

# The T-Patcher



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## Astro Village Hotel Hqs. For Houston Reunion

T-Patchers Both . . .

Bishop Retires;

Willie L. Scott Appointed  
Adjutant General of Texas  
by Gov. Clements

*We're Not Getting Older, We're Getting  
Bigger and Better As Time Goes By . . .*

IT'S BEEN 34 YEARS since war's end, and the 36th Division Association has some good and bad years. But the past decade, it has been 'all systems-GO'. Memberships and enthusiasm is UP. See page 2 for more info on the Houston Reunion . . . start Packin'.

### Back In The News

### State Highway 36 With New Organization

There's a State Highway in Texas named SH 36. It cuts through central Texas, runs from Freeport on the coast to Abilene. It's been SH 36 for decades.

Then in 1944, a group of interested citizens in Temple, Texas got it officially designated as "36th Division Memorial Highway." After the war, not much was said about it.

Now, after 35 years, it is back in the news! We are fortunate to have a T-Patcher, Roy Goad, 4013 Erie Dr., Temple, TX 76501 (Co. D, 143rd) on the board. He is a County Commissioner of Bell County (Belton is Cty/seat). Roy has advised the Association of this new movement.

The Federal Aid Highway Act of 1978 got the pot boiling again. There has now been organized a "State Highway 36 Association." It's headquartered in Temple, and at their meeting Jan. 18th, here's part of the minutes:

**36th Division Report** — Roy Goad presented a copy of "official resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the 36th Division Association endorsing the efforts to improve State Highway 36 and to encourage further recognition of the highway as the official "36th Division Memorial Highway." He also showed considerable material already developed by the 36th Division group on matter relating to the highway. (Copies of all of these materials are now in the official files of the Association's Temple office.)

\*Official Resolution was written by our president, Julian M. Quarles, Atty. of S. Miami, Fla.

This great project, has on its board, civic leaders and Chamber/Commerce officials of Temple, Hamilton, Fort Bates, Belton, Caldwell, Gatesville, Cameron (Amil's home

town), Somerville, Bellville, Rising Star and many, many more.

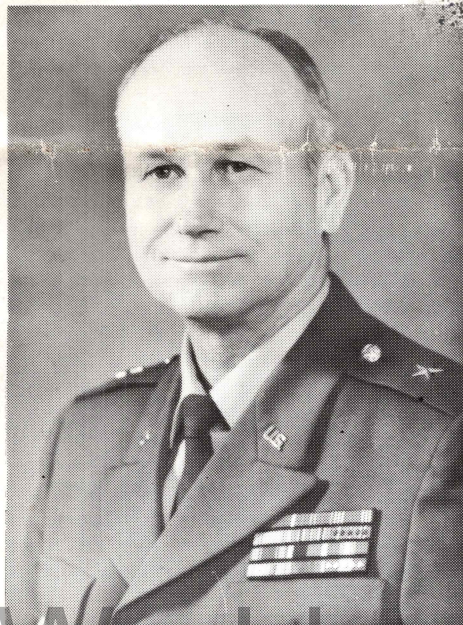
This can be the biggest thing 'since sliced-bread', and more information will appear in the May '79 T-Patcher. In essence, this means that SH 36 will be a 'major' thoroughfare to handle traffic from Houston to Lubbock. It's a dazzlin' concept, and we are delighted that this project is underway.

### Dramont, France Street Signs Honors T-Patchers



Another honor for the 36th Division. This street sign is located at Dramont, France on the Riviera where the 141st landed Aug. 15, 1944. This photo appeared in the T'Bone newsletters, and we asked Mac Acosta for it which he obliged. CHARLIE M. 'Lemon Kid' BEACHAM of San Antonio snapped this while visiting there in 1964.

Beacham is head honcho of the famous 'Ricking Chain Ranch', a famous San Antonio attorney — and is especially famous for tellin' tall tales.

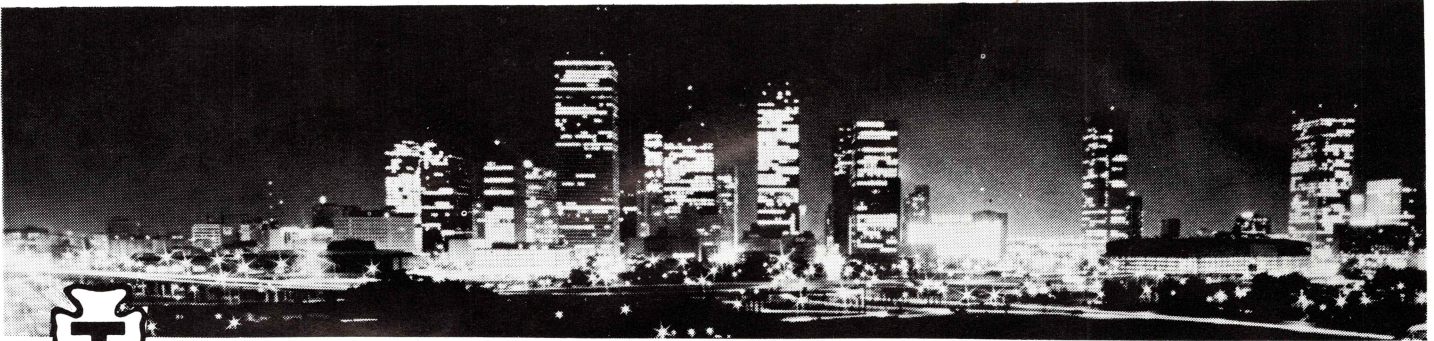


Brig. Gen. Willie L. Scott

Good news for all T-Patchers! The 36th again gets a former member as the top military advisor post in Texas. General Willie L. Scott has been appointed Adjutant General of Texas, by the new Gov. William Clements.

Gen. Scott who was asst. A/G, takes over post held by another T-Patcher, Maj. Gen. Thomas Bishop who retired on Jan. 27th at Austin. Over the past 6 decades, most of the Adjutant Generals were former T-Patcher. The list is too long to mention at this time.

Gen. Scott joined the TNG in 1938, 1st Bn., 131st F. A. Battalion, served as artillery battery commander in WWII. Send your best wishes to - Brig. Gen. Willie L. Scott, Adjutant General of Texas, P.O. Box 5218, Austin, TX 78703.



**It's Always Fair Weather When T-Patchers Get Together**

# Rise and Shine In '79 Labor Day, Aug. 30-Sept. 2

## Julian Philips And Friends Raise \$1000 For All-Faiths Chapel, Camp Mabry

To Members Of The 36th Div. Assn:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the 36th Division Association, Texas Guard All-Faiths Chapel Fund, Retired LTC Julian H. Phillips for the support given me and the chapel for raising the \$1000.00 goal set by the 36th Division Association. I especially thank all of you T-Patchers who gave so freely for this worthwhile cause.

I invite each of you to visit this beautiful chapel at Camp Mabry in Austin. You will proud that the "Texas" 36th Division Association gave it's small share to the chapel fund.

Any of you that did not have the opportunity to donate, you may still do so by sending your donations direct to LTC JOHN A. FARRAND, Chairman, Box 5218, Austin, TX 78763, or to LTC JULIAN H. PHILIPS, 11017 Pandora Dr., Houston, TX 77013.

## Board To Meet In Houston May 5 For Reunion Plans

The City of Houston on the Bayou, is one of the great cities of America. T-Patcher first met there in 1951 at the Rice Hotel. Then again in 1967 at the Continental Hotel, downtown. The Astroworld Hotel (as it was called then) was site for 1973, and the Shamrock-Hilton in 1976.

Houston is a hotbed for many T-Patchers. So this year 1979 we shall again meet at what is now called . . . Astro Village (located near the Astrodome).

Your 1979 Board of Directors chose this site for the 1979 Reunion. One of the deciding factors probably was that they have 1000 rooms, the largest ballroom in Houston, and great meeting rooms (for C.P.'s).

Houston is a big convention city, has many hotels and facilities. To find what we need as T-Patchers takes some horse-tradiñ'. Evidently this is a great choice.

Astro Village is located at 2550 S. Loop West, Houston, TX 77054 — phone - 713/748-3221.

The Board shall meet again May 5 for final plans, which will be published in the MAY T-Patcher. The July issue will even give more. So . . . START PACKIN' for HOUSTON!

## Christy Visits The Pope

WALTER A. KRSTOFAIK, better known as Christy bird-dogs a stray — Lou Gronski, 92 Cocoa Palms Dr., Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 of 143rd. Christy is a part-time bass fiddle man, says — "speaking of music, the 143rd had an orchestra, organized May 1945 by Stan Cebulski, Manley Whitcomb and myself with 3, then 5, and finally grew to 24 men. In fact, I learned to play bass, my previous talent was the violin." Christy continues, "visited Poland last fall, then on to Rome to see the Pope John Paul II. He said that anyone telling Polish jokes commits a greivous sin." Ed note: Anyone caught telling Polish jokes at the Houston Reunion, will have their mouths washed out with Vodka.

## Report From The President

## Amil Kohutec Retires After 12 Years of Devoted Service

It is with great regret that the resignation of our long time membership secretary and one man publicity committee, Amil Kohutec, was received since our last issue of the "T" Patcher. Amil finally decided to call it quits after much soul searching and deciding what is best for his family.

So now Pauline will have some company in the evenings and Amil will be able to spend more time with his grandchildren. However, the old warhorse has not completely come to a stop but intends to take a long cooling off period so we will be hearing from him for a long time and he will still continue to receive your mail and respond. We have been fortunate to have on the sidelines and able and energetic body in the person of Past President, Leonard Wilkerson. Over the holidays, Amil transferred all of his card files, etc., to Leonard, who is in the saddle and plugging away. Amil would not have relinquished the post he has filled so ably for a subpar performer.

We are indeed indebted to Amil who has served our Association so long and faithfully. A Past President and a mover of men for many years, he has been instrumental in bringing our Association to the size and caliber it is today and in addition having a personal touch that has endured him to all of us.

We know that many of you who receive this "T" Patcher feel that Amil is a personal link between you and the Association. Rest assured that he is still in there pitching and will welcome your letters. In the future he has assured us that he will always be available for advice and help. This Association has been a tremendous part of his life and we in turn wish him and Pauline every happiness and a well earned rest.

Julian M. Quarles

## P O M P E I I



**DALLAS MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS** — Fair Park, Dallas. "Pompeii A.D. 79" through March 18. Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Free tickets available at coliseum next to Cotton Bowl.

For all you T-Patchers who visited this place in 1944 will want to catch this great exhibit. After Dallas, moves to NYC, April 21-July 31st. See this!

## Don Cooper Drops 50 For His And 9 Others

Ever once in a while, lightning strikes, and it did when DONALD COOPER, 507 3rd St., Terrell, TX 75160 drops a \$50 check for his dues — and some missionary work with the balance. Don served with Can. Co., 143rd and the following nine drop-outs will be added in his name:

PAT BERRY, 1395 Franklin, Beaumont, TX; Dr. DAVID L. BEAVERS, 2701 Windsor Rd., Winston Salme, N.C.; CHARLES BELLAFIORIE, 207 Kohr Rd., Kings Park, NY; JIMMIE E. LELEUX, Rt. 6, Richmond, VA; TOM LAYMAN, 830 E. Main St., Bedford, VA; JOE H. LEWIS, 101 Chennault, Hillsboro, TX; MARVIN W. LEBO, 2540 Grant St., Mt. Penn Reading, PA; JOSEPH F. BARRETT, 1820 Afton, Philadelphia, PA, all of 143rd ... and HERMAN T. HARVELL, Garland, Texas of 144th Inf.

Cooper owns a fleet of Ready-Mix Cement trucks at Garland, and the cement business is good, and his generosity is appreciated. Thanks, Don!

## Red Morgan, V/P 142 Is A Real Head-Hunter

Leonard Wilkerson, our new Membership Chairman sends in this report on who's-doin-what. C. N. "Red" Morgan is the V/P of 142nd and he's really going.

Here's 6 new members hounded by Red Morgan: ALTO V. RAYMER, 703 College, Coleman TX; JOHN MARINO, 12554 Barlow, Detroit, MI both of Co. A, 142nd.

JOE J. CANTU, 514 N. 16th St., McAllen TX, and EDWARD D. MARBUT, Bx 103, Cleburne TX ... plus EDWIN P. ARNOLT, 28319 Lincoln Rd., Bay Village, OH and CHARLIE DIGGES, 907 San Antonio Ave., Pleasanton TX.

Red Morgan has been a real hard-working head-hunter for drop outs and stray, and he has our thanks.

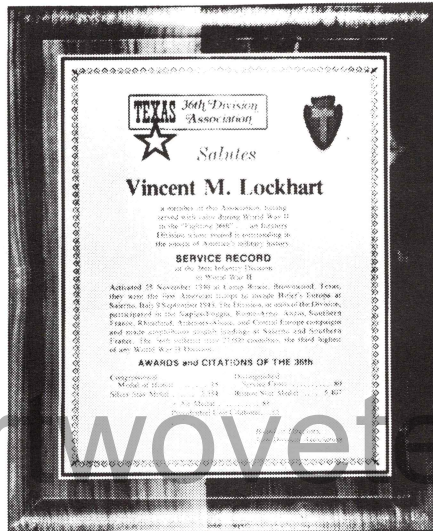
## Show Your T-Patcher Decal On Your Car, And See What Happens

ROBERT H. DAVIS, 3620 S. Pacific, Apt. 329, San Pedro, CA 90731 has one more great story about the power of having a T-Patch decal on your vehicle.

