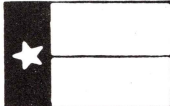


Close Encounters of the 'Best' Kind — Be In Santone!

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53rd Annual 36th Division Reunion, Aug. 31-Sept. 3



Maj. Gen. Thomas Bishop, Former 36th Is Your Guest Speaker

Major General Thomas S. Bishop, Texas Adjutant General and a former member of the 141st Infantry, 36th Division will be the guest speaker at the General Assembly of the 36th Division Association of Saturday, September 2, 1978. The reunion will get underway on Wednesday, August 30th and will close Sunday, September 3rd with a Memorial Service, dedicated to all men who served in the 36th Division during war and peace.

In 1934 at San Antonio, Bishop joined the 141st Infantry as an enlisted man, he was commissioned a Lt. in 1940. Gen. Bishop later served as G-3 of the 99th Division in Europe, was released from active duty in Jan. 1946.

After World War II, General Bishop again
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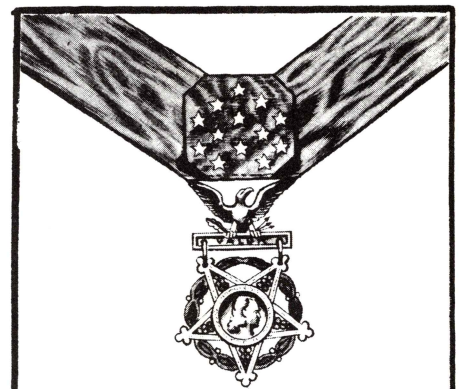
Gunter Hotel In San Antonio Is Your Headquarters — So Start Packin'

Most everyone knows that there are only three real glamorous cities, with old charm in the United States. San Francisco, New Orleans and SAN ANTONIO. The Big Apple and even Boston are great, but for enchantment, these three great cities have it all. You T-Patchers who have not been to the Alamo City — ain't seen nothing yet. It has more fascinating places to see than you probably will ever have time to see. San Antonio is a present-day dynamo of growth, all blended with the old. Men of the 141st Infantry proudly trace their heritage back to the Alamo (1836), so the 36th is deep in Texas history.

Our last visit to San Antonio was in 1975 when the 36th Division Association held its 50th Anniversary Reunion at the El Tropicano Hotel (remember?). This year 1978, we shall headquarter at the Gunter Hotel, a landmark of S/A, and also was the site of all previous reunions in the 1950's and '60s. It's downtown in the heart of everything. Only a 5 iron shot to the Santone River that snakes through downtown (like no other city in America). For all your T-Patchers who are planning your first visit to S/A, let us assure you that you too, will be fascinated with this great city. And, that does not include the comradeship and festivities of a gathering of the Clan 36th. A great agenda has been provided by your board and you should be there . . . so **START PACKIN'**

Special Feature In This Issue by General George Lynch

This is the third of great stories about the men of the 36th from Maj. Gen. George E. Lynch, former regimental commander of the great 142nd Infantry. His vignette on page 16 as how Shelby Speights got his '5th' Silver Star award is a classic! New York Times never had anything like this.



New Breakthrough For 36th's Medal of Honor Winners

The 36th had 15 Congressional Medal of Honor winners. For some years, we have tried to track-down whereabouts of these men. Now, a real breakthrough!

Joe Maschi of Dumont, N.J. sent in a clip that may lead to great things. The State of New Jersey has issued CMH license plates to all CMH winners, and our own STEPHEN GREGG of 143rd (Bayonne) got the first one. See story on page 7. This may be the beginning of something BIG!

Everything Is Ready For You In The Alamo City



At the 36th Division Association Board Meeting In Santone on March 4th, all the last minute details were worked out with the management of the Gunter Hoel . . . for a great Reunion coming up. These men negotiate the best deal possible for the benefit of the troops and your pocketbook.

This year is the first time in several years that we have returned to a downtown hotel as headquarters. It has many advantages that the suburban hotels do not. The agenda listed below is exactly what you can expect when you arrive in San Antonio for the 53rd Annual Reunion, it was all done with tender and lovin' care.



Thursday, August 31.

C.P.'s to open 9 a.m.
Tours arranged for Thursday by "Scenic Tours of Tejas" Mezzanine Floor, Gunter Hotel.
7 P.M.-10:30 P.M. Early Bird Party — (\$2.00 per person at the door)
Mexican Dancing Group —
Combos group for your dancing.
"A great time planned for you by the Women's Auxiliary"
(C.P.'s to be closed during Early Bird Party — 7-10:30 P.M.)

Friday, Sept. 1.

8 A.M.-5 P.M. Registration desk open
(1) Membership dues \$5.00
(2) Dinner/Dance for Saturday and Hospitality Party Friday night — \$20.00 per person.
(3) For those members who do not buy Dinner/Dance and Hospitality Party tickets a \$5.00 registration fee will be charged, in addition to your dues.
6:30 P.M. Buses leave for Lone Star Brewery. (Must have registration on to board bus)
7:00-10:00 P.M. Hospitality Party (Must have registration badge on to enter)
(1) Beer and Cold Drinks (No bottles allowed)
(2) Bar-B-Que (San Antonio Style)
(3) Country Western Band
Lone Star Museums To Be Open For Your Pleasure (Bring your Camera)
9:30-10:00 P.M. Buses depart for Gunter Hotel
(NOTE — C.P.'s to be closed during hospitality party — 6:30-10:00 P.M.)

Saturday, Sept. 2.

8:00 A.M.-5 P.M. Registration Desk Open (Same as Friday)
10:00 A.M. Nomination Committee Meet
10:00 A.M. Resolution Committee Meet
10:00 A.M. Ladies Brunch and Meeting — North Terrace Room
10:30 A.M. Special Meeting for 144th in C.P. Blue Bonnet Room
1:00 P.M. General Assembly — All Members
3:30 P.M. 1979 Board Meeting

... EVENING ACTIVITIES ...

7:00-9:00 P.M. Dinner and Door Prizes
9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. Dance
(1) Music by "ARCE Orchestra" Music of the 40's, 50's and to-day . . . They will play your request.
Note: — Must have your dinner/dance ticket to enter — NO TABLES RESERVED. C.P.'s to be closed during dinner/dance.

Sunday, Sept. 3.

8:00 A.M. Early Morning Mass — North Terrace Room
9:00-10:00 A.M. Coffee — Ball Room Foyer
10:00 A.M. Memorial Service — All Members
12:00 Noon Closing of 53rd Annual Reunion (See you in Houston, Texas 1979)
Sunday Afternoon, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 4.
Tours arranged by Scenic Tours. See manager on Mezzanine Floor.
For those of you who will be departing by automobile we ask you to "Drive Friendly"



Life Memberships FBI Is Answer! Your Best Investment

Any organization such as ours, needs all the support it can get We've had to fight some rough battles to stay alive since 1946 when the Association was re-organized for post-WWII by men who had fought, some, in which had served in both wars.

The Life Membership campaign has been good. But, it can't stop now. We need these contribution to assure our survival. It is all economics. You gotta have money to keep it going . . . and if you can't go for the \$100 Life Membership, then take a whirl at the F.B.I. Program. \$15.00 is all you're committed for. Write to Amil or Leonard, and let's go!

TOM CRAWFORD, 3645 Sixth Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76110 of Svc. Co., 142nd is hard-working T-Patcher (life member) and he got a copy of the FBI program, sold all 3 and sends in the following:

1. JACK HICKMAN, 3958 Meadowbrook Drive, Ft. Worth 76103 of Co. B, 144th Inf.
 2. MORRIS D. HINTON, 1400 DeRidder, Ft. Worth, TX 76106 of A/T Co., 143rd.
 3. JOHN JAMESON, 3551 Mesquite Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76111 of 144th in World War I.
- See how easy it is when you work at it. Our thanks to Crawford, and we hope other Patchers will follow suit.

'Star Bars' Is The Name of all 36th Unit C.P.'s

'Lone Star' That Is. There Are No Strangers In Any Unit C.P.

This message is designed for the 'first-timer' at a 36th Reunion. (The old timers who have attended a dozen or so already know). But here's some tips on why your own CP is the place to be!

Most T-Patchers want to see the guys they actually served with, their own company or battery unit. And that makes sense. So, sign up and then check your unit roster at the registration desk, and head for your own CP. Here — you'll find NO strangers. Your unit V/P and his helpers will see that you are treated like a visiting Arab Shiek, a Nabob from India, Hollywood celebrity etc. This is where the CLOSE ENCOUNTER of the 'best-kind' come in. The unit CP is truly the place where 'the action is' . . . so be in Santone, Labor Day.

In the July Pre-Reunion issue, a complete 'road-map' of these locations will be given, so don't worry about not seeing a long lost buddy. If he's there, you'll see him . . . and then there's ample Lone Star Beer, all kinds of dips and goodies, so — your cup will runneth over!

Where Do The T-Patchers Live?

About once a year, we give you an up-date on where the Patchers reside. Ole Amazin' Amil has just compiled this listing, and the figures are UP!

Ohio.....120	N.M.....11
Penna.....114	Mo.....25
Mich.....98	Wash. St.....11
Ill.....44	Ariz.....13
Chi.....23	Conn.....10
Mass.....45	Ala.....16
Ind.....37	Ark.....7
Fla.....56	Md.....13
Calif.....64	N.J.....52
Louisiana.....15	N.Y.....95
Colo.....15	Wash.DC.....9
Kan.....22	Ore.....7
Okla.....26	Hawaii.....3
Ga.....15	Alaska.....1
Tenn.....17	TEXAS.....
Ky.....26	Waco.....50
Wis.....17	Austin.....40
Minn.....19	Fort Worth.....130
N.C.....24	San Antonio.....111
Va.....26	Houston.....105
	Dallas.....97

O.K. add 'em up, subtract this figure from 2,500 and you have the rest of the Texans residing in other towns and villages. Footnote: Last time we dropped Illinois which had 16 men, now look at it: jumps to 44 paid up T-Patchers. If we don't make the 3,500 goal by Labor Day we can truthfully say, "We gave it a country-try."

Every year we announce that the Reunion coming up will be the GREATEST . . . and we ain't lied to you yet, START PACKIN'

Scenic Tours of Tejas In The Gunter Hotel Has Great Tours For You

Free bus service in downtown San Antonio — El Centro, and is painted on the bus, means free transportation. You can get on the bus in front of The Gunter Hotel, "Hq. Hotel for the convention," and ride to Alamo, Lavillita, San Fernando Cathedral, Spanish Governor's Palace, El Mercado Spanish Market. The river Walk area is one block from Gunter Hotel The above have not been included on tours as you can take advantage of them at your leisure.

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

WANTED

DAVID W. RICHARDSON, 11240 Oak St., Kansas City, MO 64114 is gathering material for a documentary book on the bombing and destruction of Monte Cassino Abbey by our forces on Feb. 15, 1944.

He would like to hear from troopers of 142nd and 141st who fought in those hills before the Abbey bombardment. Says he wants narratives, letters, diaries, thoughts, etc, and all will be appreciated.

Richardson is a serious historian. He has visited Italy and the Cassino area, seeking first-hand info. If any of your guys can help please do so. This is vital history for the ages.

(Ed note: We had predicted a rash of books on the European Theatre action of which we did our part, and there is yet more to come).



Great Band Booked For Saturday Night Reunion Dinner/Dance

President Leonard Wilkerson says: "We have booked a great band for the reunion Saturday night party. Above is the ARCE ORCHESTRA who will provide the kind of music us old T-Patchers remember. So you are in good hands at the dinner dance, Sat. Sept. 2nd, Gunter Hotel, Santone. Get off your arce and dance!

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

The Gunter Hotel has supplied us with 3000 Self-Addressed reservation cards appropriately imprinted. Mr. Sam Goldfarb, Sales Manager of the Gunter Hotel tells us each reservation will be confirmed. (Sample copy of card shown here). Rates: Single — (One Person) will be \$20.00, Double — (Two Persons) will be \$28.00 per day. You get free parking. . . .

The reservation cards will be mailed to you in early June. Leonard Wilkerson asks each member to please make your reservation as early as possible. The choice of rooms will be on a first come, first served basis. . . .

If you need advance information: Write . . .

YOU CAN HELP . . .

If you want to help scout the 'lost' T-Patchers, here's an easy way to do it. Send this message into your local newspaper: (Just write to Editor) . . .

"The Texas 36th Division Association is looking for whereabouts of all men who served in this division in World War II. Please contact: (add your name, address etc).

Then send these into Amil Kohutek, 1933 College St., Abilene, 79602 — and he'll take it from there. Now, ain't that easy.

Everybody Remembers Candy! See Page 9 . . .

