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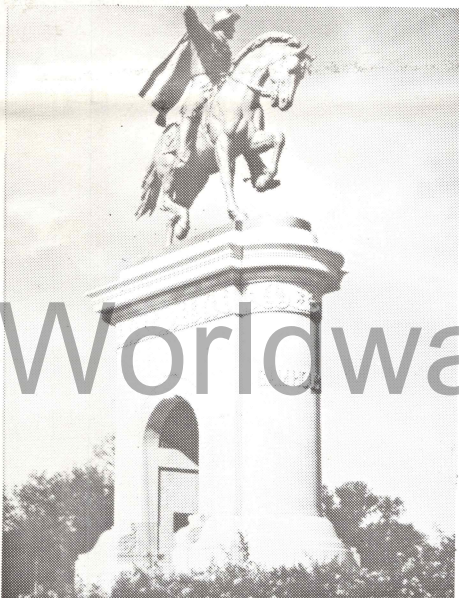


Dynamic HOUSTON Is Your Bivouac For '79 Reunion



T-Patchers To Meet Aug. 30-Sept. 2 at Astro Village

'All Systems GO' - Board Wraps Up Details For Our 54th Annual Reunion!



A statue of General Sam Houston, the namesake of Houston and the hero of the Battle of San Jacinto, guards the entrance to Hermann Park on Fannin.

This issue of the Patch may be slightly delayed, due to the fact that the 36th Division Board did not meet until May 5th in Houston.

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM by President Julian Quarles, and was adjourned four hours later. It was a positive and aggressive meeting, with a long list of decisions to be made, all for the benefit of the men of the 36th Division Association.

Unable to attend, your editor was furnished a 4-hour tape of the entire session, compliments of Len Wilkerson. It was truly a productive and harmonious meeting-of-the-minds.

Our Headquarters, the Astro Village has been completely remodeled and renovated since our visit there (Astroworld) in 1973. In spite of the fact that inflation has taken its toll, registration fee is only \$25.00 per person; we have blocked off 400 rooms for our delegates, and the cut-off date is August 15th, so don't dilly-dally.

The agenda is somewhat the same as usual . . . with an Early-Bird Party on Thurs. Aug. 30th and it will be hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary as before, Friday nite Hospitality Party, and Dinner Dance on Sat. nite, concluding with Memorial Services on Sun. at 10 AM.

The Unit CP's are bunched together on 2nd floor, now called Tower Rooms, and a diagram of this will be in the July issue.

For those whom bring their young'uns, there's AstroWorld Park only blocks away; also a side trip to great attractions in Houston, plus a cruise down the bayou to San

Jacinto Monument and Battleship Texas.

Houston is America's fastest-growing city, and our Yankee troops will be amazed at all the going-ons.

This is only a sample . . . more details will be covered in the July T-Patcher, but in the meantime, save your money and START PACKIN'.



Lord Mayor Domenico Gargano of Cassino (at left) welcomes Russell Hartley, president of Create Travel Inc., Cleveland to the 'new' city of CASSINO. Hartley is Godfather of this project, traveled to Italy for arrangement of the International Reunion of WWII veterans of American and German divisions. SEE story on page 2.

HOUSTON Astro Village

SIGN UP NOW . . .

Registration card is enclosed with this May issue. If not, write Astro Village, Convention Reservation Dept., 2350 South Loop West, Houston, TX 77054. Phone (713) 748-3221.

Plop, Plop, Fizz-Fizz, Oh What a REUNION It Is!

Greetings From Our Executive Vice-President Jack L. Scott



Everything is looking great for our biggest and best reunion in 15 years at Houston this coming Labor Day week-end. Enthusiasm has been exceptionally high as our President Julian Quarles and his able "on the scene" assistant, Julian Phillips gets things ready. Board meetings have been fully attended with everyone taking part.

Leonard Wilkerson's reports are very positive and with membership up we should also have attendance up.

