter. Independence, MO 64055.



Glover C. Cliff of Lamesa, TX of 111th Medics checks out his vehicle, and pix at right is a proud display of the Texas flag over the arch into Germany. Photos from **Jack Livingston**, 3909 Ohio Garden Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76114.



WILEY C. ALEXANDER, 2802 Bagarry, Amarillo, TX 79103 of 131st FA, and **R. C. HAMBLEN**, 829 Lipscomb St., Amarillo, TX 79101 of Co. H, 142nd were paid for by **CECIL RHODES**, 4125 Terrace Drive, Amarillo 79109 of Co. H, 142nd — who also paid his 1979 dues to-boot. Thanks for the good huntin', Cecil.

PETE CONSTANT, Rt. 1, Box 347, La Grange, KY 40031 served with Btry B, 133rd FA, so says Amil who got him.

CHARLES CARMEAN, 9114 Pinegrove, Parma, OH 44129 walked with Co. H, 142nd Inf.

GILBERT J. GUDAT, 125 Ada St., San Antonio, TX 78223 faught with Co. K, 141st Inf., joins up and asks for more application blanks. That's good.

JOHNNY BARNES, 114 Walker Ave., Hueytown, AL 35020 responds to Amil's mailouts, says he will try for Santone, and was a cannoneer with Btry. A, 131st F.A. Bn. **GEORGE E. BURNHAM**, 7806 Whitfield Drive, Louisville, KY 40218 served with Co. H, 141st comes in like 'Affirmed'.

CARL R. KONECEK, 1457 Gillie Drive, Box 357, Streetboro, OH 44240 of Co. B, 142nd is in, like Flynn.

KARL B. PFIRMAN, 42 Illona Drive, Greenhills, OH 45218 walked with Co. G, 141st joins the ranks of Patchers.

ELVIS H. BUTLER, P.O. Box 22, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 of Cannon Co., 142nd.

THADDEUS J. STAMHUHOWSKI, P.O. Box 15, Chapel Hill, TX, 77426 of Hqs. Btry 133rd was roped in by Div. Arty V/P, Griffis.

CHARLES P. THRALL, Rt. 1, Box 139, Core, W. VA 26529 served with Div. Arty.

ARNOLD F. AMSTRUD, 737 Bertha St., Wausau, WI 54401 did time with 36th Signal and he is now one of us.

STEWART H. LABARAGE, 10577 4 Mile Road, Battle Creek, MI 49051 of Co. G, 142nd Inf.

FREDERICK HUCKRIEDE, 15065 Oak Grove Dr., Doylestown, OH 44230 served with Btry C, 133rd F.A. Bn.

RAY KITTLE, Jr., 221 Stewart St., NW, Warren, OH, 44483 of Co. I, 143rd is now with us.

STEPHEN RED BOW, Box 2402, Rapid City, S.D. 57701 fought with Co. G. 143rd Infantry. Welcome, Steve!

KENNETH W. HAND, 3556 Hiawatha Drive, Okemos, MI 48864 was one of Stovall's Engineers, served in Co. C.

JACK E. BRIDGE, Crestview Manor, Apt. 9, Leslie, MI 49251 did time with Medics of 143rd Inf.

GAINES C. ALDRIDGE, 2909 Colonial, Waco, TX 76707 was one of Paul Wells' 36th Signalmen.

COTTON COLLIER, 1912 Connally, Waco, TX 76711 also a Signalman, dues paid for by John H. Schweitzer of New York, who also paid for dues for: **WILBUR MASON**, 2917 N. Utah, Oklahoma City, OK 73107, also a Signalman.

SAVIO GUSSMAN, 2937 Ave. B. Beaumont, TX 77701 did time with Co. C, 143rd.