Friday Nite Party at Lone Star Buckhorn Saloon



A Beautiful Evening Of Fun & Beer Under Clear Texas Skies

Thos of you who attended the 50th Reunion in Santone in 1975 will recall with gusto, the great Friday Night Bash at the site of the Lone Star Brewery.

Well, we will do it again in '78, and I can't wait. Chartered buses will pick you up at the Gunter Hotel starting at 6:30 (that's Sept. 1) and on to the party. Of course, you gotta have a badge on to get on the bus.

At the beautiful brewery, it's open air, and stars in the Texas sky . . . beer and cold drinks (no bottles) San Antonio style Bar-B-Q and Country-Western Band — plus visits to the Museum, Hall of Horns and the lake on your windward side. Moonlight and roses, good fellowship and a cold LONE STAR. How lucky can you get?

Buses depart for the Gunter at 9:30 until 10:00 and you like me, will be on the last bus.



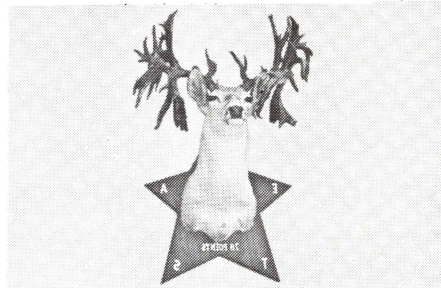
Then the unit C.P.'s will be open and — 'away we go'.

Six-Pack Annie will be back this year at all C.P.'s, and says she'll bring some other gals with her. That's good!

Con't From Page 1 Thomas Bishop

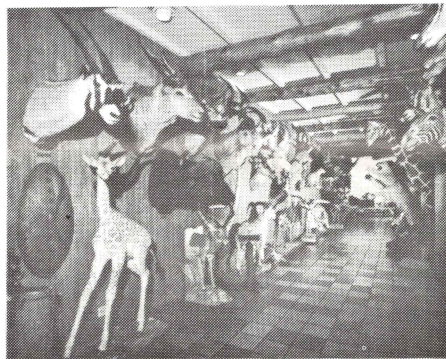
served as a member of the 36th Division as Chief of Staff, Assistant Division Commander and Assistant Adjutant General of Texas. On January 1, 1962 General Bishop was appointed the Adjutant General of Texas. He served in this position until March 12, 1969. General Bishop was reappointed Colonel and was assigned as Assistant Director, Research and Development, US Continental Army Command. On February 6, 1973 he was recalled as Adjutant General of Texas and reappointed a Major General. General Bishop is only the second Adjutant General to serve under three Governors in the 140 year history of the office.

General Bishop holds many awards and service medals to include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal 2/V Device and Oak Leaf Cluster. He is a member of the Americal Legion, Masonic Order, Tarrytown Methodist Church, National Guard Association of the United States and Texas, Association of the US Army, Military Order of World Wars and the 36th Division Association.



BUCKHORN BAR

Buckhorn Bar — an elaborate reproduction of the world-famous tavern, a San Antonio landmark. Visitors to this beautifully decorated bar of walnut and cherrywood will see a truly magnificent, hand-carved, cherub-framed mirror that measures over seven feet by five feet. Hand carved by Italian artisans from the Cedars of Lebanon (Cedar of Lebanon was used in the building of King Solomon's Temple) for a Russian Czar. The Buckhorn Bar is the Brewery's hospitality center where guests may sample as fine a beer as is brewed in the world! — Lone Star Beer.



HALL OF HORNS

Featured in this diorama is "Old Tex," world's record Longhorn steer. Horns measure 105" from tip to tip. In the background is the world's largest bluebonnet painting by Porfirio Salinas, Jr.

In the Texas Room are many outstanding and unusual wildlife specimens native to Texas including the world's record 78-point buck whitetail deer harvested in McCulloch County, northwestern Texas, in 1892.

Many outstanding animals that inhabit the North American Continent are included in this hall: Grizzly Bear, Polar Bear, Moose, Elk, Caribou, Mountain Goat, to name a few.

Amil Has News about Change of Address . . .

Please be advised, says Amil, that we no longer use the imprint RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED on our T-Patcher mailing envelopes (postage too high).

So if you plan to move: send your new mailing address to: AMIL KOHUTEK, 1933 College St., Abilene, TX 79602.

HERBERT C. HARWOOD, Chasm Falls Road, Malone, N.Y. 12953 of 3rd Bn. Hqs. 141st, was bagged by Bob Mehaffey of Breckenridge, TX.

RUDOLPH E. VEGLAHN, Rt. 2, Preston, Minn. 55965 of Hqs. Btry 132nd FA Bn. Rudy's address was sent in by Bob Buckley, same outfit of Canton, Ill.

IRVING C. WOOD, RD 3, Box 354, Pine Bush, N.Y. 12566 of 111th Medics. Hey, Irv, do you remember Dr. John Hardy, he will never forget you. How 'bout Bill Hogue, John Smith and a few others?

ROBERT M. ARN, 4 Beechwood Cir., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601 of Co. D, 141st. "Are you kin to John Arn? If so, tell him to mail his dues to Amil. Pineapple Finan gave the wrong address." Welcome aboard.

JOE E. DRISKELL, 4239 Pershing, Fort Worth, TX 76107 of Co. E, 143rd of WWI, when Camp Bowie was in Fort Worth, Now in his 80's, Driskell came back to his old camp site in 1930 and developed the present-day residential area, built thousands of homes, and is still active in his trade.

THOMAS DURBIN, 264 Bergen St., Woodbridge, N.J. 07095 of A/T Co., 142nd is now in. Welcome, Tom!

RUSSELL P. ADAMS, 1641 Butternut, Abilene, TX 79602 of 142nd was AWOL last year, and was missed. Try for Santone, come August, Russ, says Amil.

PETER CHOREY, 52 Nesbitt, Larksville, PA 18651 walked with Co. E, 141st, so reports Amil.

VITA E. CILLI, 506 N. 4th St., Jeanette, PA 15644 of Co. L, 141st joins up. "Do you remember Warren Carter, better known as White Lightning?"

GEORGE M. CLOUD, 1205 Smith Lane, Farmington, N.M. 87401 of Co. B, 142nd come in. Amil says, "look up Earvin Ivy."

CECIL E. GOODWIN, 11731 Fernald St., Dallas, TX 75218 of Svc. Btry, 132nd, sent in by Amil, who recalls Cecil handin' out rations.

FRANK GRDEN, 1400 Broening Hwy., Baltimore, MD 21224 of Bry C, 132nd, who has been AWOL too long, is back in the fold.

TIM CAPPADONNA, 4333 Vassar, Port Arthur, TX 77640 of Co. C, 143rd of WWI, was picked up by Bob Mehaffey of Breckenridge, TX.

WILLIAM HAYES SMITH, 919 McGregor Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901 of A/T and Can. Co. of 144th Inf. is in.

CHARLES G. GIBSON, Rt. 4, Box 126, Civitz, Wis. 54114 is another new one of Svc. Btry 132nd FA Bn.

EDMUNDO MORENO, 5280 Delta Drive, El Paso, TX 79905 of Co. E, 141st. Ed, do you remember Jesus Lopez of Abilene, asks Amil of Abilene.

RAY E. WALLER, 8943 Fairway Drive, Orland Park, Ill. 60642 of Co. K, 143rd. Ray do you remember Norris and Boyd Morgan, Sam Kibbey or Edwin Will?

JOSEPH W. DRAGON, 329 E. River, Plymouth, PA 18651 also of Co. K, 143rd joins up.

LEO A. SYKES (formerly Szychowski) 19727 Chapel St., Detroit, MI 48219 of Hqs. Btry 132nd FA, found by Nick Comis of Hamden, Conn. Leo, be sure to be in Santone, Dick Griffis will do the mixing.

Candid Camera At Board Meeting

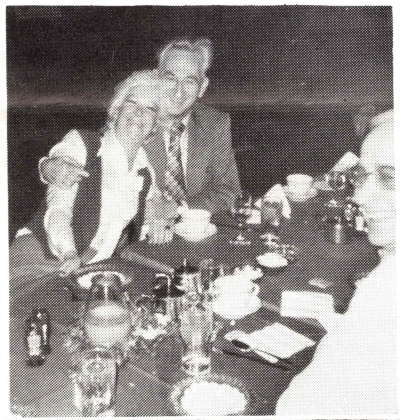
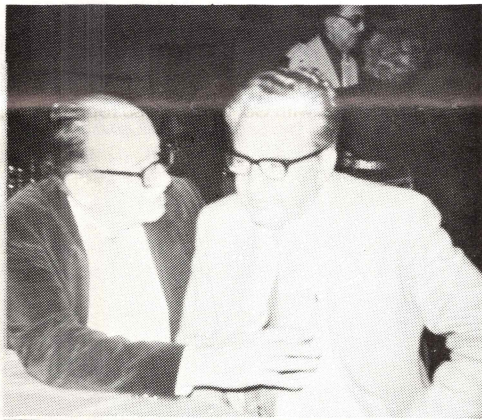
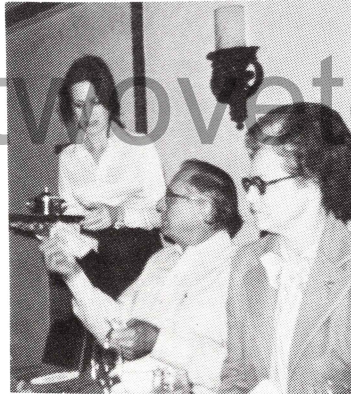
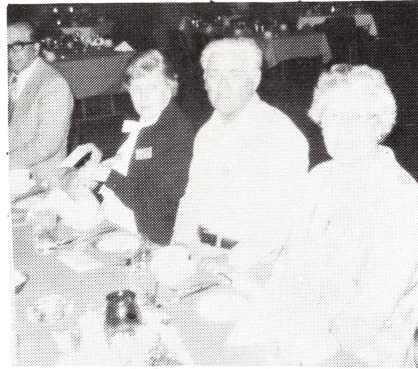


Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, March 4th: above is past president Julian and Ruby Philips of Houston (143rd) relaxing after busy day at board meeting.

Photo top right: Mac Acosta of 141st; Frances Wilkerson, wife of Leonard; Bob Mehaffey and Dell (V/P of 142nd from Breckenridge) enjoying an evening of fun after the board meeting.

At right: Here's Marvin Steitle (141st) laying a tip for the waitress while Posey Stelittle looks on. Marv is not only reunion committee chairman, he also is V/P of 141st, so he has his work cut out for him.

Below: Charlie Beachman tells Mac Acosta "how it is," and at right is ole Ken Nixon livin' it up with Roxie Morgan at the dinner/dance at Fort Sam Officers Club.



Who could forget RABAT, Morocco! A beautiful city where we did some time in the Cork Forest. This photo is the 36th Division troops marching in Review in front of the reviewing stand at the Balima Hotel, July 4th 1943, remember? Photo sent in by Col. Richard Burrage of Houston, and he has our thanks.

Heard from

HERMAN 'Rosie' ROSENTHAL, 6623 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60645 was Co. L, 142nd bugler, and we have neglected, somehow in giving this Patcher proper credit. First he says, "I am proud to be a member of the best fightin' outfit in the world." We mis-spelled his name in a previous issue, and for that we have just slashed our wrist, but seriously, any guy who knows **GEORGE KERRIGAN**, who works only a block from Rosie in Chicago, can't be anything but great. Hey, Rosie, send us a bunch of the pixs you took on your trip to the Orient.

C. A. AUSTIN, 108 SE Tarrant, Burleson, TX 76028 of Hqs. Co. 144th Inf. at Camp Bowiilee, Brownwood, is now the actinig Secty./Treas. of the 144th Association, sends in his \$5.00 dues to Leonard Wilkerson of Dallas.

IT PAYS to advertise! There was an item in Action Line, of the Fort Worth Star Telegram about 'looking for men to 36th.' **MARION A. GUSTADSON, 761 East 47th St., Hialeah, Fla.,** somehow saw it, contacted Leonard and he is now in the fold. Marion says he will be in Santone Labor Day. How 'bout that?

AND THE BEAT GOES ON . . . two more new discoveries from our president, Leonard Wilkerson: **HERMAN T. HARVELL, 1327 Luebird Lane, Garland, TX of Co. G, 144th** — and **GEORGE W. CLAUSSEN, 8124 Marvell, Dallas, TX** who was a pill-roller with 111th Medic.

JACK DEMPSEY, 406½ S. E. Dallas St., Grand Prairie, TX 75050 served with 36th in WWI at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth with 132nd F. A. Regiment. The other Jack Dempsey who was world champion boxer is probably a distant relative. Welcome to T-Patch land, Jack!