At this time I would urge everyone who receives the T-Patcher to start making plans now and to call some good buddy you haven't seen for awhile and encourage him to meet you at the reunion at Astro-Village Hotel in Houston.

An article in the May issue of Life Magazine by William Manchester tells the story of what it is to be in combat with your fellow soldiers as well as I have ever heard it expressed. Buy an issue, read his story and then take the necessary steps to be with those people who you would have given your life for and who would have equally died for you in Houston.

Jack L. Scott
Executive Vice-President
1821½ Classen Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

Astro Village Has Giant Ballroom

We have had in the past-an overflow of troops that had our ballroom (site of the dinner dance) bulging.

Their grand ballroom, adjacent to the hotel is 180'x99', which is ole helluva big one. and this is good, as it gives ample space for a large dance floor, and no need for tables to be 'bunched up.' So this is one item you don't have to worry about.

36th Ladies Auxiliary Is Your Host For The Early Bird Party

As in the past few years, the 36th Ladies Auxiliary will host the Thurs. Aug. 30th Early Bird Bash. It's the bargain of the year! Besides the fellowship, you'll enjoy great food, drinks and music, for only \$2.50 per person. Hours: 7 to 10:30 PM.

Something new . . . The Auxiliary will compile and publish "Favorite Recipes of 36th Division Spouses & Friends." (This could be a best-seller). Now ladies, send in your choice recipes to:

Linda K. Keeton, 836 Kathy St., Gretna, LA 70053. She will do the rest, but do it NOW. Sign your name and address to each, include if you like, recipes for microwave ovens.

Yes, we need your dues, so send it in now to:

RUBY CANNON, president Ladies Auxiliary
3520 West Brookview Drive
Waco, Texas 76710

"I will mail your membership card right away. And, thanks for your confidence and support. More news in July T-Patcher," Ruby.

You can pay your 1980 dues now, says Nixon.

It takes alot o'dough to run this great Association. Our treasurer, Ken L. Nixon, the wizard of the bottom-line, reported that our cash flow is not what it outta be.

We are lagging 1978 at this time . . . so if you know you CANNOT attend the Houston Reunion, please go ahead and send in your 1980 dues now. It's still a bargain at \$5.00 and is due and payable as of July 1st, 1979.

You Gotta Spread The Word — If You Wanna Get Results . . . Says Amil

Mails News Item on Reunion To 100 Newspapers And SCORES Succe\$\$

Mass media coverage is the way that you get the lost-troops to know that the 36th Div. Association is in business. Ole Amazin' AMIL recently sent out 100 news releases to newspapers in states where we know there are alot of T-Patchers.

The results have been heart-warming. We have discovered many 36thers who have not been aware of our existence.

35th ANNIVERSARY

T-Patchers Invited To CASSINO-ANZIO-ROME TOUR Oct. 3 - 10 1979

Shortly after the Santone Reunion last year, we received information about a giant project — from Edward N. Schultz, 10016 Minnick Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill 60453.

It was rather mind-bogglin' at first, but Schultz attached news clippings . . . "Plans move along for Anzio-Cassino '79 Commemorations." We exchanged letters; received calls from Creative Travel; Alitalia Airlines and Italian Government Tourist Office of Chicago.

And the flow of exciting material continued. Now, as we go to press, Julian Quarles has sent the motherlode. Here are the facts:

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.

It would take 10,000 more words to tell it all, however President Quarles said "It should be clearly understood that the 36th Association does not endorse this tour, but is presented in the T-PATCHER for your information".

Please write to: Creative Travel, Inc., 1 Erieview Plaza, Cleveland, OH 44114, they'll send you 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.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS 36TH DIVISION?