Bob says that recently he had a knock on his door and a voice said, "are you the guy who has a T-Patch decal on your car? If so, I too was in the 36th."

Turns out that ALBERT ACUNA lives only doors away at Apt. 322. Now that's not very far ... about a 100 feet. We've been that close for 4 years, and I knew him only as a tug boat captain at the LA-San Pedro Harbor ... so I signed him up as a card-carrying T-Patcher — as a Xmas present. Davis served with Co. K, 143rd and Acuna served with Co. K, 142nd.

## Available For All 36thers

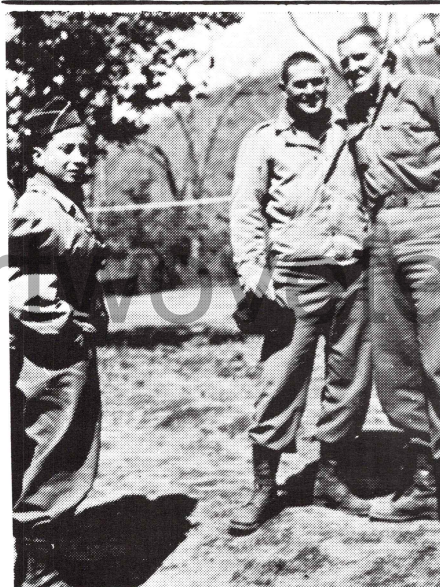


## It's A Beauty New Mahogany And Gold Metal Wall Plaque

Every T-Patcher needs one of these plaques. Heavy wood base 9½x11½", with etched gold metal 7x9", and hard enamel 2 color replica of the T-Patch. All plaques are "personalized" with your name. The reading matter gives SERVICE RECORD of the 36th Division (not your own).

Many may have seen these at the Santone reunion; this is not an association project, but it has been approved by the board for sale to all interested T-Patchers.

Write to: APCON, Inc., P.O. Box 10322, Houston TX 77206 for full info and order blank.



REST CAMP at Caserta — Here's Dannie Goldstein and Jug Williams with an unidentified Italian lad (who has borrowed Lt. Chapman's cap). Both troopers served with Btry C, 132nd FA Bn., Dannie lives in the Bronx, Jug gets mail at Magnolia, KY. Sent in by Amil.

## Heard from

PETER DeLAW, 91-24 182nd St., Jamaica, NY 11423 says he's retired from New York City Fire Dept. after 25 years of devoted service. Pete walked with Co. G, 143rd and would like to hear from ole G Buddies.

General KELLY ARNOLD, Box 345, Atlanta, TX 75551 of 144th Infantry (served from 1925 to 1945) writes to Leonard Wilkerson and sends dues. Leo says General Arnold was a captain in 1942 as the officer signing the orders, and gave him his 'God Conduct Medal'. How 'bout that, sports fans.

IVAN E. THOMAS sends in change of address: 1906 Edmunds, Brush, Colo. 80723 — dispensed band aids and aspirins with Co. A, 111th Medics. Made a reunion in the 1960's, but haven't seen 'em since, so says Amil.

V. W. MEADORS, P. O. Box 455 Haskell, TX 79521 did time with WWI Co. C, 111th Supply Train (as they called it then) sends in dues through 1980. Thanks! Be in Houston in '79. DEE BELLOTTI, 1501 Donna Ave., Washington, PA 15301 did some time with Co. A, 141st says he's sorry he couldn't be in Santone, but hopes to be in Houston this year at the AstroVillage Hotel. We're lookin' for you, Dee!

MARIAN LEE MINOR, widow of James Minor sends in dues for Jim's brother JOHN M. MINOR, 7907 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, VA 22152 who is a retired Colonel. In a letter from Lubbock, Texas, Marian Lee sends regards to all men of the 142nd Infantry.

BILL R. LYERLA, Rt. 1, Eastland, TX 76448 of Co. L, 142nd pays his dues plus 2 more and Amil adds LOUIS HEINE, 4911 Beradine, San Antonio, TX 78220 — and MONROE HEARN, 3271 N. Main., College Park, GA 303378 both of Co. L, 142nd. Thanks, Bill.

C. A. 'Slim' WILLIAMSON, 10219 Harvest Time, sends in his dues to Amil and said he enjoyed the Santone Reunion (his first) meeting old friends for first time in over 30 years. Slim says he'll try for Houston '79.

R. H. LAMBETH, Rt. 2, Kaufman, TX 75142 sends dues to Leonard, said he served with Co. C, 144th Infantry from 1940 until 1943, and would like to hear from ole buddies.

JOHN 'A-Rab' POWERS, 141st V/P rounded-up JESSE D. DAVIS, 107 Limestone Road, Charleson, W. VA 25312 who served with Co. C, 141st.

JOHN J. WICKHAM, Attorney at Law, 1265 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02215 of 132nd F. A. Bn., sends in dues plus one more, and Amil picks up PETE WALTERS, who got himself in front of a Kraut bayonet.

Col. ERMAN M. NEWMAN, 8612 McFall, El Paso, TX 79925 of 141st Infantry comes in with his dues. Look for you in Houston! JOHN GLEASON, 6 Burditt St., N. Reading, MA 01864 of 3rd Bn., 142nd is now paid up through 1981, that's good.

HENRY G. DORMAN, 401 N.W. 74th St., Lawton, OK 73501 of Btry. C, 133rd FA Bn., comes in with dues.

LEONARD OSMUS, 1407 Winter St., NE, Salem, OR 97303 sends in greetings, via his wife, Inez who reports that Leonard is off work due to a job injury, but they plan to make the Houston reunion.

JOHN SANKO, Rt. 3, Box 305, Philipsburg, PA 16866 pays his dues and also for: STANLEY J. KROFICK, Rt. 2, Box 83, Latrobe, PA 15650 ... both served with Co. F, 141st Inf.

**TIME LIFE**  
**TELEVISION**

Look  
For It!



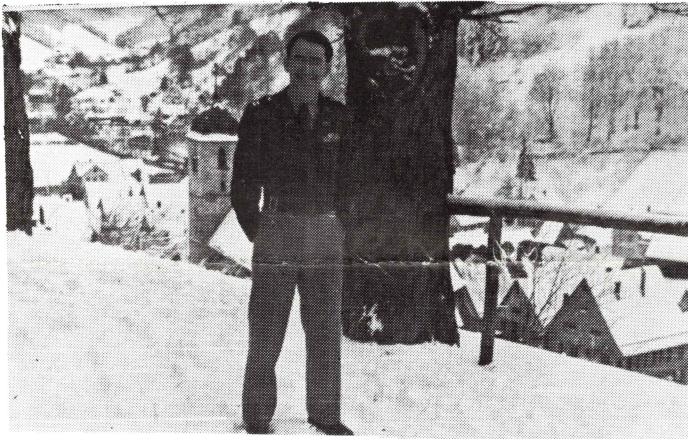
**“Nightmare At San Pietro” Syndicated  
Documentary ‘WWII G.I. Diary’**

Every since WWII ending, the 36th has been blessed with the mother lode of books, feature articles, movies and televisin documentaries. And of course this is the way it should be. The T-Patcher carved out a great slice of history during WWII, and we are proud of it.

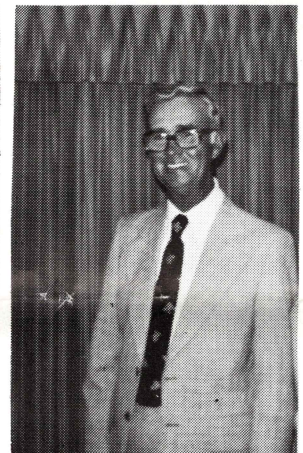
Now, Time/Life Television of New York has produced a series called ‘G.I. Diary, World War II’. Probably runs 26 30-minute showings. The “Nightmare of San Pietro” is one of these. It’s syndicated, so that means that any CBS affiliate can buy and run at their own discretion. So we cannot say — WHEN it will run in your area. Please check with your local CBS station to time and date. It features voice-over of some of best known T-Patchers who were there! Don’t miss it.



“Pilot to tower, clear me for landing at O’Hare, over and out,” says WILLIAM C. NAGEL, president Mid West Chapter. Bill flies his own Cessna, with wife Edna, who is chief nagigator (and a damn-good-one) around the country about 6,000 miles a year, visiting lost, strayed and drop-outs. Nagel ‘walked’ with 141st . . . and he’s looking for a big turn-out June 22 ‘79 at Oak Brook, Ill. See story in this issue.



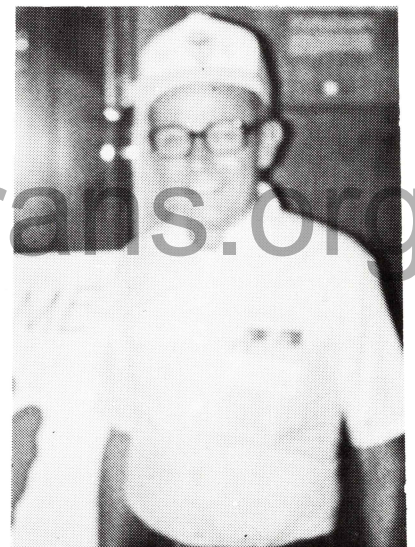
War’s end — at Weisensteig ski lodge, we have Capt. Pete Rodgers, 1901 N E 51st Terr., Kansas City, MO 64118 of Hqs. 36th Div. and 636th Pix sent in my Hanko Gomez who visited in K/C on his annual nation-wide cruise.



THEN & NOW — Dave F. McLemore, 2301 Pittsburg, Amarillo, TX 79103 served with Btry B, 132nd, and was flushed out of the bushes by a joint-effort by Amil and Red Morgan . . . Amil sent address to Red, and he got’em. This shows how easy it is to find’em when the Quarterback goes shot-gun.



CAMP EDWARDS 1942 — Men of Co. H, 141st, from left is the late Alexander J. Bull; and back row- from left is Reubin Peterson, Kennedy, TX, Doug R. Shepherd (deceased) and James ‘Herb’ Gallman of Tampa, TX. Kneeling: Mitchell Abbott of Fort Smith, ARK and Walter G. Brown of Comanche, Iowa. Photos sent in by L. B. Bush Easley.



THEN & NOW — Tommy Davis at a Rest Camp in 1945, and Davis at the ‘78 Santone reunion. Tommy served with Co. D, 141st, lives at 447 Central St., Elkins, W VA 26241. Score another one for Hanko Gomez.

# Heard from

JAMES LUTHER SMITH, 505 Bowie W., Marshall, TX 75670 reports that we had him in the wrong unit in Nov. issue . . . so to correct this, his unit is Co. E, 142nd (not 143rd as printed). Sorry 'bout that, Jim, but bear in mind, it takes 10,000 typed words to print an issue of the Patch; and a grmlin slips in at will. (I just gave my Smith-Corona 50 lashes).

**JACK A HADDICK, 9820 Warwana Rd., Houston, TX 77080 did time with Co. B, 143rd sends in dues to ole Amil.**

Rev. HASKIN V. LITTLE, 312 West 31st St., Houston, TX 77018 also comes in with dues. Served with 142nd Inf.

**JOHN L. McKEEHAN, Rt. 5, Comanche, TX 76442 served with Hqs. Co., 143rd is now front & center.**

NICHOLAS J. SAVIANO, 11241 Cherry Ct., Palos Hills, IL 60465 did some recon-ing with 736th Recon, was bird-dogged by Les Terry of Toledo. Hey, Nic, try for Houston.

**JOHN C. DAVENPORT has a new address: P.O. Box 254, Hatfield, Ind. 47617 of Co. G, 143rd. A life member, John was missed at the S/A reunion.**

WILBUR M. O'RILEY, 1771 Urbana, Cleveland, OH 44112 was 'found' by Sammy Petty of Pasadena, TX. Hey, Wilbur, you outta remember Pete Walters (now a Texan) and 1st Sgt. L. B. Easley of Dallas and another 1st Sgt. named Ross.

**J. P. FARIS, 3315 S. Jennings, Fort Worth, TX 76110 of 144th Inf. was 'bird-dogged' by Leonard Wilkerson. Hey, J.P. — look up PETE HARRIS who lives at 906 S. Jennings who served with Btry C, 132nd (Amil's old outfit).**

JAMES G. LITTLETON, 223 Yesler Way, Frye Apts. No. 504, Seattle, WA 98104 of A/T 142nd drops \$20 and we add 3 new members: JOHN HENSLEY, Rt. 1, Santa Anna, TX 76878 same unit; Col. VERNON M. SCOTT, 1804 Garth Dr., Killeen, TX 76541 of 142nd; and CLEO V. GRIFFITH, Rt. 1, Box 198, Bloomberg, N.J. 08804 of A/T 142nd. Thanks Jim.

**C. N. 'Red' MORGAN, V/P of 142nd Infantry has been doing some Bird-Dogging. Red puts out his drag-net for lost troopers, and comes up with 2 new members: THOMAS L. WILLIAMS, 1001 Cherry St., Dalhart, TX 79022 of Co. K, 142nd — and MABENE ALLEN, Box 2035, Abilene, TX 79604 of Hqs. 2nd Bn., 142nd, who is funeral home director in Amil's hometown of Abilene. Thanks, Red for these 2 new ones!**

HERMAN U. DYSON, Rt. 3, Box 8, Decatur, TX 76234 sends in \$5 to Leonard Wilkerson (new Membership Chairman) served with 144th Infantry.