C. M. MORTON, 605 Ollen St., Sonora, TX 76950 saw an announcement about the 36th Reunion in the DAV magazine, and write in for info. Amil says he got it. Morton served with Co. L, 141st from 3/41 until 2/45. See you in Santone!

JULIAN QUARLES, or Exec/PV of Miami sends in check for dues for Mrs. **W. E. JONES, Normangee, TX 77871**; mother of 1st Sgt. **M. E. 'Red' Jones of Co. F, 143rd** who was KIA at the Rapido River. "After the Dallas reunion, Bob Nowell and I visited her and Mr. Jones, very grand people," says Quarles. This is 'thoughtfulness at its best.' **GEORGE N. LABOUNTY, 1814 East Washington, Harlingen, TX 78550** says he just received the T-Patcher and thinks it's great! He says, "I noticed on page 6 a new member, Harley W. Carter of Tyler. If he is the former 1st soldier of Co. G, 143rd, I think you have his last name misspelled . . . believe it was **CORDER.**" OK, troops, someone set us straight. Hey, George, you oughta know Doug Place of 141st in your fair city.

George h. bretz, 1013 8th St., NE, Massillon, OH 44646 of 141st Medics, writes in for info on the next reunion, and Amil says 'he got it.'

RICHARD J. GRAUSSET, P. O. Box 4113, Waco, TX 76705 of Co. G, 143rd Inf., says he purchased a membership for Capt. **ERIC C. ANDERSON, Bozeman, Mont.,** then found out he had already joined. Requests that this be transferred to: **STANLEY RODAK, Whitehead Road, La Grange, Ohio** who was a 1st Louie with 143rd. Amil says — he got it.

Heard from

EDWARD N. SCHULTZ, 10016 Minnick Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453 attended the Dallas reunion, and on his way back home, made contact with **WILLIE QUADE, Co. D. 141st . . . sends in dues for his buddy, who gets mail at: Rt. 2, Milton, Wis. 53563.**

ANDREW Y. AUSTIN, P.O. Box 93, Subiaco, Ark. 72865 of Co. G, 143rd, paid his dues twice . . . we need more like you.

WILLIAM A. WOMACK, 410 N. Loraine, Midland, TX 79701 drops \$15 . . . Amil picks up **EARL DUSEK, Rt. 1, Box 86, Clyde, TX 79510** — and **MARTIN L. EBERT, 415 Linda Drive, San Antonio, TX 78216** of 141st Inf. **Thanks, Bill, we need more like you.**

RALPH De SANTIS, 460 Carol Place, Pelham Manor, N.Y. 10803 who walked with Co. F, 141st Infantry drops \$15 and we pick up: Austin Fain and John Elrod. Amils says: Ralph was lost all of 1977, so welcome back. I gave your picture to Sgt. Petty who hung it up in his little red barn in Fredericksburg, Texas.

MICHAEL BARITELLI, 200 Brinsmade Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10465 of Co. B, 111th Engineers sends in \$10 no less 4 times within a month, (says Amil) . . . is now paid until 1982. How 'bout that!

GEORGE F. CORTEZ, 4500 Springdale, Port Arthur, TX 77640 of 111th Engineers was rounded up by Bob MaHaffey, that hard-working V/P of 142nd of Breckenridge, Texas.

EDWARD E. BERNDT sends in new address . . . now gets mail at: **559 South Edson Ave., Lombard, Ill. 60148.** Ed says Lombard is 20 miles west of downtown Chicago (as the crow flies) Ed served with 36th Div. Hqs.

HOWARD C. NEEPER, 223 West High St., San Antonio, TX 78210 of Svc. Co., 141st was AWOL last year, but in back in the fold, ask for, and got back copies of the Patcher from Amil. See you in Santone come Labor Day.

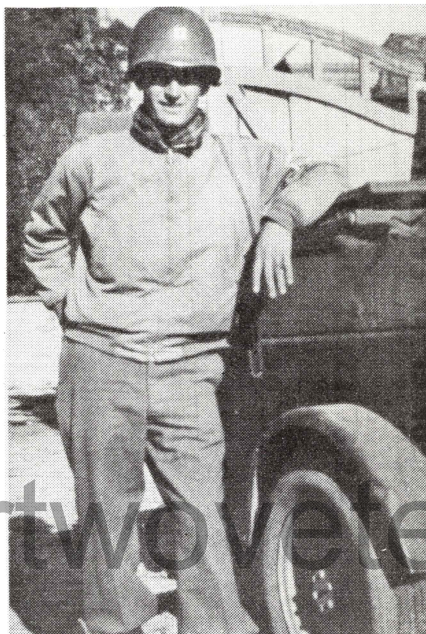
A. C. BIBLE, Jr., of ABC Electric Co., P.O. Box 1000, Cedar Park, TX 78613 sends in \$10 for two years dues, wants to hear from anybody of the 636th T.D. Bn.

CLARENCE GRUBBS, Rt. 2, Box 77, Jefferson, TX 75657 walked with Co. A, 144th comes in with dues. "We missed you last year, and welcome back to the club."

LAWRENCE J. GLEASON, 19 Hillside Ave., Glen Ridge, N.J. 07028 is a second generation T-Patcher. His father was killed at Rapido (whom he had never seen) pays dues and keeps up with the 36th. Any troopers of Co. I, 143rd — please write to Lawrence if you served with his father.

MAX EK, Rt. 1, Box 121, Bloomfield, Ind. 47424 says he has heard that the Pictorial History (published 1946) now is bringing all kinds of money Anti-tanker of 143rd, Max says he has a copy in good shape he will sell to highest bidder. These books are rare as hen's teeth, but if you are interested, contact Max Ek.

ROBT. STEINKE, 1008 S. Elizabeth, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 48858 is a hard-working Patcher. He is secty-Treas. of the Mid West Chapter and is a source of NEW members. Here are 3 recent finds: **TOM O'CONNOR, Lot 57 Wellington Estate, Belding, MI 43809** of Co. B, 111th Engrs.; **KNEIGHT KOUGER, 4674 Hayes Road, Muir, MI 48860** of Co. B, 111th Engrs.; and **RALPH H. LEONARD, 1727 Sibley Dr., NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504** of Regmtl Hqs. 142nd.



Here's Capt. Richard M. Burrage, CO of Hqs. Co., 1st Bn., 143rd Infantry, Voges Mountains of France 1944. Col. Burrage is now Exec/Secy of the Dept. of Texas Reserve Officers Assn. of US, with hqs. at P.O. Box 20601, Houston, TX 77025, sent in a bevy of rare photos for this issue.

MAILBAG

Dear Bill:

Dallas was my first reunion, and I can assure you that I plan to be in Santone this year. We had a wonderful time, and since I have a daughter living in Tyler, she was able to join us for a great family reunion.

I was especially pleased to visit with buddies of Co. D, 143rd, like — Gene Jamison, Le Roy Houston, Andy Simonson, Screwdriver Arnold, Aubrey Peebles and many more.

Memories: In Sept. 1944 I was with my M/G platoon through the hills of S/France, when I received a radio call to locate and destroy a 'SP' which was raising hell with the vehicles below. I took a RO with me, leaving Aubrey Peebles with the platoon, located the 'SP' and brought mortar and arty in on them, which was demolished, then using the 'school Solution', took a different route to return to my platoon. I came upon a squad size Nazi outpost and the last thing I remember was a 'potatoe masher' exploding next to my head.

I woke up a POW, and although pretty well cut up, was quite concerned as I had about 6 German wrist watches on me. I survived, along with 2 others, we escaped from Oflag 13 B at Hammelburg, German in March 1945 when Patton sent a task force to free the inmates.

That was the last time I saw Aubrey Peebles. You can imagine the emotion when — in Dallas — we saw each other at the 143rd C. P. Sept. 3, 1977.

Lookin' forward to seeing all of you in San Antonio.

Dick Meskell, 1373 Killian St.
Daytona Beach, Fla. 32014

WELCOME New Members

Cecil W. Murray, P. O. Box 391, Italy, TX 76651 of 133rd FA, was corraled by Dick Griffis of same city, who also got **ELGIN Wilson, Drawer C, Italy, TX also of 133rd.**

RICHARD GRAVES, 215 E. Thompson Ave., Jacksboro, TX 76054 of Co. F, 131st, whose been a dropout since 1974 is back cause Griffis took matter in hand.

EDWARD M. HYDE, 540 Buhl Blvd., Sharon, PA 16146 served with Co. F, 143rd sends in his \$5.00, and welcome aboard, Eddie.

G. A. AUSTIN, 108 SE Tarrant, Burleson, TX 76028 of Hqs. 144th comes in after Leonard Wilkerson got ahold of him.

MARION A. GUSTADSON, 761 E. 47th St., Hialeah, Fla. 33013 of 144th is another score for Wilkerson.

GEORGE W. CLAUSSEN, 8124 Marvell, Dallas, TX 75217 of 111th Medics another new one for Leonard.

HERMAN T. HARVELL, 1327 Bluebird Lane, Garland, TX 75042 of Co. G, 144th also from Wilkerson. Good shootin'.

THOMAS V. PARKER, Box 307, Hemphill, TX 75948 was a bedpan specialist with 143rd medics in World War I, sent in by Amil.

MANUEL E. REZA, 612 Regan Drive, El Paso, TX 79903 roped in by Amil's drag net.

WILLIAM C. G. MATTHIESSEN, 7036 Terminal Sq., Upper Darby, PA 19082 of Hqs. 3rd Bn, 141st was discovered by Amil, who says Bill claims he has in-laws living in Abilene.

ISAAC E. FRANKLIN, 2005 Grandview Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76112 of Co. C, 111th Medical brought in by Leonard Wilkerson.

ROY HEADRICK, 1047 Park Drive, Hillsboro, TX 76645 of 133rd FA, whose been lost since 1969 has been rounded up by Dick Griffis, Italy, TX.

COL. FRANK BURPO, 3638 Jubilee Trail, Dallas, TX 75229 of 155th FA Bn., is another one for Griffis.

BERLIN R. COMPTON, Rt. 3, Corsicana, TX 75110 of 132nd FA Bn., also from Griffis.

THOMAS F. FULBRIGHT, 3453 Amherst, Apt. 101, Amarillo, TX 79109 says he served with TNG, 111th Medical Regiment, Feb. 1931 until June 1932, adds — "I participated in the Battle of Kilgore."

Rev. G. AIKEN TAYLOR, P. O. Box 3108, Ashville, N.C. 28802 of Co. D, 142nd was bagged by Julian Quarles of Miami, Fla. Welcome to the club, Reverend.

Lt. COL. ROBERT STENGER, 46 Stephenville Blvd., Red Bank, N.J. 07701, served with Co. I, 142nd.

JAMES JEROME GOLDEN, 930 Brookgrove Lane, San Jose, CA., of Co. K, 143rd, says he'd like to hear from the Morgans and Sambo Kibbey, and promises to be at San Antonio reunion. He has a daughter living in Texas.

RAYMON E. PATTON, 7923 Sunnyfield Ave., El Paso, TX 79907 of Co. F, 142nd comes in via Amil, who says "Co F Assn. will be ringing your doorbell."

ALVIE DEWEL REAVIS, 427 Willow Creek, Amarillo, TX 79108 of A/T Co. 142nd, was signed up by Cly Hamblen of Co. F, 142nd, same town.

SAM R. WEBB, Box 428, Albany, TX 76430 of 36th Div. Hqs., roped in by Amil. Sam's been missing too long.

HENRY L. MEISENHEIMER, 4112 Fifth Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76115 of 636th T/D Bn comes in.

Stephen Gregg of 143rd Receives First CMH License Plates From New Jersey



Joe Maschi Is The Man Who Got This All Together

'HEROES TO DRIVE IN STYLE' is the headline of newsclip shown here at left. State of New Jersey recently gave special license plates to its 11 Medal of Honor Winners.

Naturally, they selected a T-Patcher for this photo. Here's STEPHEN R. GREGG, Lt. in Co. L, 143rd of Bayonne, N.J., and his wife Irene displaying the red, white, blue and gold plates, with initials, reproduction of the CMH medal.

John Waddington, N.J. Motor Vehicles Director said "They are the first license plates ever designed in this country to specifically honor men who have the distinction of holding the highest military decoration that this nation can bestow."



JOE MASCHI

Our thanks to an alert T-Patcher who sent in this clip on Steve Gregg. It is slightly earth-shaking, and so if New Jersey is 'first' with this special CMH license plate, can TEXAS be far behind?

