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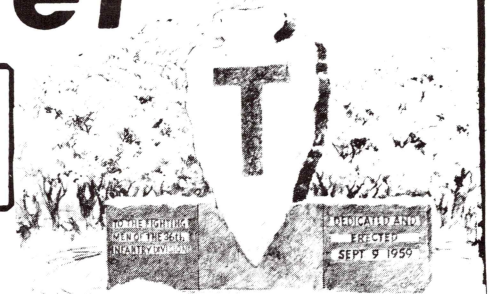


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Houston's Fabulous Astro Village Hotel Is Your "Fantasy Island" For Labor Day Weekend

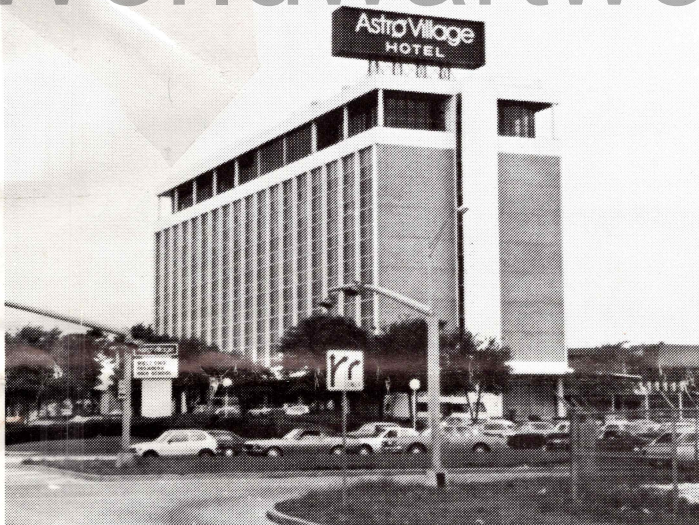
Alright, troops it's REUNION time only days away, so gather up some of your Krugerrands, tap that sugar bowl or the egg-money she's been saving, and get ready for your flight to 'FANTASY ISLAND,' now called The ASTROVILLAGE Hotel in Houston!

We have been informed that everything is ready for all T-Patchers, wives and family (etc.), and, as they say at Houston's great NASA Hqs, blast-off time is Thurs. Aug. 30th at 7:00 p.m. when the now popular EARLY BIRD Party will launch the 54th Annual 36th Division Association Reunion. Ladies Auxiliary will host this one, and what a great job they do — a lavish buffet and barside, they're second to none. You might even find out that they are sponsoring a 'T-Patcher Cook Book,' with favorite recipes from troops from all over.

The General Assembly at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 1st will be a very important one. Don't miss it. Many new great things are pending, and you outta be there.

Nothing is greater than the Saturday night dinner-dance. Here you find yourself in a 'Dizzyland' of fellowship, good food, music, and dancing to ole 1940 tunes, and maybe a few update ones for the young-at-heart. You see, the T-Patchers may be getting older, but we are still getting better.

It's difficult to put into words to describe a 36th Reunion. Some of us old-timers whom have made most of these 'gathering-of-the-clan,' can vouch that each one seems to get better as time goes on. So START PACKING!



Here's your base of operations, come Labor Day weekend. The Astro Village is located at 2350 South Loop West, only a 3 iron shot from the fabalous ASTRODOME, and ASTROWORLD amusement park. We've been here before. The accommodations are superb, big spacious CP's, and a ballroom that said to be the biggest in Houston. If you need to phone, here's the number — (713) 748-3221, and be sure and tell 'em you are a 36ther.



Vincent Lockhart to Write New Book on 36th's Action From Southern France

One of the most exciting new projects underway, is the 'yet-untitled' HISTORY of the 36th from Southern France landing (Aug. 15, 1944) until War's end.

VINCENT M. LOCKHART, 10236 Ridgewood Dr., El Paso, TX 79925 has been authorized by the 36th Board to proceed in his project. This book will fill the missing-gap of our exploits in France & German (where Wagner's TEXAS ARMY and Gen. Walker's TEXAS TO ROME stop).

In a recent interview with VINCE, he states that the book will take many moons, but IT WILL BE ready for sale at the 1981 Reunion (site yet to be announced). He has traveled far and wide interviewing some of our great commanders, like Gen. Stack, Lynch

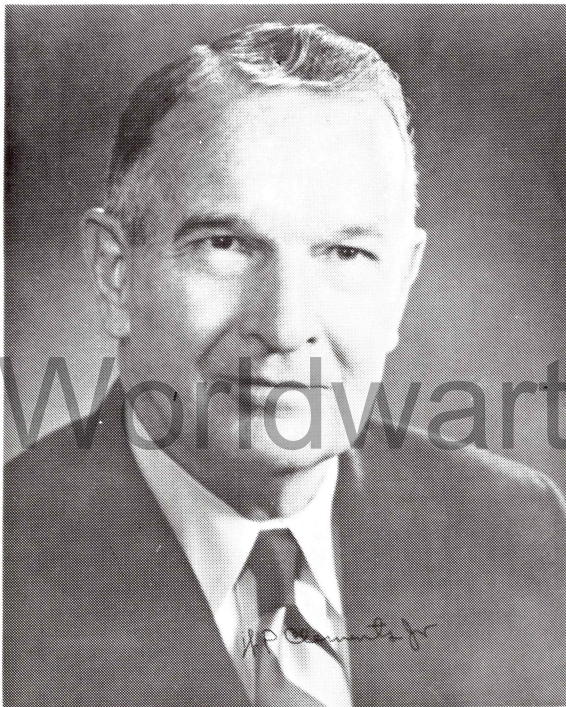
IF you have a special 'story' to tell, send it to Lockhart (above address) as he needs all the help he can get. Eye-witness action and special interest items will help. Send in typed, doubled spaced material.

Vince will have up-date reports for all — at HOUSTON!



GUEST SPEAKER for the 54th Annual 36th Division Association Reunion in Houston is Brig. Gen. (retired) WILLIAM R. LYNCH of Huntsville, Texas, shown above with Mrs. Lynch. This announcement was received from Col. Julian Philips, our '79 Reunion Committee chairman. Gen. Lynch served with Co. F, 143rd, was also former Regimental S-2 for 143rd. He will speak at the General Assembly, Sat. Sept. 1, Astro Village Motor Inn.

Governor of Texas Bids Welcome To Men of 36th



HONORABLE WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, Jr.
Governor of The State of Texas
Commander-in-Chief of the Texas National Guard.



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
GOVERNOR

Greetings:

As the new Commander-in-Chief of the Texas National Guard, it is indeed a personal pleasure to extend to you greetings and sincere best wishes for a most successful 54th Annual Reunion.

I know that this will be an enjoyable occasion.

I want to especially welcome those 36th Division veterans who are coming from out of state to meet and greet old friends who have served together in Texas' own great 36th Infantry Division.

Rita and I extend, not only our full support, but also our warmest personal regards to each member of this proud association.

Our sincere best wishes for a productive and meaningful reunion!

Sincerely,

William P. Clements, Jr.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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TEXAS

JIM MCGONN
MAYOR

Greetings:

It is my pleasure as Mayor of the City of Houston to welcome the members and visitors to the 36th Infantry Division Association 54 Annual Meeting, August 30 through September 2, 1979. We are proud that you have chosen Houston as the site for your meeting.

Houston is a vibrant city whose citizens are always ready to welcome visitors with warmth and hospitality. While you are here I hope you will take the time to see some of our cultural, medical and educational facilities; and our unique shopping centers. Perhaps you can dine in some of our excellent restaurants.

It is my hope that your 1979 meeting will be extremely successful and that you will return to Houston soon.

Sincerely,

Jim McGonn

Association President Julian M. Quarles Wants To See You In Houston . . .



Dear T-Patchers:

Very shortly we will gather again at our annual reunion for fellowship, invoking memories of events that took place many years ago, and remembering friends who are no longer with us. I well recall my first reunion, the pleasure and joy of meeting people I had not seen in a long time. Each year someone new turns up. Those of you who have not come don't know what you are missing.

This has been a wonderful year for me as the 'first' non-Texan to be president of the Assn. I have been told by an outsider who has contacted many division associations that WE HAVE THE LARGEST AND MOST ACTIVE. This has been done due to the efforts of you, our members. Keep up the good work, because only through this great publication and your individual effort can we continue to be first. We have a great program this year at Houston, and I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Julian M. Quarles

'T-Patch Fever' Is Boiling as Reunion Time Nears

AGENDA

THURSDAY . . . AUGUST 30th

7:00 - 10:30 p.m. Early Bird Reception,
Grand Ballroom

C.P. Rooms to open, 2nd floor of Tower Room
(C.P.'s close during reception)

FRIDAY . . . AUGUST 31st

9:00 a.m. Registration opens, until 5:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m. 36th Board Meeting, Forum I.
7:00 p.m. Hospitality Party, Grand Ballroom,
until 10:30 p.m.

Note: You must have ticket & official registration badge for admittance.

Unit C.P.'s open all day, close during Hospitality party.

SATURDAY . . . SEPTEMBER 1st

9:00 a.m. Registration desk opens, until 5:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m. Special C.P. meeting for members in
each unit C.P. rooms

10:30 a.m. Nomination committee for 1980; also
meeting for Resolutions Committee;
36th Board to meet.

1:00 p.m. General Assembly — all members meet in
Grand Ballroom.

- Call to order. Presentation of colors
- Pledge of Allegiance • Invocation
- Welcome to Houston • Welcome to Astrovillage
- Introduction of Guest Speaker — William R. Lynch, Brig. Gen. (Ret) of Co. F, 143rd of Huntsville, Texas
- Report of President, Committees Reports.
- Election of 1980 36th Div. Assn. officers.
- Adjournment.

3:30 p.m. New 1980 Board meeting

7:00 p.m. . Reunion Dinner & Door Prizes, Grand Ballroom

9:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. . Dance and entertainment by Pappy Self and his Orchestra

Note: Dinner tickets issued with your registration will be taken up at each table. NO standing in line to get in. SHOW your ticket when entering. MUST have ticket to be served. (all C.P.'s closed during dinner-dance)

SUNDAY . . . SEPTEMBER 2nd

8:00 a.m. Father John Yadrich will hold Early Mass in the Forum Room

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Forum Room

10:00 a.m. Memorial Service — all members —

Rev. G. A. Taylor (former Capt. of Co. D, 142nd Infantry) will preside.

12:00 noon Closing of the 54th annual Reunion.

Putting On this Reunion . . .

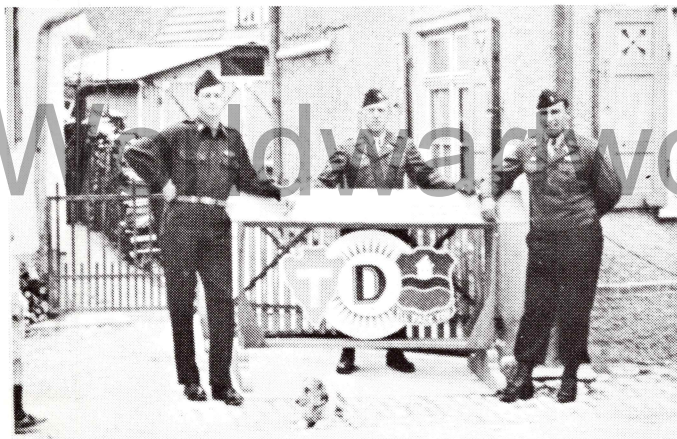
Alot of credit must be given to our Reunion Chairman, Col. Julian Philips. He's an old pro at this, having handled a bunch in the past. He has the help of his wife Ruby; the great team of Sammy and Ruth Petty; Earl and Rhyl Higginbotham, plus Zeb and Eloise Sunday.

ED KEETON is our resolutions chairman, so if you have something to submit, contact him now or at the Houston Reunion, so says Julian Quarles, our president.



The San Jacinto Memorial Monument and Museum, located 22 miles east of Houston on the ship channel, is one of most impressive sight in all of Texas. The giant shaft pierces into the sky some 570'. This pride of Texas was dedicated on San Jacinto Day (April 21) 1936 as part of the state's Centennial of 1836. It's taller than the Washington Monument, and us Texans highly recommend to our Yankee troopers to take time to visit this during your trip to Houston of the 54th Annual Reunion. Way back in 1952, when T-Patcher met at the Rice Hotel, one of the reunion events was a trip to this site for a noon picnic at the San Jacinto Park, where tours were also made on the famous Battleship Texas, permanently moured nearby.

Rev. G. Aiken Taylor, Co. D, 142nd Infantry will conduct Memorial Services, Sun. Sept. 2nd



WARS END, May 1945 — from left: Capt. George A. Taylor, Lt. Virgil G. Brown and Lt. Michael Hernandez proudly pose by their Co. D, 142nd sign at the C.P. Photo sent in by Rev. G. Aiken Taylor (the same as above), PH. D, Editor of The Presbyterian Journal of Asheville, N.C., who will be in Houston to conduct the memorial services at the 1979 Reunion.

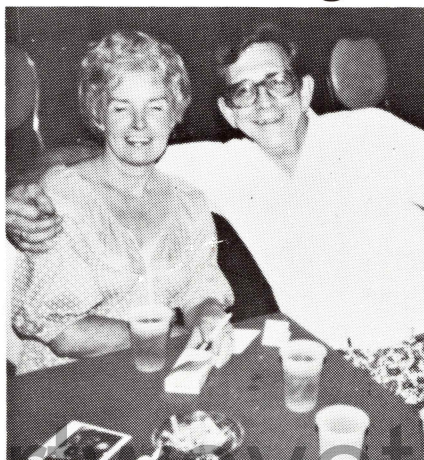
Mid-West Chapter Does It Again

Nagle & Company Put On One Great Reunion

Geographically speaking, the Mid-West Chapter of the 36th covers a dozen or so states, and draws a bumper crop of troops (many whom are unable to make it to Texas on Labor Day).