RALPH W. YARBOROUGH, former Senator of Texas, now in private law practice at 721 Brown Bldg., Colorado at W. Eighth St., Austin, TX 78701 comes in with his dues, per a prod from DICK PRATT of Houston (VP Special Troops). Sen. Yarborough served with 36th way back in the early 1920's TNG, 111th Engrs.

**AARON E. PALMER of 143rd is another score for Dick Pratt in the big round-up. Aaron gets mail at: Box 355, Pearland, TX 77581.**

AUBREY DIXON, 105 7th Ave., Nederland, TX 77627 of Co. C, 143rd sends in dues plus \$5 for a 'new' one: TIERCE STEVENSON, Rt. 1, Box 380, Alexandria, Ala. 35010 of same outfit. Good head-huntin' and our thanks, Aubrey!

# NEW

## Bird Dog Brigade Off To Fast Start. You Can Help!

A few decades ago, a popular slogan was — "What this country needs is a good 5 cent cigar."

But in 1979, what this Association needs is about 200 BIRD DOGS. Our records show that we have — out there in T-Patchland — about 5000 T-Patchers, who have been lost, strayed or dropped out.

The only way we can get them into the fold is to get the support of the men who now carry 1979 membership cards.

This is an all-out appeal to our troops that the only way we can ever reach the 3,500 quota of paid members is with the help of the membership.

So now that the FBI program has been changed to the BIRD DOG BRIGADE, we can still 'Find 'em, Bind 'em, and Install 'em!' The real FBI thought we shouldn't use their initials in our membership drive. OK, nobody had to go to jail (but if J. Edgar Hoover was still around, I bet he would have let us proceed). So be it.

Now, all you have to do is BIRD DOG a lost, strayed or dropped out T-Patcher — then you will be a member of the new ELITE CORPS as an official head-hunter of the Bird Dog Brigade. It's easy, and you'll sleep better at night.

The basic idea is simple. YOU bird-dog a Patcher, then when you get his dues, YOU (or Leonard Wilkerson) will MAKE HIM a bird dog. You see, the new ones work harder than the old troops.



OFF LIMITS in Italy 1944 (the place to be) . . . above is Allen Hinton, San Antonio of Medics 141st. At right we have Ernest Merton, 207 Nash Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78233 of Co. C, 141st who made the SA Reunion. Photos from Hanko Gomez, a great picture-getter.

This Hunting License is issued to

who is a bonafide Head-Hunter

**T-Patcher**

**Bird Dog** 

**BRIGADE** 

Authorized by

an official Honcho of the Bird Dog Brigade



## Best Bird-Dogger Shall Be Rewarded

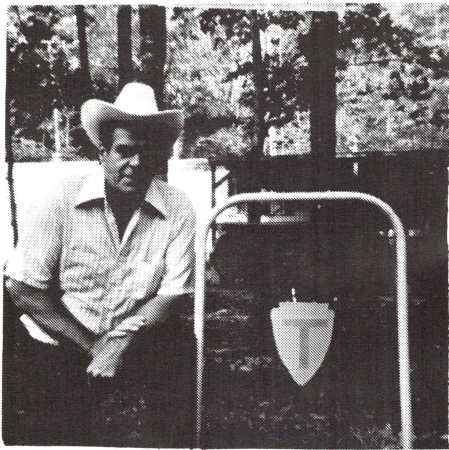
Hello Dolly! Since the Bird Dog campaign is gaining momentum daily, it's not at all impossible for us to have the real dazzlin' DOLLY to appear at the Houston Reunion to present the "award" to the best BIRD DOGGER of 1979. If Dolly can't make it, we'll see that we will have a reasonable-facsimile to handle the honors. Start Bird-Doggin'.

**NOTICE: Please send all membership blanks and checks (made out to - 36th Division Association) to our new Membership Chairman:**

**Leonard Wilkerson, 11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas TX 75228.**

Overheard at the Texas Governor's inaugural barbecue (Austin Jan. 16th) . . . "Were you surprised when Governor Bill Clements invited us to the inauguration even though we're Democrats?" "Shut up and eat your crow."





JOE A. PRY of Co. M, 142nd lived at White Oak, PA, then moved to the Big Thicket, is now a full-pledged Texan, according to Joel Peters who sent in this photo. Joe is proud of this yard-sign, which now is displayed at 4384 Wild Country Estates, Livingston, TX 77351, and that makes him neighbor of Peters.

## Short Term 36ther

W. P. WORLEY, 1001 Village Dr., College Station, TX 77840 heard about us, sent in dues and says . . . "I only served during the summer of 1939 when I was 17 to go to summer camp at Camp Hulen with Btry A, 132nd. Then I attended Texas A&M and was assigned to the Signal Corp as Cryptographic Maintenance Ofaficer. I appreciate the opportunity to be part of the 36th by belonging to the Association."

ED NOTE: Though Worley only served with 36th for a few months, it does not matter. Just so long as he wore that T-Patch, he's most welcome. In fact we have dozens of ex-36thers who served short terms with us.

## Puttin' The Drop On Drop-Outs

This new column is a salute to loyal subjects of the cause, how take time and about \$15 to put the 'drop' on our over-load of DROP OUTS.

ROY GOAD, 413 Erie Dr., Temple, TX 76501 did time with Co. D, 143rd, also did bag these three: GEO. W. COLLIER, Rt. 1, Troy, TX (no zip of unit given); EDWARD L. NASH, 110 East Walker, Temple, TX 76501 (no unit given) and JAMES E. GOAD, Rose Bud, TX 76570 also of Co. D, 143rd.

JOHN H. SCHWEITZER, 410 Adam St., Tonawanda, N.Y. 14150 is a Signalman who knows his signals and gets: JAMES HASTINGS, 11 Front St., Clifton, MA 01510 and ARTHUR B. McCOY, 204 E. Dabney, Cleburne, TX 76031, both of 36th Signal; and H. N. HULME, 7109 Azelea Dr., Little Rock, AR 72209 of Svc. Co., 144th.

SECRETLL D. CARNES, Rt. 2, Box 22, Chilton, TX 76632 got a FBI form and rounded up 3 drop-outs: ROY A. AYERS, Rt. 1, Scoggins, TX 75480 of Co. K, 144th; H. FRANK GOSS, 6150 Valley Forge, Houston, TX 77027 of 111th Engineers, and THOMAS MIZE, 7507 Corpus Christi, Houston, TX 77020 of A/T Co., 144th.

JOSEPH PASZKIEWICZ, 1523 Kennewick Rd., Baltimore, MD 21218 did time with Co. L, 142nd (that's BOB MEHAFFEY's outfit), saw a story about this active group at Breckenridge, TX, and sends in his check for \$15 for: JOHN L. LAVEZZA, Jr., 4111 6th St., Baltimore, MD 21225 of Co. K, 143rd; C. L.

JOHNSON THOMPSON, 426 Charles, Hutchinson, KS 67501 of Co. L, 142nd and GEORGE M. LEGG, 202 Fleming Dr., Bonaire, GA, 31005 of Co. C, 144th Infantry. Thanks, Joe!

## Heard from

FRANK R. VONDRA, 'The Big Bad Belligerent Bohunk from Omaha' (as he bills himself) sends in a change of address . . . 6210 Fushimi Court, Burke, VA 22015. Frank did time with Can. Co., 143rd, is International Rep. for IBEW, now in their Wash. D.C. office. He is a deluxe BIRD DOG. Recently found some lost Recon-Johns, like LESTER TERRY of Toledo, who himself has become a great bird dog, sending in members like mad. Vondra has been a loyal supporter, and ambassadore for the 36th, these many years. Franks says, "If you get to D.C., come by and I'll take you to a three martini lunch." We'll see you real soon!

JOHN RIGONI, 5740 W. Park, St. Louis, MO sent in dues plus \$15 for 3 drop-outs: ROY CAMPER of Houston, TX, C.O. of 143rd Airborne Inf.; BOB CAMPBELL, of Co. E, 144th of Denton, TX and SHERWOOD A. HAAG, of Glendale, WI who walked with Co. H, 143rd. Rigoni has been officially appointed a BIRD DOG of the T-Patcher Brigade. Thanks, John! Father JOHN B. YADRICH, 143rd Inf., 5972 West 25th St., Topeka, KS 66614 drops \$15 for 3 more lost souls. They are: WALLY CREELMAN, 49 Larchmont Rd., Melrose, MA 02176; ANTHONY CIOTOLA, 99 Geldner Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306 and SAMUEL I. CICERELLO, 3425 N. 107th St., Wauwatosa, WI 53222, all 3 served with Co. G, 143rd. Welcome, men!

ALBERT W. HASSELL, 1706 S. 121st St., Tacoma, WA 98444 of that famous Co. K, 143rd reports he has received his up-date 36th Membership Roster, which Amil Kohutec put together. If you don't have one — get one! Col. E. L. PETREE, Rt. 2, Box 181, Garden City, MO of 111th Engineers has been AWOL, but no more, he's now back with card-carrying T-Patchers.

DARYL B. OLMSTED, 231 S. Villa Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181 of Co. L, 142nd is now in, cause 'Red' Morgan got him, and also signs up RAYMOND LARGE, 1101 Dexter Ave., Kettering, OH 45419 same outfit. Which proves that Red Morgan is a real BIRD DOG.

JAMES CHARLES ELROD, Rt. 1, Box 286, Abilene, TX 79601 lives in a fishing cabin of Lake Phantom, just a short beer from Abilene where the big bass bit (says Amil). Elrod pays his dues twice because Red Morgan told him to.

WALTER L. FORD, MD, Rt. 5, Box 1106, Waco, TX 76705 of Hqs. 36th Div., sends in dues and stamp money, and that is good. Thanks, Doc.

ROBERT B. HIGGINS, Rt. 1, Merkel, TX 79536 of Co. H, 143rd sends dues and regrets he missed the S/A reunion . . . seems his twin granddaguthers arrival out-ranked the trip to Alamo City. And, thanks for the postage.

JOHNNY (Camera) THOMPSON, 212 E. University St., Waxahachie, TX 75165 keeps his membership up, and I guess just about 'everybody' knows, or knew of the most celebrated Stowaway of WWII. Someday, some Movie or TV studio will make a documentary of this great story. Johnny got as much coverage in LIFE magazine and the news media as just about — anyone, except Ike.

Dr. JOHN M. HARDY, 1144 Lockhart St., Sherman, TX 75090 of 111th Medical Div. Hqs., drops dues plus \$5, and Leonard picks up JAMES B. EARNEST, Box 145, Hooks, TX 75561 also of 111th Medics.

## San Antonio Reunion

It's hard to describe a 36th Division Reunion. We have a mix of old timers and new ones. They ALL have a great time, and that's what it's all about . . . HAPPY PEOPLE having a good time with old buddies.



ABOVE: Here's Mary and Weldon 'Bud' Mount of Dresden, OH of Co. H, 142nd at the Santone Reunion, photo by Hetmanski sent in by Jim Stokes, same outfit of Fla.

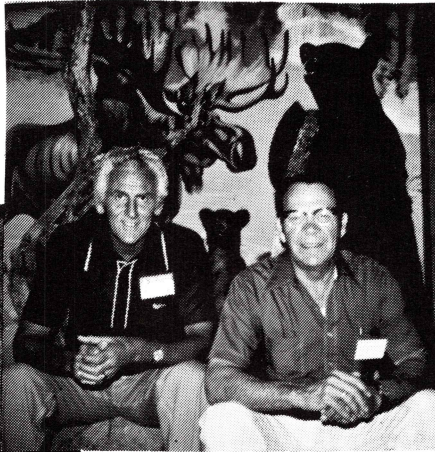
RIGHT: First Timers at the santoneSantone Reunion . . . Ann and Robert Rozycki of 155th FA Bn., having a ball, as all first-timers do. (not address given).



## Happiness Is Being At A 36th Reunion

Santone Reunion — at right is Dick Pratt and George Birmingham at the Lone Star Brewery Hall of Horns Friday Nite Party.

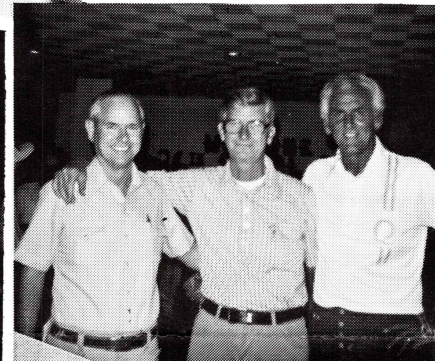
Below: Early Bird Party-Florence & George Birmingham with Sharon Pratt having a ball at the Gunter Hotel Thursday nite.



BELOW: Bill Steger of Dallas, Harold Johnson of Wichita, KA and Dick Pratt, all of Hqs. 36th Div. at the Spec/Trps C.P. having fun drinkin' and braggin'.



Here's Gen. David M. Frazier of Houston and Dick Pratt ('79 VP Spec Trps) having a visit. Frazier was Pratt's former CO at Svc. Co., 143rd. Photos sent in by Pratt.



Only ones from Idaho at S/A Reunion — La Verne and Erma Gooch at the Satdy-nite dance, photo taken and sent in by Al Nemic of Granbury. Gooch served with 36th Signal, said it took 3 days to drive to SA from Idaho. Be lookin' for you two in Houston!

## Heard From

More "new" members are signed up by . . . men of the 142nd Inf. Talk about Bird Dogs, the men of 142nd have really been shaking-the-bushes for lost comrades.