The Texas 36th Division was the first American Division to set foot on the continent of Europe WW II Sept. 9, 1943 Salerno, Italy, is now looking for the whereabouts of the men that served in this Division, Purpose Annual Reunion and convention, Annual Reunion will be at the Astro Village Hotel, Houston, Texas Aug. 30th, Sept. 2nd 1979, for more info! Please write to A F Amil Kohutek Secretary 1933 College St. Abilene, Texas 79602. Phone: 915-672-9134

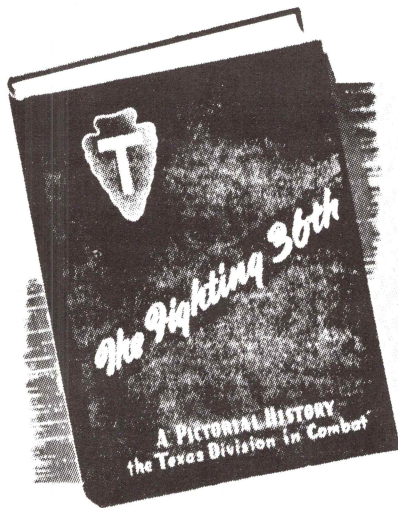
The above is an actual reproduction of a release sent in by Amil. This one appeared in the Columbia Dispatch on April 22nd. It was sent in by HENRY C. KAEPFNER, 1287 Geers Ave., Columbus, OH 43206. This is the result of Amil's mass mailing to 100 newspapers to publicize the reunion and it has been successful. Our thanks to Kaepfner of Co. H, 142nd for this clip. You gotta spread the word to get results.

Here's just a couple of examples:

P.C. FOOSE, Jr., 2445 Vernon Dr., Jackson, Miss., 39204 writes that he saw the notice in the Claredon Ledger, and watched info about the reunion. He served with Btry B, 133rd FA

JOHN E. KRAMER, Box 958, Gilbert, Minn 55741 saw an article in the Duluth News Tribune and writes to Amil for more info about the Association. He served with Co. I, 141st Infantry from Rivera to wars end.

Pictorial History of the Fighting 36th Up For Reprint



It'll Take Our Support To Make It A Reality

The Battery Book Shop & Press of Nashville, Tenn., has already sent a mailing to our roster, requesting that — IF you desire a copy of a 'REPRINT' of the 1946 Pictorial History of the Fighting 36th... please respond.

Our board has been in constant touch with this firm, who had a great 'track-record' for successfully re-printing dozens of unit histories. In fact, they sent us copies of some of their work. They are DELUXE.

Hard cover, great reproduction of the photos, and all inside material, reprinted EXACTLY as it was in the original, except, the 1946 roster has been eliminated. In our book, the roster has 150 pages, which 90% are no longer accurate. This figure is almost 1/2 of the 1" thick original.

Board OK's Reprint of Pictorial History

At the May 5th board meeting in Houston, it was agreed that the Association would (underwrite) up to 154 copies. This allows the printer to proceed with the publication of this great history! Bear in mind, the 36th Board — never makes a decision without weighing all the good and bad points. The die is cast, and you now are asked, THAT IF you do not have the original, and want one of the 1979 reprints — please advise (send no money now) . . . write to:

The Battery Book Store & Press,
P.O. Box 3107, Uptown Station
Nashville, Tenn. 37219

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



WASHINGTON, D.C. Sept. 1945 — Texas Senator Tom Connally looks over plans for a book to be published (Pictorial History of the Fighting 36th). From left — S/Sgt. Richard A. Huff; Capt. Sumner S. Wilson, Ass't PRO, Myron G. Blalock, Democratic Natl. Committeeman for Texas, assisting Sen. Connally; Sgt. Howard Jones and Cpl. Robert R. Sieger. This is where it all started! Almost a year later it was ready for the troops.

This photo shown above is historic for several reasons. In Sept. 1945, most of the high-point Texans were already at home (or enroute).

Capt. Sumner Wilson assembled this group of EM's (who were on the Overseas T-Patch staff) to stay in the army for almost a year after the war to compile and edit the Pictorial History, and it was quite a task. To find and assemble all the campaigns, photos and art was mind-bogglin'.