Mid-west's annual encampment took place June 21-24 at the Sheraton in Oak Brook, Ill., and president Bill Nagle and bride, Edna were on hand to greet the 92 T-Patchers who found enough gas to make it. Michigan had 29, Illinois with 30, Ohio 11, Minnesota 4, and 7 from Texas . . . and 2 each for Wis., Iowa, Ky. and Mo., and Julian Quarles from Florida, who was principal speaker.

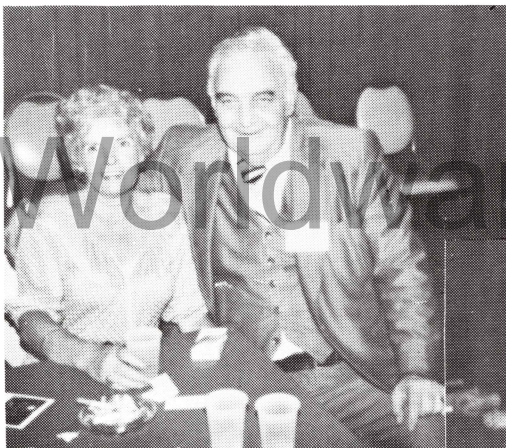
Col Oran Stovall, reports: "on Friday, we toured the home of the late Robert McCormick, which is now a 1st Division Museum, and it's wonderful what a few million bucks can buy."



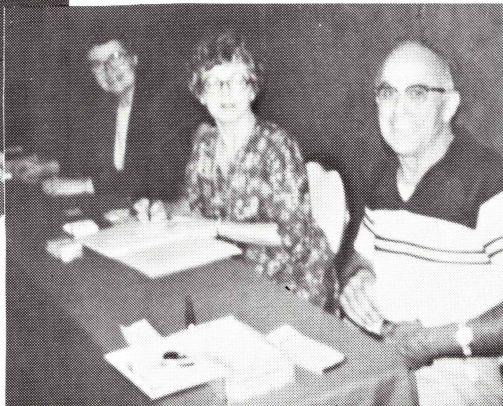
ED NORTHOUSE of Grand Rapids is the newly elected Secty-Treas., one of Stovall's great Engineers is all smiles with Mille Joseph. Photo by Henry C. Kaepfner, Columbus, OH, a real gungho T-Patcher.



Seven from TEXAS at the Mid-West Reunion, from left — Joel & Dean Peters, Livingston, TX; J. R. Ramsey of Garland, TX; Col. Oran Stovall, Bowie, TX; Araminta Ramsey and Helen and Herb Mulkey, also of Garland, TX. This was the Peters' first visit to Mid-West Chapter. Photo sent by Bill and Edna Nagle



At left: Sambo F. Kibbey of Carson Conty, KY, with Mille Joseph, recites some poetry. Below — at center is hostess, Edna Nagle with Alma and Dick Scheid of Belding, Mich.



The newly-elected president of Mid-West is H. L. King, 440 N. State St., Big Rapids, MI, and John Boner of Mansfield, Ohio is vice-president. Henry C. Kaepfner sent in these 2 photos.

LADIES AUXILIARY
to
36th DIVISION ASSOCIATION



Early Bird Party Again Hosted By Ladies Auxiliary

RUBY CANNON

Reunion time is only a few weeks away . . . and the EARLY BIRD party on Thur. Aug. 30th is hosted by the Auxiliary, as we have the past few years. From 7:00 to 10:30 PM, the food and drinks will be served by the AUX and other hard-working friends of the Assn. Music & entertainment by PAPPY SELPH. All this for only \$2.50 per person (and that's a real bargain).

Business meeting for the AUX is Sat. Sept. 1, at 10:30 AM, followed by brunch & bingo, and be over in time for you to attend the General Assembly at 1:00 PM.

Your AUX 1980 dues are now payable, and if you desire to do it prior to the reunion — send \$2.00 to me now (address shown below).

LINDA K. KEETON, who is in charge of the AUX COOK BOOK, says the response is lagging, so please send in your favorite recipes, helpful hints for the kitchen to her now: 836 Kathy St., Gretna, LA 70053.

We are looking forward to the biggest and best reunion in HOUSTON, and write me, as I'd love to hear from you all.

RUBY CANNON, Ladies Auxiliary, 36th Division Association, 3520 W. Brookview, Waco, TX 76710.

Armand Jones Now In Dallas at Caruso's

Hey, all you T-Patchers in Dallas County — did you know that a well-known 36th Artilleryman has a great-great Italian Restaurant in North Dallas?

Yes, it's ole ARMAND G. 'Dago' JONES and his 'CARUSO'S' at 706 Medallion Center, Northwest Hwy at Skillman. It's the fun place that comes alive with singing waiters.

Armand is an ole Santonian, of the old TNG 133rd FA . . . and then after the war joined WBAP-TV in Fort Worth as an announcer. Shortly afterwards opened his first 'Italian Inn' in an old house near the station, and has been peddling the best spaghetti in Texas for 25 years. He also operates the Italian Inn Ridgela in Fort Worth (a site of many 36th's meeting place), and now Armand moved to Dallas to be close to his great achievement — CARUSO'S. Why don't you cats in Dallas County drop by. Or call 691-9944 and ask for Armand or his charming wife, Kay.

Your Unit C.P. Is The Place For 'Instant Replay' of War Stories

One of the highlights of any T-Patch Reunion is the hospitality and comradeship you'll find in any of the CP's. Your unit V/P is your host. He is responsible for the spread of all the food and beverages, so don't forget to feed the Kitty.

All are located on the 2nd floor of the Astrovillage, now called TOWER ROOMS:

143rd Infantry Tower 6 and 7
141st Infantry Tower 8 and 9
111th Engineers Tower 5
144th Infantry Tower 4
Div. Artillery Tower 3
142nd Infantry Tower 2
Spec. Troops Tower 1.

PRIZES GALORE . . .

There will be gifts and awards, all for free (well, almost). Look at this:

1. T-Patcher who drives the farthest to Houston, will receive a 10' siphoning hose (to help him get back home) courtesy Zeb Sunday.
2. A lock of hair from baldy Payne Rucker, host of the 143rd CP, for the trooper who donates the 'most' to his kitty.
3. A complete set of blueprints & diagrams of the Bailey Bridge (WWII) which really was designed by Col. Oran Stovall of Bowie Texas . . . to the 'best' 111th Engineer contributor at his C.P.
4. Dick Pratt, host of Special Troops CP will award to his folks — a half-price discount coupon for anyone seeking a quick Mexican divorce.
5. John 'ARab' Powers will award to any 141st troopers who donates to his kitty, a copy of his 'secret' Slit-Trench Chili recipe.
6. In the 144th CP, host R. E. Bob Wallace will give to the best contributor, a stack of Confederate money. (Don't laff, this stuff is valuable) . . . cause the SOUTH will rise again, says Wallace, a stamp and coin dealer.
7. Mac Acosta, editor of Le T-Bone (Santone chapter) will give a copy of Charlie Beacham's, best-selling paper back — "How to be a success in the Military without Trying," plus brochures (for all) at the 141st CP, "1001 Wild Tales from Rocking Chair Ranch," also by Beacham.
8. Edward Keeton, host of Artillerymen will present to his biggest 'kitty' donator — an un-exploded 155mm shell he found in Italy.
9. Kentucky Colonel, Sam Kibbey will award a copy of his paper, "How I Beat The Giants of Big Oil," and a gift certificate for 5 gallons of gasoline, to men attending the 143rd CP.
10. 'Red' Morgan, host of 142nd CP will award to his best kitty-contributor — a mounted and stuffed Armadillo from the Amarillo Zoo.
11. Bob Phinney of Austin, retired chief of Texas' IRS will not give you a booklet, but to the winner, he'll whisper in your ear — "13 Ways To Cheat on Your Income Tax."

Quite often a T-Patcher will move to a new address, then fail to advise Leonard Wilkerson, our membership chairman (who controls the mailing list) and so his T-Patch is NOT delivered — because we mail THIRD CLASS bulk rate — and the P.O. will not forward, nor return to us.



. . . or, you can call him a cab! If this character shows up at your C.P., don't worry, the Lone Star 'Long-Necks' will toss'em out on his 'natural'.

Advance Reunion Reservations Help Out At Reunion Time . . .

ERNEST DETTERMAN, 4702 Ryan Dr., Toledo, OH 43614 got the message from the May issue about 'pre-registration' for the reunion. A member of the Co. G, 142nd outfit, Ernie sends in \$62.50 for dues, (\$7.50 for listing in reunion program) and 2 \$25.00 registrations for the Houston bash. Wife Evalyn says, "we'll be there in time for the great Early Bird Party on Thursday Aug. 30th."



Life Members

The 36th Life Membership drive is still going. It is our salvation. These funds assure us that we can 'survive' hell and high water. Here are some recent ones:

MYRL YAEGER, 5th & Washington, Glasgow, MO 65254 of Co. K, 141st sends in his \$100.00. Ken Nixon will issue card and certificate.

R. PHILIP HADDOCK, Attorney, Drawer 1839, Lakeland, FL 33802 served with Co. G, 143rd sends in \$75 for the balance on his Life membership.

JAMES L. CAVALCANTE — 35, Vinnell Corp. APO NY 09038 of 111th Engineers send in his \$100, says "I've been wanting to do this for some time, now it is done." Jim is engaged in training Saudis — military tactics and supply and maintenance, which he has done for the past 3 years. Jim concludes with the message that he hopes someday he can make a 36th Reunion.

OUR thanks to these great T-Patchers.

Heard from

WILLIE O. MARTIN, Rt. 1, Bx 305W, Rockport, TX 78382 of Co. K, 143rd sends in his 1980 dues to LENWLK.

EUGENE O. PRYOR, Holland, TX 76534 served with Co. D, 142nd writes to LENWLK that he is 100% disabled, and wants to know if facilities at the hotel will accommodate wheelchairs.

HENRY L. FENLEY, Jr., 8143 Brockton, Houston, TX 77017 sends in his check for \$65.00 as final payment on his LIFE membership. Says he was in VA hospital 7 months last year, and saved the money. Fenley served with Co. G, 143rd Inf. in N/Africa and Italy. Now, that's what you call devotion!

NOTE — If you do not plan to attend the Houston Reunion, please use the enclosed envelope to send in your 1980 dues — now due and payable.

W. B. ATWOOD, 11021 Milhof Drive, Dallas, TX 75228 a great T-Patcher of Co. D, 141st sends in \$100 for a LIFE membership. Atwood makes most all the reunions, and is a dedicated 36th. Cheers for W.B.!

JACK J. FINAN, the Rock of Chickamuaga, resides in Raleigh, NC, served with Co. G, 142nd and was reported in the Co. G Newsletter that he had been 'missing'. So happens that your editor had a recent dispatch from J.J. and he says . . . he'll be in Snyder in November for the reunion, but cannot make the Houston bash. Ole 'Pineapple' Jack has been a great birddog for the assn.

Dear LENWLK: Here's \$5 for dues for MILTON P. STEWART 5506 Bankside, Houston, TX 77096 sent in by LES TERRY of 36th Recon Troop, who says he's the 'Toledo Texan'. Les is a contender for the BIRDDOG award for '79, and adds — "I consider it a privilege to pay this one."

NOTICE: If you cannot make the Houston Reunion, please use the enclosed envelope to pay your 1980 dues, now! It takes over \$15,000.00 to administrate this association, and we need your help!

FRANK J. DORKO, 1519 Lakeland Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107 sends in dues, says he's 'birddoggin', and 3 of us couples are coming to the Houston Hullabaloo, and possibly a fourth, and hey, Frank, bring a 5th. Dorko served with Co. F, 143rd.

LOUIS PRINCE, 33 Harvard, Nashua, NH 03060 of our attached unit 443rd AAA Bn., sends in his dues.

FELIX STORY of 736th Ordnance, formerly of New York, now has a new address: 123 Pebble Beach Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.

CLARENCE W. HEINTZELMAN, RD 4 Box 309, Slatington, PA 18080 of Btry C, 132nd FA sends in 1980 dues, says he's still trying to find a Lt. Lange. Help, anyone?

Co. G, 142nd To Meet Nov. 17th In Snyder

Men of Co. G, 142nd Infantry will return this year for their 6th annual reunion, Nov. 17th, 1979 to the campus of Western Texas College, Snyder, Texas, says J. C. WILLIAMSON, president of the Co. G. Assn.

This message was sent to us by Chas. W. Stimson, Jr., 4307 West 2nd St., Westridge Park, Plainview, TX 79072 who is editor of the Co. G. Review, a very informative 6 page newsletter.

WELCOME New Members

PAYNE RUCKER, V/P of 143rd sends in 3 new 'uns. They are: JIM STOKES, 501 Davis St., Taylor, TX 76574 of Co. I, 143rd; W. S. FLEMING, 1010 Hitch Blvd., Guymon, OK 73942 of Co. D, 143rd, and ARTHUR C. ROSE, Rt. 6, Box 6300, Belton, TX 76513 also of Co. D, 143rd.