Recently signed up were Eugene O. Pryor, Box 122, Holland, TX 76534, D 142; Oscar McKinley, 1794 Brentnell Ave., Columbus, OH 43219, H 142. Pryor was signed up by Juan N. Cavazos, Hqs. 142, and McKinley by John Jack Rees, H 142. We need more members like Cavazos and Rees.

**Wife of Don Richey — A 111 Eng., reports Don is 100% disable and has been for about ten years. He had a blood clot in the brain, then a stroke. When he is up he is in a wheel chair. He would enjoy hearing from his friends of 111 Eng. His address is — Don Richey, 404 N. Jim Miller, Dallas, TX.**

DAVE BRUTON, 2015 Loy Lake Rd., Denison, TX 75202 is now 'in', so score another one for 36th Signalmen who are the hottest-thing going!

**ROBERT C. CARPENTER, 409 Wilson, Irving, TX 75061 of Co. I, 142nd is another score for LES TERRY, that bright new star of the Bird Dog Brigade.**

## Herd Frums.....

L. A. CATALANO, 16 E. Ormond, Oaklyn, NJ 08107 gets a letter from ZEB SUNDAY, and relies, "I do hope I can make the Houston Reunion, and see all you guys of 143rd."

**GUST JEVAS, 239 E. Farming, Marion, OH 43302 sends in \$15.00 for his dues, and Leonard picks up 2 more: Aniel Burrelli, 602 Della Dr., N. Versailles, PA 15137 of Co. E, 143rd; plus Raymond W. Betz, 630 Oak St., Mansfield, OH 44907 of Hqs. 2nd Bn., 143rd. Jevass walked with Co. E, 143rd is retired from P.O. Dept., is QM of VFW Post 3313.**

## Heard from

**MERLIN F. VARNEY, 29 Crescent St., Wallingfield, CT 06492 of Co. F, 143rd sends in dues and says he'd like to hear from ole buddies of his outfit, also dropped a name of a 'Jost' one, and Leonard will give 'em the ole bird-dog one-ah-two.**

B. J. CHAMBERS, 530 Park Ave., Lancaster, PA 17602 saw an announcement in one of the Veteran magazines about the 36th; writes in info and a decal. He got both and is IN. B. J. is a native Texan from Berger.

**ALBERT E. BOZELL, 722 South St., Yreka, CA 96097 of Co. B, 142nd received the long list of 'drop-outs' sent out by Amil recently, now reports that he has mailed 56 letters to his list — asking for dues. Man, that's the kind of bird dog we're talking about. Thanks, Al.**

DON J. MUNN, 3334 Russell, Minneapolis, MN 55412 writes in and says, "Not getting old, just forgetful. Here's two years dues." Don walked with Co. F, 141st Inf.

**ALBERT MOELLER of Co. A, 141st has a new address: 5621 S. 44th St., Greenfield, Wis. 53221 and sends regards to all ole buddies of Co. A.**

MORRIS M. GITMAN, the great legal-eagle of Dayton, Ohio sends in dues and best wishes to troops of Co. G, 142nd which he did some time with. A great T-Patcher!

**CLAUDE ECHOLS, 1435 4th St., Madison, IL 62060 of Co. I, 141st sends in his '78 and '79 dues, withregrets he could not make the Santone reunion. Thanks, Claude.**

THOMAS H. FISHER, 2005 Blake Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039 served with 753rd TD Bn., sends in dues and extra \$5 for stamps to Leonard Wilkerson, who says he uses it to 'bird-dog' some more dropouts. That's good.

**MRS. BESSIE BRIGGS, mother of Ralph, 849 Scott St., Ashland, OH 44805 sends in his dues for '79 and '80. Ralph Briggs walked with 141st Inf., and our thanks to MOM.**

HENRY W. ZAPP, of 36th Band send in new address: 339 E. Live Oak, La Grange, TX 78945. Of course, you all know that La Grange, was the home of the CHICKEN RANCH, now a Broadway play . . . "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

**EARL O. ELLIS, 2314 Mistletoe Ave., Waco, TX 76706 of Hqs. and Hqs. Co., 143rd drops dues and also sends along 2 years for RUFUS J. CLEGHORN, Sr., Box 1304, Waco, TX 76703. Do you recall 'Senator Cleghorn' on radio back in the '30s? "That's a joke, son."**

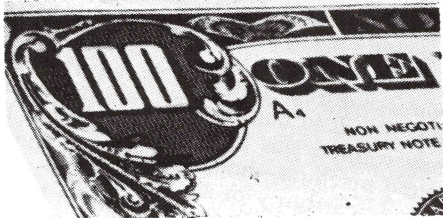
JOHN P. SCAHILL has one for the Guinness Book of Records! He still lives at the SAME address that's listed in the 1945 Pictorial History Book roster . . . 595 E. Chestnut St., Coatesville, PA 19320. John did time with 36th Recon, and when interviewed, said, "Man, I'm not one to be movin' around much." Amen.

**Col. RICHARD FLEMING, Realtor with Coast & Country Real Estate, 262 Maine St., Brunswick, ME 04011 of 131st FA is in.**

S. P. HOUSE, 710 W. Gandy St., (Box 182) Denison, TX 75202 of 142nd Infantry pays dues and says he'll try for Houston '79.

**THOMAS SALINAS, Rt. 1, Box 245, Santa Elena, TX 78591 of Co. I, 141st Infantry paid his dues twice this year. That's nice.**

T. J. STEMPUHOWSKI, Box 15, Chapel Hill, TX 77462 of Hqs. 133rd also send dues for 2 years.



## Life Members

<p>Mac Acosta                  Paul G. Adelsperger                  Billy W. Allen                  Lee F. Allison                  Alvin E. Amelunke                  Eric C. Anderson                  C. P. Autrey                  Fred A. Ayers                  Ross Ayers                  Kenneth M. Axelrod                  Perry Bass                  Charles M. Beacham                  Robert A. Bewley                  John M. Bis (deceased)                  Arthur Bishop                  Arthur Patrick Bishop                  Kelly Scott Bishop                  Robert J. Botts                  M. L. Bowden                  Marion P. Bowden                  Dr. Leo Bricker                  Richard M. Burrage                  Robert H. Carey                  Mack B. Cates                  Frances A. Cervellera                  James Cheshire                  Elmer J. Cooper                  Thomas A. Crawford                  Dave Crenshaw                  O. Wayne Crisman                  Augustus R. Crouch                  Milton E. Crow                  John C. Davenport                  Tommy V. Davis, Jr.                  Charles Dawson                  Archie Dennis                  John B. Dewberry                  Robert E. Dyer                  Millard K. Earman                  Lawrence Bush Easley                  Mrs. Alice Farnsley                  Robert J. Faught                  George K. Fell                  Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. Fenton                  B. D. Bill Ford                  David M. Frazier                  James C. Gentile                  Henry W. Gomez                  Leo Goodman                  Alvin S. Halverson                  Archibald S. Hart                  Carl L. Havins                  Eugene Hetmanski                  Earl A. Higginbotham                  Robert P. Hughes                  George Hunn                  Robert M. Ives                  William E. Jary, Jr.                  Stanley Kapela                  Edward G. Keeton                  Del W. Kendall                  Richard J. Keplinger                  Stuart R. Kessler                  Sam F. Kibbey                  Albert V. Kirkland                  A. F. Kohutek                  Walter A. Konkle                  Edward D. Koranek                  Michael Krecsmar                  Shelby E. Krouse                  Stephen J. Kujawa                  Vincent M. Lockhart                  Paul C. Longway                  Clinton R. Ludwig</p>	<p>Kelly McAdams                  Herbert E. McClenaghan                  Archie H. McDugal                  John Mader                  Dewey W. Mann                  Glenn R. Marple                  Robert J. Massagy                  Luther R. Meek                  Robert E. Mehaffey                  Norbert A. Meyer                  Lee Miller                  Fritz Mogoford                  Tommy B. Monk                  J. W. Moore                  Carthel N. Morgan                  Norris B. Morgan                  C. E. Morningstar                  Wayne M. Nelson                  Ken Nixon                  Robert A. Nowell                  Knox Paine                  Gerald B. Pate                  Robert M. Patterson                  Joel Peters                  Sammie D. Petty                  Julian H. Philips                  Douglas Place                  A. L. Pope                  John M. Powers                  Charles A. Prater                  Richard F. Pratt                  William H. Pruitt                  Julian M. Quarles                  Napoleon Rainbolt                  Robert C. Richie                  Robert Ritchie                  James W. Roberts                  Payne V. Rucker                  Edward N. Schultz                  Bob Scott                  Jack L. Scott                  Walter A. Sheetz                  Jack B. Shumate                  Stephen J. Sinchak                  L. M. Sinclair                  J. H. Spivey                  George R. Stein                  Marvin Steitle                  James H. Stokes, Jr.                  Clyde Stout                  Oran C. Stovall                  Jesse E. Strait                  Zeb Sunday                  Erwin Teggeman                  Louis H. Tisinger                  Richard I. Thomas                  Sam C. Vento                  George Weinschell                  Darold S. White                  T. D. Whitson                  Leonard E. Wilkerson                  Thomas M. Williams                  (deceased)</p>
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This is as off Jan. 1, 1979 and was prepared and sent in by our great treasurer, Ken L. Nixon.



Medical Det. 141st Inf. 1st Bn., at Oborgenberg, Germany at War's end, shown above are men of the Regimental Hqs. group, photos sent in by Chas. Keller, 1518 N. Trinity, San Antonio, TX 78207. He didn't identify the troopers.

**NOTICE: Please send all membership blanks and checks (made out to - 36th Division Association) to our new Membership Chairman:**

**Leonard Wilkerson, 11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas, TX 75228.**



Donald E. Scott, 7629 Maryland, Hammond, Ind. 40323 shown here at Naples shortly after it fell to US troops. Don served with 36th MP, was recruited by Hanko Gomez, says he's proud of having served with such a great outfit.

# WELCOME

## New Members.....

**ALFONSO CAGGIANO, 2452 First Ave., East Meadow, L.I. New York 11554 of Co. M, 141st was bird-dogged by Joh 'A-Rab' Powers who's battin' a 1000.**

**HOWARD J. CLAYTON, 3155 Waterhouse Dr., Dayton, OH 45432 is in because LES TERRY of Toledo (a new Bird-Dogger) got him. No unit given.**

**HAROLD W. 'Chink' SMITH, 412 Bridge St., Weatherford, TX 76086 of Btry C, 132nd. Welcome, Chink.**

**Col. PAUL WELLS sends in dues for CLAIRE DIVIS, widow of Will Divis, who resides at Sunset Lane, S. Dartmouth, MA 02748.**

**KENNETH M. TOLLE, Bx 366, Pearsall, TX 78061.**

**LAWRENCE A. CATALANO, 16 E. Ormond Ave., Oaklyn, N.J. 08107 of Co. A, 143rd was bird-dogged by ole ZEB SUNDAY, the potemtate of Pasedena, TX.**

**ALBIN F. CHUDEJ, 406 N. Reagon St., West, TX 76691 of Co. B, 142nd and BEN J. DEAN Jr., P.O. Drawer 32, Breckenridge, TX 76024 of Co. L, 142nd — and MAURICE E. BAGGETT, Box 1402, Breckenridge, TX 76024 of Co. L, 142nd . . . all 3 roped in by Red Morgan, V/P 142nd.**

**THOMAS & DOLORES PROTHRO, 9012 Diana, El Paso, TX 79904 sends in \$10 for memberships for the two sisters of the late WILLIAM E. BANLORE of Co. H, 141st (captured at Rapido) . . . they are: Mrs. Jackie McLean, 207 Orndorff, El Paso, TX 79915 — and Mrs. Lucille Bollman, 6530 Vanderbilt, Dallas, TX 75214. Thanks Tom.**

**Rev. JESUS F. LOPEZ, 4206 King Krest Dr., San Antonio, TX 78219 of Hqs. 141st.**

**LEO P. SIMON, 1354 W. Winnepeze, San Antonio, TX 78225 of Co. B, 141st.**

**TONY KLEPPINGER, 1307 Kayton, San Antonio, TX 78210 did time with Svc. Co., 141st.**

**GENE CLEMENTS, P.O. Box 129, Burnet, TX 78611 of 141st Medics is in. Hey, Gene have you bought a chain saw from Earl Higginbotham?**

**WENDELL E. TANKERSLEY, P 5217 Plaza Dr., Sherta, TX 78154 of Co. L, 141st made Santone reunion.**

**LUTHER W. ELLIS, 1920 Windthorst Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 76303 on Co. M, 142nd Infantry . . . and T. L. COOPER, same address, same unit . . . welcome!**

**RICHARD SALAZAR, 219 Chev Chase Dr., San Antonio, TX 78209, of the 5th Marines. WALTER RAY SMITH, Rt. 2, Box 799, Conroe, TX 77302 of Co. M, 142nd.**

**MARTIN F. ROBINSON, 18 Circle Dr., Arnold, MO. 63010 served with Co. A, 142nd.**

**C. A. COX, 3521 Vinecrest, Dallas, TX 75229 of 36th Recon was found by LES TERRY of Toledo, a 'Recon-John' who really knows how to 'recon'. Les just might be champion 'Bird Dogger' of 1979 if he keeps up the good work.**

**B. R. LYERLA, Rt. 1, Eastland, TX 76448 of Co. L, 142nd got a FBI blank from Leonard, and sends in \$15 for himself and two dropouts: LOUIS HEINE, 4911 Bernadine, San Antonio, TX 78220 and MONROE HEARN, 3271 N. Main St., College Park, GA 30337, both of same outfit.**



# Heard from

HERBERT F. DUMESNIL, Gen. Del., Spurger, TX 77660 of 133rd, sent in dues and an extra \$10 . . . for PALMER D. TAYLOR, 1828 Lula, Houston, TX 77009 — and JESSE G. PILGRIM, 3607 Oakmeadow, Roundrock, TX 78664, both of 155th FA Bn.