Joe Maschi of 87 Delaware Ave., Dumont, N.J. 07628 served with Can. Co., 143rd and in his letters to your obedient editor, said "think it would be a good idea if Texas did the same thing."

Yes Joe, and your suggestion with copies of the story has been passed on to association president, Leonard Wilkerson, and from there will attempt to 'lobby' it through proper channel in Austin, from the Governor or down. More on this project as soon as the pot boils.

Joe Maschi says he's made the past five reunions, and the above photo was made at the home of the Payne Rucker's on his visit to Dallas last Sept. Joe and his wife plan to spend some extra days after the Santone reunion and pay visits to the McCoys, Bob Passions, and Ruckers.

Thanks Joe for rendering a great service, not only to the ole 36th, but possibly a 'movement' that could eventually include all states that offer personalized plates.

From - 36th Division's Pictorial History

Stephen R. Gregg, Bayonne, N.J., . . . 143rd L. Co. warrior-buddy of "Commando" Killy, was awarded the CMH for outstanding bravery at Montelimar Aug. 27, 1944. Firing a machine-gun from his hip in defiance of a large body of Germans, Gregg acted as sole interference for a medic who evacuated seven wounded men to safety. At the point of being captured, the technical sergeant, later battle-commissioned, grabbed an enemy machine pistol and escaped to a position from which he managed to either kill, wound or capture every member of the German crew. On the following day, single-handedly charging the Germans with a hand grenade, he drove them out of a mortar position which they had seized in his absence.

Need Information

About Our CMH Winners

For some unknown reason, we have found it difficult to get information about 36th's living Congressional of Medal Honor winners. We have received various newsclips on Commando Kelly, which we have published. We have even lost track of Texas's own JAMES LOGAN, who some 15 years or so ago attended a reunion in Austin.

Logan was probably the most colorful of all of our winners. He was up for a 'cluster' for his CMH, but seems they don't do that. Jim Logan autographed various souvenirs at that reunion, but I mostly remember that he brought with him, his own moonshine from East Texas. We sat around and talked as we shared his own Mason Jar of white lightning! Please, any of you guys out there in T-Patchland . . . send us any leads you may have on our great, immortal CMH winners.

You've Paid Your Dues— How 'bout Dues For an Old Buddy



**Stephen R. Gregg
At Ceremony 1945**

Above is Lt. Stephen R. Gregg, from a story in Beachhead News, dated March 26, 1945. Headline: "How Kelly's Buddy Won a CMH." This photo shows Gregg at the colorful ceremony when Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commanding General of the 7th Army made the presentation.

Copies of this will be available to all who attend the Santone reunion on Labor Day weekend, compliments of your obedient editor. (We are making some progress with our CMH T-Patchers).

The next issue of the T-Patcher will be July. It is the annual Pre-Reunion hard-sell dispatch, so if you haven't made up your mind by then, this issue will try to convince you to BE IN SAN ANTONIO!

Midwest Chapter To Meet in Cleveland June 23, 24 & 25th

The 36th Division is blessed with having some great unit chapters who keep the pot-boiling . . . the enthusiasm up, and are also scouts for getting drop-outs, strays and lost Patchers.

The Mid West Chapter is a go-go outfit. They have for this term, 3 great 'pushers' for the cause . . . I mean: JIM M. NORTON, president; BILL NAGEL, V/P and ROBERT STEINKE, Secty-Treas.

This June 23-25 they will meet in Cleveland, Ohio for their digs. Their membership has grown, and attendance is bullish. Hqs. is Sheraton Inn, Rocky River (that's four miles from Cleveland Airport) and no hill for a stepper.

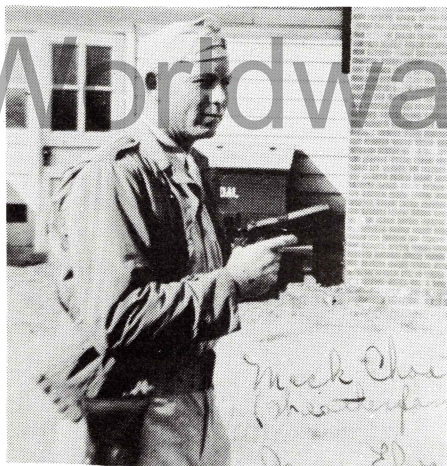
Their theme this year is . . . "Getting to know you," and that's good. All you Patchers in the Mid West should try to make it. It's a fun-reunion and U AUTO B THERE!

Write to: JAMES M. NORTON, 27904 Lincoln Ave., Bay Village, Ohio 44140 . . . and do it now.

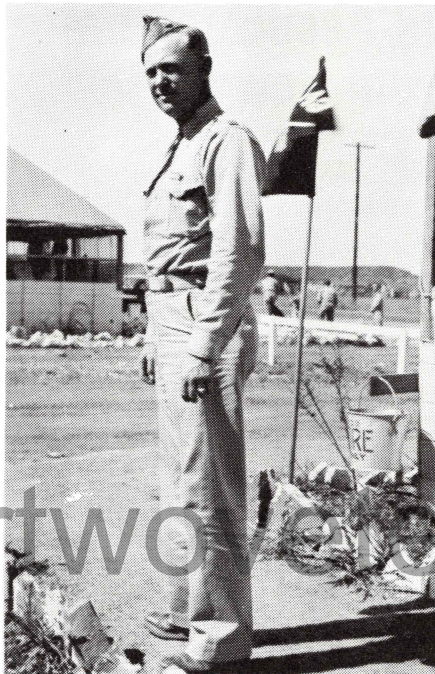
MAILBAG

JOHN GLEASON, 6 Burditt St., North Reading, MA sends in \$10.00 for his dues and \$5.00 for a Memorial to Lt. Lawrence Haschmeyer, a fellow platoon leader in Hqs. Co. 3rd Bn. 142nd Infantry who fell at Vekketri. "Although I was only with the 142nd for 5 months, I always find a name of pix in the T-Patcher of someone I knew," says Gleason.

LOUIS SILA, 707 Franklin Ave., Normal, Ill 65161 of Hqs. 141st sends in this info: "In the Feb. '78 issue under TAPS, Chas. Ruggiero of Brooklyn, NY died 1977 with no unit given. He was a member of 2nd Bn. Hqs. 141st, and I believe he was in communications." Thanks Louis for this update. See, we'll see you in Santone!



Ole Amil sends in this one of the late Mack 'Pig' Choate of Weatherford, TX, who served in Btry C, 132nd, and later the 36th MP's. Photo made at Camp Edwards in 1943.



CAMP BOWIE, Brownwood Texas 1941. Here's 1st Lt. David M. Frazier, CO of Co. A, 143rd Infantry. General Frazier now gets mail at: Rt. 1, Belton, TX 76513. Photo sent in by Col. Burrage of Houston.

Mac Acosta, Editor of T-Bone, Reminises About The Scars of War

I often wonder if veterans of other wars have felt like most of us that went through World War II. I am not even sure that World War II left the deeply etched scars inside of others as they have in me.

I do believe the scars are just as deeply engraved in the men of the 36th, otherwise why would we bother to gather together. I believe that I speak for most of us; the war has been over for 35 years and in those 35 years not one day has ever gone by that I did not think of it in some way.

Many times while lying awake in bed late at night, episodes of the war come back. It is not so much the screaming shells bursting all around as if Hell has unleashed all its fury on us but the feeling of exhaustion with days on end — without sleep, being cold, wet, sick and hungry. How wonderful it would be to just be able to sleep on a pile of hay in a dry place for just one night. There was a time when I would have given anything to do just that.

I don't try to explain this to people who were not there because they don't understand it and when you tell it the way it really was, they don't believe it; but you men of the 36th know what I am talking about.

This thing has left scars inside of us big as wagon ruts and I still wonder if all veterans since the days of Hannibal and Julius Caesar experienced the same feeling. Did they think about their wars every day of their lives thereafter?

Mac Acosta, Editor T-Bone, 102 Luther Lane, San Antonio, TX 78212.

Heard from

WILLIE R. SELLERS, P.O. Box 182, Sylva, N.C. 28779 of 133rd came in with next years' dues.

ELOISO H. DeAVILA, 432 Lisbon St., El Paso, TX 79905 walked with Co. E. 141st pays dues, and Welcome! El wanted info on So. France Invasion, but no one yet has done anything about it.

ARTHUR LLOYD, 25 Georgei Way, Whiting, N.J. 08759 is in with dues, served with Can. Co. 143rd. Hey, Art, do you remember Del Kendall and D. Bruce?

LAWRENCE D. GILMER, 1611 South Blvd., Houston, TX 77006 of 155th FA Bn., paid dues twice, according to Griffis, your Div. Arty V/P. (Ed. Note: we recall Gilmer at Camp Bowie Brownwood, when we did map work for the old 133rd FA Regiment).

JOHN F. CASSIDY, 245 Forest Ave., Ambler, PA 19002 of 133rd FA Bn., paid twice — another score from Griffis.

BILL STEGER, 1682 Nob Hill Place, Dallas, TX 75208 who was former V/P of Spec Troops sends in this message: "I was out taking my hike for the heart today, and ran into anole 36th buddy, got his \$5.00 and that just shows you that you can never tell when you will run into a long lost Patcher." Steger picks up: Dr. JAMES F. GRAHAM, 1016 Knott Place, Dallas, TX 75208 who did time with 143rd Infantry. Bill says he is feelin' fine and doing what the doctors say. Regards to all.

CARL STROM, Tripmasters, Inc. 9776 Myers Lake Ave., NE, Rockford, MI 49341 who was C.O. of Co. B, 141st sends in clip of a famous WWI T-Patcher — Major MAURICE K. GORDON, who is credited with 'naming' THE AMERICAN LEGION (how 'bout that) . . . This was in 1919 when weary members of the AEF met in Paris to create such an organization, Lt. Col. Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., headed the caucus. Man, you can't beat the T-Patchers!!!

COL. C. A. WILLIAMSON, Ret., also known to his friends — and others — in the 143rd Infantry as 'Slim,' 'Suitcase' and 'Chum.' Slim (the handle he prefers, because he hasn't been slim since he left a German POW camp in 1945) says he is considering moving to the vicinity of Fort Hood, with two adopted Viet-American children, ages 7 and 9, and leaving the ideal climate and high cost of living in Hawaii.

He would appreciate information from any fellow T-patchers regarding services provided retirees by Fort Hood, better and more secure residential areas (Killeen, Belton and Temple), etc. Also wonders if that deputy sheriff who used to lock up any GI caught in the city limits, unless on the way out of town, is still in Belton. Slim's address is 98-945C Kaonohi St., Aiea, HI 96701.

JOSEPH J. LaROCCA, 1539 Nevada, Houston, TX 77006 who served with 155th FA Bn., comes in, and paid his dues twice. How 'Bout that.

JOE MASCHI, 87 Delaware Ave., Dumont, N.J. 07628 of Cannon Co. 143rd comes in strong. Offered to come to Dallas, and help Payne Rucker shovel the snow off his drive way. See story on CMH winner Steve Gregg in this issue, sent in by ole Joe, and our thanks.

ROBERT R. CAHAL, 205 Eleanor St., Jasper, TX 75951 who served with Co. C, 143rd in WWI paid his dues twice in one year, says Amil. Cahal is one of the 36th's great boosters!

Here's Candy: Bain Les Bain, Great Doughnuts and a Winning Smile.



Dateline DEJON, France 1945, ARS photo says: "Former stage and radio actress, Carmel 'Candy' White of Smithtown, L.I., after serving in North Africa and Italy joins 26th ARC at Bain Les Baine Rest Camp." Everybody remembers 'Candy'. She later married Col. Herb Eitt of the 141st . . . now move to the right for an up-date photo of 'Candy' 1978. You can't beat these BEFORE & AFTER PHOTOS.



CANDY IS STILL DANDY! Many of you will remember Candy, the American Red Cross gal who served us those great doghnuts, come hell or high water. Photo above was sent in by Hank Gomez who visited Candy and her husband, retired Col. Herbert Eitt of Falls Church, VA. The T-shirts say "59 and Holding," which designated Candy's 60 birthday party. This brings back alot of good memories. Thanks to Gomez for this photo.



Meet Judge Chadick

T. C. Chadick, was appointed to the Supreme Court of Texas last October, is running for unexpired portion, writes to Leonard Wilkerson that he wants an ad in the Reunion Souvenir Program. He got it. Chadick served with 144th Infantry, gets mail at P.O. Box 12248, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711.

Hey, Judge, it's only a short drive to San Antonio from Austin, and we'll be lookin' for you Labor Day.