THEODORE P. PELLETIER, 45 Katharine St., New Bedford, MA 02744 of 443rd AAA Bn., and CHARLES E. REESE, 92 Carroll St., New Boeford, MA 02740 of Hqs. 143rd is two more new ones rounded up by ole Amazin' Amil. JASPER B. PLATT, Rt. 4, Box 272, Canton, TX 75103 of Co. G, 144th in new, says Leonard. Platt later joined Co. A, 142nd and became a POW at Salerno (was carried for 3 months as MIA by his 142nd unit).

MORRIS S. ROSENBAUM, 3900 Hayes, Apt. D, El Paso, TX 79930 served with Svc. Co., 143rd from '40-'44, sends \$10 for dues and etc. Morris joined up at Waco, says he's been in El Paso for the past 30 years. Welcome to the club!

ALFRED H. ELLIS, 46781 Road 124, Orange Gove, CA 93646 is a new one from Co. C, 141st, 3rd platoon. Al says he'll be in HOUSTON for the reunion.

Lt. Col. EGBERT V. BUNGER, 12310 Walthampton, San Antonio, TX 78216 served with Co. C, 111th Medical Bn., joins up after some effort from ole Amil. Welcome, Colonel!

JOHN S. DIVIZIO, 5111 S. Laramie Ave., Chicago, IL 60638 sends in his dues, because JOE MASSUA, 528 S. East Ave., Oak Park, IL found him.

RUDELPH F. SORRELLS, 322 Ellen, Deer Park, TX 77535 is in, but failed to give his unit. Try to be in HOUSTON on Labor Day weekend.

RAY W. GLOVER, 3816 Washington, Amarillo, TX 79110 is another new one from Amil's drag-net. No unit was given.

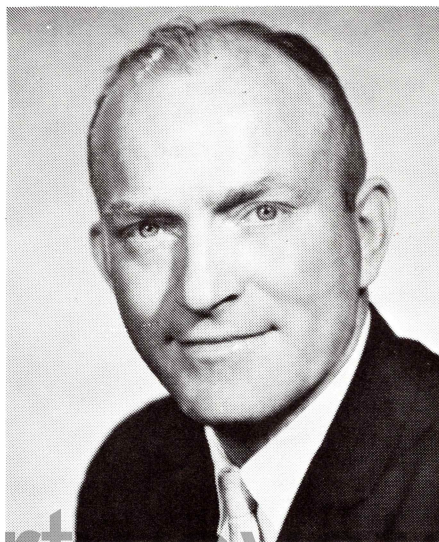
ROY ASHCRAFT, 3405 Leith Lane, Louisville, KY 40218 of Hqs. 142nd was rounded-up by ole Amil . . . who also got JAMES M. BASEGGIO, Box 44, Darragh, PA 15625 of Co. L, 143rd and DOMINICK S. RACE, 1590 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95815 of Co. I, 143rd Inf., and TOM HAZEN, 12565 McCullum NE, Alliance, OH 44601 of 141st.

HENRY L. FENLEY Jr., of Co. G, 143rd sends in dues for BOBBY G. CARR, Rt. 4, Box 100, Livingston, TX of Co. I, 143rd. See you in Houston!

CLARENCE LUEDEMANN, 4149 Erie St., Houston, TX 77087 of Co. D, 143rd is new, and so is NEILL J. COX, 5754 St. Gallen Ave., Mobile, AL 36608 of Co. H, 143rd, both scored by ole Amazin' Amil.

Three more of 443rd AAA Bn (SP) join up, after Amil gets after them: ALFRED D'Arco, 121-08 845h St., N.Y. City, 11415; HERMAN GOLDSTEIN, 301 E. 47th, apt. 14B, NY, NY, 10017 and JOHN A. DRISCOLL, 142 Longhill Rd., Gillette, NJ 07933.

Super-Birddogger, 'Red' Morgan is still working overtime, and his latest catch is these 3 new ones all of 142nd — FRANK A. WIZNER, 1276 West Midland, Auburn, MI 48611; WILLIAM T. SMITH, Rt. 2, Ballinger, TX 76821 of Co. G; RUPERT T. RAMAGE, 1600 13th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 of Svc. Co. Welcome, men!



ORVAL O. 'SANDY' SAUNDERS President and General Manager of the State Fair of Oklahoma.

It's heartwarming to find an ole T-Patcher who has not ever made a reunion, and then see that they will make the next one.

Jack L. Scott, our Exec/VP sends in a photo of Orval O. (Sandy) Saunders, Staff officer and Co. C, CO of the 1st Bn., 142nd Infantry who says he'll make the Houston Reunion (his first). Orval is president and general manager of the State Fair of Oklahoma, who has in the past 20 years, raised the Oklahoma City Fair to No. 3 ranking in the country, behind the State Fair of Texas, Dallas.

Jack Scott, who now has his Company Hqs. in Okla. City is responsible for this score, and says, "Orval was a very close associate of the late Jim Minor."

Pre-Register Is Good . . .

Last issue, we suggested that you could pre-register for the HOUSTON Reunion, so we have received many who dislike standing in line. JOHNNY BARNES, 114 Walker Ave., Hueytown, AL 35020 sends to LENWLK a check for \$55.00 for his 1980 dues, and (two at \$25) registration. John served with Btry A, 131st FA Bn. That's good.

Heard from

FRANK R. VONDRA, 6210 Fushimi Ct., Burke, VA 22015 of Can/Co., 143rd sends to LENWLK \$25 for dues and two buddies: DOMINIC RACE, 1590 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95815 of Co. I, 143rd; and CHARLES 'Porkie' PRICE, 51 Marmora Rd. Parsippany, NJ 07054 also 143rd. Vondra is paid up 'til 1982. How 'bout that.

RAYMOND C. WELLS, P.O. Box 55, Strasburg, CO 80136 of Co. H, 141st says he joined his outfit in El Paso in 1939 and served with Co. H until he was 'hit' Feb. 1944. He found a home in the military and retired in 1963.

JOHN IRZYK, 844 Byham Rd., Winlock, WA 98596 of Co. C, 141st got the message from May issue of the T-Patcher and sends in his 1980 dues. That's good. He says to say hello to E. A. HIRT of Midland, TX. OK.

R. J. McMORROW, 10425 Johnson Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55437 of Co. F, 141st was finally rounded up by Sam Petty after 5 years, he says. Welcome!

AMBROSE BROOKS, 1508 38th St. NW, Canton, OH 44709 saw a new item in his local paper about the 36th, then sends his 1980 dues to LENWLK. Brooks served with Co. F, 141st 1944-45. See you in Houston!

EZRA WATSON, formerly of Dunnville, KY has a new address: Rt. 3, Box 253G, Russell Springs, KY 42642. EVERHARDT VON TOUSSAINT, has new address: 431 McNeel Road, San Antonio, TX 78228. Both reported by LES TERRY of Toledo, OH, who is a candidate for the Birddog award.

DWIGHT W. BAKER, 310 Darbyview Dr., W. Jefferson, OH 43162 sends to LENWLK \$20 for his 1980 dues and \$15 for 3 drop outs, and he also buys a BOOSTER listing in the Houston Reunion Program. Baker served with Co. H, 142nd (a great outfit).

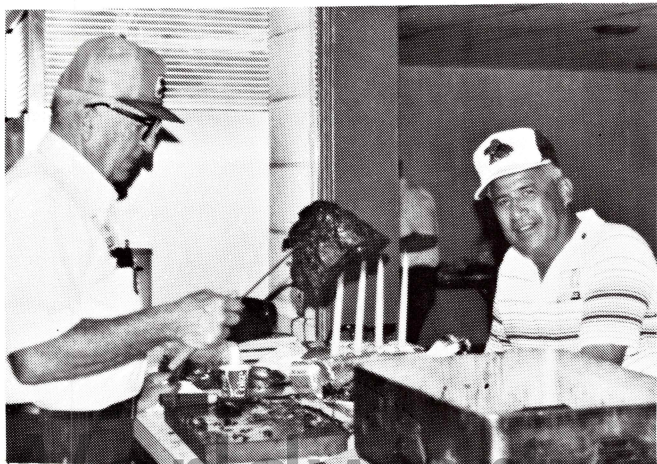
PETE RODGERS, 1901 NE 51st Terr., Kansas City, MO 64118 sends in his '80 dues and registration fee for the Houston Reunion (advance). Pete served with 636th TD Bn.

M. G. WELLING, 8705 Wimbledon Dr., Knoxville, TN 37917 of Co. A, 143rd is a re-newal; also PHILIP F. STROM, 4720 McKnight NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 of Can. Co., 143rd and MARION HOGUE, 1618 W. Hildebrand, San Antonio, TX of Div. Arty were rounded-up by ole Amazin' Amil.



MEMORIAL DAY Ceremony, 1945 in Southern Germany, this is final parade of the 1st Battalion, 142nd Infantry. Photo taken and sent in by Rev. G. A. Taylor, Capt. Co. D, 142nd, now resides at Asheville, N.C.

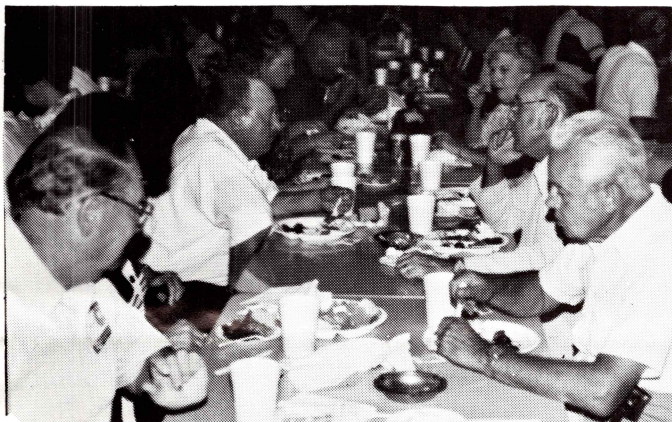
Big Turnout For 143rd Reunion



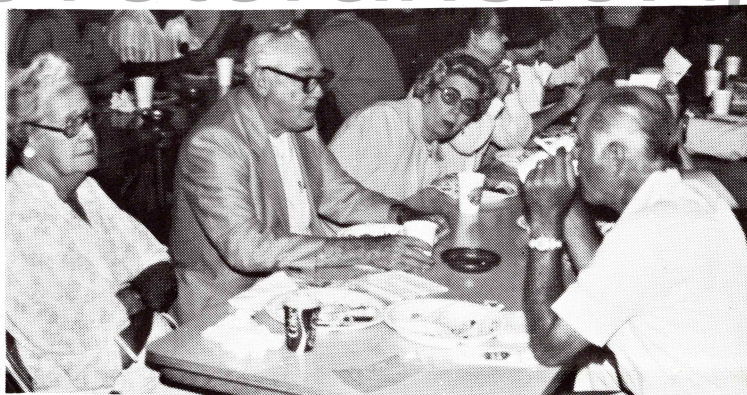
Real Texas Bar-be-cue cookin' at the 143rd Reunion in Waco. From left is Col. Wiley W. Stem, Jr., head chef and his assistant, Alex Maldonado, both of Waco.



New Officers of the 143rd Infantry Assn. Front row from left: George R. Scott, James O. Quick and Alvin Amelunke. Back row: Adolph Langlotz, Gen. David M. Frazier, Archie McDugal, Roger Cannon, H. W. Dale, Rufus Cleghorn (Secty-Treas) and Wiley W. Stem the 1980 president.



What a Meal! From left — Bob Passions and wife, Earl Higginbotham, the Baron of Burnet, Texas, his wife and Ruby and Julian Philips of Houston. On right side of table — Bert Carlton, Dallas, Payne Rucker and his wife and Frances Wilkerson. Photos made and sent in by Leonard (the great) Wilkerson.



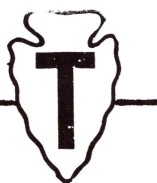
Shown at center, Gen. Dave Frazier and Mrs. Frazier, with Mrs. Jack Armstrong and Gen. William R. Lynch (our guest speaker at the Houston Reunion. Photo by LENWLK.

Leonard Visits 143rd Reunion, Signs Up 33

Leonard Wilkerson says "If you're gonna catch 'em, you gotta be where they are AT". So he got 5 new, and 28 renewals for '80 dues at the 143rd Reunion in Waco, June 15-16th.

The new ones: Bill Brashears, A/T Co.; Turner Drake of Co. L; Wm. C. Duncan; Manny Gouveia and Gerald L. AcAfee both of Co. K; Leon Wright, Medics 143rd.

Renewals: August F. Bertram, Chas. C. Biggs, Carl Bishop, Roy T. Bunch, Robert R. Cahal (WWI), Willie Discher, Earl O. Ellis, W. O. Frederick, Roy D. Goad, Tom W. Head, Tom Henson, Hubert E. Houston, Angela Kelinske, Billy E. Kirby, Walter R. Kramolis, Adolphs W. Langlotz, General William R. Lynch, Darwin W. Miller, Marvin A. McCoy, Judge Frank McDonald, Alex L. Pellerin, D. W. Pollock, James O. Quick, Leon Slovak, Loren S. Strebin, Dempsey W. Welch, Kay Whaley and Elmer K. Wittle.



Company F, 142nd Reunion

Veterans of Company F, 142nd Infantry, 36th Infantry Division, held their 14th annual reunion on the banks of Lake Whitney, south of Fort Worth, on 22-24 June. Thirty-seven were present, including two from North Carolina, and eight from Indiana. The reunion was held last year in Indiana, and the troops voted to hold it next year at Canyon, the "home town" of Company F.