C. B. NEAL, Rt. 1, Box 122, Lott, TX 76656 is an old-timer who served with Machine Gun platoon of Try. D, 132nd in WWI.

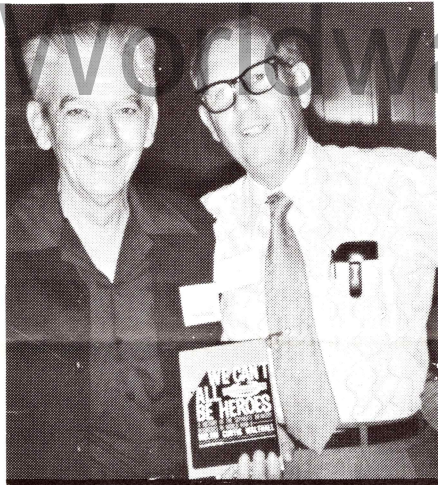
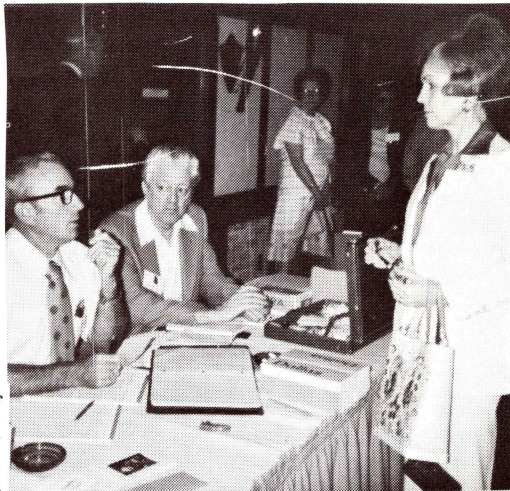
144th Infantry Regiment Reunion Held In Dallas June 10th

On June 10th, a large group of 144th T-Patchers gathered in Dallas for their annual reunion. Here are some photos sent in by Leonard Wilkerson:

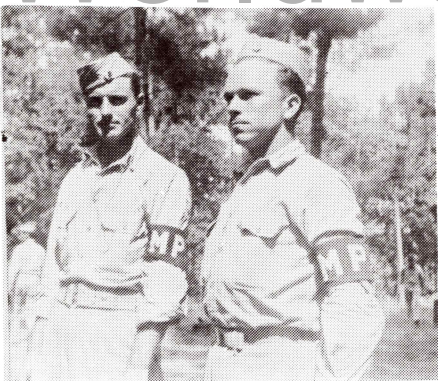
At right: Registration table at the Royal Coach is C. A. Austin, Secty./Treas. helping one of the ladies during the reunion, while President W. C. 'Dub' Ray looks on.

Photo at right below: 36th Division Assn. President Leonard Wilkerson of Dallas presents an award to out-going 144th president, W. C. Ray.

Photo below: At left is Paul J. Southern of Wichita, Kan., holding a book, 'We Can't All Be Heroes', a gift from his buddy and author, Curt Walthall of Bradenton, Fla. Both T-Patchers will be in San Antonio for the Big Enchilada.



You've heard Yiddish jokes, Polish jokes etc. Now we have one from Mac Acosta of T-Bone fame who says: "a few years ago, a fellow told me he had been in Mexico on a vacation. I asked him, 'did you get any cabrito while you were there?' He said, naw man, I had my wife with me."



LOUISIANA Maneuvers, 1941 — from left is Francis Fatheree and Lawrence Bush Easley, both of Co. H, 141st Infantry. Bush sent this in with this comment, "somebody goofed, and sent the MP's back to Camp Bowie before the rest of the troops were, so these two were assigned for MP. Both men are Dallasites, but Bush says he lost track of Fatheree. Can anyone help?"

Del Kendell Recalls Those Days We Spent In Sunny Italy

ITALY ... that's 'Pizon' land, a country beachheads and Panzer divisions ... Tedischi and Yanks ... olive groves and grape terraces, rain swollen rivers and blown bridges. Donkey trails and S mines, and always up-up in the mountains ... black markets and real Scotch whiskey made in a Naples bathtub ... Cassino, the Abbey and Casino the card game ... LST's and PVT's ... barrage balloons and Mt. Vesuvius ... typhus and tornadoes ... Screemin' Memmies and Shoo Shoo Baby. The American 5th and the British 8th ... New Year's and New Zealanders ... Mount Chirrico and the Purple Heart ... Pompeii and 25 positions. Santa Maria nd Santa Claus ... ITC and SOP, Highway 6 and Via Roma ... Caramelli and monjaree ... Mark 4 and Mark Clark ... "Hey Joe, my seester 17" ... Pack trains and packettes ... long toms and hard times ... the daily British 'brew up' four o'clock tea ... Hellfire Corners in Purpleheart Valley ... Anzio Express and O Sola Mi O.