**HARRY S. BIRNBAUM, 117 W. 197th St., New York, NY sent in dues for WALTER HUNN, 310 Fairview, Chillicothe, OH 45601 — both are members of 143rd Infantry. Harry also bought a booster ad in the '79 Reunion Program.**

WILLIAM R. MARSH, 400 Oak, Valley Falls, Kan. 66088 of Co. G, 141st paid dues, but says there are no T-Patchers in his neck of the prairie.

**CHARLES REITER, 2305 N.E. 137th St., N. Miami, FL of Co. C, 143rd Infantry rounded up MICKEY DeLUCCA, 251 NE 116th St., Miami, FL of Co. L, 141st Infantry . . . Leonard Wilkerson appointed both of them a 'Head Hunter' in the BIRD DOG BRIGADE.**

Wm. H. BILL IBBOTSON, Rt. 4, Box 43, Mission, TX 78572 of Co. M, 144th comes in with dues through Sept. 1980; and so does JAMES L. PRIDEMORE, 4608 Biscayne Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76117 of Hqs. 155th.

**EARL CHATTEN, 510 Marquette Drive, San Antonio, TX 78228 sent dues but failed to give his unit.**

EUGENE FAVA, 114 E. Meyer Ave., New Castle, PA 16105 walked with Co. F, 143rd sends in his dues, five for postage and dues for a buddy: FRED ROZZI, 209 E. Home St., New Castle, PA 16103 of Co. G, 143rd and a POW. Thanks for the 'bird-dogging', Gene!

**LESTER H. TERRY, 3601 Hill Ave., Lot 94, Toledo, OH 43607 is a new booster who served with 36th Recon. He is the kind of trooper that keeps the pot boiling. He has 'T-Patch Fever' and has gone all-hog to BIRD DOG lost and strayed 36thers. Personally, he became a seeker of ole buddies. He has bird-dogged many new members, and he is the kind of trooper we've been looking for. We salute you, Les Terry.**

NOEL R. HENKELL, 2600 Cumberland, Odessa, TX 79761 of Co. C, 142nd discovered a lost trooper, got his \$5 and now we have one more new member: GRADY E. SHELTON, 410 Hillmont, Odessa, TX 79762 who served with 131st and 636th TD Bn. Good shootin', Noel . . . you are now a real Bird Dog.

# Left-Over Pixs From San Antonio



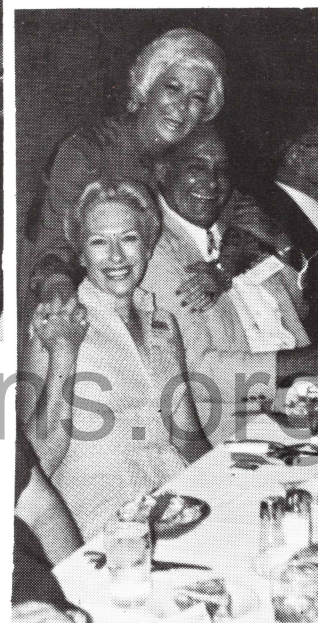
## 36th Signalmen

Top left: Ready for the Satdy Dance, photo made in the CP by Alice Thayer, wife of Pete of 36th Signal at the Santone Reunion . . . and above — are Signalmen ready for the bus to the brewery. L to R: Frank Brewer, Ed Brown, Rip Henderson, Horace Benedict, Fat Vandiver, Ernie Coffee, Myron Cook and Ray McCray.

AT LEFT: front row — wives get acquainted — Helen San Roman, Ray White. Back row: Vivian Huges, Jesse May Benedict and Betty Wilt having a good time.



## And The Beat Goes On-



## At The S/A Reunion

ABOVE: Having fun at the Santone reunion, here's Norris Morgan, Edwin Will, Sam Kibbey (who's funnier than Jackie Gleason even if he looks like him) all of Co. K. 143rd Inf.

At left: Carla Carlton says the 'Bar's open,' hands a drink to Ed Will, with Roxie and Norris Morgan who sent in a motherlode of pictures from the S/A Reunion, and our thanks.

**HOUSTON  
in '79**



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keeton of Grenta, LA get a hug from Roxie Morgan of Garland at the Satdy nite dinner dance. Keeton is V/P of the 36th Artillery for '79.

# Heard from

L. G. 'Lem' NEELY, 601 Cardinal Dr., Keerville, TX 78028 is a long-time member, always pays up after some friendly persuasion, did nuts and bolts with 736th Ordnance (we used to bum rides with Lem when he lived in Fort Worth back and forth to Brownwood).

PAT HAMBY, 3508 S. Rusk, Amarillo, TX 79109 of Btry B, 131st drops dues and says that he and WILEY ALEXANDRIA are packin' now for the Houston bash.

BETTY LEWIS, widow of TOM LEWIS (Co. L, 141st) sent check for \$25 to the San Antonio reunion committee for one more 'round' of drinks in memory of TOM. It arrived 'after' the reunion, so her dues are now paid thru Sept. 1983. Betty gets her T-Patcher at: 21 Spinning Wheel Dr., Hinsdale, IL 60521. This is one of the 'nicest' things I can recall, and our thanks.

LLOYD T. HAMBLIN, of Co. F, 142nd sends in change of address (moved from Amarillo) now gets mail at: 1001 5th Ave., Canyon, TX 79015.

AUSTIN D. BROOKS, 6712 Sugerbrush Dr., Orlando, FL 32811 of 143rd paid dues twice this year. Brooks and his wife attended a reunion when he was in neck braces from an auto accident, is now retired, moved from Conn. to Fla.

EARL A. HEARN, Rt. 3, Box 353, Cleveland, GA 30528 of Svc. & B 144th is now paid thru 1980.

CHARLES A. RICE of Co. E, 144th writes to Wilkerson that he regrets he could not make Santone, was moving at that time — and has a new address: 28 Penrith Dr., Bella Vista, AR 72712.

JIMMIE L. RUSSELL, 8423 Bluegate Ct., Houston, TX 77025 says he's been a member since the beginning, sends in his five bucks, and he's the one that help find SHELBY SPEIGHTS and paid his dues. Thanks Jim, U R Grate.

JOSEPH P. KYLE, 2801 8th St., Port Arthur, TX 77640 of Co. D, 144th served from 1924 until 1941, and that's a long time. Hey Joe, do you know Chas. Tombstone Kainer?

ALBERT MOELLER, usta live in Milwaukee, now has a change of address: 5621 S. 44th St., Greenfield, WI 53221, failed to give unit.

CHARLES CLAYTON ANDERSON of Co. C, 143rd drops dues and \$5 to Amil for a new 1979 Membership Roster. Chas. is with Okla. City Chamber/Commerce, 1 Santa Fe Bldg., Okla. City, OK 73102.

L. J. WATSON, P.O. Box 94, Sherman, TX of Co. E, 142nd sends in \$15 for his dues and CLIFTON N. DAVIS of Sweetwater, TX and for GEORGE HIX of Denison, who is already paid, so L. J., you are now paid until 1981.

MILTON L. PALMER, 7945 Wes Hodges, Dallas, TX 75217 saw an item in the Dallas papers about the 36th that was 'planted' by L/Wilkerson and Milt responded with dues. Now retired, Milt did time with Co. M, 141st.

JOE E. LASSITER, 1341 North 2nd, Garrison Bldg., Abilene, TX 79601 sends in dues, and saw an item in a recent T-Patcher, and says, "I was the originator and editor of 'T-PATCH TALES', a mimeo newsletter for the association when I was Ass't G-3 at Camp Mabry, Austin, back in 1953".

Mrs. STEPHEN PALMERIE, 1300 W. 14th St., Corsicana, TX 75110 writes in late husband Steve, served with Btry A, 132nd, and was such a devoted T-Patcher that she wanted to retain her membership. Welcome!

## 36th Cavalry Recon Comes Alive!

### First Meeting To Be Held In Santone May 1979



As mentioned in the last issue, the 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop was organizing a chapter of the 36th Association.

This is now a fact, according to a late dispatch from Phillip Vann, Sec/Treas., of this group officially labeled: 36th CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE TROOP ASSOCIATION. Phil says it's not to be confused with any other recon company (636th). Their 1st reunion will be held in San Antonio in May 1979.

All lost or strayed RECON TROOP troopers are urged to write for details ... contact: Phillip Vann, Sec./Treas., 315 Freeman Drive, San Antonio, TX 78228



CORK FOREST, Rabat, Morocco ... here's Lemuel Clarke clowing with the (half-assed barber) Tom Pfau — both of 736th Ordnance, which brings back alot of memories. Both are loyal Patcher and make all reunions.



Being in wheelchair does not deter R. T. Venable from not attending a Reunion. Here with wife, Mary, R. T. makes his first reunion. Served with Hqs. 133rd FA Bn., lives at 1207 Ave. H, Brownwood, TX 76801.

### History of the 36th Recon.....

The 36th CAVALRY RECON. TROOP was organized in 1941, when the Division was streamlined. The RECON. TROOP was formed of men from the Hq. Co. 71st Inf. Brigade, Hq. Co. 72nd Inf. Brigade and some men from the 111th QM. Regt.

Our Commanders were: Capt. McNett (1941-1942); Capt. Rush S. Wells, Jr. (1942-1943); Capt. Geo. K. Fell (1943-1945).

Our 1st Sgts. were: Sgt. Virgil (Hippo) Fulton (1941-1942), Sgt. Raymond H. Butler (1942-1944), Sgt. Henry Luke Woodley (1944-1945). Our Supply Sgts. were: Sgt. Otto H. (Pop) Nieder (1941-1943), Sgt. Wyatt A. Bornemann (1943-1945). Wells, Fulton, Butler, and Pop Nieder are now deceased. McNett left us at Blanding to go into the 10th Mountain Division and we lost contact. Fell, Woodley and Bornemann are very much alive.

The 36th CAVALRY RECON. TROOP were directly under the G-2 Section of the Division. When we were out the field, we would assign a RECON platoon to each RCT and of course the HQ. platoon would stay at Division HQ.

These RECON. TROOP Troopers went out to reconnaissance, patrol and harass the enemy way deep and behind the enemy lines. This little unit was not only a Recon. unit, but also fought alongside the infantry as did other units. Of course it took all units to fight and win the battles.

The RECON. TROOP was deactivated with Division in 1945.

## Bird Dog Sweepstakes

Introduced only a few months ago - the BIRD DOG BRIGADE is hot as a \$2 pistol. The troops are responding, and the response has been tremendous. One of the head-houndsmen is C. N. "Red" Morgan (VP 142); John A'Rab' Powers (VP 141st) and Les Terry of 36th Recon have launched a drag-net for lost-strayed and dropouts that will boggle your mind. Our thanks to all who are bird-doggin!



Jo Ellen Baker spent time with 36th Airborne TNG 143rd Infantry, now active at Fort Gordon, GA. Jo says the army has stopped WACs, and all females train the same as men. She is a T-Patcher and a member. Now, why couldn't we have had this in WWII. Jo Ellen plans to be in Houston, and we look forward to that, Jo.

# WELCOME

## New Members.....

JAMES HASTINGS, 11 Front St., Clifton, MA 01510 of 36th Signal Co.

**FRED E. SEBERO, 2609 Hannah St., Marinette, WI 54143 served with Co. M, 142nd.**

JOHN A. SICKLE, 322 Ella Ave., Avenel, N.J. 07001 of Co. H, 142nd Inf.

**ALBERT R. BURR, 2859 Santa Barbara Ave., Cayucos, CA 93430 of Co. D, 142nd.**

JOHN 'A-Rab' POWERS of Santone, and current V/P of 141st is a BIRD DOG deluxe — sends in 4 lost, strayed or what have you: Col.

ROBERT G. BURNS, Co. G, 141st of 4068 Sunset Lane, Pebble Beach, CA 93953; ARDIS D. BEARD, 12354 E. 39th St., Tulsa, OK 74145 of 141st Band; GEORGE P. ANGELAITIS, 17504 Harland Ave., Cleveland, OH 44119 and — GEORGE W. ATKINS, 11931 Sharpcrest Lane, Houston, TX 77072 also of 141st. Good 'doggin', Arab!

**JOHN J. McMUTCHEON, 1109 S. 51st St., Temple, TX 76501 of A/T 143rd Inf.**

HARVEY HANSON, 705 Norwood Dr., Hurst, TX 76053 of Btry B, 155th FA Bn.

**HAROLD J. CASEY, 5 Crescent St., Ilon, NY 13357 of Co. A, 143rd and Hqs. Co.**

DAVID JEFFERY, Box 706, Raymondville, TX 78580 of Co. M, 141st.

**ROSWELL K. DOUGHTY, 815 Stuart Ave., Manaroneck, NY 10543 (no unit given).**

HOLLIE B. McCONNELL, P.O. Bx 1391, Alice, TX 78332 of Co. F, 141st saw an item in area papers released by Amil last August and came in. Welcome, Hollie, Sam Petty's been lookin' for U.