Avellino, Italy, April 1944 — Here's the Ammo section of Svc. Btry 131st F.A. Bn.: In front is train commander Lt. Samuel P. Armitage of Peabody, Mass., and standing left to right is: Sgt. A. A. Medford, of Haskell; Sgt. Stambaugh, Kress; Sgt. O. S. Lattimore of Lubbock; and Sgt. A. L. McCarthy also Lubbock. Photo sent in my Sam Armitage.



Many of you may recall, at some of our reunions, it's been difficult to find a place to eat (when the hotel facilities are closed). At the Gunter, all you have to do is walk across the street and you have a choice of five fine restaurants.



The Gunter has a good restaurant, reasonably priced, but here you have a bigger choice.



At top is the B & B, above is the New York Pizza, and shown here at the right is Pizza Hut and Jack In The Box, and also Quinney's Good Foods . . . all are across the street from the Gunter, and tell 'em Groucho sent you. Just be in Santone Labor Day weekend.



Here's an Oldie: 143rd Regimental Personal Section at Waco, 1938 — back row, center is the late SSG Douglas N. Boyd, and Sgt. Carl Lawson, back row right. At left on front row is Sgt. Richard M. Burrage (who sent in this rare foto) and front row center MSG Shorty O'Neal. Other not identified. See other pix in this issue from Col. Burrage.

WELCOME

New Members.....

JAMES GILES, 1695 LaFayette Rd., Claremont, CA 91711 served with 133rd FA and Div. Arty. Bob Buckley found this one.

MARTIN P. JACKSON, 5212 25th Ave. S.E., Lacey, Wash. 98503 walked with Co. F, 141st.

LUTHER CARTER, 1012 E. Butler, Fort Worth, TX 76110 failed to give his unit.

ANTHONY CIAVARELLE, 28725 Bloomfield, Lathrup Village, Mich. 48076 served with Co. D, 142nd Infantry. Tony, do you recall Ralph Brown, Harrison Fuller, C. W. Russum, Top Kick Pruitt Arvil Moore?

JOE WOOLSEY, Rt. 3, Box 703, Wichita Falls, TX 76308 of Co. M, 142nd is a new one.

GENE HARDY, 1243 McLean, Dallas, TX 75211 of Co. L, 144th was signed up by Leonard Wilkeron.

Welcome back . . . Col. WILEY STEM, Jr., 823 Washington, Waco, TX 76703 of Cannon Co., 143rd.

GENO CASTEGNARO, 2616 N. Winnebago St., Rockford, Ill., 61101 of Co. E. 142nd is in. Lassoed by Paul I. Wells.

Maj. ROBERT SEELEY JOHNSON, 6233 N. LaCrosse Ave., Chicago, Ill 60646 of 111th Medics. We need you in Santone, Major, if nothing more than remove George Kerri-gan's tonsils.

MARTIN WEICHSELBAUM, 19 William St., Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10552 of A/T 143nd sends in dues and makes this suggestion — "Why don't you start some kind of INSURANCE PLAN. This might be a gimmick for picking up some new members." Not bad, but can anyone help? Help!

WESLEY TERRY, P.O. Box 44, Imlay, Nev. 89418 of Co. C, 132nd Machine Gun Bn., in WWI is now 82 years old. Says, "If possible I will see you in Santone, though I don't get around much any more. I would like to hear from any of my old WWI buddies. I have my WWI uniform and a bunch of souvenirs." We'll be lookin' for you in S/A, Wesley!

LOUIS N. QUAIST, 2122 Iglehart Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 55104 of Hqs. 132nd FA Bn., comes in with dues.

EDWIN STONELAKE, Rt. 4, 2724 Nason Bay, Detroit Lakes, Minn. 56501 walked with Co. D, 141st, says he's semi-retired and doing some fishing. Atta boy!

EDWARD KEETON, an attorney in New Orleans sends a check for \$50 to Julian Philips to be used for dues for 'buddies,' which are sent to them in his name. That's a real helping hand. Our thanks.

THINK !

MEMO from Amil:

I've asked many times for the whereabouts of Joe Brown. No one knew. Now, Col. JOSEPH TUCK BROWN, answered a request through Retired Army Bulletin and is now in!

Col. Brown gets his mail at 3400 Watergate Court, Columbus, OH 43221, and would like to hear from the guys of 132nd FA Bn.

Amil says: "Joe Brown was captain CO of Hqs. Btry. 132nd, and was one of the first captured artillerymen at Altavilla, Italy. A West Pointer, Col. Brown joined the 36th at Camp Bowie. He is now a member of the 36th Association."

Unit Reunions

36th Signal Meets In Denison April 2-3, With Big Turnout

The first 36th Signal Company Reunion, since receiving their Certificate of Charter on Sept. 3, 1977, at Dallas, was held Apr. 1-2 in Denison, TX at the Holiday Inn.

With approximately 35 in attendance new officers elected were: Horace Benedict, President; Virgil White, Vice-President; L. C. "Pete" Thayer, Treasurer and Harry Scott, Secretary with E. C. Coffey, Fred San Roman and Wm. M. Henderson as first year Directors.

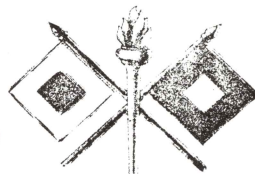
Saturday consisted of bull sessions, drinks and dice games followed by a dance that night at the VFW. There were numerous headaches Sunday morning. Sunday noon we had a delicious Buffet at the Holiday Inn which is managed by James Bell, a former Mess Sgt. in the Signal Co. followed by a business meeting and was adjourned when James Bell announced that the Bar was open and that the wives were already in there for a head start.

James E. Kenney traveled the furthest from Hillsboro, Ill., and Vito J. Lopicolo was next coming from Memphis, Tenn.

Needless to say, all are looking forward to San Antonio where I heard several say they were eating all their meals at San Roman's home.

Harry V. Scott, Secy.
36th Sig. Co. Assn.
1316 Crestview Drive
Dennison, TX 75020

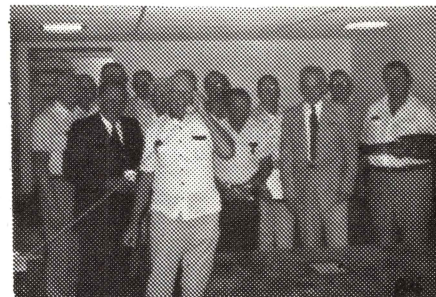
MEET THE CHAMP



It takes alot of doin' to get our association 'on the go,' and when we have devoted V/P's like RAMON 'Tessie' McCRAY, of 36th Signal, and current Special Troops ramrod — we get results: here's 8 more Patches for the membership roster, all corraled by Ramon:

WALTER MILLER, 930 W. Shephard, Denison, TX 75020; LONNIE F. WILLIAMS, 2607 Stafford St., same town & zip; JOE SOWDER, 2206 W. McArthur, Wichita, KS 67217; EDWIN B. BEASLEY, 4400 Belt Line Rd., Wagon Wheel Ct., Mesquite, TX 75149; JOHN F. FISHER, RFD 3, Denison, TX 75020; VITO J. LOPICOLO, 3778 Vernon Ave., Memphis, TN 37066; WARREN N. REED, 34 Burton Ter., Weymouth, MA 02188 — and JAMES GANN, 3006 Mayhew Drive, Dallas, TX 75288. All are former 36th Signalmen. Good shootin' Ray!

SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO
1978 Labor Day!



Top Photo: Forty 36th Signalmen meet at Holiday Inn, Denison, hosted by James Bell who manages the hotel. Here is a group all telling tall tales and looking at old photos etc.

Photo above: Ed Brown displays plaque presented to the new chapter of Denison by the 36th Assn., and the talk-talk-talk goes on far into the night. It was something to behold.



Strike up the music, the gangs all here. Ready to begin the dance festivities at the VFW Hall in Denison shown here is our host, James Browder who is Senior Vice-Commander of the VFW Post.



Above: Ray McCray at right displays a needlepoint T-Patch made by Sgt. Horace Benedict while he was in a Convelescent Hospital back in the 1940's. Benedict is chapter president, supports a plastic leg as result of wounds received in Italy.

First Time Ever- An Illustrated Reunion Program

Leonard Wilkerson of Dallas, our present ramrod has more new ideas for the advancement of our 36th Association than you can shake a stick at. He suggested that we publish a booklet-type SOUVENIR Reunion Program. Sell ads to the troops to cover costs, and give you an illustrated program YOU WILL WANT TO KEEP! How 'bout that!

OK. So we now have it locked up. By osmosis and some word-of-mouth (and a few letters) enough ad space has been sold to devoted T-Patchers that will under-write the cost of a 24-or more page booklet — all for you, at no additional cost. Each delegate will receive a copy. How's that for imagination — in ACTION! T-Patchers score one more time! Start Packin'.



Photo above:

We need some help on this one. J. J. Finan sends in this photo of men of Co. G, 142nd and can identify the trooper in the middle of front row as: Sgt. Hugh Merritt (KIA) who got the DSC award; Wild Bill Kalinauskas is on the left in middle row. Photo made by Lt. John Turner, somewhere in Italy, and if anyone out there in T-Patchland can help, let us hear from you.



Photo at left: front row left to right — M. L. 'Dude' Bowden, Rt. 1, Box 214C, Pecan Way Drive, Wichita Falls, Tx 76301; Selman 'Doc' Angele, 1495 Wooten, Beaumont, TX 77705, T. L. Parker (KIA) and Major A. Fitts, 421 Inwood Dr., Bridge City, TX 77611, a first-timer at the '77 Dallas reunion. Photo from Tony Pellerin of Port Arthur, TX Co. H, 142nd Infantry.

New Members Keep On Rollin' In!

ERIQUE E. ANDOW, 2609 Radford St., El Paso, TX 79903 served with 3rd Bn. Hqs. 143rd Inf.

HAROLD D. LOFTIS, 1808 Barbara St., Austin, TX 78757 of Div. Hqs. has been lost for sometime. Harold was Exec/Secty of the Assn., about 20 years ago when he served under the late William Martin, (former CO of 143rd) when he was Adj. Gen. of Texas. Welcome back!

Chaplain HASKIN V. LITTLE, 321 W. 31st St., Houston, TX 77018 of 142nd Inf.

HOWARD F. SCOTT, 11830 Duxbury Drive, Dallas, TX 75218 of the present 36th Airborn.

PAT SPURR, 7251 Wallace, Dallas, TX 75217 served with 144th, 133rd and 636th TD Bn.

MANUEL R. MELLO, 52 Grand View Ave., Fairhaven, MA 02719 of Btry C, 132nd.

L. A. GONZALES, 2829 Yarbrough #1, El Paso, TX walked with Co. E, 141st Inf.

ROBERT C. BENTON, P.O. Box 144, Coronado, CA 92118 of Co. B, 142nd, which has a West and East chapter, so you can make both reunions, but don't miss Santone in late August. Welcome back to the Clan.

JERRELL JULIAN, Box 389 Lefors, TX 79054 of Co. C, 111th Engineers.

ERNEST W. HOWARD, 3245 S. Jennings, Ft. Worth, TX 76110 served with Hqs. Co., 141st,

JACK A. INMAN, Rt. 5, Box 805, Amarillo, TX 79118 of Co. F, 142nd was roped in by Oran McBroom of Canyon, TX same outfit.

RALPH SODA, 1150 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 of Can. Co. 142nd is in. Amil says he remembers a troop train passing through Bethlehem and the onion fields with notes tied to a bundle of onions, fell in love with some of them Cuties. (You dawg).

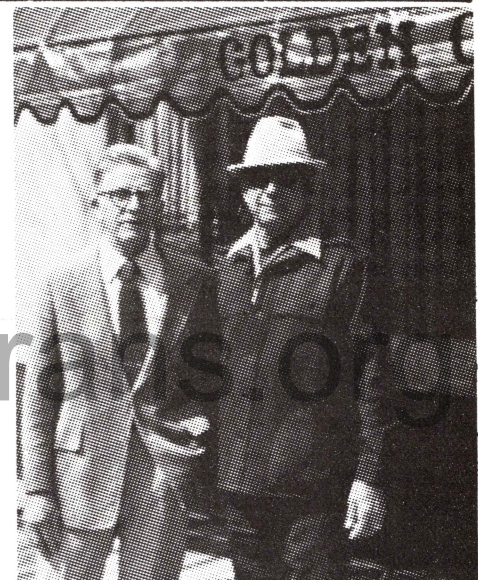
JOHN R. JOHNSTON, 17230 Warrington Dr., Ganada Hills, CA 91344 of Co. E, 142nd and also with 143rd.

PATSY J. EFFINITE, 1711 S. Jefferson, New Catle, PA 16101 of Co. E, 141st is in.