Headed up by S/Sgt. Richard A. Huff, with Bob Sieger and Howard Jones, this book was ready for delivery — at a very high price of \$3.20 in 1946. The original copy now has increased in value more than 10 times 1946 cost. Those T-Patchers who have one, would not let it go — for an arm or a leg. The troops that DO NOT have one, should sign up now. They'll never be any less expensive, and a treasure for your children, and their children.

It took a long time to track-down Sumner 'Jumbo' Wilson, but we found him — just in time. He sent us the photo shown above. He has our thanks.

Archie McDugal Retires From Texas Guard After 38 Years Service

Former 36th Division Association president, Sgt. Major ARCHIE H. McDUGAL of Rt. 5, Box 708, Waco, TX 76705 retired in March 1979 after 38½ years from the Texas National Guard. He was the last of the combat vets of the 36th that was still in active service with the TNG. Some kind of record.

Archie served as editor of the 36th Newsletter back in the 1960's, was head honcho in 1974, and has a long list of devoted services to the T-Patchers. He served with Can. Co, 143rd during WWII, will be at the 143rd's reunion in Waco June 16-17th.

Long Lost Patcher Found By J/Quarles

Association president, Julian Quarles is a pretty good G-2 man, as well as a top notch attorney in Miami. He asked your editor if SUMNER S. WILSON is the same one that was PRO at Div. Hqs., that he remembered from his days at the University of Miami.

We replied that he must be the one, so he checked the 1978 alumni roster, and found his address. So score a NEW one for QUARLES. Contact has been made and S.S. Wilson is now a card-carrying member. Moral: of this is, sometimes there can be only ONE with a certain handle.

Sumner S. Wilson is still in army PR, is in charge of Public Affairs Office, 7th Infantry Division, Fort Ord, CA. He gets mail (home) — P.O. Box 6533, Carmel, CA 93921.

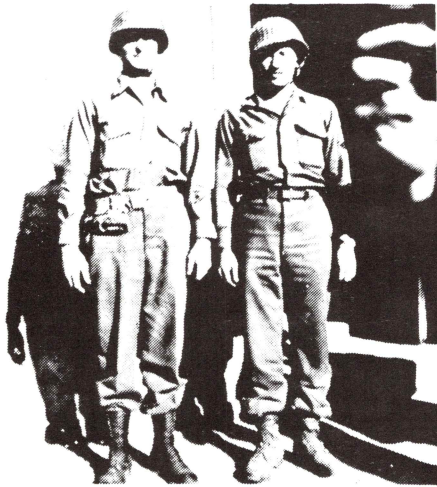
Do It Now . . . Ad Space For Houston Reunion Souvenir Program

It has been announced before that there will be a large, informative HOUSTON Reunion Program. Like the one in Santone, except — bigger and better . . . PLUS a complete history of all the 34 Postwar Reunions of the Association.

All the facts, of who, what and where of each of these exciting get-togethers. Enclosed in this mailing is all the info. DEADLINE is July 1st, and get your reservation in NOW. Wilkerson is the ram-rod on this, and we are about 70% on our goal! DO IT!

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

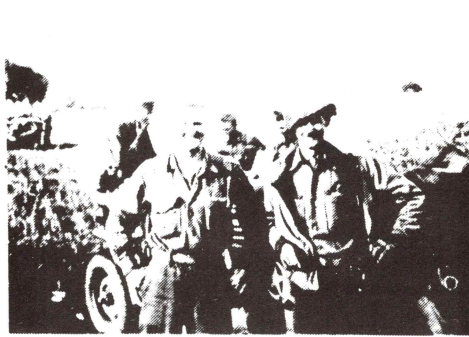
From Roy Goad's Photo Album



ROY D. GOAD, 112 W. Killen Lane, Temple, TX 76501 of Co. D, 143rd in photo above is shown here with his supply Sgt., Thomas E. Bruce (at right) taken north of Naples, Oct. 1943.