That was the year 1944 — and you are there!

Del Kendell, A/T 143rd Inf., 1665 Jefferson, Muskegon, MI 49441

WELCOME New Members

MIKE D. RANGEL, 101 Leming, San Antonio, TX 78201 served with 144th is a new one, thanks to Marvin Steitle who roped in this one. Marv is V/P of the 141st, and works like hell on the S/A reunion.

LUTHER W. BLACKSTOCK, Rt. 2, Box 118, Cleburne, TX 76031 of Btry. B, 132nd FA was corralled by R. E. Wallace a big stamp dealer in Fort Worth.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, 320 Portage St., NW, North Canton, OH 44720 of Co. K, 141st is in, cause Amil got him.

FRANK W. DOWLING, 2438 Rolling Pines Road, Columbus, S.C. 29210 of Co. G, 142nd joins up. Hey, Frank, do you remember all those Co. G oil well drillers at Snyder? Well they are now tycoons.

JESS M. BONG, 712 Prairie Lane, Manito, IL 61546 served with Co. H, 141st. Hey, Jess, do you remember Pete Walters? He now is a Texan, lives in Irving.

JASK K. JAMES, 4523 Vinson St., Fort Worth, TX 76103 served with Medics of 143rd is now with us.

GORDON L. CUNNINGHAM, 226 Nash Blvd., San Antonio TX 78223 walked with Hqs. Co., 141st joins up.

RALPH FLETCHER, 2002 17th St., Lubbock, TX 79401 of Hqs. Btry, 132nd Field Artillery is in, courtesy of Drummer Hamilton, who also paid for **JAMES D. COMER**, 612 N. Broadway, Riverton, Wyo. 82501 of Hqs. 132nd.

D. H. 'Drummer' HAMILTON, 1120 W. 7th St., Bonham, TX 75418 of Hqs. Btry, 132nd also paid for **ELDON FRAIR**, who lives on a farm near Bonham, (so says Amil).

BEN G. ZEPPELIN, 1921 Irving Lee, Waco, TX 76711 of Hqs. Co., 142nd was corralled by Edwin Will, of Waco.

RAY A. OSBORNE, Jr., P.O. Box 309, Bassett, VA 24055 and **POSEY L. OVERTON**, 104 Warren Ct., Martinsville, VA 24112, both of **DOG Co. 141st** were paid for by **BILLY W. ALLEN**, 316 Delaware St., Kingsport, Tenn. 37662. How bout that?

Dr. MAC R. REID, 4622 East Lancaster, Fort Worth, TX 76103 of Btry C, 133rd F.A. is in.

JACK W. WILSON, 8233 State Road 66, Newburgh, Ind. 47630 also served with **DOG 141st Infantry** is in.

RICHARD L. LEESONE, 32960 Ehtelene Dr., Lake Elsinore, CA 92330 of 142nd joins up, so says Amil. Welcome, Dick!

PAUL E. MALONE, P.O. Box 83, Bentonville, VA 22610 walked with Co. A, 143rd is in.

GEORGE D. RITTMAN, 3845 Nottingham Way, Trenton, N.J. 08690 served with Co. I, 143rd Infantry.

EVERETT F. COX, P.O. Box 421, Harkers Island, N.C. 28531, is a new T-Patcher member from Co. A, 141st.

HARRY CHOMAIK, 7745 S. Spaulding, Chicago, IL 60652 did time with 36th Signal Company.

GEORGE P. INJASOULIAN, 1906 West M 61, Gladwin, MI 48624 served with Div. Arty, was rounded up by Dick Griffis, your 1978 V/P of Div. Arty who have alot of new ones to his credit.

Heard from

SAMUEL P. ARMITAGE, 261 Newbury St., Peabody, MA 01960 of Svc. Btry 131st sends in a check for Club 36 Sustaining Fund, and paid \$10 dues, which is a bonus for the cause, and he said it was for the 'cause'. Thanks, Sam.

LUIS M. ORTEGA, 8815 Sunland, El Paso, TX 79907 is in with his dues, so says Amil.

JOHN A. NOVELLO, 1015 West 31st St., Erie, PA 16508 sends in \$5 for dues, says that he didn't know the 36th was in business, and wanted to find out what it's all about. John, the 36th is alive and well, and we want you to come to Santone for Labor Day Reunion.