HARRY P. FRANTZ, P.O. Box 1226, Enid, OK 73701 of Btry C, 155th FA Bn.

Col. **LAWRENCE W. BENGEL**, 120 Longview, Alexandria, VA 22314 of 36th Signal.

EDWARD D. KORANEK, 43 Hope St., Acushnet, MA 02743 of Hqs. Btry, 131st FA Bn., was radio Operator for Col. Phelps, part of 61st Brigade; same for Gen. Hibbs, then was sent to 131st as F.O. in Africa, Italy and France.



GALLOPIN' GOMEZ, bon vivant and an ambassador without folio, shown here at right with Col. Herbert Eitt in front of the Golden OX, Washington, D.C. Hank Gomez puts about 6000 miles a year on his dune buggie visiting ole T-Patchers, spreading the good word, and getting drop-outs, strays and lost 36thers. Hank supports everything evolved with the betterment of our association. (other photo on page 9).

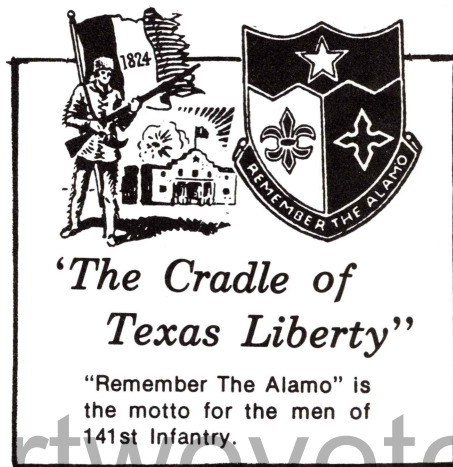
SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO
1978 Labor Day!

Old Soldiers Never Die — They Just Retire In Santone

Retired Military Personnel Is One of City's Biggest Assets

San Antonio began as a military outpost in the wilderness of New Spain. The silver lances of *conquistadores* fought off savage Indians and explored the hills and plains from this stronghold. Except for a brief period during the Republic of Texas there have always been soldiers — lots of them — in San Antonio.

The military is more than just a major contributor to the economy of San Antonio, the soldiers trained here have literally changed the course of human history . . . Men the caliber of John J. Pershing, Dwight Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, Charles Lindbergh and Billy Mitchell. In 1861, for instance, two months before the States were ripped apart at Fort Sumter, a young Union colonel stayed awake all evening making the decision whether or not to surrender the San Antonio garrison to the secessionists or fight as he had sworn to do in his oath. He refused to join the Confederate rebels and left town without his baggage. Robert E. Lee headed home to his beloved Virginia.



The very year Texas became a state the U.S. Army moved into the abandoned Spanish barracks, and the town has been the principal Army post in the Southwest ever since. After a brief stay in the old Alamo, the Army began building its own cavalry and quartermaster post at what was later to be known as Fort Sam Houston. They built their fort in a now famous Quadrangle around a stone clock tower, where sentinels watched the Comanches and Apaches. When the last of the warring chiefs, Geromimo, was finally captured, he and his braves were held for nearly a month in the Quadrangle.

It was at "Ft. Sam" in 1910 when a young lieutenant, Benjamin D. Foulois, unpacked 16 boxes, put together a bamboo and canvas contraption, started the gasoline engine and took off following his mail order flying instructions from the Wright Brothers. This was the birth of military flight! By 1916 the entire U.S. Air Force — all six planes — flew out of San Antonio to chase Pancho Villa through the hills of Mexico.

The first pilot to lose his life in an aircraft accident was Lt. George M. Kelly. Today the base that bears his name, *Kelly AFB*, is ironically, one of the world's greatest maintenance and repair bases.

After Pearl Harbor, the Kelly commander, Colonel Frank D. Lackland planned the training field now bearing his name, "the Gateway to the Air Force" *Lackland AFB*, the largest in the U.S. All Air Force enlistees and Officer candidates train at Lackland. For visitors, there's the Air Museum, with some vintage World War I aircraft.

The home of the first "Balloon and Airship School," as well as the site of the first combat parachute drop, is *Brooks AFB*. Today Brooks is the center for Aerospace Medicine. The Edward H. White II Memorial Museum in old Hangar 9 commemorates the astronaut and the researchers and scientists studying high altitude problems in space flight.

San Antonio is also the home of the most glamorous of the air bases, *Randolph AFB*, with its well-known "Taj Mahal" tower. This is headquarters for Air Training Command, largest major command in the Air Force, and home base for jet pilot qualifying and a unit of the Strategic Air Command.



Here's the Buzzard of Buzzard's Bay, MA. Armand Jones is captured on film as he strolls down Peacock Alley lookin' for some strays. This is just one more great photo from Armand's giant album of WWII photos. Served with 155th from 1940 through end of war, now is Spaghetti King of Fort Worth with his Italian Inn Restaurant.

LETTERS

STUART R. KESSLER, 707 Timkin Drive, Richmond, VA. 23229 of Co. G, 143rd sends dues for FRANK BODE, 128 Stanley St., East Rutherford, N.J. 07073 of same outfit and JOSEPH HUNTER, 245 Rolling St., Malverne, N. 11565 also Co. G, 143rd — plus HOWARD HENKLEMAN, 156 Santiago, Rutherford, N.J. 07070 same outfit.

Stu says, as for myself, the VA doctors will decide in June whether or not I can attend the SA reunion. I spent 18 months in that lovely city while recuperating at Brooke General Hospital from wounds I received in France 1944. Hope to see all my buddies at the reunion.

DAVID C. CONZETT is a graduate assistant Dept. of History at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613 writes to Amil for some help on his thesis of the 36th and the 34th (Iowa) Divisions.

Amil sent him a T-Patch insignia and some info, and made him an honorary member of the Association. Conzett says he was impressed by our T-Patcher, and needed more information, etc. So if anyone has time to write, send this young man whatever you have. His generation WILL WRITE all the books about the exploits of WWII long after we have departed to that great battlefield in the sky.

Footnote: Be reminded that the greatest book on the Civil War was written 75 years after that 'war-of-wars' (1861-1865) by Margaret Mitchel of Atlanta in 1936. Amazing!

F.B.I. Program Works!

JOHN B. DEWBERRY, 3110 Lynbrook Court, Sugarland, TX 77478 of Co. G, 143rd (Life Member) received the FBI program of three applications, sent in money for same, and Amil fills in these new ones:

JOHN HANNON, Bernardsville, N.J. of 143rd; GRADY W. HARBOUR, 704 W. Elizabeth Drive, Waco, TX of Hqs. 143rd and RICHARD O. HARDWICK, Rt. 1, Box 43, Elm Mott, TX 76640 also of 143rd Infantry.

See how easy it is to participate in the FBI program. If you can't find 3 lost Patchers, just send in the \$15 and Amil can fill 'em in.



WILLIAM W. GREEN, 3102 Oak Dale, Amarillo, TX 79103 says he's not sure about the unit, thinks it was Co. M, 142nd from Wichita Falls. Can anyone help?

JAMES R. GAINES, Box 169, Laguna Park, TX 76634 of Co. F, 141st. Hey Jim, do you remember Sammie Petty? Welcome aboard. CECIL M. RHODES, 718 E. Dallas St., Mansfield, TX 76063 (that's only a short beer from Fort Worth) . . . no unit given.

WILLIAM D. NOLES, 314 Hillcrest St., Mansfield, TX 76063, gave no unit, but we'd bet it was 155th Hqs. Btry.

JOHN W. RHODES, 3400 Carriage Hill Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76140 is new, but again, we have no unit. Somebody give us a hand.

WHIT E. JARRETT, Box 259, 1000 N. Houston, Comanche, TX 76442 of Hqs. Btry 132nd.

GERALD MARSH, 343 Wildrose, San Antonio, TX 78209 of Co. H, 141st was scouted by Concepcion Sanchez of the Alamo City, also 141st. Both have known each other for years, neither knew the other wore the T-Patch. "Yey Gerald, be at the Gunter Hotel, ole 1st Sgt. Bush Easley of Dallas, and Pete Walters will be lookin' for you."

KENITH C. LARSON, 6651 2nd St., Hopkins, Minn. 55343 of 131st is in, says Amil.

JACK B. CUNNINGHAM, 6142 Whitby Road, San Antonio, TX 78240 walked with Hqs. Co. 141st, so be sure and ride to the Gunter on Labor Day weekend.

KENNETH W. HATTON, 2643 Mission Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92123 of Stovall's Engineers, Co. B. Welcome to T-Patchland.

BEN BARNETT, 6418 Onyx Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76118 of 36th Div. QM is in like Flynn.

DAVID C. BRUCE, 28 Dwight St., Boston, MA 02118 is a new member, so is D. D. Bruce of Eules, Texas.

MYLES L. HUMPHUS, P. O. Box 68, Woodsville, TX 75979 former Capt. in Co. A. 143rd joins up.

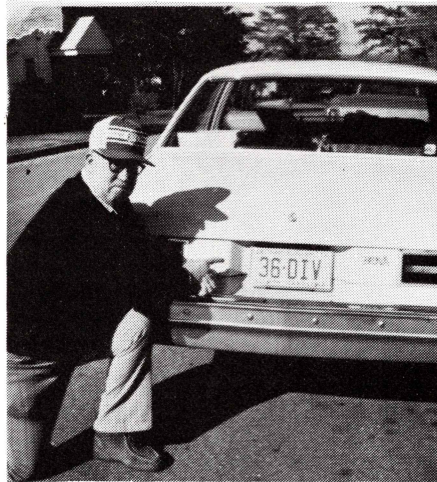
MERLE M. CLARK, 438 Reidmor Road, S. Connellsville, PA 15425 walked with 142nd is a new Patcher!

JAMES E. KENNEY, P. O. Box 75, Hillsboro, Ill. of 36th Signal, says "T-Patchers are rare in these parts, but I signed up an ex-rifleman of Co. E. 143rd, LESTER 'BUD' BERTOLET, 116 Lakeview Drive, Carlinville, Ill. 62626. Bud saw more than his share of action in Italy and France, lost a leg in the Vosges Mountains." Kenney adds — "Texas isn't the only state that has a Hillsboro." Bud used the F.B.I. program on Lester.

NORM FENSKE, 157 East 6th St., Oswego, N.Y. 13126 of Co. H, 143rd is now IN.

ALBERT W. HASSELL, 1706 S. 21st St., Tacoma, Wash. 98444 joins up, asks for decals, and Amil says he got 'em. 'Al would like to hear from his buddies of Co. K, 143rd who may read this dispatch.

CHARLES R. HENRY, 15 Susan Lane, E. Brunswick, N.J. 08816, is one more score for Svc. Btry 132nd. Chas. says he's looking for a 1946 36th Pictorial History (they are very rare). Can anyone spare a copy? Write to Henry.



IT PAYS to advertise, says J. J. Pineapple Finan, of Raleigh, N.C. Here he displays his personalized license plates "36 DIV," and it helps find some dropouts and strays. Finan, a retired banker now spends time and effort to add greatly to our membership drive and covers the east coast like sunshine looking for ex-36thers. Our thanks to Jack for all his support in behalf of the association.

How It Can Be Done When You Work At It

Dear Amil:

On our way home from the Midwest Chapter Reunion in Kansas, last June, we drove up to Milwaukee, Wis., where we finally found the address of Ruben Dober (name changed from Doberstein) who was in our outfit during WWII: 1430 Milrod Lane, Brookfield, Wis. 53005.

Ruben had left for the weekend so we did not see him, but we did talk to Mrs. Dober on the telephone. Since then she has sent us the names and addresses of three other fellows who were in the 36th, Co. "A" 111th Engineer Combat Battalion:

- Neo Ferrari (PeeWee), 2509 Maple Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99504
- Paul Mabie, 945 Annabelle Drive, Toledo, Ohio
- Gil Merrill, Squam Lake Science Center, Holderness, N.H. 03245

(He was in Medics)

Thought you would like to add these to your Roster if you do not have them.

Lawrence M. Turner
3418 N. Mission Rd.
Rosebush, Mich. 48878

Leonard Wilkerson sends in a letter, which we will attempt to give to details:

Lt. Col. CHARLES L. HATCHER, 1127 Centerbury Ct., Dallas, TX 75208 has a great story . . . quote: "My service with the 36th Division covers a long span of years. I joined Co. I, 3rd Texas Infantry TNG in 1909. Served with 144th in WWI, and overseas was assigned to 132nd Machine Gun Bn. In WWII at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, I served as Division Dental Surgeon until the 36th moved out to Camp Blanding in 1942. I was discharged in 1945 with 60% disability."

(Editor's note:) this is some kind of record, and we salute you, Colonel Hatcher!