**ALBERT O. MOELLER, 3808 S. 53rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53220 did time with Co. A, 144th and Leonard Wilkerson found 'em. Hey, Al, is Pabst still best seller in your beer town? We support you in these parts. Welcome to the club.**

JOSEPH F. BAKER, 1138 Pinehill Rd., McLean, VA 22101 of Co. A, 142nd was bird-dogged by 'Red' Morgan. Joe sent \$5 extra, and Amil adds: RUSSELL ADAMS, 1641 Butternut, Abilene, TX also of 142nd.

**JOHN ZENCZAK, 7479 Cricket Lane, Cleveland, OH 44131 former trooper of Co. H, 141st was found by Sammy Petty, who had the time to look in the phone book (while in Cleveland for the Midwest bash) and scored a new one. (you too can do this kind of bird-doggin' if you'll just take time to do it).**

RAYMOND H. PETERS, 623 Garfield Ave., Bartonville, IL 61607 of Hqs. Co., 144th Infantry sent in his dues to Leonard Wilkerson, who got 'em.

**JAY V. RUSSELL, Jr., 225 Hart Lane, Ben Lomond, CA 95005 of Co. B, 144th was bird-dogged by Curt Walthall, who is now an official BIRD DOG, to keep the pot boilin'.**

ROY E. STATON, Rt. 11, Box 181, Gonzales, TX 78629 of Co. C, 111th Engineers was bird-dogged by RUFUS L. FLOYD, Rt. 4, Bx 102, Gonzales, TX 78629.

**LEE BRYANT, 2125 Rockmore Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76134 of Co. D, 142nd Inf., was corraled by T. B. ROBERTS, Rt. 3, 900 Crockett, Burleson, TX 76028.**

EDGAR FORD, 61 Villa Ter., San Francisco, CA 94114 served with 36th in many units with continuous service from 1923 — to Jan. 30 1944 when wounded at Rapido.



LOUISIANA Manuevers 1941 — 736th Ordnance troopers. From left - Marion Brandes, El Campo, TX; Louis Senysip, Bay City, TX; James Brannon, Texarkana; Capt. Ben Swank (Campaign hat); Arlie Osborn of Dallas; Clarence Renfro, Ft. Worth; Watkins and Warsham, and Chas. Edmiston of Austin. Photo from Lemuel Clarke of Fort Worth. Please note the WWI helmets.



**Mid-West  
Chapter Meet  
June 22  
Oak Brook, Ill.  
Don't Miss It!**

## How Sweet It Is . . . Amil's New Up-date Roster of T-Patchers

Hey, all you guys out there in T-Patchland! There's a brand new ROSTER of 5000 names and addresses of 36thers, paid up and not paid up. So if you are bird-doggin', you gotta have this 100 page ROSTER, printed and published in Oct. 1978 by none other than Amazin' AMIL KOHUTEK.

He did it on his own, and if you wanna get with it, write a check for \$5.00 made out to Amil Kohutek, and send it to: 1933 College St., Abilene, TX 79602 and you'll get it postpaid. DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!

## James Minor Book Now Sold Out . . .

Barbara Davidson, who on her own took on the job to publish a book on the late JAMES MINOR, a real 36th Hero who was the youngest to get a battlefield commission as Lt. Col. Let's hope it goes for a re-print, as it is now out-of-print.

The Mid-West Chapter has been an ever-growing unit of this association. Originally it was a bunch of 111th Engineers, who decided to open it to ALL T-Patchers . . . and it took off, getting bigger and better every year.

This year they will meet at the Shearton-Oak Brook Motor Hotel (shown here). This facility is close to the great O'Hare Airport, just minutes away from downtown loop of Chicago. William Nagel is the head-honcho who will see that this one will be a biggie. All T-Patchers in the Mid-America area are invited to attend, even some ole Texans.

Dates are Fri. June 22-24th, and it's a mini-blast that we enjoy at the annual Assn. Reunion. Please contact: William C. Nagel, Hidden Lake Drive, Princeton, IL 61356 and join with this group of great Patchers.

When I took over the chore of editing this illustrious publication in 1971 (after some arm-twisting by Amil) we had a problem getting letters and photos from the troops to fill up 8 page.

I am delighted to report that now after 8 years, we are getting more mail, more money and more photos than you can shake a stick at. This is heart-warming, and you guys out there in T-Patcherland - "I Thank You".



Here's William A. Adams, a new member, Co. A, 142nd Inf., gets mail at - 2506 S. Vernon St., Amarillo, TX 79103 was bird-dogged by C. N. Red Morgan (V/P 142nd same city).

## Heard From

**Change of address: L. M. 'Buddy' SINCLAIR is one that moves around alot. New address (after leaving Santone) is — 3113 No. 1st St., McAllen, TX 78501. Buddy is a devoted Patcher, was former V/P of 141st and many other things. His wife Katie Sinclair is one of the greatest.**

**NOLAN L. DeFORD, 725 S. Ammerman, Eastland, TX 76448 of A/T 143rd renews membership, has been agent for Exxon USA for 26 years, says he missed the last 2 reunions, but will be in Houston SHINE '79. Joined the 36th at Brownwood and went all the way.**

**MAX SHAFFER, 38660 Lexington No. 408, Fremont, CA 94536 is heard-from. Sent dues and two more. Wilkerson picks up RUBEN DOBER, 1430 Milrod Lane, Brookfield, WI 53005 — and PAUL G. COTTER, 408 N. Elm St., Arlington, TX 76011 both of 111th Engineers (Max's old outfit). Max was former official photographer for 36th Div. Hqs. in WWII, and a damn good one.**

**L. W. 'Larry' BENGEL, 120 Longview Dr., Alexandria, VA 22213 pays dues, mobilized with 36th Signal at Denison as S/Sgt., went to OCS and retired as a Colonel July 1965. Good to have you back with us, Larry!**



At left: In Italy 1943, here's a couple of 142nd troopers, Ber Beichert and Jim Palermo.

At right: Scalela and Palermo ... photos sent in by Jim Palermo of Vicksburg, MS, who gave them to Bennie Harris, 241 Robin Hood Circle, Philadelphia, MS 39350 (his new address).

# WELCOME

## New Members.....

**WILLIAM WARNER, 360 N. 2nd St., Leipsic, OH 45856 of Co. G, 142nd, has just bird-dogged 3 new-uns, all from the Buckeye State . . . HAROLD CARPENTER, 1803 Agner St., Ottawa, OH 45875 and WILBUR JONES, 162 S. Locust, same city. Harold served with Co. G, 141st and Jones of Btry A, 132nd FA. Also RONALD WEAVER, 217 Walnut St., Belpre, OH 45714 of 143rd. Thanks Warner, keep on 'doggin', you might win the big sweepstakes for '79.**

**BEN E ILLYES, Rt. 2, Cicero, Ind. 46034 drops dues and ten more for these 2: JOSEPH H. STREET, 1804 Pine View, Magnolia, Ark. 71753 of Co. G, 142nd — and PAUL J. SOUTHERN, 826 Lightner, Wichita, KS 67218 of Co. B, 144th. Thanks Ben, we need more like you.**

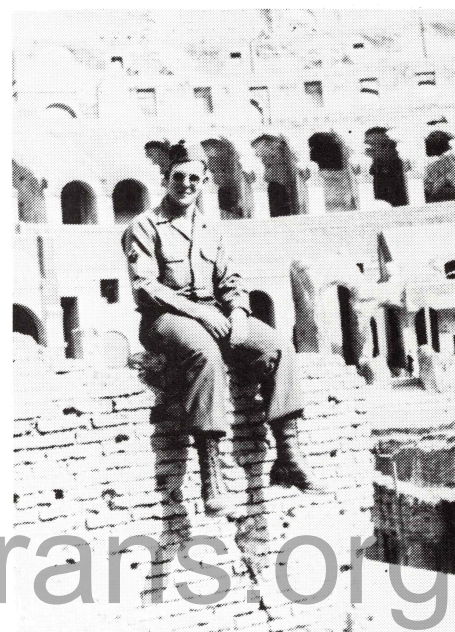
**KERMIT PENLEY, 45 Green Oak Road, Asheville, N.C. 28804 of Co. L, 142nd sends in his dues, and check for \$5.00 to Amil for his '78 Roster (don't leave home without one). Kermit says he's contacting Bob Mehaffey about the Co. L, Reunion. Welcome to the clan, Ker.**

**JACK WEINER, 56 Kipling Ave., Springfield, N.J. 07081 of the great 36th Signalmen.**

**JESSE M. NOBLES, Rt. 1, Box 38, Copperas Cove, TX 76522 did time with Co. D, 143rd Inf.**



**HAVING A BALL at the Santone Reunion — Toney and Frances Sparacino, 1952 Dodge NW, Warren, OH 44485 turn it on from our great photographer — Gene Hetmanski, who shoots a zillion pixs at all our reunions. Ed Note: Gene is so modest he doesn't like for me to give him credit for the great job he does.**



Arthur Karrick of Svc. Co., 141st enjoys the panorama of the Rome Coliseum 1944, lives at 7356 Salida, Mentor, OH was scoufed by Hank Gomez on his annual trip around the U.S. bird-doggin' T-Patchers.

## Dorko Enjoys Santone Reunion, Becomes A Bird-Dog

**FRANK J. DORKO, 1519 Lakeland Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107 of Co. F, 142rd writes: "My wife, Sophie and I still haven't gotten over the grand time we enjoyed at the S/A reunion, which has inspired me to become a 'bird dog' for drop outs and strays. I now have a live-one.**

**GEORGE J. STEFANIK, 1411 Irving Ave., Cleveland, OH 44109, and I got his dues which I am sending along. This is the guy Lt. D. L. Rogers was asking about at the 143rd CP at the Gunter Hotel. In the meantime, I'm working on more.**

## Lost Long T-Patcher Discovers Association After 34 Years

One of the great privileges of being editor of a publication like the T-Patcher, is that we get to read most of the letters received from the troops.

The most heart-rendering are those from troops — who have after 34 years — discovered that we do have a going organization. Hardly a week goes by without getting one like this:

"Dear Sir, I am surprised to hear from you. I did not know that there was a 36th Division Association" . . . This quote is from W. M. O'RILEY, 1771 Urbana Rd., Cleveland, OH 44112.

Wilbur O'Riley got a letter from Sam Petty, and that's how it works. He paid his dues, and now he can become a bird dog.

# Heard from

**JIM PENCE**, Eubank, KY 42567 has been 'bird-dogged' by **RUFUS GODBEY**, Rt. 1, Eubank, KY 42567 who served with Co. B, 141st. Pence did time with Co. F, 143rd. Good huntin', Rufus, U R now an official **BIRD DOG**.

**T. W. HOOPER**, is owner, operator of RED BIRD FORD dealership at Duncanville, TX 75116 (that's only a short beer from downtown Dallas). Hoop mobilized with the 36th Signal at Denison in 1940, says, "If you have a Ford in your Future," come to Red Bird.

**MICHAEL WASELY**, 3-11th St., Midland, PA 15059 of 131st F.A. Bn. is in cause Amil got 'em.

**WILLIAM ABRAMSON**, RFD #2, Tanager Rd., Manchester, N.H. 03102 (a former Texan) signs up for another year . . . a cannoneer with 155th FA Bn.

**Col. EUGENE SAFFOLD**, 120 Woodhaven Ct., Jackson, MS 39206 comes in with dues, served with 141st.

**TOM C. HENSON**, Rt. 1, Box 71, Lorena, TX 76655 walked with Co. M, 143rd is back with his dues for '79.

**THEODORE HERNANDEZ**, a WWI T-Patcher sends in new address: 606 E. Weatherford St., Fort Worth, TX 76102.

**HAYES SMITH**, 919 McGregor Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901 writes to **BOB WALLACE** (V.P. 144th) that it wasn't his idea to miss the Santone reunion . . . sends in dues and \$5 for a buddy. Amil adds to the roster: **DAVID F. IBBOTSON**, 4061 Laurel Dr., Abilene, TX 79603 of Hqs. 144th Inf. Thanks, Hayes!

**LINDER HAGAINS**, 2404 Sanborn, Amarillo, TX sends in to Wilkerson his dues — plus \$3.50 for the **JIM MINOR** Book, which he forwarded to **BARBARA DAVIDSON**. She is the one to order **DIRECT** from: 22 Queen Ann St., Friendship, NY 14739, so if you want the **MINOR** book — write to her with your check for \$3.50 (she's the gal that put it together) and a good book it is — of a great T-Patcher.

**MILTON A. HERBERT**, Rt. 2, Box 423, Fredricksburg, TX 78624 of 155th FA Bn., sends dues to Amil, cause he asked him to.

**ARTHUR T. LOU**, 6054 Augusta St., Philadelphia, PA 19149 did time with Svc. Co., 141st is now back in.

**JAMES KRAWCZYNSKI**, 4705 Nina Lee Lane, Houston, TX 77092 of 141st is back in the fold. Jim says, that now that we have a Poplish Pope, let's not have any more Polish jokes!

**Col. ROBERT G. BURNS** of 141st sends \$10 for dues, and we add: **WILLIS V. PADON**, 4 Phyllis Dr., Randolph, MA 02368 of Hqs. Co. 141st. Thanks, Colonel.

**HENRY L. MEISENHEIMER**, 4112 5th St., Fort Worth, TX 76115 of 636th TD Bn. sends in dues now through 1981. Man, that's loyalty. Thanks Henry.