Early arrivals launched the festivities at the home of Mrs. Homer M. Spence, widow of the company commander who took them into the beaches at Paestum.

Alma Spence reports that "we ate, drank and visited — not necessarily in that order — and cruised the beautiful lake on the Empress, as well as viewing films and slides of former reunions."

Attending were the hostess and presiding officer for the year, Alma Spence, Hilbert and Irene Egloff, Al and Adele Torok, Don and Velda Selke, Harvey and Dorothy Masek, David and Dean Morgan, Leon Barton, Jess

and Naomi Bewly, Willard Childers, Lorenzo and Augustina Covarrubias, Ray Garza. Also Joe and Dorothy Gill, Lloyd Hamblen, Juanita Ziegler, Frank and Marge Hollabaugh, James 'Pappy' Hughes, Jack Inman, Vincent and Helen Lockhart, Boots and Mary McBroom, Joe and Gladys Rakowitz, Chester Rutledge, Bill and Ruby Strain, Humerto Trevino and Oneta Strong.

The Sunday morning Memorial Service was conducted by Colonel Vincent Lockhart. In honoring the Company F members who have passed on, Col. Lockhart used as examples his father, Captain William E. Lockhart, who brought the company on active duty and died before it got overseas; Homer Spence, who commanded the company in combat and died after the war, and Carrol T. ("Truett") O'Donald, who was KIA.

The group will meet with Boots and Mary McBroom in Canyon in June, 1980. Inquiries to Mary McBroom, 2418 11th Avenue, Canyon, TX 79015.

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

THERE ARE 8 MILLION STORIES IN THE 36th

The T-Patchers Where They Live

Ohio Leads Out of State With 168 Members

New breakdown of T-Patchers mailed as of May 1979:

ALA	24	OHIO	168
ALASKA	2	OKLA	32
ARIZ	15	ORE	6
ARK	10	PA	160
CALIF	76	R. I.	11
COLO	16	S. C.	9
CONN	11	S. D.	4
DEL	3	TENN	19
D.C.	3	TEX	1,520
FLA	72	UTAH	—
GA	25	VERMONT	—
HAWAII	1	VIRGINIA	33
IDAHO	1	WASH	12
ILL	81	W. VA	11
IND	52	WISC	28
IOWA	12	WYO	3
KAN	25	U.S.	Total
KENTUCKY	26	tal	2,975
LA	17		
MAINE	6		
MARYLAND	16		
MASS	51		
MICH	116		
MINN	21		
MISS	13		
MO	26		
MONT	1		
NEBR	3		
NEV	1		
N. HAM	5		
N. J.	72		
N. M.	7		
N. Y.	118		
N. C.	32		
N. D.	2		

Breakdown of the 1520 in Texas:	
Santone ..	149
Houston ..	129
Dallas ..	93
Ft. Worth ..	90
Waco ..	72
Austin ..	39
Other towns by ZIP...	
75	195
76	271
77	150
78	139
79	193

The tabulation above was sent in by Leonard Wilkerson, and he has our thanks. Now we know where the troopers ARE.

Heard From

As you may have been advised, we have released a mother-lode of notices and stories to magazines and newspapers — nationwide.

It pays off. Here's one more: "I was pleased to find your address in the AMERICAN LEGION magazine, as I have for many years wanted info on the 36th," says DONALD R. ROBINSON, 919 Park Ave., Syracuse, NY 13204.

Don served with Co. G, 141st, asks for reunion info and how he can get a 'history' (which is being re-printed) so he now has the info, says LENWLK or busy membership chairman. Hey, Don, try for HOUSTON's Astroville hotel, Labor Day weekend.



This is ONE of the 'best' photos ever made of the late Col. JAMES L. MINOR, CO of 1st Bn., 142nd Infantry . . . it was made in May 1945 by Capt. G. A. Taylor of Co. D, 142nd. Jim Minor (1918-1976) was one of the 36th's great heroes, was the youngest Lt. Col. in World War II.

Co. B, 142nd Western Meet Again at Coleman

The 'Western' half of Co. B, 142nd met in Coleman, June 9-10 with 35 T-Patcher in attendance, plus their wives, so reports W. J. Baxter (secty-Tr). Two former CO's attended — Joseph Middleton, Ballinger, TX and Dewey Mann, Nitro, WV.

Twenty of the 35 in attendance, were in Co. B, 142nd at mobilization (Nov. 1940). On Monday following the reunion, JAKE ELROD entertained with a fish-fry at his home on Fort Phantom Lake, which many attended.

Charter Bus From Dallas?

Ever now and then someone comes up with a good idea . . . like a CHARTER BUS from Dallas to Houston for the reunion. Not bad, might help those 'gas pains' we all have.

Leroy C. Zapalac, 2615 Bonnywood Lane, Dallas, TX 75233 contacted LENWLK about this . . . so it's open season for all interested parties. A charter from Dallas could round-up alot of Patchers from the whole D/FW metroplex (2,500,000 folks) that's in six counties. If you agree . . . write to ZAPALAC or call him at (214) 333-3524.

Can Anyone Help Ole Dick?

Last July we had a story on DICK DOUGHERTY, who is ass't managing editor of Rochester (NY) Times-Union. Dick wrote in his column, "Memorial Day: A Better Taste of Melancholy" (all about the 36th). His column appears in 30 Gannett papers nationwide (including El Paso).

Dougherty served with Btry C, 131st, gets mail at 276 Dale Rd., Rochester, NY 14625 and is still trying to locate Capt. VIRGIL PEDERSEN, CO of Co. A, 141st, with whom he was forward observer. CAN ANYONE HELP! If so, please contact Dick. Over & out.

WELCOME

New Members.....

Payne Rucker (the Dallas Dynamo) and V/P of 143rd sends dues for FORREST M. GUMPER, Box 1147, Dalhart, TX 79022 of Co. I and Svc. Co. 143rd . . . and GUY W. TEAGARTEN, Smithville, MO 64089 also of Co. I, 143rd.

Ole Amil birddogged these two: CURTIS W. DOEHRE, 202 West Walker, Temple, TX 76501 of Co. D, 143rd, and ROY DOHONEY, 3209 Van Buren, Amarillo, TX 79109 of A/T Co., 143rd. Both of you guys better report for roll call in Houston!

HAROLD H. DUGAN, 8485 Pat Booker Road, Box 50, Universal City, TX 78148 served with 132nd FA, is a retired M/Sgt., was rounded up by JAMES W. CRAIG, 207 Serna Park Dr., San Antonio, TX 78218.

GEORGE SHIPPEY, 204 S. 4th St., Darby, PA 19023 of Co. G, 143rd . . . WILLIAM E. MARLER, Rt. 2, Box 142, Jemison, AL 35085 and RAYMOND C. FESSLER, 1002 Twin Falls, Houston, TX 77088 both of Co. B, 143rd, roped in by Amil.

THOMAS J. MANION, 633 Kindred Lane, Richardson, TX 75080 of Medics 144th is in with 1980 dues. LENWLK also gets 3 more new un's: DICK E. DOUGHTERTY, 276 Dale Rd. Rochester, NY 14625 of Btry C, 131st; JOSEPH C. LOVE, 509 Pine Buff, Paris, TX 75460 of Btry A, 132nd, and WILLIAM E. BAKER, Rt. 1, Box 137, Rio, IL 61472 of 443rd AAA Bn. See you guys in HOUSTON, now hear.

JOHNNIE R. BERRY, Box 372, Moulton, TX 77975 of 216th AAA Gun Bn., was rounded up by Amil, who has 2 more: RUDOLPH WARCHOL, 2497 7th St. Rd., New Kensington, PA 15068 and E. D. EARWOOD, Rt. 1, Lohville, IA 51453 both of Btry C, 132nd FA and are paid up 'til 1981.

History of 25th Is New One From Curt Walthall

A WWII 144th Infantry T-Patcher, Curt Walthall, later joined the 25th Infantry Division in Korea 1950-51, and for the last six years served as 25th's historian, has just published "LIGHTNING FORWARD," A History of the 25th Infantry Division, 1941-1978.

This unit was made famous by the book and movie, "FROM HERE TO ETERNITY" by James Jones. Walthall's book covers the 25th Division from Schofield Barracks at Pearl Harbor, through Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Vella La Vella, Luzon; the Korean War (1950-54) and Vietnam (1965-70).

Curt's research says that there were 87 combat division who fought in WWII, and this is ONE of them, and their story is a good one. The 25th Division, was known as "Tropic Lighting" and we recommend this one if you are a serious WAR buff and collector.

Walthall sent to your editor an advance copy, which we treasure. He is a jim-dandy historian and writer, as well as a devoted 36ther. GET a copy of this book — "LIGHTNING FORWARD" and order direct — to CURT WALTHALL, 5711 22nd St. West, Bradenton, FL 33507 . . . (hardcover 9 1/2 x 6", 216 pages), enclose your check for \$10 made out to Walthall.

A-Rab and Reita are Two 'Power'-ful Workers for 36th "Rondo Rifles" Are Ready

The 54th annual reunion is just weeks away, so start packin' your B Bag and join the ole 'Fightin' 36th buddies in Houston's Astroville.

We're looking forward to seeing many of our out-of-state and adpted Texans of 141st "Rondo Rifles" as well as members of Texas . . . for it's folks like you who make our reunion a success! Many of our past 141st V/P's will be waiting to WELCOME you at our CP . . . like: Marvin Steitle, Sam Petty, Mac Acosta, Charlie 'Lemmon Kid' Beacham of Rockin' Chair Ranch fame; Hanko (the Rondo Kid) Gomez, Harry McGowan and other characters from the Alamo City.

This gang of and others of the S/A chapter have been working and planning all year to prepare the 141st CP for the biggest and best in history. We had many 'first-timers' last year in Santone, and we know they'll be back.

If you know of a drop-out, or a Patcher that has never made a reunion . . . send me their names and I will send a personal invitation. As editor Bill Jary would say — "If you're short of cash, get it from your brother-in-law, or fly now, pay later.

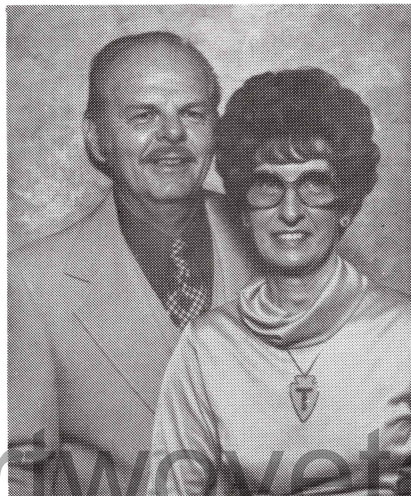
Hope that finds you in good health, and this ole 'ARab' will be waiting at your CP with a cold LONE STAR longneck in Houston. Best wishes, John 'ARab' Powers. 102 Stardust Road, San Antonio, TX 78228.

If You Misplaced Your Room Reservation Card

In the May issue of the T-Patch a card for hotel registration was enclosed. IF YOU LOST this, and plan to attend the Houston Reunion . . . write: ASTROVILLAGE, Convention Reservation Dept., 2350 S. Loop West, Houston, TX 77054 and be sure to mention 36th Division Or call (713) 748-3221.



JOSEPH W. MALONE, Box 519, Grandfield, OK 73546 served with Medics 142nd Inf., says he'd like to hear from any of the old buddies . . . been in the hospital for 52 days, but is mending. Thanks, Joe for this foto.



John 'A-Rab' and Reita Powers are a couple of busy T-Patchers. He's president of the San Antonio Chapter, Reita's president of the S/A Auxiliary. A-Rab is also V/P of 141st, and these two, with alot of help from the Santone gang will host the RONDO C.P. at the Houston Reunion. Now, how's that for T-Patch Fever!

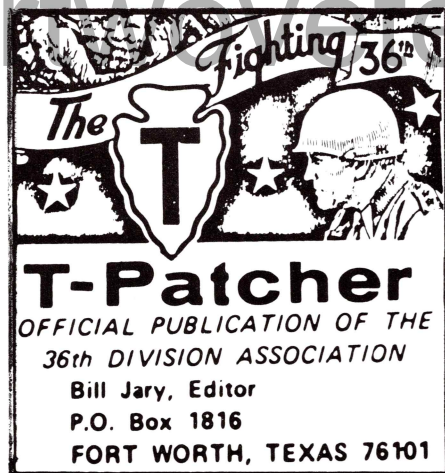
1980 Dues Now Payable!

INFLATION is a dirty word. It hits you where you don't want it. Gasoline and beer (two vital fuels of the 20th century) continue to rise.

So does the operation of your 36th Division Association. SO ALL YOU guys who can't make the 1979 Houston Reunion, please be reminded that your 1980 dues are now ready for payment. Remember we operate from September-August fiscal year. Your 1979 dues just ran out. Send your \$5.00 to Leonard Wilkerson, 11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas, TX 78228 now, and get your new membership card.

Send In Your Postcard

In this issue, you should find a postcard self-addressed to Julian Philips, Houston Reunion chairman, with three items to check if plan to attend the Houston 54th Reunion. This takes only 30 seconds, and it will give an idea of "how many at what, etc." DO IT!



"A Happy Hello From The Alamo City"

As the re-union time nears, the excitement begins to mount and rightly so. There will be so many wonderful people there re-living war stories and past re-unions.