Top right photo: Capt. Roy Goad and Lt. Carl R. Hudson, in the background is Thurman H. Blackburn and John L. Laza, north of Rome, June 23, 1944.

GROUP PIX at right: Men of Co. D, 143rd at the 1950 Fort Worth reunion-front row from left: Curtis W. Doehre of Temples; Sam E. Rea (deceased) Roy Goad and Gene E. Jameson of Dallas. Back row: Arthur Clyde Rose of Temple; Payne V. Rucker of Dallas; J.L. 'Stumpy' Holcomb of Houston; Enoch C. Andy Simiton of Houston; Hubert E. Houston of Abilene and Preseley Foyt of New Mexico.

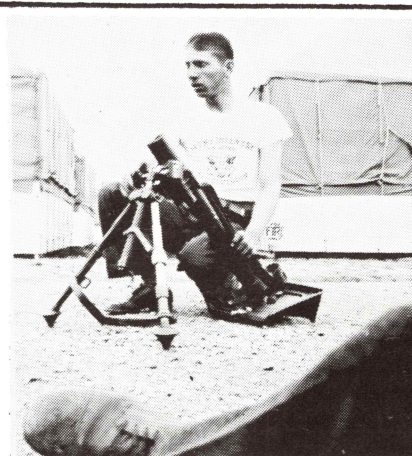


Les Terry Is A Terry-ific Birddogger

Les Terry, 3601 Hill Ave., Lot 94, Toledo, OH 43607 is running a race with Red Morgan for 'most' bird dogging. Here are some more:

William H. Hobbs, 6420 W. Myrtle Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301, Roy Applegarth, 2407 19th St., SE, Canton, OH 44707 and Wyatt Bornamann, 134 Cornish, San Antonio, TX 78223 all of 36th Cav. Recon Troop (Mecz).

Leri Wynn Garner, 5710 Ave. F, Austin, TX 78752 is a new one and also Horace O. Skinner, Rt. 2, Box 181-H, Ardmore, TX 73401, both of 36h Recon.



Here's a 1941 photo of Lavert Hubbard, 2012 Julie, Crowley, TX 76036 with 60mm mortar pointed toward Co. A, 142nd (his outfit) ... was sent in by W. J. Baxter, Box 961, Coleman, TX 76834, who works long and hard for the ole 36th Assn.

Heard from

R.E. BOB WALLACE, Fort Worth stamp dealer and V/P of 144th sends in dues for COL. TAYLOR D. HOWARD, Box 237, Nocona, TX 76255.

EARL A SMOAK, P.O. Box 1266, Beaufort, SC 29902 of Co. B, 142nd sends in this new address.

PAUL MORENO, 4203 Beggs, Houston TX 77009 of Co. G, 143rd sends in my renewal for dues, says he had been a dropout for a few years due to sickness, but looks forward to seeing all the troops at the Houston reunion.

MARVIN W. LEBO, 2540 Grant St., Mt. Penn, Reading, PA 19606 walked with Co. F, 143rd read in the T-Patcher where Don Cooper paid his dues, so Marv sends in \$10 for his and \$5 for a dropout.

JOHN 'ARAB' POWERS, V/P 141st of San Antonio sends in two more: JOHNNIE A. FLOWERS, Box 53, Cotulla TX 78014-and LEO A. HIGHSMITH, Box 18, Hondo, TX 78861. . . both served with 141st Infantry. We'll be lookin' for you guys in Houston!

JAMES S. HARDIN, Box 356, Abernathy, TX was roped in by ROGER J. KIRCH, 1517 3rd Ave., Escanaba, MI 49829 both of Svc. Btry, 131st FA Bn.

L.A. CATALANO, 16 E. Ormond Ave., Oaklyn, NJ 08107 of Co. A, 143rd was corraled by JACK CONNELL, 127 Oakland St., Audubon, NJ 08101 of 36th Cav. Rcon.