**CHESTER DOTY**, 3463 Fallsburg Rd., N.E., Newark, OH, 43059 is one of Stovall's Engineers (Co. B) drops \$0 and we add to the roster: **DEE WINN**, Rt. 1, Box 214, Decatur, TX 76234 of 111th Engrs.; also **PAUL MABIE**, 945 Annabelle Dr., Toledo, OH 43612 — and **THOMAS R. LYNCH**, Rt. 1, Box 80, Ahsville, PA 16612 both of 111th Engineers. Good bird-doggin', Chester.

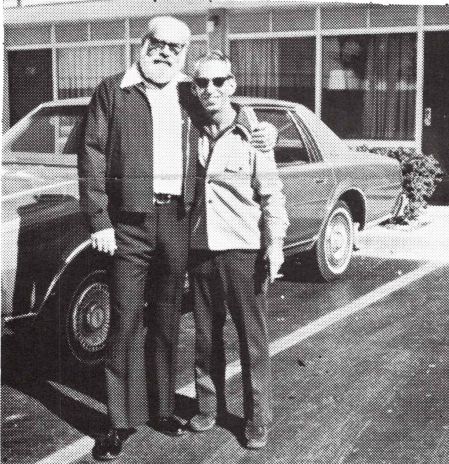
## HOUSTON in '79



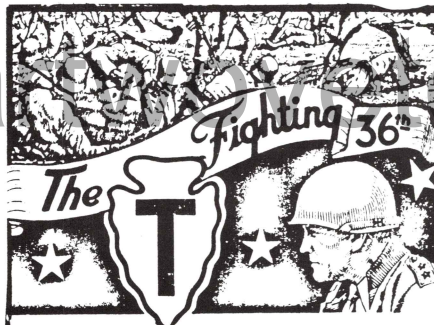
Italy 1944 — Here's the Weapons Platoon of Co. G, 143rd Infantry, sent in by **JOE MASSURA**, 528 S. East Ave., Oak Park, Ill. 60304 who served with same outfit from Salerno to the Rhine. Joe is a new one, now retired from International Harvester, says he saw his 1st T-Patch on the desk of **Bruno Bredis** (Co. L, 142nd) who died in 1977. He is now a real good bird dog.

**NOTICE: Please send all membership blanks and checks (made out to - 36th Division Association) to our new Membership Chairman:**

**Leonard Wilkerson**, 11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas, TX 75228.



Old Man Mose? Santa Claus? Wrong, it's Jim Stokes and a friend. Stokes is a former VP of 142nd, served with that famous Co. H, resides at 1971 Longfellow Drive, North Fort Myers, FL 33903 — never missed a reunion.



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# Heard from

**W. C. 'Dub' RAY**, 4916 Terrace Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76114 of 144th was captured by **Leonard Wilkerson**, your new membership chairman. Ray is Administrator of the City of River Oaks, (part of Ft. Worth) and was former president of the 144th Assn.

**ALBERT G. KUDZIA**, 2255 Quail Run Dr., Columbia, S.C. 29206 was former surgeon of 3rd Bn., 143rd sends in dues for: **Dr. RUSSELL S. KIDDER, Jr.**, 13 Carmen Rd., Eggertsville, N.Y. 14226.

**C. C. 'Cookie' BAKER** of Btry C, 132nd, Box 882, Weatherford, TX 76086 sends dues a five for buddy **T. G. GORE**, 932 Red Oak, Fort Worth, TX 76114 — a 'new one'.

**WILLIAM DEBRASON**, 305 Ann St., McKeesport, PA 15132 sends a ten spot for dues, and Leonard picks up **VERNON MORGAN**, 3709 N. 23rd St., Waco, TX 76710 — both walked with 143rd Infantry.

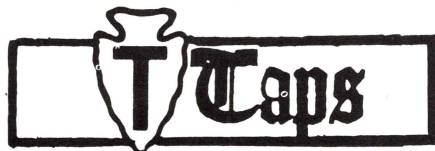
**D. D. BRUCE**, Box 275, Euless, TX 76039 of A/T 143rd sends \$10 for dues and stamps, but Leonard signed up **D.D.'s son, David C. Bruce** of 28 Dwight St., Boston, MA 02118.

**AMAZIN' AMIL** rounded up 3 new Patches: **J. B. COLE III**, Box 555, Boulder, CO 80306 of 131st Lost Battalion; **ALEC MALDONADO** (143rd) 2705 Ethel, Waco, TX 76707 and **VERNON ANDERSON**, 121 S. Wood St., Denison, TX 75020 of 36th Signal. That's good Bird-Doggin'.

**ZEB 'The Beard' SUNDAY**, the Pride of Pasadena drops dues for 3 new ones —

**JOHN CEGIELSKI**, 6554 Crosswell, Houston, TX 77087 of 144th Inf.; **VICTOR COLLAVO**, 5008 Tamarisk, Bellaire, TX 77401 of Co. M, 143rd — and **FLOYD C. FORD**, 2223 Haverhill, Houston, TX 77008 of 155th FA Bn. Zeb Sunday is one of our best 'Head-Hunters' of the Bird Dog Brigade. He also latches on to many Life Members (and that ain't hay). Thanks, Zeb!

**JOHN 'A-Rab' POWERS** that hard-working V/P of 141st is cranking them out. Comes up with 3 more: **Gen. JACK T. BROWN**, Box 956, Rockport, TX 78382; **ARTHUR M. BUSHNELL**, 12300 Fleming, Apt. #93, Houston, TX 77013 — and **CARL G. BENENATI**, Wildwood Lane, Selkirk, NY 12158.



William C. Peters of Co. L, 142nd died recently at his home in Monroe, Conn.

Ruby Bloom, of Brooklyn, NY served with Co. H, 141st died recently, no date given ... reported by his son.

Leonard Crenshaw, of 36th Signal died Dec. 25th in Denison, TX after three years of illness, reported by Harry Scott and Ray McCray.

Frank Hordvath of the 36th Division Band died in Cleveland on Aug. 25th 1978 as reported by his widow.

William C. Peters, Monroe, Conn., died Dec. 3, 1978 served with Co. L, 142nd Inf.

Hartley B. Edwards, 83, died Nov. 14 at Denison, TX. He was the man who blasted 'taps' on his bugle to signal the end of WWI (was Gen. Pershing's bugler). Amil had Edwards at his 1969 Reunion in Fort Worth to sound taps.

Monroe L. Kelinske of Hqs. 143rd, Elm Mott, TX died Dec. 20 as reported by Roger Cannon of Waco.

Leo Vanes of Svc. Btry, 131st died recently in Van Nyes, CA as reported by M. C. Wyatt of Fort Worth.

John D. Ash, Pasadena, TX of Co. D, 144th died Dec. 4, 1978 as reported by Leonard Wilkerson from a letter from J. P. Kyle of Port Arthur.

John R. Potts, Lt. Co. F, 141st, 61, of Lockhart, TX (formerly of Roby) died Dec. 4, 1978 after a lengthy illness, sent in by Dr. Ross.

Burnie R. Hall, of B, 141st Inf. died in San Antonio from open heart surgery. Burnie was pictured on page 6 Nov. Patcher with his display of T-Patch bolos. He was retired from civil service at Kelly AFB.

William D. Campbell of Garden Grove, CA of 131st FA Bn., died Jan. 1978 as reported to Amil by Joe Leap.

Robert L. Wentzel of Garland, TX died Aug. 1978 reported by wife Mabel to Leonard Wilkerson, served with Btry A, 155th FA Bn. J. W. Shipley of Btry. B, 133rd died Oct. 25th, buried at Kerens, TX, reported by Joel Peters, Livingston, TX

Harry C. Brown, Lake Brownwood, 59 died mid-January of a heart attack, served with Co. A, 142nd Infantry.

John F. Szuch of Brownsville, PA, Co. C, 143rd has been on our mailing list for years. Now word comes from his son, that Szuch died of a mine accident in 1947.

Raymond H. Smith of Dillsboro, Ind., died Dec. 1977 as reported by his widow, Mary L. Smith. No unit given.

Edwardo Carreon, 57 of El Paso died Nov. 1978, served with Co. H and Co. E 141st Inf., clipping sent in to Bush Easley from Fred Ross and also Bill Prothro.

Ross Young, (Col), 64 of San Antonio died Jan. 9, 1979 served with the 36th since 1932 as TNG in the 141st. Had a long and impressive career with the 36th. Appointed G-3 of Hqs. 36th Div., Jan. 1, 1945 until War's end. His decorations were numerous - Silver Star w/2 oak leaf clusters; Legion of Merit with 2, Bronze Star with 3, and 2 Purple Hearts ... sent in by B/Gen. (ret) Armin Puck of San Antonio ... and many others.

Charles L. Myers of Richmond OH died Jan. 22, served with Co. B, 142nd, reported by C. N. Red Morgan (VP 142nd).

Raymond W. Johnson, served with Stovall's 111th (Co. B) Engineers, passed away Dec. 29, 1978 with cancer at Fullerton, CA; services also held in Wichita Falls ... reported by Rusty Murphy of Austin, Carl Peterson and many others.

H. C. Pruett, Brownwood TX died Jan. 20 '79, served with Co. A, 142nd, reported by Amil Kohutek.

Joe Legar, Birmingham, Ala also of Co. A, 142nd died recently, reported by C. N. Red Morgan and the Legar family.

Carl Collar of Walnut Ridge, Ark., died Oct. 26th 1978 of leukemia, served with 142nd Inf., reported by his widow Virginia to L. B. Easley of Dallas.

Mrs. A. V. Terrazas, wife for 40 years of Alonzo, (who served with 636th) died Aug. 1978 in San Antonio on her birthday. Al sends his thanks to all members of the T-Bone chapter of S/A for their kindness.

Herbert C. Harwood, Malone NY of 3rd Bn., 141st died recently, reported by Amil.

George O. Snokhous of 143rd died Nov. 28 1978 in Waco. Reported by Amil

Alvin W. Keppen died May 1978 at Westland, MI, served with Co. B, 142nd reported to Amil by C. N. Red Morgan.

Lewis W. Starkey, mess Sgt. with Hqs. Btry, 131st died in Nov. 1978 at Centerville, TX, reported by M. C. Wyatt of Fort Worth of 131st FA Bn.

Marvin M. Snelling, Jr., died Nov. 1978 at Buffalo Gap, TX after a heart attack, served with the famous "Lost Battalion", Btry. E, 131st F.A. BN, captured in Java in March 1942 by the Japs, served 42 months as POW.

George C. Guthrie, of 141st Infantry died last April in San Antonio as reported by his wife, Inez to Amil.

Leo Grover, of Co. B, 142nd passes away on Nov. 11, 1978 at Stamford, TX, after a lengthy illness, reported to the T-Patcher by W. Baxter of Coleman, same unit.

King R. Buchanan, former cook of Co. K, 141st of WWI, was drowned with his wife, daughter and grandson on Aug. 2nd, 1978 when the Medina River flooded the town of Bandera, TX. Alex G. Walsh of Waco sent this report, served with same unit.

Robert Ray Biddle of El Paso died recently, served with Co. H, 141st was lifelong native of El Paso, burial at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Reported by Michael Crenshaw of same unit.

## Roy Harder Mails In His Own Obit

Writing the Taps column is the hardest part of this job as editor. In late November we received a letter on plain paper, neatly typed as follows:

Date Unknown (see postmark).

Dear Bill: *This will be mailed by my funeral director at the proper time. Naturally it is for the Taps column announcing my death - and my last contribution to the T-Patcher. Sorry about that but the GREAT BUGLER has sounded the call.*

*My best regards to the Association and the members. Wear that T-Patch and send Amil some stamps.*

Roy Harder, Co. C, 143rd

#7 Circle Q. Orange TX 77630.

On the back side of the envelope, the funeral director had added: 10:55 AM, 11-21-78.

Roy Harder had been over the years an active worker for the cause. He even held garage sales to raise stamp money for Amil: Also, C. A. Williamson of San Antonio adds this: "Roy enlisted in Co. C, 143rd in 1929 at age 16 at Beaumont, later discharged as under age".

Roy Harder will be missed!

Lenton 'Doc' Oakes, 65 formerly of Santa Anna, died Jan. 25 '79 at Coleman. Joined TNG in 1932, was in Cannon Co. Sent in by W. J. Baxter, Coleman.

Clemon 'Red' Stanfield of 2nd Bn. Hqs., 142nd died Dec. 28, '78 also of Coleman, TX

James Hayden Hargett, 82 served with 131st FA in WWI, died Jan. 22, '79 at Coleman, was civic and business leader. Baxter sent this in.

James O. Willingham of Birmingham, Ala., died Jan. 15, 1979, served with Hqs. Co., 2nd Bn., 141st, reported by his widow, Christina.

Clarence A. Oney of 133rd M/G Co., WWI died at New Braunfels, TX Dec. 21, 1978, reported by his widow.

Charles C. Offerman, Lynbrook, NY of Div. MP's died recently after a long illness, served with 142nd, reported by his widow.

Mrs. Harry Riggs died recently after lengthy illness, according to Col. Riggs of Plainview, TX, who served with 142nd inf.

Grady W. Harbour passed away Sept. 1978 in Waco, was a former member of og Hqs. 143rd Inf., reported by his widow.

J. W. Shipley, Richland TX 76681 of 133rd FA Bn., died Nov. 24 1978, was reported by his widow, Dimple Shipley.

Grady R. French of Co. G, 142nd WWI, died March 1978 in Abilene, according to his, widow.

Leo Vames of Co. C, 131st FA Bn., died Jan. 1979 in California according to report from Amil.

Osburn L. Oakes of May TX passed away Jan. 13, 1979 according to his widow. Served with Can. Co. 142nd Inf.