To T-Patchers everywhere, if you haven't attended one of these you can't believe what you are missing. Something is taking place every day. The early bird party on Thursday evening starts all events rolling.

The "Arab" and I will be your host and hostess in the 141 CP room. We will have plenty of food and drinks and the only way we can see some of you, is to drop by and see us.

I will have a handcrafted ceramic with a T-Patch on it for a raffle prize, you might be interested in that.

Since we started attending regularly, we have made some beautiful friendships, which reminds me, that I could not write without praising the sweet, loyal, people in our active group here in the San Antonio Chapter and Auxiliary. We have so much fun and they pitch in and help with anything that's needed. They will be in there helping when the CP rook opens.

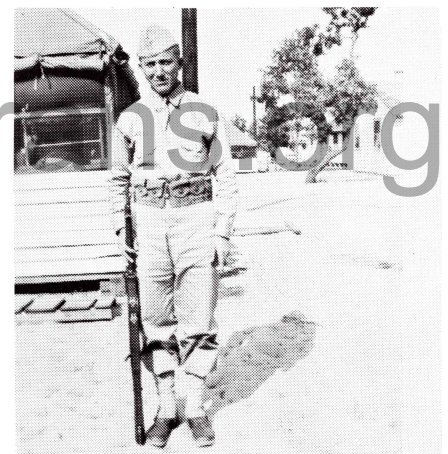
Looking forward to seeing each of you and enjoying another fun filled weekend. We must stop and give thanks to God for allowing us to be fortunate enough to be a part of this happy celebration. God Bless each of you.

Reita Powers, Auxiliary Pres.
San Antonio Chapter
36th Divisin Association

LENWLK Needs Winter Pix

Leonard Wilkerson would like to 'borrow' a photo of a good winter-scene taken in France or Italy that could be used for a 1979 Xmas Card for the 36th to use (or insert) in the Nov. '79 issue.

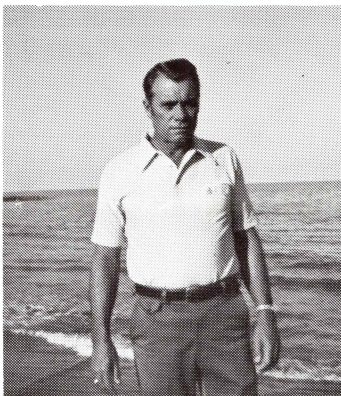
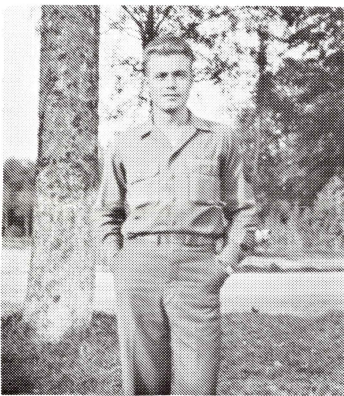
Or you may have a 'make shift' Xmas tree scene. Your help will be appreciated, and you'll get it back.



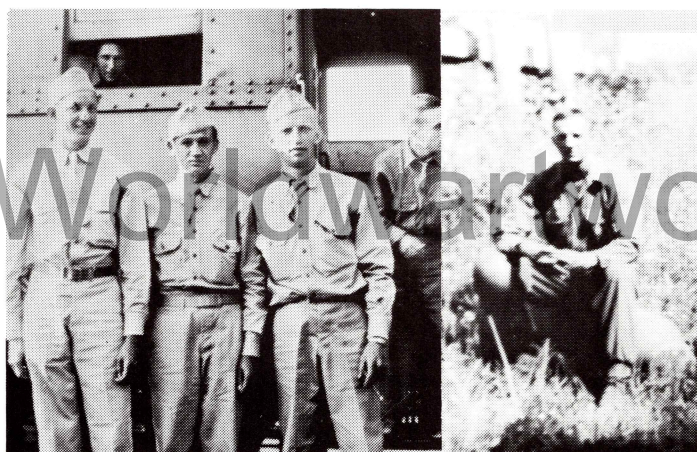
36th Recon Trooper — Camp Blanding Fla., 1942 . . . here's Pfc Harold W. Beaver of 57128 CRP, West LaFayette, OH 43845. Photo sent in by Les Terry, the super birddogger of Toledo.



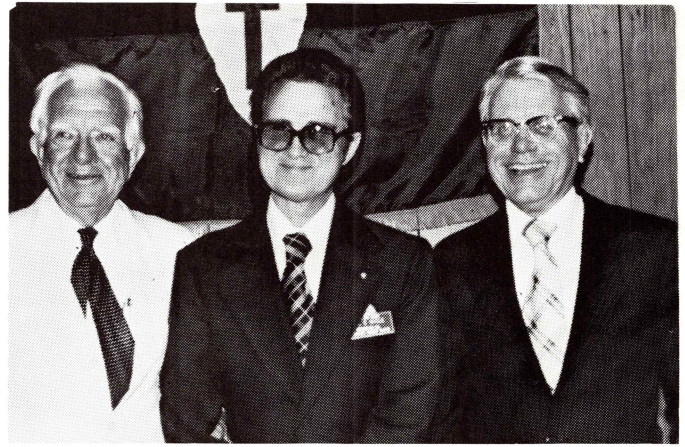
FREE HAIRCUT for Mamselle! This was a common scene in Southern France, Aug. 1944, after we had removed the Germans from the premises. This dramatic photo was made by Capt. G. A. Taylor, of Co. D, 142nd shows an officer of the French Marquis (resistance-fighters) parading this young lady down the street as an horrible example as to what happens to young ladies who 'fraternized' with the Krauts. She got her head shaved, but no shampoo. No one kept score on these events, but you can believe there were many.



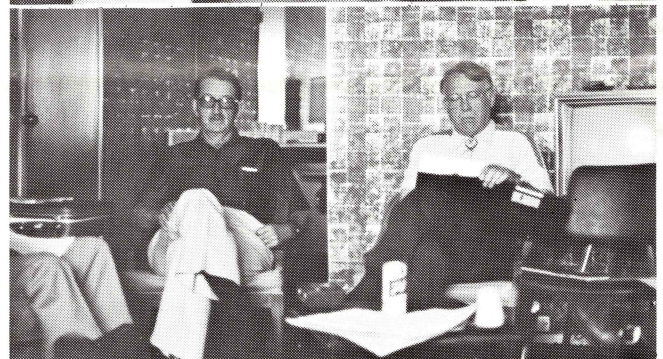
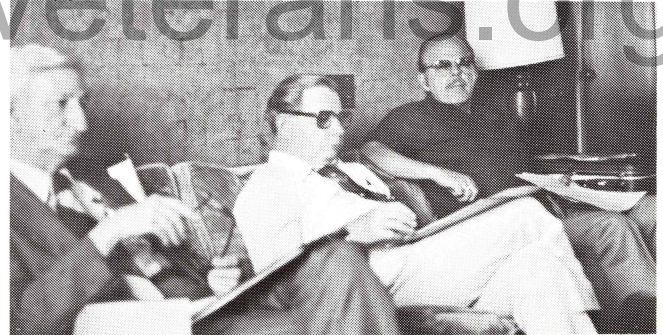
THEN & NOW . . . here's Wayne Stout, 101 East 11th St., Fayetteville, ARK 72701 — in France 1944 with Btry. C, 132nd F.A. Bn., and today, as retired Ass't Chief of Police of Fayetteville. Wayne's dues are paid for 2 years.



New Haven, Conn., ready to get on board for a weekend pass in NYC. Here's **WALTER A. SHEETS**, (life member) 159 Walnut St., Columbia, PA 17512 of Co. H, 141st; **EDWARD J. WOLEK** of Co. G, 141st (deceased) and **STAN P. JASKELWICZ** (KIA at San Pietro) of Co. H, 141st. Photo at right — Walter Sheets sitting on an unexploded bomb at wars end, near Kaufbeuren, Germany. Photo sent in by L. B. Bush Easley of Dallas, who is one of our best contributors. Thanks, Bush.



Three Great Leaders Meet at Mid-West Reunion. Col. Oran Stovall, Elder-Statesman and 'daddy' of this group; William C. Nagle, chief ram-rod and our Association President, Julian M. Quarles who journeyed from Miami to Chicago for this one. (other pixs on Page 4)

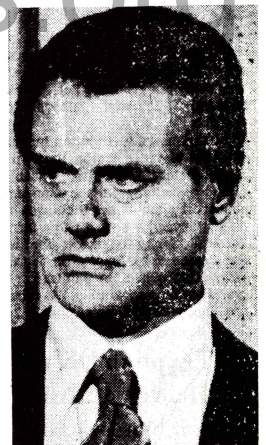


36th Division Association Board members at the May 1979 meeting in Houston to wrap-up all reunion details. TOP photo from left is Ken L. Nixon, our great treasurer; C. N. Red Morgan, V/P of 142nd, and John 'Arab' Powers, V/P of Rondo. Photo above is Col. Vincent Lockhart, our division historian and Jack Scott, executive vice-president. President Julian Quarles presided at the 'Summit' meeting of the minds, and so all you have to do is — **BE IN HOUSTON** — and see what a great reunion is in store for you. Julian Philips (143rd) of Houston is Reunion Chairman.

'J.R.' Ewing Is A Son of 36th

If you are a rabid TV fan, and watch 'Dallas', the popular series that features 'J.R.' (the most-hated) in real life is a 'Son of the 36th'.

Yes, **LARRY HAGMAN**, whom you may know from other TV shows, like 'I Dream of Jeannie' is the son of the late **CARL HAGMAN**, an officer in the 132nd FA Bn., of Weatherford, TX. His mother is none other than **MARY MARTIN**, the most celebrated stage and screen star. How 'bout that! Now you know.



Heard from 36th Recon Holds 1st Reunion

HAROLD G. CHARETTE, 2715 Hannah St., Marinette, WI 54143 served with Svc. Co., 143rd as S/Sgt. in the S/4 section was roped in by Fred Seberd, Co. M, 142nd of same city. **HERMAN P. HEIL**, 13506 118th St., Ozone Park, N.Y. 11420 of Co. F, 143rd is a drop-out whom was re-activated by the efforts of Leonard Wilkerson.

ALVIE DEWEL REAVIS, a drop-out of 1814 W. Williams St., Amarillo, TX 79107 of A/T 142nd comes in with his dues.

DONALD WATKINS, 229 W. Brooklyn, Dallas, TX 75208 of 144th has been lost, but is now back in the fold. Bob Wallace, your 144th V/P will have a big one at the C.P. in Houston, so be there!!

CLYDE (Jack) FERRELL, Rt 1, Box 213, Palestine, TX 75801 sends his dues to Leonard, walked with Co. E, 141st Inf.

JOHN VAN HAFTEEN sends in his dues and has a NEW address: 2676 Getty #29, Muskegon MI 49444. John says, "I still have the clock from Hermann Goering's car. Can anyone tell me who and where the car is".

JOHN R. URIE, West Glover, VT 05875, served with Btry B, 131st FA Bn., was rounded up by Wilkerson.

New address for: **WILLIE O. MARTIN** from Waco to Rt. 1, Box 305-W, Rockport, TX 78382 ... served with Co. K, 143rd Infantry.

B. H. TURNER, Jr., 3918 Juniper, Houston, TX 77087 is in because Julian Philips got 'em. And, Julian incidently is the reunion committee chairman for the HOUSTON reunion.

Lt. Col. **JAMES D. DeGARMO**, 507 Sunset Drive, Cleburne, TX 76031 sends in 1980 dues and regrets that he cannot attend the Reunion. The Colonel served with 132nd and 133rd FA.

RICHARD H. BARRETT, 412 Somerset Way S., Carmel, IN 46032 of Co. A, 143rd — and **FRANK WELLMAN**, Box 433, Wayne, W. VA 25570 send in their dues to Leonard. Frank served with Co. H, 141st Inf.

Col. **FLOYD D. GATTIS** (Ret) 4502 Wakefield Drive, Annadale, VA 22033 of 132nd FA and Hqs. Div. Artillery was rounded up by ole Amil.

LOYD D. BAILEY, Rt 4, Box 6140, Weatherford, TX 76086 of Co. G, 142 sends to Amil his 1980 dues.

ROBERT E. DUNCAN, 7202 W. Balmoral Ave., Chicago, IL 60656 served with the great support unit — 443rd AAA.

E. V. 'Smokie' COMMONS, Box 325, Melissa, TX 75071 sends in ten bucks to Leonard, and wanted to know if that was enough. Also requested info on the reunion (which he got) and Wilkerson signs him up for 2 year dues. Smokie served with Svc. Co., 144th.

LESLIE R. GARCIA, 905 East Pine St., Victoria, TX sends in \$15 for his '80 dues and two pals: **JOE G. INFANTE**, 1209 E. Constitution; and **HENRY ZAMARRIPA**, 1009 W. Nueces, both of Victoria, TX. Les says, "all three of us were cooks in Co. A, 111th Engineers". Leonard sent him a Birddog card for his efforts.

POLE CADENA, 215 Tuna, San Antonio, TX 78214 dropschedk for \$10 for his '80 dues and **MANUEL SAMBRANO**, 3218 Anna Rosa, San Antonio, TX 78211. Both served with Co. D, 142nd Inf. Thanks, Pole, every new one counts! **WANTED .. attractive middle-aged (widow or divorcee) who owns a gas station, liquor store and meat market. Object — matrimony. Write to Editor of this rag.**



May 28, 1979 — at right is Philip Vann, receiving a plaque for his initiative in organizing the men of 36th Cav. Recon Troop, and ramrodding the 1st reunion held in San Antonio. George K. Fell of El Paso (former CO) from left, Bob Shelton and Allen D. Keeling witness to event. WWII photo of Keeling shown below.