WILLIAM E. COCEK, 401 Bermuda Drive, No. 14, San Mateo, CA 99403 is new ... served with 143rd Medics, and drops \$10, and Amil picks up **ERNEST J. KUDELKA**, 800 S. Harrison, West, Texas 76691 of same outfit.

SAM MERCER, 907 S. Franklin St., Monahans, TX 79756 of A/T Co. 141st breaks with \$15 to pick up lost souls, and Amil comes up with these 3 new ones: **JACK L. MEYER**, 4308 Lynn Ter., Fort Worth, TX 76118 of Div. Hqs.; **LYNN T. MILLS**, 1128 Harrison Lane, Hurst, TX 76053 of 133rd, and **PAUL E. MORAVEK**, 4326 Wayne, Erie, PA 16512 of Co. A. 141st.

ALVIN J. DOMINICI, 210 5th Ave., Iron River, MI 49935 of Co. G, 142nd paid his '79 dues — plus these new members: **RAY GAUTREAU**, Templeton, ME 01468; **GEORGE BERTOLDI**, 1200 West B, Iron River, MI 49953 and **ERNEST A. DETTERMAN**, 4702 Ryan Road, Toledo, OH 43614, all three men of Al's own outfit, Co. G, 142nd. Thanks.

ANTHONY CEAVARELLA, 28725 Bloomfield, Lathrup Village, MI 48076 writes to Bob Wagner of Austin (author of Texas Army) asking about our Pictorial History, the one published in 1946. Wagner forwards this to us, and again, we announce that the **BIG books is so long out of print, and the troops who have them, won't let'em go at any price. Tony says he served in 142nd and is vitally interested in any info he can get. He lost both legs in the Italian campaign. Can someone help?**

Change of Address...

ALBERT L. NEMIC of 36th Signal and former resident of Waco, TX has moved to Lake Granbury. Here's his new address: 1007 Circo Dr., De Cordova Bend Estates, Granbury, TX 76048.

JAMES M. DeGARMO, Lt. Col, of 132nd FA, and former resident of El Paso now gets mail at this new address: P.O. Box 764, Cleburne, TX 76031.

PETE SMITH of 736th Ord., has now retired and leaves his old pad in Corpus Christi for the open spaces. New address is: Rt. 2, Box 77B, Kenedy, TX 78119.

The L. M. 'Buddy' **SINCLAIRS** really get around. After a few moons at Sulphur Springs, TX, they reside in Santone, because that will be handy for the coming reunion. Katie Sinclair who handles all the press releases for Buddy, says the **WELCOME MAT** is out ... so drop by the new address: 3523 Well Springs Drive, San Antonio, TX 78230 ... or phone (512) 690-8843 ... anytime.

SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO
1978 Labor Day!



POZZULI, Italy 1944 ... Here's ole W. J. Baxter of Co. B, 142nd trying to convince this Bambino that he doesn't have anymore 'bon-bons'.

Co. B. 142nd Western Unit Met in Coleman June 10-11th

Western unit of Co. B, 142nd held their annual reunion in Coleman, June 10-11, with 35 in attendance. Three ex-CO's were present, Dewey Mann, Joseph Middleton and Elgean Shield.

Tex Brooner of Yuba, CA showed for first time since WWII. New president is Ed Greaves of Coleman, Joe Middleton of Ballinger is V/P and W. B. Baxter Secty-Treas.

At memorial services on Sunday AM, Dewey Mann of Nitro, W. VA unveiled a plaque listing names of Co. B men who lost their lives in combat. Dewey also presented to all present, a recording of his own composition, "The Bond of Company B" sung by Tim Cook.

Special guests: Robert George of Washington DC, former Sgt/Maj. of 142nd Regmt, the A/Kohuteks from Abilene; Mrs. George Epperson and Mrs. Jack Nesbitt. Our thanks to Baxter for this report.

How It Can Be Done When You Work At It—Life Memberships and FBI Is Answer!



Unit Reunions



Eastern Co. B. 142nd Will Meet In Cleveland On August 4, 5, & 6th

The Eastern Group of Co. B, 142nd will hold their 9th annual Reunion in Cleveland, Ohio Aug. 4, 5, 6th, according to **EMIL HARDULAK**, Brecksville, OH, president of the group.