# WELCOME

## New Members.....

ARTHUR W. BAILEY, 4525 Forshyth Rd., Macon, GA 31210 of Co. M, 141st was scouted by A'Rab POWERS, who is a real-live Bird Dog. **NORBERT J. VEIT, 14223 Berwick, Livonia, MI 48154 of Co. G, 141st was bagged by Amazin' Amil.**

VERNON L. ALFORD, 608 Finrock St., Pasadena, TX 77506 of Btry C, 155th & Co. E, 144th was 'found' by ED KEETON, V/P of Artillery for '79 is a bird dog of the first water. Seems that PAYNE RUCKER remarked that he would 'win' the next trophy for most new members. At this date, however, ED KEETON is leading the pack!

Here's 3 more new-uns, corraled by ED KEETON: **HOWARD SWIFT, 211 Penna Ave., Avondale, PA 19311 of Btry C, 155th; ROBT. K. LOVELADY, 148 McDonald, Childersburg, AL 35044 also of Btry C, 155th — and STEVE TANDERIC, 65 Campbell Ave., Washington, PA 15301 same bunch. OK, Rucker, better get with it, or you'll eat Humble-Pie at Houston Bash.**

ALFRED M. DEMMING, 7848 Bartholomew Dr., Middleburg Hts, OH 44130 of 142nd was bagged by FRANK DORKO of Lakewood, OH of Co. F, 143rd.

**MAC McCAULEY, 17 W. Main St., Wickford, R.I. 02852 a Recon-John is another score for LES TERRY of Toledo, who is gaining on the pack in the 1979 Bird-Dog Sweepstakes.**

RAYMOND J. SCHOLDER, 329 N. Michael St., St. Marys, PA 15857 of Co. A, 142nd has been discovered and is IN like Flynn.

**CHARLES LOSEY, Stillwater, N.J. 07875 of Co. I, 143rd was dogged by ART COSNER of Newton, N.J. of Co. H, 142nd. Hey, Charlie, we thought 'Stillwater' was in Oklahoma.**

LEROY ZAPALAC, 2615 Bonnywood Lane, Dallas, TX 75233 is new, but he's an old-timers. Leroy served with the 36th back in 1935-36, when he lived in West, Texas . . . and said he knew ERNEST UPTMORE, and that's all you need to know (so says Amil).

**FRED E. SEBERO, 2609 Hannah St., Marinette, WI 54143 served with Co. M, 142nd was bagged by JOE B. WOOLSEY, Rt. 3, Box 703, Wichita Falls, TX 76308.**

GEO. R. WILLIAMS, RR, Windom, KS 67491 of Hqs. 1st Bn., 141st was scouted by Leonard Wilkerson.

**JESSE D. DAVIS, 107 Limestone Rd., Charleston, W.V. 25312 of Co. C, 141st is one more score for John A'Rab Powers of Santone, who's battin, around .990 right now.**

HAROLD STANFORTH, 407 E. Central Ave., Delaware, OH 43015 is a new one cause he was captured by JOHN BONER, 1285 Walaest Dr., RD #3, Mansfield, OH 44903 of 142nd.

## Please Advise Your Change of Address

Please advise your membership chairman if you have a change of address, otherwise, your copy of T-Patcher and other news may be delayed or lost. Write to: LEONARD WILKERSON, Membership Chairman, 11121 Visalia Drive, Dallas, TX 75228. Phone (214) 328-5589



OBERGUNZBURG, Germany in 1945, here's Lt. Charles Dawson and Capt. Bryan both of Hqs. Co., 1st Bn., 141st . . . sent in by Dawson, 620 Linda Lou Drive, San Antonio, TX 78223, and our thanks.

## Do It Now . . . Ad Space For Houston Reunion Souvenir Program

Dear T-Patchers,

I am back again asking for your support on our 1979 "REUNION BOOK." This book is a gift to yourself — "A memento of the 54th annual reunion — Houston, with a history of 34 previous reunions, listing dates, names, places, etc.

Without your help we cannot publish the book. The book will be bigger and better than the one we had for San Antonio, Texas last year. (If you did not get a copy of last years book, send \$1.00 to Leonard Wilkerson, and one will be mailed to you).

So I am asking once again, want you support the 1979 reunion book? You won't be sorry that you did. An order form is enclosed in this issue of the T-Patcher. DO it now.

Leonard Wilkerson,  
Program Chairman  
11121 Visalia Drive  
Dallas, TX 75228



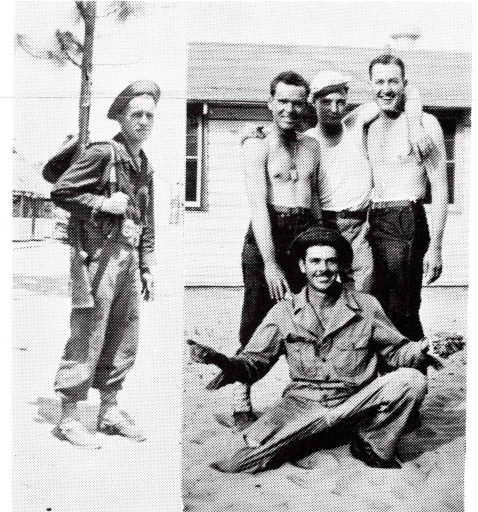
Germany, 1945, here's Albert W. Hassell and his buddy, Arlin Crisco, both of Co. K, 143rd. Al gets mail at: 1706 S. 121st St., Tacoma, Wash. 98433. Thanks Al.

## News From Men of Company G, 142nd

Company G, 142nd is a very active group. They meet annually in Snyder, TX. On Nov. 18th they held their 5th reunion, because that's where Co. G was mobilized on Nov. 25, 1940. They had their 1st gathering of the troops in 1974 and have been growing ever since.

Co. G, 142nd has some very colorful T-Patchers in their midst — like Moon Mullins of Dallas (former pres. of the Assn.), J. C. Williamson, Johnnie Portis, Bob McKinney, Lowell 'Peckerwood' Prince, Jesse King, Curley Roberts, Ken Painter, Don Adams, Wyatt Swint, K.O. Pitner and many, many more. Out of state characters include — Morris Gitman and ole J. J. Pineapple Finan, Joe Lamb, Jay Skinner, Willie Wilt, Al Dominci and more.

Co. G has a huge roster of dues paying members and they are blessed with having the services of CHARLES W. STIMSON, Jr., 2807 B. Edgemore Drive, Plainview, TX 79072 — which is a NEW address. Chas. publishes a class 8 page mimeo recap of their activities called "Co. G Review." Interested parties should contact Stimson at this new address.



ABOVE left is Robert B. Courtright, 757 Elm St., Cochocton, OH 43812 of Co. G, 142nd looks like he's ready for the mile forced-march we all enjoyed at Camp Blanding, Fla. Above is Chapman, Baugh and Sietz, all Texans, and Ivy with the greenbacks, so he is the winner of the pay-day crap-game.

Courtright is retired from GE of Cochocton, and say Bob, you oughta make one of those Co. G. Reunions at Snyder, TX and see John Portas who you say got hit same time as yourself at San Pietro.

## Our (Photo) Cup Runneth Over For This Issue . . .

Dear Troops: If you sent in a story, or photos, and it's not in this issue, please bear with us. The response of the membership has been heart-warming. It's been brought forward for the MAY '79 T-Patcher!

## Ah, Those Days At Brownwood, 1941 . . .



Men of the 144th Infantry at Camp Bowie, Brownwood 1941 . . . above is Pvt. Brad Mills of Svc. Co., and he looks like the typical GI of that era. In fact he looks kinda like the CAMEL cig posters of WWI, so says Bob Wallace who sent in these photos.



Short-Arm Inspection, and at top is Pvt. Jack Hamilton, 144th, and who could ever forget these little chores. Above is Hamilton with Pvt. Mel Falk, who is grinning and laughing about this regular event — when we were young.



Home Sweet Home is a Pup Tent on maneuvers at San Saba, TX. That's S/Sgt. Bob Wallace with the half-pint, and buddy Pfc. Jack Mueller. All pixs are from Bob Wallace, Fort Worth Stamp and Coin dealer, and VP of 144th Inf.

BELOW: Pass In Review at Brownwood, Nov. 11, 1941 (Pearl Harbor only 26 days away).



### Ex-T-Patcher, Ex-Navy Bob Benton Still Likes Men of Co. B, 142nd

Dear Leonard:

I was in B 142nd Inf. from Mar. 1937 to Oct. 1940. I joined the Navy June 1941. Served eight years and enlisted back into the Army and served 12 years, retired in 1962. I was in Korea with the 31st Infantry, 7th Division. I am presently working at North Island Naval Air Station and have been almost 15 years. I enjoy reading the T-Patcher, especially when I read about people I haven't seen in almost forty years! Tell Bill Jary to keep up the good work.

/s/ Robert C. Benton  
P.O. Box 144  
Coronado, California 92118

Editor Note . . . Any one out there that was in the 142nd, Co B back in the late thirty's write and tell this great T-Patcher hello . . .

### CBS's Eric Sevareid Invited To Reunion

President Julian M. Quarles contacted the great CBS commentator, Eric Sevareid, who covered the 36th in Italy during WWII, and invited him to Houston . . . here in his reply:

Dear Mr. Quarles:

Of course, I am pleased and honored that you would think of me in connection with the 36th Reunion next September. I do wish I could be there, but it just won't be possible; I have other commitments in that period. May all go well with that meeting. I will never forget that outfit in Italy and those vivid days.

Sincerely,  
Eric Sevareid.  
CBS News, 2020 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20038



CLARANCE MIKYLINSKA, 1007 W. Clay, Houston, TX 77109 of A/T 143rd Infantry.  
**BILL BRASHEAR, 145 Meadow Dr., Converse, TX 78109 also of A/T 143rd . . . hey Bill, do you remember Del Kendall?**  
JAMES W. CRAIG, 207 Serna Park Drive, San Antonio, TX 78218 also of 143rd was at Santone reunion.  
**SAM ED DUNCAN, Rt. 1, Lott, TX 76656** walked with Co. D, 143rd — showed up at Santone reunion.  
KENNETH R. WEISSM 3934 Waterloo Rd., Randolph, OH 44265 of 111th Engineers was in Santone.  
**DAVID BERNSTEIN, 2841 N E 55th Place, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308 of 736th Ordnance** makes his first reunion at Santone.  
Mrs. BRENICE WEST, Box 14, Blanco, TX 78606 (736) was at the Santone reunion.  
**BARKSDALE M. PAYNE, 128 Main Plaza, No. 501, San Antonio, TX 78205 served with 1st Bn. 142nd Inf.**  
ENRQUE M. TREVINO, 144 Kirk, San Antonio, TX 78225 of Co. G, 142nd Inf.  
**PAUL E. WILHELM, 106 Mountain Valley, San Antonio, TX of Co. M, 141st** showed up at Santone reunion.  
HERMAN U. DYSON, Rt. 3, Box 8, Decatur, TX 76234 served with 144th Inf., corraled by Leonard Wilkerson.  
**JOHN T. ELMS, 9718 Wahade Ave., San Antonio, TX 78217 is new cause L. E. RODRIQUEZ paid his dues. No unit given.**  
HENRY A. SYTKOWSKI, 20876 Crestmont Lane, Dearborn, MI 48127 of Co. B, 142nd Inf.  
**Lt. Col. WARREN J. LANE, 15105 Cadillac Dr., San Antonio, TX 78248 of 61st F. A. Brigade.**  
JAMES CAREY, 27 Cranston Rd., Kendall, N.J. 08824 of Co. F, 141st was bird-dogged by Sammy Petty.  
**ANGELO J. BARCIA, 341 Park Ave., Yonkers, N.Y. 10703 of Co. D, 141st is another score for JOHN A-RAB POWERS of Santone.**  
STEVE A. WHISDOSH, Postmaster, Norvett, PA 15674 of Co. K, 142nd Inf., dues paid by ROBERT DAVIS of San Pedro, CA.  
**LEON O. BOWEN, Box 93, Cleburne, TX 76031 of WWI, served with Supply Co., 144th Infantry.**  
SIDNEY D. JOHNSON, 123 Gray St., Rt. 4, Gulfport, MS 39503 of 155th F A Bn.  
**PAUL LEWIS EGNER, 2387 Allyson Dr., SE, Warren, OH 44484 of Co. A, 142nd Inf. and WILLIAM JAMES KLUGE, 225 S. James St., Kimberly, WI 54136 same unit, both were bird-dogged by JULIAN PHILIPS of Houston.**  
BILL BURGA, Box 155, Hager Hill, KY 41222 of 142nd sends in a FBI form and \$15 for these 3 new ones: LEONARD D. GRAHAM, 2905 Jenny Lind, McKeesport, PA 15134 of Co. G, 142nd; ED J. MILLER, 7108 Blairview Dr., Dallas, TX 75230 of Serv. Co., 142nd; and H. C. WHITTENBERG, Box 45004, Dallas, TX 75245.  
**Bird Dog CHARLES W. CRAIG, 1003 Hillsdale Ave., Parma, OH 44143 of Co. F, 143rd rounds-up these three: CONRAD H. MOURNING, 178 Rumsey Rd., Columbus, OH 43207 of Medics 143rd; WILLIE S. WILT, 3527 Jerome Ct., Grove City, OH 43123 of Co. G, 142nd — and S. D. 'Tut' ALFONSO, 650 East Beach, Gulfport, MS 39501.**

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