Heard from

COL. GEORGE N. LaBOUNTY, 1814 E. Washington St., Harlingen, TX 78550 of Co. G, 143rd sends in \$15 for 3 T-Patchers who had gone astray, they are: JACK S. LaBOUNTY, Rt. 1, Box 409, Marble Falls, TX 78654 (his brother who served briefly with the 36th); JAMES E. HIGGINS, 1010 Globe St., Houston, TX 77034 of Co. G, 143rd — and THEO AHRENBACK, Jr., 5567 Beechnut, Houston, TX 77096 also of 143rd. Col. LaBounty said "Brother Jack thought he was not eligible to join, but his good friend, Gen. Tom Bishop told him he was. So there!" George also indicated that he would BE IN SANTONE! Thanks, Colonel.

GARLAND DeLAMAR, Rt. 1, Box E, China Springs, TX of Hqs. Co. 143rd drops ten bucks for: RAYFORD W. SKINNER, P. O. Box 1132, Athens, TX 75751 of A/T 144th, and that also pays his dues 'til 1980. Thanks, Garland, we need more like you.

ALVIN AMELUNKE, the great home-builder of Waco, and former Association president (& Life Member) pays dues for: GAYLE ALBRATTON of Lewisville, Tx; TRAVIS ROEBUCK of Waco, and ROBERT HAND of Pagosa Springs, Colo. Bully!

HERMAN J. LARKIN, RR1, Box 271, McCordsville, Ind. 46055 walked with Co. H, 142nd, sends in dues and regrets that he could not attend the Dallas bash last Labor Day; and best wishes to all T-Patchers. Thanks, Herm.

NORMAN L. 'Limey' WOOTTON, 308 Washington Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15221 sends in dues and said he tried to get 'Commando Kelly' to the Dallas Reunion, but that didn't work. Norm is one of Paul Well's 36th Signalmen, also a 'CB'er whose handle is: "T-PATCH" (how bout that). Limey says he hopes to make a reunion one of these days. We're lookin' for you in Santone Labor Day.

JOHN C. BOYCE, 25 Drowne Pky, Rumford, R.I. 02916 of Co. L, 141st says someone picked up his dues, so he sends dues for WARREN L. CARTER (Lightning), Box 477, Kosciusko, Miss. 39090 of Co. L, 141st — plus HAROLD A. GOERGES, 1647 N. Woodlawn, San Antonio, TX 78201 of 141st Hqs. Thanks, John.

WALTER CARR, P. O. Box 264, Gainesville, Fla., longtime City Manager of that city was already paid through '79, but sent \$25.00 and is now paid to August 1984. How bout that?

JAMES L. PRIDEMORE, 4608 Biscayne Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76117 of Btry B, 155th FA Bn is now paid up thru 1979. Jim was former president of the now defunct Fort Worth Chapter of the 36th, early 1950's.

ROBERT G. FLETCHER (and wife Dora) 1425 Cameron, Ft. Worth, TX 76115 of Hqs. Btry, 155th FA Bn. is paid up until 1979. Bob was generally called "Fletch" by his buddies.

HOWELL E. COBB, Rt. 2, Box 66, Gonzales, TX 78629 comes in with dues after some friendly persuasion by Bob Mehaffey, the current V/P of the great 142nd Infantry.

RABURN BIELAS, 313 Athenia, Ft. Worth, TX 76114 of Btry C., 132nd a long time BAR man (that's not the drink type) now carries the mail, was already paid, so his \$10 went to pay dues for: JOE HOWELL, 5421 Laster Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76119 and MOTHER HURTA, 3215 Crosby Dr., Waco, TX 76707 also of C 132nd.

Ladies Auxiliary 36th Division Association



Reunion time is fast approaching, and for you ladies who are newcomers, our Auxiliary has the responsibility of conducting the Thursday night, "Early Bird" party. This is going to be one party you will not easily forget; we have a multitude of goodies planned for this night. A plate of Mexican food will be served from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. and during this time we will have a floor show consisting of 25 dancers performing Spanish dances and Mexican Folk Dancing. Dancing for the "Early Birds" will start at 8:00 p.m. music will be played by "The D's Country Music," a four (4) piece combo; of course, the bar will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. You get all of this for only \$2.00 per person. Where else? "Nowhere else but *San Antonio*."

Thanks to Pauline Kohutek for a job well done concerning the memorial tribute to the late Mrs. Helms. For those who did not make the lasts Reunion, during our business meeting Edna Nagle, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, was instrumental in getting approval for the expenditure of \$100.00 to be spent for magazines or books and to be donated to the Veterans Hospital in Dallas. This was to serve as a tribute to Mrs. Helms who died last year. Mrs. Helms was a member of the 36th Auxiliary and a Gold Star Mother, she gave many hours of her time to the Veterans Hospital helping where she could.

Pauline Kohutek presented the Veterans Hospital in Dallas with a supply of Books totaling a little less than the \$100.00 allotted. "Thanks again Pauline we are proud of you."

Welcome to our new members: Charlsta R. Smith, P. O. Box 133, Springtown, Tx, 76082, Ruth L. Lavezza, 4111 6th Street, Bolto, Maryland, 21225, Mary Alice Finan, 758 E. Whitaker Mill Road, Raleigh N.C. 27608, Dianne Finan, 515 E. Boxwood Lane, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530, and Lillian R. Stallings, 3911 Cochran, Houston, Texas, 77009.

For you ladies who have not paid your current dues, send \$2.00, make your check payable to: Women's Auxiliary, 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.

As I mentioned before, if you have a recommendation or subject you want to bring up at the next business meeting, please submit it *now*, so we can place it on the agenda, only those items on the agenda will be discussed.

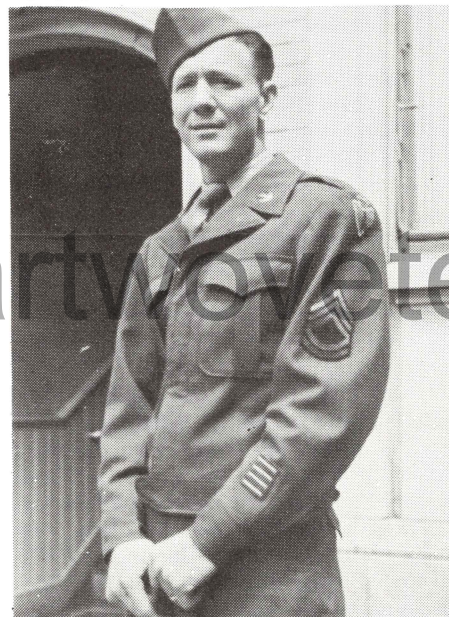
Adela Acosta, President
Women's Auxiliary, 102
Luther Drive
San Antonio, Texas, 78212



Steve Weiss of Co. C, 143rd, 3616 Ocean View Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066 sends in this pix of a cafe at Playa de Rey, a beach near L.A. Says he'll find out if the owner is an ex-T-Patcher. If he does, we suggest that if this guy opens another cafe, he can call it "Son Of A Beach."



Tony Pellerin of Port Arthur sends in this one. Date and place not given, but here is from left: Cecil Rhodes, 4215 Terrace, Amarillo, TX 79109, Lamar B. Harvey (deceased) and Joe E. McCombs of Higgins Mobile Park Lot 21, RFD 3, Plainview, MA 02762. McCombs planned to be in Dallas but cancelled at last minute due to leg injury. These men served with Co. H, 142nd.



This handsome young T-Patcher is Tech/Sgt., "Strawberry" Shook of Hqs. 36th Division, photo made in Austria 1945 at war's end. Photo sent in by Col. Richard Burrage of Houston.

WELCOME New Members

DAVID F. WINDLEY, 310 Colonial Drive, Wilmington, N.C. 28401 of Service Co., 143rd, in by Amil.

ROY GROSSMAN, 8614 SW 103rd Ave., Miami, Fla., of Brty C, 131st FA Bn. Amil says, "Roy, the artillerymen will be glad to see you in Santone. Look me up first, and I'll show you an almost bald-headed 1st Sgt."

STUART P. BRADLEY, 414 Linden Ave., Cresson, PA 16630 who walked with Co. I, 143rd was lassoed by Paul Wells and his amazin' Ham Radio machine.

EDWARD T. BRICK, 890 Parkhurst Blvd., Tonawanda, NY 15150 of 36th Signal Company. "Ed you should have been in Dallas last year, Signal turned out in droves, and Fack Forman got his pix made with Jimmy 'what's his name'."

ANTHONY ALTIER, 226 E. 6th St., Dover, OH 44662 of Co. B, 142nd is in. Hey, Tony, do you remember W. M. Fenton? He's now the High Sheriff in Coleman, TX.

CHARLEY CASTANIA, MAIT #, P.O. Box 1817, Bismark, N.D. 58505 sends in dues, and says he is now with US Army Maintenance Assistance and Instruction Team. Chaz. served with Co. I, 142nd Infantry.

SEVERIANO ARRIOLA, 500 Gardenia St., Alice, TX 78332 of Co. K, 142nd joined up Jan. 24, 1941, came out Oct. 16, 1945 joins the troopers.

ANTONIO D. SAUCEDO, 5241 Orleans Ave., El Paso, TX 79924 walked with Co. E, 141st is a new one, thanks to Ray Harres.

JUAN N. CAVAZOS, 402 E. Peter St., Edinburg, TX 78539 walked with Hqs. 142nd Infantry, was roped in by PEDRO LOPEZ, the Watermelon King.

ROBERT LEE BEAMS, 1711 D Trey Way Cir., Corpus Christi, TX 78412 of Co. G, 141st is in like Flynn.

DARWIN W. BROWN, 928 Tennessee St., Graham, TX 76046 served with Co. H, 142nd is in. Hey, Dar, be in Santone and that Co. H bunch will show you a thing or two. They always fall out in force!

JAMES R. WADE, 618 N. Pioneer Circle, Mesa, AQ 85203 of Btry B, 132nd FA Bn. is now one of us. Hey, Jim, how bout showing up at the Div. Arty CP in Santone . . . guys like Prator, Uptmore, McKeel and Purcell will be lookin' for you.

CHARLES CARMAN, 9114 Pinegrove Ave., Parma, OH 44129 of Co. H, 142nd is in. Hey, Chaz. do you recall Ken Mox, you'll find him double-parked in Zanesville. Be in Santone Labor Day!

ALEX L. CLARY, Box 309, Luling, TX 78628 (that's the homebase for the late great Miller Aisworth) didn't give unit, but welcome to the clan, Alex.

CARLOS GONZALES, 2620 Meadow, Laredo, TX 78040 walked with Co. E, 141st — paid twice (and that's good). His check reads . . . Gonzales Go-Go Inns. Ole Zeb Sunday and Joe Key will be lookin' for you in Santone, so be there!

JOHNNIE A. FLOWERS, P. O. Box 53, Cotulla, TX 78014 did time with Regt. Hqs. 141st is in, and welcome, John!

LEONARD G. O'NEILL, Rt. 4, Box 340, San Antonio, TX 78228 signed up the following Patchers: EDWARD E. OAKLEY, of Co. I, 143rd; P. G. O'NEILL, Rt. 4, Box 341, Santone 78228 of 71st Brigade — and A. C. O'NEILL, Rt. 4, Box 340, Santone, same zip. Thanks.

T Caps

Ralph Fingeld of Mansfield, OH, born 1916, died Oct. 21, 1977, served with Co. A, 141st Infantry. Was a past commander of VFW Post 3494. Ralph had attended the past 8 reunions and had many friends, as reflected in those who sent in this sad dispatch. If you have back issues, look on page 6, Nov. 1976 for a photo of Ralph with the late Wesley Garrison.

Col. Paul Kinison, Sr., Salado, TX of Co. D, 141st and 636th TD Bn., died March 10, 1978.

Roy M. Hopwood, Dallas, TX of 132nd and 36th Signal died 1974 as reported by his widow.

Ira W. Alexander of Lindsey, OK of Co. A, 111th Medics died Nov. 1977.

Loretta Groneman, wife of Gerry Groneman, Covington, KY 36th Signal, died Feb. 19, 1978.

Edward J. Hand of Pittsburgh, PA, Co. A, 142nd died Dec. 1971 as reported to Amil by Paul Wells.

Thomas A. Lewis, 59, investment banker, civic leader and member of the Infantry Hall of Fame at Fort Benning died in Chicago April 6, 1978, according to Bill and Edna Nagle, and many others who sent in notice of a great T-Patcher. Tom served with Co. L, 141st Inf., was a great booster and supporter of the 36th.

Paul A. Childress of San Antonio, TX of 36th in WWI passed away Feb. 1977.