Several Texas T-Patchers will be on hand to visit with old combat buddies, and plans indicate it will be the largest one yet, so says **Barbara (Mrs. Vic) Davidson**, 22 Queen Ann St., Friendship, N.Y. 14739.

Final date for reservations is July 22nd, so do it now ... (216) 659-6151, for dir. of sales, Cleveland/Coliseum Holiday Inn, and tell 'em you're with Co. B, 142nd, and you're in like Flynn.

The Western Group of this great Co. B, is Hqs. at Coleman, Texas, and they'll have a bunch on hand.

Lovie Thomas Supports Assn. and Joins F.B.I.

We Patchers have been blessed with a bevy of widows who still appreciate and love the buddies of their departed husbands, who were all a part of our parade. We hear from many of them. They support the association, and want to keep in contact with all the great T-Patchers.

Mrs. **LOVIE M. THOMAS**, Rt. 3, Box 1054, Burleson, TX 76028 is as loyal as you can get. She sent her own dues in to Amil, plus an FBI certificate, for his choice of 3 new members.

In memory of her late husband, **ORBIE B. 'Bull' THOMAS**, the following new ones are now IN:

WELDON C. JETTON, Rt. 2, Box 372, Wichita Falls, TX 76301 of Co. L, 141st; **MERRIT F. HARRISON**, 4518 Belford Rd., Fayetteville, N.C. 28304 of 141st; and **ERNEST H. V. GILL, Jr.**, Garfield Ave., RD2, Harborcreek, PA 16421 of Stovall's 111th Engineers.

Lovie Thomas said she'd like to hear from Bull's old buddies. Phone number is: (817) 295-5544.

Good Wife Gives Life Membership

Delayed Photo, taken at the Dallas Reunion. Here's ole Zeb Sunday (the Beard) getting a \$100 check from Rhyl Higgenbotham, as a birthday present for husband Earl for a Life Membership.

Tex Higgenbotham, the Baron of Burnet, Texas is a former president of the 36th Association, served in the 143rd and is a loyal, hard-working T-Patcher, if there ever was one.



WOODEN YOU...

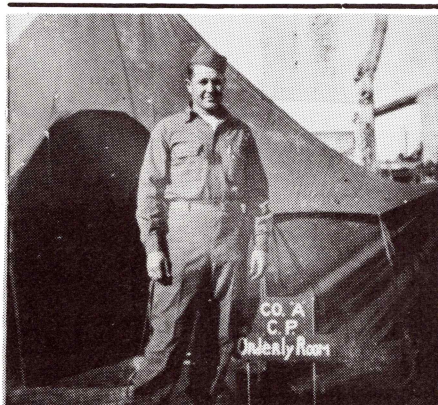
Over the past 33 post-WWII years, this association have been up, and we've been down. We are on-a-good-one-now, with 3,000 paid up Patchers. But, we know there are hundreds of lost, strayed and drop-outs somewhere.

Our success at this point can only be traced to PARTICIPATION by those who do belong. We need more, and more members . . . they are out there — and you can help us find them. Enlist now, and send your names to AMIL, who says, "Happiness is a full mail bag of new 'uns".

From Acosta's T-Bone Beacham Tells It Like It Is

During the last meeting our prez, Marvin Steitle, asked Charie "Lemon Kid" Beacham if he had checked into finding out what the necessary requirements are for a person to qualify in becoming a member of the 36th Division Association.

Charlie stood up, and very solemnly as if addressing a court of law, said, "Yessir, I asked Mr. Amil Kohutek, the membership chairman, what qualified a person to be a member," and his reply was, "Five dollars."



Italy 1944 . . . Here's Orville London, 927 Milam, Amarillo, TX 79102 of Co. A, 111th Medical. No other information was given.



Men of Co. K, 143rd somewhere in Europe (no actual left to right given) but here are the names: A. Hassell, A. Petro Roy, L. Gilliam, O. Hasselbacker, C. Vieregge, C. Ciak, A. Golliff, R. Eppinger, Sam Kibbey, C. Priehs, L. Phebub, L. Starr, A. Crisco, J. Dragan and O. Rose. Photo sent in by Albert W. Hassell, 1706 S. 121st St., Tacoma, WA 9844. Thanks, Al.