Southern Italy, 1944, here's 36th Recon Trooper, Cpl. ALLEN D. KEELING, 213 Cloudmont, San Antonio, TX 78239. This is one more sent in by birddog LES TERRY. Allen (now) is also shown in photo at top.

NOTICE

Your 1979 dues to the Association expire on August 31 . . . so send in your 1980 dues now, if you cannot attend the Houston reunion.



Amazin' Amil and Pauline Kohutek shown here fixin' snacks for the 132nd FA Bn. Reunion held in Fort Worth, June 14-17. Photo was made by LENWLK who said he slipped in long enough to have a cold LONE STAR and shoot some film. We regret that he 'blew' the others, as this one was the only one we could use. Our thanks.

The 36th Recon is hot! They held their first reunion in San Antonio, May 25-28th, and it was a great success! Philip Vann, who along with his 12 deciples scouted around last year and organized the 36th Cav. Recon Troop Association.

They have a jazzy 2 page newsletter called WWII Vanguard, edited by Vann, which had some good items we wish we had room to re-print. 81 troopers have joined up, and 52 plus wives and kids attended the S.A. bash.

This unit has had several name changes, but officially it's the 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop Assn. At time of mobilization, the T/O called for 194 men and 7 officers, so says George K. Fell (former Capt.) of El Paso, TX.

Btry. C, 132nd F.A. Has 77 From Ten States At Reunion In Fort Worth

Battery "C", 132 Field Atry held their 7th biennial Reunion June 14 - 17th at the Holiday Regent Motor Inn in Ft. Worth. The C. P. opened at noon on June 14th and by 6 PM over twenty had arrived for the early bird festivities.

Friday was registration day with fun and snacks, while the girls visited a large shopping mall nearby. With the arrival of General Pete Green, his wife and Colonel Curtis, the war stories got better and saltier as the day went on.

Saturday night there were 77 people with ten states represented. The nominating committee proposed to keep the same officers and the motion was seconded and approved by those in attendance. Harold Pickard presented the recording secretary, June Mosley, with a silver locket inscribed "To June, Our Thanks, Btry "C" ". Jean Baker, then presented the President, Frank Mosley, with a beautiful plaque inscribed "FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN BATTERY "C" ASSOCIATIN".

Sunday AM at the Memorial Service, Bill Logue was appointed the official Chaplin of Battery "C". Bill has closed our Reunions for a number of years and this year with another man from the Battery, Archie Harriett, they put a close knit to the family of Battery "C". This was the best Reunion we have ever had because of the fellowship of our families.

This report from Frank Mosley.

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Our Special Thanks To All You Head-Hunters

I would like to thank all you "Head Hunters" who helped us reach our goal of 3000 members for 1979. We have issued several BIRD DOG certificates, to those who have sent in three or more "new" members. If I have overlooked anyone let me know and I'll get your card in the mail.

For 1980 we have a "new" membership card I am sure you will like, they will be issued at Houston when you pay your 1980 dues and register. For those of you who have pre-registered, your card will be your other tickets. (You do not have to stand in line). Your tickets and membership card will be given separately.

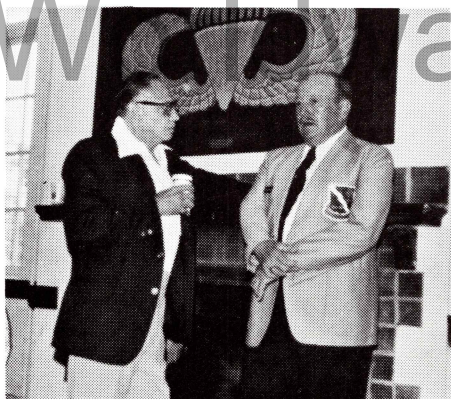
For those of you who *DO NOT* attend the 1979 reunion, your 1980 membership card will be in the November issue of the T-Patcher. After the November issue of the T-Patcher arrives and then you do not have your 1980 card, please notify me.

I have one other favor to ask the membership, when you write me for any information, please enclose a self address — Stamped envelope. Also, for 1980 I will be needing any and all Membership "Head Hunters". This means if any of you out there would like to help us round up strays, drop outs, new members, whatever — let me know, I'll furnish you the names and addresses . . . All you need do is go after them . . . Lets make 1980 even bigger than our last two years, it can be done with your help.

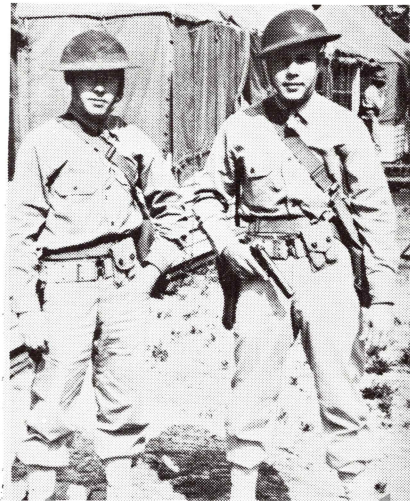
I'll see you all in Houston!

Leonard E. Wilkerson
11121 Visalia Dr.
Dallas, TX 75228 214-328-5589

BILL SCHMIDT, 1 Maple Ave., Apt. 503, Patchogue, NY 11772 says he read in the DAV that the 36th was having a reunion in Houston. "Send me all the details," says Bill, and lenwlc says . . . he got it. Schmidt served with Co. K, 141st.



HOUSTON, Texas: Alex Auila tells his ole C.O., Earl Higginbotham how it should have been done . . . at the Annual Reunion of Company G, 143rd. Foto is carryover from May issue.



CAMP BLANDING 1942 — Here's Jack Connell, 127 Oakland St., Audubon NJ 08106 and Les Terry, 3601 Hill, Lot 94, Toledo OH 43607 of 36th Recon Troop — ready for action. Terry sent in the photo, thanks.

The Troops Write:

Dear LENWLK: Saw your notice about the 36th in the St. Louis newspaper. I was 1st Lt. in 143rd, wounded at the Naples-Foggia campaign, spent 2 years in various hospitals, then was sent to Okanawa. I'm 59 and retired from S/Western Bell Tele, after 28 years service. Now live on Lake of the Ozarks, have 2 daughters and 2 sons. MARION C. FACH, Rt. B, Box 149, Roach, MO 65787.

Dear Leonard:

I have just red your release in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat about the 36th Reunion. So happens that I am interested in the whereabouts of ole buddies who were at the Salerno landing.

I served with Co. A, 2nd platoon, 141st, we were on the USS Thomas Jefferson and were in the 'first' wave that hit the Salerno beach. I have forgotten many of the names of my troopers, but recall Sgt. McClain, Sgt. Zapata and Sgt. Joe Stratton. I recall that at 3:30 AM on Sept. 9th, 1943 going over the side of the ship and climbing down that rope ladder to the landing crafts.

DONALD WILLIAMS, 507 E. Brockman, Eldon, MO 65026.

Dear Leonard: This is the first time I've had contact with the 36th, and I'd like info about the reunion, and may even be able to attend.

I joined the 36th at Camp Edwards, Co. K, 141st, served all through the ranks, and was offered a commission by Gen. Dahlquist which I accepted.

I fought in all battles all the way to border near Starsbourg where I was wounded for the 3rd time. When I left the division I was the last of the men of our company who fought as a front line soldier.

HENRY L. FORD, Rt. 5, Box 188, Hickory, N.C. 28601

NOTICE — when you write to Leonard Wilkerson or Amil Kohutek for information, etc., a self-addressed, stamped envelope will help, and speed-up the transaction.

Heard from

RAYMOND C. WELLS, 3041 Wagner St., Strasburg, CO 80136 sends in '80 dues, says he read about it in the Patcher. Thanks Ray, hope you and Joyce can make it to HOUSTON.

CARMINE F. MARTIGNETTI, 1308 Sea Grit Ave., Sea Grit, N.J. 08750, served with Btry C, 131st FA Bn., is in because ole Amazin' AMII got'em in his drag net.

DON'T FORGET TO NOTIFY LEONARD WILKERSON IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Our 3rd class permit does not include return-to-sender.

MILES R. DROBISCH, 71 Rico Way, San Francisco, CA 94123 read about the 36th in the June DAV Magazine, writes to LENWLK (code name) for info on the reunion. Says he served with 133rd FA from Camp Edwards to V-J Day.

P. T. CARLO, 207 E. 17th St., Peterson, NJ 07524 of Co. E, 143rd 'saw' the article in his newspaper about the 36th (just one of over 100 releases sent to papers all over America). Leonard says he got it.

ROLLIN F. BORTON, 800 Elm St., Edgerton, WI 53534 of Co. L, 142nd sends in his '80 dues, and a note that he's trying to locate — Sgt. Williams, Lt. Kenney, Sgt. Tesser and Les Bachm. If you can help — write to Rollin.

FRANK J. DORKO, 1519 Lakeland Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107 of Co. F, 143rd has news for his pals of Co. F. He says, "you can inform the fellows that ole Dorko is coming to the Houston reunion. My wife, Sophie can hardly wait 'til Aug. 30 EARLY BIRD party. Our pre-reservation dough is on the way."

Frank advises that LARRY GRECO and Eleonore of New Castle, PA; and EDDIE HYDE and Jean of Sharon, PA are also on their way to Houston. So get ready, Payne Rucker for hellzapoppin' on the way!

LEN W. ADAMS, 1710 Parkside, Galina Park, TX 77547 (no unit given) says that he is disabled and cannot attend the Houston Reunion.

ELMER FAIN, 5242 Vanderbilt Ave., Dallas, TX 75206 of Co. B, 141st sends in 1980 dues, sends regrets he cannot make the reunion due to illness.

LENWLK (code name for our membership chm.) rounds up a new one that he captured at the 144th Reunion in Dallas last month — JAMES R. PHILLIPS, 35 Oakridge Dr., Daly City, CA 94014 who modestly admits that — "I was a Staff/Sgt. in Co. E, 144th and a pretty good one at that."

ANTHONY J. REALMUTO, 676 Fenworth Blvd., Franklin Square, NY 11010 of Co. F 141st rounds up a Patcher who was not aware of our existence, LENWLK sends a copy of the T-Patcher to: Fred Stewart, 32 Randolph Ave., same town & zip.

DWIGHT W. BAKER, 310 Darbyview Dr., W. Jefferson, OH 43162 of Co. H, 142nd Inf., sends in \$20 for dues and three dropouts. Also buys Booster listing in the Reunion Program.

MALCOLM W. YARBROUGH, 3165 Jackson St., #11, Omaha, NE 68105 writes to LENWLK that he was a member of the 141st and wants info about the reunion. He got it!

MILES R. DROBISCH, 71 Rico Way, San Francisco, CA 94123 of Btry. B, 133rd FA., and JOHN A. GRABIS, 3403 West University, Apt. F7, Kensington, MD 20795 of Co. F, 141st are in like Flynn, cause LENWLK got'em.

Heard from

HAROLD A. RICHARDSON, 5324 Conrad Ave., Skokie, IL 60077 of 3rd Bn Hqs, 142nd sends \$10 for dues and in memory of all the great 36th men who still sleep in Italy.

KENNETH AXELROD, Box 5050, Borger, TX 79007 (Life member) 142nd, found another stray — **BERT A. VOGEL**, Photographer, 805 Euclid St., Dubuque Iowa 52001, formerly of Svc. Co., 142nd. Ken says, "see you in Houston, have already made hotel reservations."

BERNARD J. MILLER, 200 Race St., Belvidere, NJ 07823 served with Co. E, 3rd platoon, 141st was captured in Italy, is a new member, and says he'll try for HOUSTON.

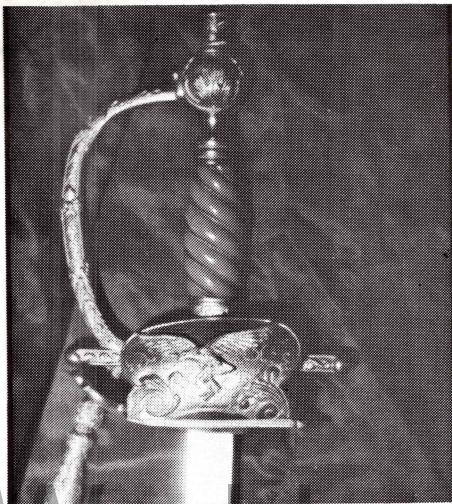
WILLIAM C. McCANDLESS, Rt. 1, Box 34, St. John, KS 67576 write for info on the reunion. He got it says **LENWLK**. Bill served with Co. G, 142nd during winter 1942-43.

RALPH E. CAIN, 247 Bernice Ave., Martinsburg, WV 25401 sends dues for 1980, and photo (in this issue) of Co. D, 142nd Infantry.

FRANK M. PELKY, RD 1 Box 43C, Dayton, PA 16222 saw a notice in the DAV June issue about the 36th reunion, writes for info, and **LENWLK** says he got it. Frank served with Co. K, 143rd.

CHARLES A. MAYHER, Box 85, Hastetter, PA 15638 read about it is the Amer./ Legion magazine and writes for info. He served with Hqs. Co., 142nd Inf.

LOUIS PARSONS, 1207 Camden, Pasadena, TX 77502 is a new'un, served with TNG from 1936 and later with A/T Co. 142nd, read about us from his local paper.