John H. Champion, Emlenton, PA of Co. K, 142nd, but no date was given.

Brig. Gen. Richard J. Werner, former CO of 141st Infantry died Feb. 1978 in San Antonio, according to memo from Gen. Bishop, Adj. Gen. of Texas who said, "He was my first company commander when I enlisted in the 141st in 1933." Gen. Werner was guest speaker at the 50th Anniversary Reunion in Santone 1975.

John Morganstern of Galion, OH passed away last month at Mansfield Gen. Hospital, served with Co. K, 141st Inf.

John M. Tejada of Copperas Grove, TX of 141st and was Silver Star winner, died recently as reported by his daughter.

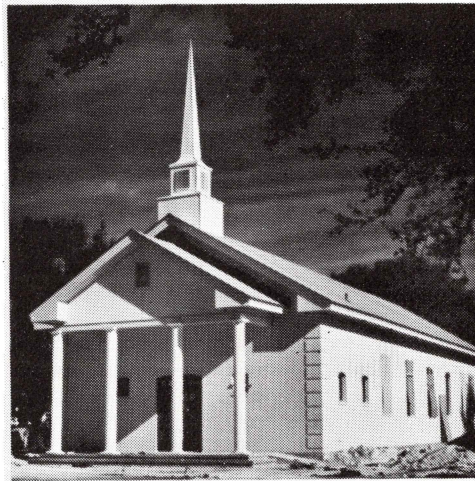
L. C. Brookshire of Baytown, TX was killed in Nov. 1977 as reported by his son.

Beverly Younger, 82 of Whittier, CA passed away Jan. 1978 according to his widow. Younger also served in WWII, was a great booster of the 36th, attended many reunions and always called to report when he could not, says Amil.

C. R. Hayes, Pueblo, CO died Oct. 1977 (not unit given) sent in by Griffis.

Leonard L. Greenspan of Columbia, MO passed away May 1977 according to his son, reported to Leonard Wilkerson of Dallas.

Ray Teel, 81 of Erie, PA served with 36th in WWI, was a good friend of Preston 'Hominy Grits' Ferrell also of Erie.



Texas Guard All-Faiths Chapel at Austin Needs Your Contributions . . .

The Texas Guard All-Faiths Chapel is nearing completion at Camp Mabry in Austin. The purpose of the chapel is to provide a place to memorialize the battle history of the Army of the Texas Revolution and commemorate the military contributions made to our state and nation by Texans who have served with distinction in all wars in which we have been engaged.

Donations to help complete the chapel are welcome, and we suggest T-Patchers make a contribution in honor of Chaplain (Lt. Col.) BERNARD F. ROEMER, who started his military career as a 1st Lt. with 143rd in 1940 at Waco, and served for many years with the 36th.

Several T-Patchers serve on this board. We recommend that you contact:

JOHN A. FARRAND, LTC, QM, TexARNG, Chairman of the Chapel Committee. . . .
Texas Guard All-Faiths Chapel,
P.O. Box 5218, Austin, TX 78763



We Never Make 'Mistakes'

In the Feb. Patcher, we said this was Fran A. Cervellera. It's his buddy, GEORGE CHASE, Can. Co., 143rd and this will keep lawsuits out of the courts. Sorry about that,



North Carolina Maneuvers 1942: Here's 1st Lt., Raymond Pederson and Royal Crown Cola, of Hqs. 1st Bn., 143rd Infantry. Pix sent in by Col. Richard M. Burrage of Houston, Texas.

Heard from

CHARLES E. MORRIS, RR 4, Circleville, OH 43113 of Co. G, 142nd paid dues for: JAMES STAKER, New Holland, OH 43528 same outfit, also WOODROW ECCARD, 577 E. Franklin, Circleville, OH 43113, another Co. G, 142nd'er, plus his own dues. Thanks Chaz.

PHILIP E. (and Margaret) MAY, 300 W. Murray St., Denison, TX 75020 of 36th Signal sends in \$15 for: J. C. MAY, 2005 Olive, Baytown, TX 77520 — THOMAS E. MAY, 424 West 34th St., Houston, TX 77018, — and JOE D. MAY, of Denison, TX 75050 and you know, we thank you.

ROBT. E. COROTIS, 610 S. 3rd St., Columbus, OH 43206 of Co. L, 142nd paid \$15 — his dues and these two: DOUGLAS E. SMITH, Box 430 S. Miami, Fla. 33143 of Hqs. Co., 142nd and Col. LUSTER A. VICKERY, 113 Medora Road, Lintchicum Hts., MD 21090 of Co. D, 142nd Inf. Thanks, Bob.

JOSEPH MARKOVICH, RD. 3, Box 123, McDonald, PA 15057 of Btry A, 133rd FA Bn., is with us.

WILLIAM F. WALTER, 13321 Gridley St., Slymer, CA 91342 of 636th TD Bn. joins up. S. P. HOUSE, P. O. Box 182, Denison, TX 75090 of 142nd was corralled by Lashley, so says Amil.

CLIFTON J. RIDGEWAY, 2020 S. Spring St., Evansville, Ind. 47714 of Co. F, 142nd, is in and pays for 2 more: WILLARD L. STARANGE, 1730 Glen Dale Ave., Evansville, Ind. 47713 of Btry B, 133rd; and WILLIAM MUSCHER, RR, Kohaka, MO 63445 of same outfit as Willard.

Del Kendell Recalls Those Days We Spent In North Africa . . .

NORTH AFRICA: the spring of '43 . . . a land of contrasts, Sultan's Palaces and A-Rab howdahs-lug green groves and blinding arid desert wastes-cars with right/hand drives and spitting camels . . . cool sidewalk cafes lined with warm beer, white turbans and red fez's . . . walled cities built in the time of Alexander The Great . . . the great modern apartment houses that out-do a Hollywood movie set . . . camel dung and night bloomin' jessamines . . . the A-Rab's greetings of 'Salam Messan' and the Frenchman's 'Bon Jour' . . . Spam at camp in the Cork Forest and custard rolls at the entrance of Casbah-Tik . . . birds atop a Braham bull and a Maribou stork, standing sentinel like in a poppy field . . . clouds of locusts and squadrons of airplanes . . . dusty desert roads and smooth palm lined boulevards . . . Mosques, alabaster white hung with prayer cloths over the door . . . military cemeteries with their rows of crosses . . . 40 and 8's from another era . . . mountains and men, hikes and heat . . . guns and goums.

Yes, that was that part of North Africa in 1943.

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A Most Memorable Soldier

How Shelby Speights Got His 5th Silver Star . . . a Vignette by General George Lynch



Some years ago, *Readers Digest* frequently included an account about a "most memorable person." Something like that, running through my mind, recalled Shelby Speights.

There were many memorable men in 142nd. Consider the seven winners of the Medal of Honor, everyone of them truly a great hero. But, Speights, who might have won a Medal of Honor but didn't, somehow stands out as an original.

I don't know if Shelby is alive today, or if so, where he lives. In any case, I recall him with admiration and respect. He came to Italy and served as a mule leader in a supply train which was attached to 142nd during the mountain warfare around Cassino and to the north.

The mule train was disbanded after the winter of '43-'44, and Speights was transferred to C - 142nd in April, 1944, in time for Velletri and the Rome campaign, where he learned to be a rifleman.

Then came the invasion of Southern France. We well remember the hectic run from Drammont — Agay to the Vosges Mountains, 36th Div. was in action for about one hundred and thirty days, with a pace so fast there was simply no time for amenities. Even pay days were a matter of signing with one hand while the other held the gun.

A short relief from the lines gave 142nd a chance to conduct a decoration ceremony, to "catch up" on all awards which had accumulated since the landing. 142nd was

formed in line in a muddy pasture. General Dahlquist was there to present awards. He and I faced the regiment. The decoratees were in line, centered in front of the regiment. Shelby Speights was the man on the extreme right of the line. He was to be awarded *Four Silver Stars* and *Two Bronze Stars*. He, of course, knew of what was coming up.

In honor of his awards, Shelby had engaged in some advance celebrating, sampling the wines of the region. So, when the line of decoratees marched forward to receive decorations, Shelby marched with a dignified roll, and halted, a bit unsteady. I glanced at General Dahlquist to see how he was taking this. That down-to-earth general gave no sign that he saw anything unusual about our principal decoratee. Shelby made it back to the ranks the same rocky way he had left there. I breathed easy again.

Shelby was now a Sergeant and Squad Leader. 36th Div. was stalled in place in the foothills of the Vosges, as was all of Seventh Army. During these several weeks of position warfare, frequent patrols to and behind German lines were our main activity.

Capt. Nathaniel Kaplan, C.O. Co. C., recommended Speights for another Silver Star for bravery on a patrol he had led behind German lines near Les Rouges Eaux Valley. The citation reported that Speights had killed a German soldier by clubbing him to death with the German's rifle. It bothered me that a sensible soldier would kill an enemy by clubbing him with the enemy's rifle instead of shooting him with his own M-1. So, I asked James Minor C.O. 1st Bn. to explain this puzzle.

Minor grafmed, "Well, Colonel, it was like this. Speights and his squad were on a 24 hour patrol behind German lines. The patrol had just finished a cold "C" Ration breakfast. Speights had to attend to his after breakfast personal duties, so he leaned his M-1 against a tree and proceeded with this call of nature. Suddenly a German soldier appeared; Speights's rifle was farther away than the German was, so, wasting no time, Speights leaped from a squatting position, seized the muzzle of the German's rifle and swung the butt against the German's head, killing him instantly."

I said, "Now, I understand." So, that's how Shelby achieved his fifth Silver star.

Shelby Speights received a battle field promotion to 2nd Lt. that winter. I'm not sure that he was much impressed by his Lieutenantancy, but Lt. or Sgt. Shelby Speights was one 'real' soldier.

G. E. Lynch
Maj. Gen. USA (Ret.)
(Former C. O. 142nd Inf.)

Reunion Only 90 Days Away

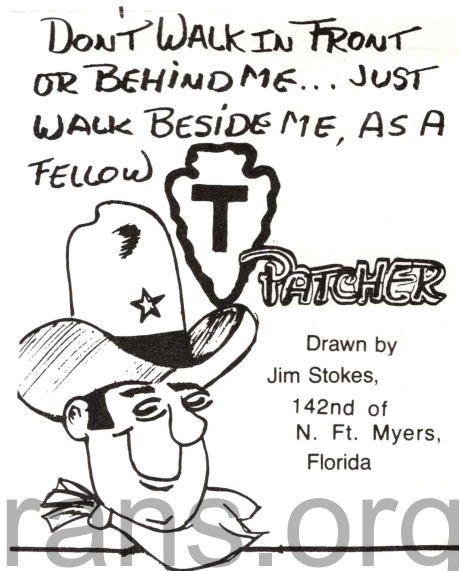
Now that you've covered the May 1978 issue, you may ask yourself, if you have been 'over-sold' on all the reasons why you should attend the 53rd Annual 36th Division Reunion in San Antonio . . . you are exactly right.

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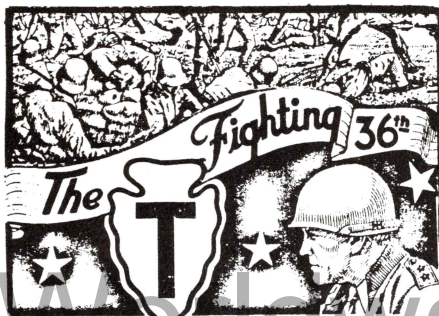
For your membership, here's what you get: FELLOWSHIP and COMMARADIE, visitation and fun with a bunch of guys from all over America who shared a common denominator of hardships, cold, wet, hot and sometimes hungry for a thick steak, all that kind of stuff . . . Sharing a foxhole with a guy from anywhere. This is the reason why men of the 36th who attend a reunion each Labor Day have discovered a 'true bond' between men who served in a global confrontation!

Some of our memories are grim, unpleasant and even down-right sad. But all that seems to fade as the years go by, and the fact that those of us who survived that tragic ordeal initiated by the Axis powers seems so long ago, yet so vividly etched in our minds.

I believe Jim Stokes said it all — in the illustration shown below that appeared in a previous issue of the T-Patcher.



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El Paso T-Patchers

JOHN D. SAUCEDO, 3528 Thomason, El Paso, TX 79904 sends in thanks for the pix and story on the El Paso T-Patchers of Co. E, 141st which appeared on page 11, Feb. 1978 issue.

This active group celebrated their 14th Anniversary last November, and John says that all their membership will join the Association, coming up soon. They have about 100 in their chapter. Charter a bus and come on Santone on Labor Day weekend! S/A is a hotbed of 141sters.