SAM KIBBEY

King of Kentucky Korn Does It Again

Sam F. Kibbey is a one-of-a-kind guy. He is multi-talented, in as much as he is a legal-eagle for one of America's Biggest oil corporations, he writes, directs and even performs on stage in many civic projects.

His latest claim to fame is his original "In The Year 2000 AD," presented in May at the Ashland, KY, Community College on LAW DAY. This civic project was free to the public, and sponsored by the Boyd County Bar Assn., which Kibbey is a wheel.

Sambo did time with 143rd Infantry, and still has devotion to the cause. Cause he also spends time writing and callin' troops all over in behalf of recruiting program for drop-outs and strays.

An active booster for the Mid-West Chapter, Kibbey handled the memorial service at the recent Cleveland Reunion, and according to Col. Stovall, was some sort of a classic.

Veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team who came to the rescue of the 'Lost Battalion' of the 141st in the Vosges Mountains, near Biffontaine, France are seeking contact with some of these men.

A letter from Y. R. HIRAOKA, Attorney, 3003 N. Blackstone Ave., Suite 1-M, Fresno, CA 93703 reports that members of the 442nd visited Bruyeres in October 1977, and he says it was a unforgettable event. Now would like to arrange a joint reunion with men of the Lost Battalion . . . in Texas in 1980.

President Leonard Wilkerson has been in contact with Hiraoka, and asks for those involved in this action to contact him, and arrangements will be made at a future date.

T-Patch Jewelry

New — 53rd Reunion Medallion . . .

This especially-designed medallion for the 53rd Reunion is NEW . . . and is available at the reunion. It's 24K Gold Electropate, blue T-Patch (charm or key ring) @ \$5.00 — shown at left actual size. Mail Order is \$5.50.

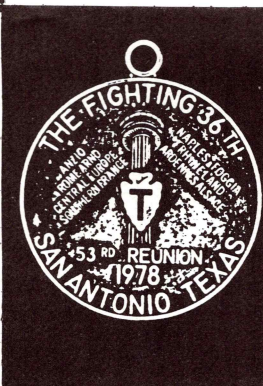
See this and others at the Special Troops CP on 3rd Floor Gunter Hotel. Charlie Linton, of Houston, a former member of Hqs. 36th Division will tell you all about it. Others are:

TIE BAR \$3.50	LG. Charm 2.25
SM. Lapel Tack 2.50	Sm. Charm 2.50
LG. Lapel Tack 3.00	Zippo Lighter 6.75
Cuff Links 5.50	Earrings 4.50

(pierced or screw)

MAIL ORDERS,
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P.O. Box 13572, Houston, TX 77019



San Antonio Chapter Has Worked For A Year On This One



Cecil Streeter, Sault Ste. Marie, MI died of a heart attack in Jan. '78, according to a report from his widow, to Bob Steinke who forwarded this report. Cecil served with Co. G, 143rd.

John Y. Gill, 56 of Long Beach, CA died Dec. 1977, served with Hqs. Co., 142nd, former native of Amarillo.

Reed Armstrong, 87 died recently at his home in Pasadena, CA, served with 132nd FA in WWI, reported by his nephew, Paul R. Armstrong, Fort Worth of 36th Signal Co. WWII.

J. Ernest Black, 80 of Houston, TX died May 12, 1978 served with Btry C, 133rd FA in WWI, as reported by Paul Wells, who received messages over his ham radio.

William E. Gallagher, Levenworth, KA served with Co. F, 143rd, no date given.

Jep H. Reese of Beaumont, TX died recently, was reported in Retiree Death section of Army Times in April, and sent in by C. A. Williamson. Jep was a 1st Lt. with Co. A, 143rd Inf.

T/Sgt. Charles Holicek and J. R. Brown both died in March 1978, both served with Co. C, 143rd, no addresses given, so says Amil.

Eanoch R. Cureton, of Dothan, AL of Btry B, 133rd, age 56 died Oct. 1977, reported by Joel Peters of La Porte, TX.

Onus B. Fulmer of Co. B, 142nd died May 1975, reported by Albert E. Bozell, no other info avail.