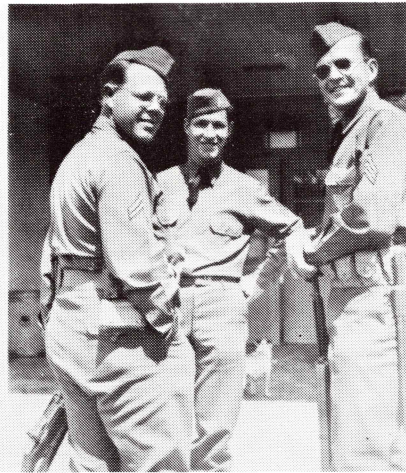


REWARD... for any T-Patcher whom may have some WWII German artifacts, like the one shown above — a Luftwaffe General Officer's sword.

Now it's 34 years since the end of WWI, and the old German Nazi goodies are worth big dough.

BEN CURTIS is a serious collector of these relics. He will pay \$500 to \$1500 for the above or similar sword. He needs daggers, swords, helmets, guns, uniforms etc., for his display that will be on display at the HOUSTON reunion. Ben is a very reputable collector of WWII artifacts. He has been at many of our previous reunions. If you have a rare-one, write to:

BEN E. CURTIS, P.O. Box 98, Duncanville, TX 75116 and tell him what you have.



CAMP BOWIE 1941 — Men of Co. E, 144th, from left is Adrian Grizzelle, Leonard Vaden and James Bruner (deceased). Photo sent in by James Phillips, 35 Oakridge Dr., Daly City CA 94014 who is a new member, because **LENWLK** got him at the 144th reunion in Dallas last month.

Edward Keeton Kombs Kountryside For Lost, Strayed & Dropouts

Our vice-presidents this year are doing a good job of scoutin' and birddoggin'. **EDWARD C. KEETON**, P.O. Box 446, Gretna, LA 70053 found these four troopers: **HERSHEL POUNDERS**, Rt. 1, Tuscumbia, AL 35674 of Co. G, 141st; **JOHN E. ARRINGTON**, 1119 S. Falmar St., Troy, AL 36081 of Btry C, 155th FA.; **ROBERT L. WADE**, 5311 Beechnut, Houston, TX 77096 of Co. I, 143rd and **ALDRICE L. SMITH**, 830 Shaver, Pasadena, TX 77506 of Co. I, 142nd Inf.

GO FIRST CLASS — Get A Deluxe Reunion Name Tag, But You'll Have to Hurry



36TH DIV ASSN
WILLIAM E JARY
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HQS 36TH DIVISION

If you plan to attend the Houston Reunion and want to go "first-class," the name plate badge (shown above) (but reduced) ... the actual size is 4" x 1½" with white letters on blue background with your OWN name and city etched, plus your unit ... and the "T-Patch".

How 'bout that. It has a (snap) spring clip to attach to your shirt or coat pocket (guaranteed not to rust or corrode) and it's a dandy. Also there's one for the wife. Naturally, it's smaller (3" x 1½") and has a pin on the back. This is not a 36th project, but if you desire one of these jewels ... they are \$3.25 each (plus 50c postage).

Order from — **ROSCO Industries**, 7449 Washington, Suite 507, Forest Park, IL 60130 ... and tell'em **LEONARD** sent you.

Heard from

EDWARD N. SCHULTZ, 10016 Minnick Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453 of Co. D, 141st sends Amil \$5 for his Roster, and says he generally read the T-Patcher 'twice'. Ha-roo!

It's happy birthday time for **CHARLIE 'Lemon Kid' BEACHAM**, the saga of Santone, who says he will now be able to get all the goodies the Senior-Citizens get, at age 65. We wonder if he means the '3-Rs'. Like 'Rthritis, Rheumatism and Re-morse. (that's what we got when we turned 65 a few moons ago).

ADVANCE REGISTRATION is good Here's one more from **RAYMOND F. STALLINGS**, 3911 Cochran, Houston, TX 77009 of Co. I, 142nd sends in \$55.00 for dues, and two reunion registrations at \$25. That's good. Saves time, and you don't have to stand in line.

CHARLES P. THRALL, Rt. 2, Box 149, Rivesville, WV 26588 artilleryman, says he hadn't read his T-Patcher, and probably it's because he moved ... so now has a new address shown above.

JOHN URIE, Sr., West Glover, VT sends in his \$5 dues, says he served with Btry B, 131st FA Bn, asks for info on the reunion, and he got it, says **LENWLK**.

HENRY McCUBBIN, 25236 Acacia St., Southfield, MI 48034 of 155th Arty sends in his 1980 dues, and words of praise for the good work the membership committee is doing. Thanks!

WILLIAM M. DOWNEY, 390 Michigan Ave., Paterson, NJ 07503 says he'd like to join, and asks for info. He walked with Co. K, 143rd, and Leonard sends him the dope.

KENNETH LANDRY, 5307 Grandville, Flint, MI 48505 read in the May issue that he outta pay his 1980 dues now, sends to **LENWLK** ten-bucks, and he is now paid p til 1981. That's good, and thanks Ken. Try for Houston.

WILLIAM A. ROURK, Jr., 5543 Blackwell Ave., No. Charleston, SC 29406 of HQ Co., 143rd sends in his 1980 dues, reports **LENWLK**.

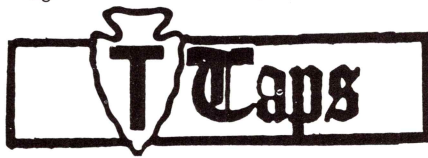
LOU PAVIA, 4223 Gunter Ave., Bronx, NY 10466 of Btry C, 131st forgot his '79 dues, but ole **LENWLK** sent in a reminder, and Lou is in for 1980.

JOHN SAUCEDO, 3528 Thomason, El Paso, TX 79904 did time with Co. E, 141st, sends to **LENWLK** \$155.00, which covers his dues and reunion registration for himself & wife, and two couples as guests at \$50 each. That is good, and he won't have to stand in line — at HOUSTON.

JOHN GOOD, Jr., Rt. 1, Bronson, MI 49028 is another new one, through the efforts of **LES TERRY** of 36th Cavalry Recon, who has rounded-up a motherlode of troops, probably only second to "Red" Morgan of 142nd. Results will be given at the reunion — as to WHOM is the top BIRD-DOGGER!

GLENN E. MILLER, a great WWI T-Patcher of 142nd saw an item int he Omaha World-Herald about the 36th Reunion, sends clip to Leonard, who released many of these items to newspapers nationwide. It has been very effective. Miller attended a reunion several years ago and got acquainted with the late **JIM MINOR** says, "we both commanded the same outfit, he in WWII and I in WWI."

W. L. CONARTY, 3206 Hollybrook Le, Pueblo, CO 81005 writes to Amil for a Roster of the troops, worked for Colorado Fuel & Iron for 20 years and is returning to Texas. Didn't give his unit.



W. C. Bill Ayres, 36th QM of Longview, TX died Jan. '79 as reported by Col. Lee Allison to Amil who sent it in.

Roy A. Cooper of Crowell, TX came back marked 'deceased,' no date or unit given.

Julian Bernard of Detroit, MI, died of heart attack April '79, was member of Co. B. 142nd, reported by Barbara Davidson.

D. D. Tate, Lockney, TX died Feb. 2, 1979 no unit given.

William Hayes Smith of Lufkin, TX, A/T Co. 144th died March 1979, reported by friend at Dallas 144th reunion.

R. T. Venable, of Brownwood, TX died May 1979, served with 133rd FA after long illness. Was in Santone '78 reunion in wheel chair.

Harry Icke, San Antonio passed away May 10, 1979, served with Co. D, 141st — reported by Harry McGowen.

Harry Carlyle Stakes of Quitman, TX died March 13, 1979 as reported by his widow. Stakes was CO of A/T Co., of 143rd, item sent in by LENWLK.

Dorsey L. Jacobs, of Dallas died Dec. 4, 1978 as reported by his widow, Tressie. Dorsey served with Co. G, 144th.

Jack S. Childers, Amarillo, TX died recently of lung cancer, reported by his brother, Bob. Jack served with 143rd Inf.

Gilbert J. Schulz of Cincinnati, OH passed away in May '79, served with 36th Signal Co., was reported by Paul Wells of Arlington, VA.

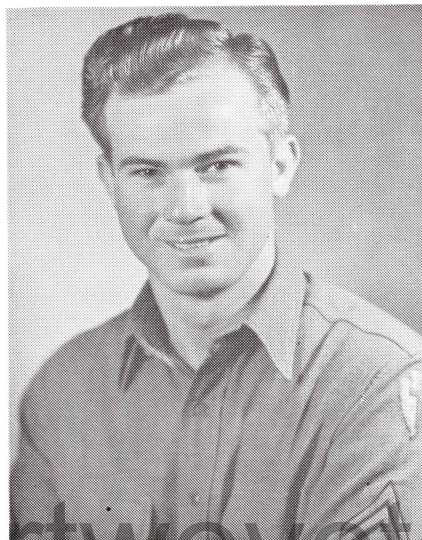
Robert C. Adams, Lt. Col., 57, of San Marcos, TX died Nov. 11, 1978, reported by Marin B. Findlay of Austin. "Bob Adams was a 1st Lt. pilot with Hqs. Btry 132nd, joined us in S/France. He was originally from Santone, where I knew him at Thomas Jefferson H/S," says Findlay.

Roy Meek of Ada, OK is deceased, reported to Leonard by his wife, who failed to give unit or date.

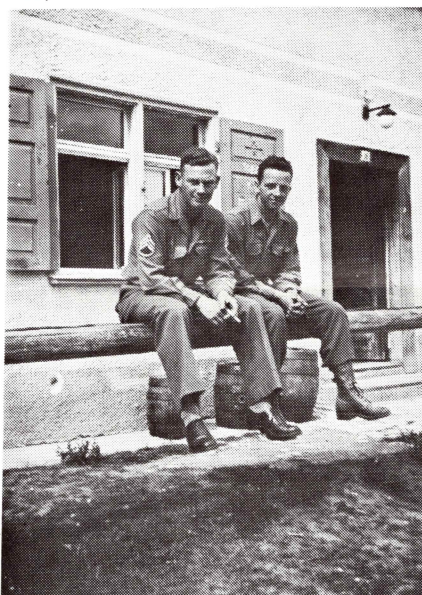
E. E. Miller, a WWI T-Patcher of Parsons, Kan., was reported by Postal Svc.

The following are from Co. G. 142nd newsletter, June '79: Lee B. McCravey, known as Big Red died April '79 at Snyder; Joseph F. Edelen, former capt., died 1977 at Newark, NJ, reported by Jack Finan; Henry Bartholomeu, known as Tip of Wooster, OH, died several years ago, and George Case of Linwood, OH, also been dead for a number of years.

LEONARD WILKERSON (code name: LENSCLK) has worked very hard the past few years in behalf of the 36th Assn., so now the 144th Infantry Association (whom met in Dallas in June) figured he'd make a good president, so now he wears two hats, as membership chairman for the 36th Assn., and 1970-80 president of the 144th. Congrats, Len!



Corp. A. L. Ballenger, 153 Eighth Ave., Cramerton, NC 28032 of 36th Recon Troop . . . photo made in Germany at war's end, sent in by ole Les Terry of Toledo, also of 36th Recon Troop.



GERMANY 1945, here's Joe D. Tillman, 1113 Alturas, Wichita, KS 67216 with his best pal, Joe Maberto of New Hampshire, both of Co. F, 143rd Infantry. Thanks, Joe.



GERMANY, June 1945 — here's Frank Alfano, 415 Cincinnati Ave., San Antonio, TX 78201 who served with Co. A, 141st Infantry. He was wounded at Bastogne, spent many months in a field hospital in Germany.

Men of 144th Infantry Fought Around The World Says Curt Walthall . . .

The 144th Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division, Texas National Guard, mobilized for Federal Service Nov. 25, 1940 and served until inactivation at Camp Rucker, Alabama, Sept. 20, 1945.

Alerted Pearl Harbor day, the regiment departed from the Division at Camp Bowie, Texas Dec. 9, 1941. Aboard the several troop trains were 88 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, and 1, 876 Enlisted Men.

Transfers to other branches of the service, volunteers for Officer Candidate School, and cadre to form new units quickly decimated the regimental strength. March 12, 1942 there were 825 new recruits assigned to the 144th Infantry. November 1942 there were 1,026 additional recruits assigned. A 100% turnover of personnel. At least 28 additional officers were assigned.

This is the history of what happened to these 116 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, and 3,727 Enlisted men:

Only 12 Officers and 117 Enlisted Men were still on the rolls when the regiment was inactivated in 1945.

Over 400 Non Commissioned Officers became officers, 350 to OCS alone.

These men served in 48 Army Divisions (There were only 87 Combat divisions in WWII).

They also served in 3 Regimental Combat Teams; 3 Army Headquarters; and in the 8th, 11th, 15th and 20th Air Force.

Other ex-members served in the 8th and 21st Corps Headquarters; 6th and 146th Engineers; the 6th and 80th Ordnance Companies; the 320th, 711th, 749th and 771st MP Battalions. Also the Merchant Marine and Coast Guard.

These men served in:

Azores	Korea	France
Africa	Luxembourg	Formosa
Australia	Morotai	Germany
Austria	New Guinea	Gilbert Is.
Alaska	New Georgia	Guam
Biak		Greenland
Belgium		Hawaii
Czechoslovakia		Holland
England	Okinawa	Italy
India	Poland	Netherlands
Indies	Philippines	
Ireland	Scotland	
Iceland	Sicily	
Japan		

The 144th was a good regiment and they trained good men for use in all these other units during that global war. I am proud to have been a member of this superb regiment.

by Curt Walthall

Dear troops: We like to get old WWII photos, as they are important to recapture our great adventure. However, we would like for you to do this: Print your name on back of photo, tape to a sheet of paper, and then give the identity each — left to right, back row, front row and etc. WE will see that they will be returned.

144th Infantry Regiment Reunion Held In Dallas

The 1979 Reunion of the 144th Infantry was held 15th and 16th June at Market Center Marriott Hotel in Dallas. The Association added a registration period on Friday this year, followed by a reception and dinner, and 68 members and ladies attended this part of the meeting.

Following additional registration on Saturday morning, the attendance grew to about 150. A Memorial Service was conducted to honor comrades who had died during the past year.

During the business meeting, the Association elected two Honorary Life Members: Paul J. "Pop" Clemens, Svc Co., of Milford, KS, and Vernon E. Luttrell, Hq Co. 2nd Bn, of Whitney, TX, (though neither of these men could attend this year). Eight of ten Life Members were present to receive certificates. A lifetime membership policy was adopted by the Association last November.

Mrs. Clayton P. Kerr was present to accept a contribution of \$250.00 to the Texas Guard All Faiths Chapel Fund, from the Memorial Fund of the Association. Mrs. Kerr is one of the Chapel Trustees.

Leonard E. Wilkerson, the busy Membership Chairman of the 36th Division Association, accepted the position of President for the 144th during the next term, succeeding Ray B. Stroup of Dallas. The Reunions are now planned to be held annually.



TOP left photo: President Ray B. Stroup (at mike) has just been presented an award from immediate past-president, W. R. Dub Ray of Fort Worth. TOP right — from left: C. A. Austin, Sect'y presents Life membership certificates to Fred M. Roy, Greenville; James F. McCubbins, Amarillo and Wm. M. Kelso of Seattle, WA. ABOVE left: Luther Melton, T. Dow Howard, Odis C. Lester and James McDowell. RIGHT: An original Campaign hat of the 1939's — is worn by Wm. C. Weldon, Austin, TX.

Dominici Rollin' In Dough

Some guys have all the luck! AL DOMINICI, 210 5th Ave., Iron River, MI 49935 of Co. G, 142nd writes a brief note with big news . . . "I just won \$19,000 in the Michigan Lottery." Our congratulations, Al.

That ain't all. Al says . . . "some of my outfit may remember that I found a suitcase of money in France, and got most of it home. I think Don Adams would remember."

Say Al, come on down to Texas, I've got 2 round trip airline tickets to Las Vegas, and with your luck we could break the bank. (Bring money). Al sends to LENWLK cash for 3 more, including JACK D. KRAUSE, Bark River, MI 49807 of Co. H, 141st.

Look Out, Houston — Here Comes Ole Vondra

"Look out, Houston, here comes the Big-Bad-Belligerent Bohunk of Can/Co. 143rd . . ." Yes, FRANK R. VONDRA, 6210 Fushimi Court, Burke, VA 22015 says he'll arrive in time for the EARLY BIRD BASH with his 1st Sgt. Lucille (wife) and pre-registers with his check for \$50.00

VONDRA is the guy who discovered LES TERRY, who is a contender for the BIRDDOG award, so you know Frank is the new crown prince.

PHOTO at right: Mrs. Clara Kerr (center) enjoys lunch with Mrs. Evelyn Stroup, wife of 144th President, Ray; and Brig/Gen. retired J. W. Jordan of Texas Army Nat'l Guard, long time member of 49th Armd. Div. of which 144th is now part of.



Men of Hqs. Co., 144th pose for this one: Floyd M. Davis, Wichita Falls; Roger B. Ebergart, Duncanville; Ernest W. Ballew, Fort Worth and Ray H. Peters, Peoria, Ill. All pix by Leonard Wilkerson, the new 144th Pres.



3rd Division To Meet Sept. 26-29th

The 60th Annual Reunion of the 3rd Infantry Division will be held at the St. Anthony Hotel, San Antonio, Sept. 26-29th. Announcement came to us from the Audie Murphy Outpost 35 Texas, J. B. 'Deacon' WHITAKER, (Secty-Tres), 2013 Buckingham Rd., Richardson, TX 75081.

As you all know, the ole 3rd Division was with us in many of our campaigns, and no doubt there are many of us who have friends in the 3rd. For info: write or call: JAMES K. WATTS, 622 Strings St., San Antonio, TX 78216, (512) 342-1424.

Heard from

IRVING F. FRIEDMAN, Viking Manor 1, 510 Fourth St., Apt. 8-C, Cloquet, MN 55720 read a notice in the Duluth News-Tribune about the 36th reunion. Irv says, "I was attached to the 36th from Salerno to Rapido, and then D-Day S/France to VE Day, with 443rd self-propelled half/track outfit ... please advise if I can participate at your reunion". The answer — "Yes".

ELMO F. BEARDEN, 1075 Stephen, Kermit, TX 79745 read in the Odessa American about the 36th. Writes to Leonard for info, says he served with Medical Det. 143rd, made the Salerno landing.

FRANCISCO V. GARCIA, P.O. Box 277, Yosemite Natl. Park, CA 95389 served with 111th Medics, sends in dues for two years. Fran moved from Texas to California in 1964 after a visit there, then decided to move to there.

WAYNE STOUT, 101 E. 11th St., Fayetteville, AR 72701 sends \$10 to Leonard, who signs him up til 1981. Wayne served with Btry C, 132nd, recently retired as Ass't Police Chief of Fayetteville (see Then & Now pixs in this issue). Thanks, Wayne!

Item from 'Le T-Bone' Mac Acosta's rag of the Santone chapter ... "Legalize BINGO, Keep Grandma off the streets".

ARNOLD F. AMSRUD, 737 Bertha St., Wassau, WI 54401 sent in his renewal dues for 1979, and **WYATT A. BORNAMANN**, 134 Cornish Ave., San Antonio, TX 78223 of 36th Recon Troop.

JAMES M. SCHIESKI, 403 N. Randolph St., Garrett, Ind. 46738 sends his renewal to ole Amil. Jim served with 133rd F.A.

Loren Strebin, 1221 N. McCann, Kokomo, Ind., 46901 is signed up by Leonard, says he'll try to make the Waco reunion, since he served with Co. K, 143rd Inf.

Red Morgan, V/P 142nd sends in two more from a list of names sent in by Charles W. Stimson ... **WALTER BISCHOFF**, 128 Valencia Court, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548 (a new address) of Can. Co., 142nd and **WAYNE PARKER**, 3601 Hickory Bend Rd., Circleville, OH of Co. G, 142nd.

DAVID SHOSS, c/o Zale Corp., 3000 Diamond Park, Dallas, TX 75247 sends in \$100 for Life Membership ... says he was drafted and assigned to 36th Recon. Troop at Camp Edwards, Feb. 1941, transferred to Air Corps, and discharged from AAC in 1945 as a 2nd Louie.

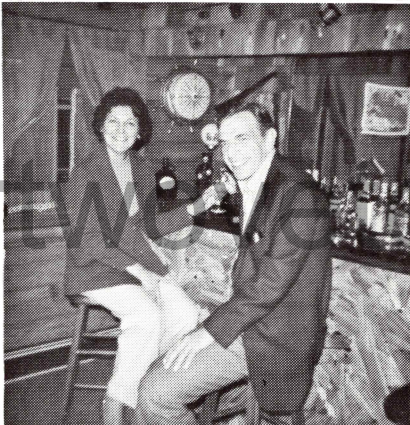
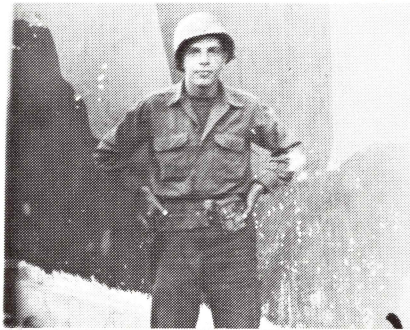
PAUL GOOD of 36th Recon Troop sends in new address to Leonard via Les Terry — 22331 Oxford St., Dearborn, MI 48124.

PHILIP JOANISSE, 1514 N. Kingsbury, Dearborn, MI 48128 another 36th Recon Trooper is in because Les Terry of Toledo saw to it, and sent in the cash. Welcome, Philip.

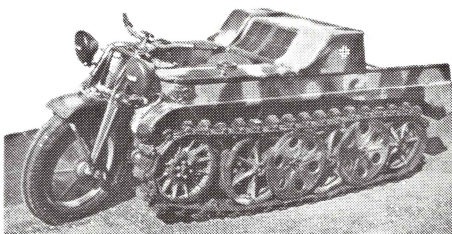
MURRY E. STEPHEN, Rt. 5, Box 122, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482 writes, "I served with 5th Armored Division in Europe and have heard and read so much about the 36th, I'd like info and history, anything on your fine division". He got it.

DOM FERRARA, 18838 Monica Dr., Mt. Clements, MI 48043 of 143rd sends in his 1980 dues, and five more bucks for his buddy — **JOSEPH C SOILEAU**, P.O. Box 341, Port Barre, LA 70577 also of 143rd and a 'new-un'. Thanks, Dom!

There Are 8 Million Stories In the 36th



THEN & NOW — Alfred Darco, 121-08 84th Ave., Kew Garden, NY 11415, of 443rd AAA Bn., photo made Oct. 1943 when his unit was attached to the 36th. Now, Barside at their home in Kew Garden, Al and wife, Terry enjoy the 'good' life. Welcome, aborar aboard, Darcos!



JACK SCOTT, our Exec/VP sends in this pix of a 1943 German NSU Kettendrafrad type combat motorcycle. "I captured one like this outside of Velletri, and drove it until we got to Rome, then had to abandon it so we could load up on trucks to go through Rome," says Scott.

Men of 443rd AckAck, Attached Unit of 36th Discovered By Amil

Amil Kohutek has that magic touch to find the 'new' ones, and here's a bunch from 443rd AAA AW SP ...

LOUIS PRINCE, 33 Harvard St., Nashua, NH 03060; **LAURIER A. LEVESQUE**, 28 Barnes Road, Salem, MA 01970; **JOHN W. LONG**, 7306 Nantucket Ct., 2-C, Indianapolis, Ind. 46224; **WILLIAM H. HOLIDAY**, 3915 Durham, Royal Oak, MI; **EDWARD SOJDA**, 1620 York St., Utica, NY 13502; **PAUL A. NASSO**, 143 Fox St., Rochester, NY 141615.

Also: **J. DOUGLAS RICKERT**, 81 Watkins Ave., Middletown, NY 10940; **WILLIAM NJ McGUIRE**, 511 Maple Ave., Trenton, NJ 08618; **EL ROY P. MASTER**, Robeson, PA 19551 and **WILLIAM TURPIN**, 2635 Hart Road, Highland, Ind. 46322.

The Troops Write:

Dear Leonard: Thanks for your letters, I am enclosing my dues to the 36th Assn. I joined Co. G, 144th in 1940 and made Sgt. at Camp Bowie. I went with the Regiment when 144th was sent to West Coast, later transferred to Crops of Engineers, was commissioned at Ft. Belvoir and assigned to 554th, the Eng. Heavy-Ponton Battalion, served 13 months in northern Europe in the 9th Army, rc'd five battle stars, and was discharged Nov. 1945, Thanks.

Robert P. Nelson, 3509 Gillon Ave., Dallas, TX 75205

Dear Leonard: Here's my dues for membership in the 36th Assn. I joined at Brownwood, was assigned to 71st Brigade Hqs. Co., and was appointed Supply Sgt., day after Pearl Harbor. Capt. Eugene Shields wanted me to take over the Supply earlier, but I, like others was due to be released as 'over 27 age deal'. I served as Supply Sgt. for 36th Recon from time it was organized until disbanded, July 1945. Am now retired from Dept. of Defense since 1973 (served since CCC of 1935).

WYATT A BORNAMANN
134 Cornish Avenue,
San Antonio, TX 78223

Dear Amil: Here's \$5 for a roster, which is the great tool to find the 'lost' and strays. I especially enjoyed the Feb. T-Patcher, saw photo of myself with my ole Co. G, 143rd Weapons Platoon (sent in by Joe Massura), so I sent him a note to get re-acquainted after 35 years. Also enjoyed seeing many names of former T-Patchers galore.

Glad to see that Julian Quarles in our president, as he lives only 70 miles from me. Hope we can visit sometime. My best to you and Pauline.

DON P. HAVERN, 924 Westwind Drive,
No. Palm Beach, FL 33048.

35th ANNIVERSARY CASSINO-ANZIO-ROME TOUR Oct. 3 - 10 1979

It's a reunion like nothing ever before — it's the 35th Anniversary of CASSINO, ANZIO & ROME, Oct. 2-10 1979, with these 6 divisions on the invitation list ... 36th Division (of course, we had to be Number 1), 45th Division, 3rd Division, 1st Armored, 34th Division, 88th Division and 55th Division.

FLASH—we are advised that MORE T-Patchers have signed-up than any other division!!

Please write to: Creative Travel, Inc., 1 Erievue Plaza, Cleveland, OH 44114, they'll send your free, full-color brochure and details.

In closing, we feel that this is really a dream-trip for T-Patchers who did time during the Italian Campaign.