George C. Guthrie, 65 of San Antonio, died Paril 22, 1978, was co-owner of Commercial Contracting Co. He commanded Anti-tank Co., 141st, report sent in by Hank Gomez.

Leslie J. Spahn, Pecatonica, IL, former S/Sgt. 143rd was a Silver Star winner in Italy passed away Aug. 1977, according to Luke C. Bates, Jr., of Co. H, 143rd, 4067 Willow St., Hobart, Ind. 46342 who works for U.S. Steel Corp.



Haywood Stanley standing by the personal jeep of John N. 'Pete' Green, CO 132nd FA. Stanley is now in real estate biz, P.O. Box 115, Four Oaks, N.C. 27524. Amil says, Pete Green likes to be called 'Pete', lives in Abilene, TX reserves the right to call you 'son'. Thanks for the pix, Haywood.

Alot of Hard Work And Dedication Goes Into Putting On this Reunion

For those of you who attend the San Antonio Reunion, please be reminded that many of the goodies that are provided for you, are partly responsible from the efforts of the men of the San Antonio Chapter.

After all, they live there, and they are concerned about putting on a great reunion. Their reputation is at stake.

This group is probably the most active unit in the association. They meet almost every month, and enjoy the comradeship that goes with being a T-Patcher.

You can rest assured that you'll be in good hands when you arrive in San Antonio. These men are professionals, and you'll recognize it when you get there . . . so BE THERE!

Reunion Committee

Marvin & Posey Steittle
Mac & Adela Acosta
Harry & Gladys McGowan
Ed & Merlyn Witt

Welcome Committee

All Officers & Wives

Registration Committee

Ken Nixon Amil Kohutek



111th Medical men. Top photo from left is Motor Sgt. Jack Livingston with Sgt. Maj. Louie Klimist, both of Fort Worth. Above, is Livingston leaning on his prize muddy Jeep in Italy. Jack Livingston gets mail at 3909 Ohio Garden Road, Box 48 Ft. Worth, TX 76114.



111th Medics Meet in Gainesville. From left — front row: Wm. Craft, John Smith, Jack Strait, Dr. John Hardy, E. G. Williams and Coy Holman. Back row: Bill Richey, Bob Dryer, Bob Pearson, Robert Langston, Bill Houge, James Chambers and Glen Covington. (Photo by E. G. Williams).

111th Medics Reunion

Our 111th Medics are comin' alive, now that ole Ray 'Tessie' McCray (V/P Spec. Troops) has moved in on these troopers. Ray journeyed to Gainesville for their annual reunion to do some 'sellin' for the association.

Wm. G 'Red' Covington handled the invitations, and Bill and Lou Cullum (of Signal) hosted the group of 20 at the VFW Post in Gainesville. Great time was had by all, wild tales and tall stories, photos and movie films followed by a big dance topped of the blowout. McCray twisted some arms and came back with some new members.

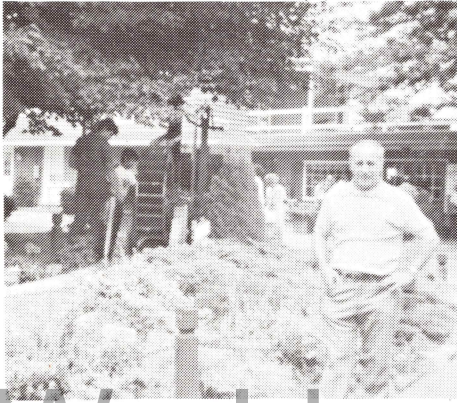
"The Medics have been quite, but you'll be hearing more from them in the future," so says Ray.



Sittin' pretty — here's 'Bones' Hanes, of 132nd FA Bn., June 1945 in Germany. Photo sent in by Haywood Stanley, who says he thinks he's from Bonham, Texas, was battery clerk for 132nd.

Close Encounters of the 'Best' Kind — Be In Santone!

You Never Know When An Ole T-Patcher Will Show Up . . .



Dear Zeb:

After 33 years, I finally made the T-Patch Connection. Recently, my heating serviceman, who is John Kurtyka 133rd FA, while working in my home, spotted my jacket with the T-Patch hanging on the wall near the furnace in my cellar.

He couldn't believe that I was with the ole Fightin' 36th and was not a member. He said he and his wife had attended the Dallas Reunion last year. This was the FIRST TIME I had heard about the 36th since WWII.

After reading the T-Patcher, I found out that the 143rd met in Waco. This is something great. I joined Co. B, 143rd at Camp Edwards and stayed with Wayne Hurzee's, John Douglas and Johnnie Kubiack platoon until just before Salerno when I joined Reese Hunt in Hqs. Co. as a runner with Tidwell. He's 6'3" and myself at 5'3", we were the long and short of Hqs. Co.

I got hit at Mt. Rotondo near Cassino same time as Lt. Waddle was killed. I hope I can make it to San Antonio to see all the men of 143rd. So long for now.

AIME J. BROCHU,
40 Pine Street,
Whitinsville, Mass. 20158

Score Three More For Pineapple Jack Finan

Always on the job, our East Coast WHIZ KID, ole Pineapple Jack FINAN of Raleigh, N.C. is hustlin' the troopers night and day. Finan, now retired from his bank, spends time and money traveling all over scouting lost and stray 36thers. Here's 3 more, and he paid the dues for:

WOODROW T. SIKES, 307 E. Turlight, Longview, TX 75604 of Btry C 133rd.

WOOD R. JENKINS, 1107 N. Chambliss St., Alexandria, VA 22312 of Co. E, 142nd.

JOHN E. TURNER, 5619 Juniata Court, Ventura, CA 93003 of Co. G, 142nd, of which is the one and same that finan served. Thanks, Pineapple!



...a final word

Eighteen years ago, the T-Patchers met in San Antonio for the 35th Annual Reunion at the Gunter Hotel (same as 1978) on Sept. 2-3-4 1960. We'd been there before. This one was of particular interest to your editor, who has a file on each of the 33 post WWII reunions.

After reading the issue of "T-PATCH TALES" as it was called then, (a 1 page legal size memo sheet) announced that some 300 rooms has been reserved, and LOOK at the prices: Single: \$5.50 and up; Doubles \$7.50 to \$12.00, and 2 room suites were an outrageous \$20-\$25. (I recall that there was alot of hell raised about those high prices).

Our association president, Lee F. Allison had the help of the late H. Miller Ainsworth, as honorary chairman; Ed D. McCall (deceased) as chairman and Armin Puck, was co-chairman.

And get this. Dues were \$1.50; Pearl Beer was two-bits, and the membership roster had increased to 728 members (up from an all-time low of 300). HOW BOUT THAT, troops?

It's agreed that inflation has got us . . . but then, in 1960 we didn't have many members, and NO MONEY. The morale of this story is . . . 1978, can't be all bad. Just be in Santone on Labor Day weekend.

T-Patchers, Baby, you've come a long Way!

TO THE RESCUE . . .

By special permission of the hotel management, ther'll be a Saint Bernard stationed in the lobby, mezzanine and 3rd floor (CP's) for quick recovery for all T-Patchers. Plus, a beautiful young Red Cross nurse will have a first aide station set up in the Special Troops CP. The Santone chapter boys think of everything.

Note: Special T-Patch Jewelry is on sale in the Spec. Troops CP



Here's a photo sent in by Julian Quarles of Miami, who says: "Last year following the Dallas Reunion, Bob Nowell took me down to visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jones of Normangee, Texas, whose son, 'Red' Jones of Co. F, 143rd was KIA at Rapido River. In photo above, Mr. and Mrs. Jones are shown at right; Bob Nowell in the white shirt sitting between a daughter and grand-daughter. Another daughter and husband are sitting at edge of porch.

Co. L, 142nd To Meet In Breckenridge, TX

Men of Co. L, 142nd will meet in Breckenridge, TX on August 11-13, according to Robert 'Bob' Mehaffey, the head honcho. He is also Assn. V/P of the 142nd.

Write or call for more info:
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Myrl Yaeger Always Comes Through . . .

MYRL YAEGER, 5th and Wash., Glasgow, MO 65254 did time with Co. K, 141st is one loyal T-Patcher. He writes, "Another year has rolled around and time for a reunion. Because of ill health, I am obliged to pass. Here's my check for dues '79, and some little left over for an extra bottle for the guys."

Former S/Sgt. Yaeger has been doing this for years, so says Amil. Our thanks to Myrl.