DICK PRATT our current V/P Spec. Troops sends in a new one of 111th Medical Det., 11th Engineers: Dr. EDWARD R. PARKER, 7126 Clearpoint, Dallas, TX 75217

THOMAS E. SHIVERS Formerly of P.O. Box 1001, Freeport, TX 77541 now has a new address: 440 W. Hwy. 332, Apt. No. 34, Lake Jackson, TX 77566. Tom served with 155th FA Bn.

JOHN T. GANNON, 9 Ashton St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 is in because ALBERT E. BOZELL got him. Gannon served with Co. B, 142nd, and is paid up for 2 years.

RALPH H. LAYNE, 2616 Halbert, Fort Worth, TX 76111 of 111th Engineers and GEORGE W. CHOATE, Box 851, Port Neches, TX 77651 also 111th Engrs., were rounded up by DICK PRATT of Houston, our V/P of Spec. Troops.

ANTHONY REALMUTO, 676 Fenworth Blvd., Franklin Sq., NY 11011 sends in dues and one more. Leonard signs up J.F. PATTERSON, 5424 Pershing, Fort Worth, TX 76107. . . both served with 141st Infantry.

GLEN HUNTOON, 433 West St., Gaylor, MI 49735 sends \$20 for his and 3 others. Leonard picks up : LONNIE REEDEN, Rt. 1, Iredell, TX; JOHN A HARDAWAY, 805 7th Ave., Canyon, TX - and GEORGE D. MONINGTON, 185 Cushwa Drive, Centerville, OH 45459.

EDWARD B. ELLIS, 8200 Stillwood Lane, Austin, TX 78758 of Svc. Btry. 132nd FA Bn. was 'found' by ole Amil.

JAMES O. HOOVER, Box 173, Columbus, GA 31902 of Co. F, 141st is another find by Amil.

PALCIOLE LA BELL, 9342 Nagle, Arleta, CA 91331 served with 132nd FA. Bn., and was found by ole Amil.

Breakdown of Memberships by Unit Designation. . .

First time ever. . . we have the breakdown of which units numerically are members of the 36th Division Association:

The 142nd is tops with 628 paid members!

141st Inf.	494	111th Medic	51
142nd Inf.	628	111th QM	15
143rd Inf.	593	36th Band	11
144th Inf.	113	36th MP	12
Div. Arty	14	Spec Trps	5
131st FA	73	636th TD	12
132nd FA	162	NK	43
133rd FA	61	Ex Offic	15
155th FA	90	Widows	11
Div. Hqs.	51	WWI	7
111th Eng	165	36ABN	
36th Sig	121	143rd	9
36th Recon	53		

New Book on 36th 'France To Austria' Now approved.



Under way- the missing part of our history . . . From France to Austria. A new book, similar in depth, but even larger than THE TEXAS ARMY has been OK's by your Board. MORE in July issue!



Heard from

ROY R. EUTON, Rt. 1 Box 222, Fayetteville, TX 78940 was in Svc. Co., 141st sends in a \$100 for Life Membership, and he has our thanks. We now have 143 life members, so says Leonard.

EMIL SCHNEIDER is the Elder Statesman of the San Antonio Chapter, and likely so. He has served in both wars, and Sgt. 'Snitz' (as he's known to his buddies) and his bride celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary last month. (how bout that?). Note: somebody oughta do a paperback on Snitz!

FRANCIS E. MEAGHER, 1902 Split Rock Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601 write in that he wants to join the 36th Assn., sends \$10 and has dues paid through 1980. Frank served with Co. D, 143rd Inf., and welcome!

VINCENT LOCKHART, 10236 Ridgewood Dr., El Paso, TX 79925, our division historian, reports that he was taking a defensive driers course, and was wearing his T-Patch pin. The instructor said he had served with the 36th, and Vince got his \$5 - so we have a new one: **C.K. PARKS**, 5117 Paris, El Paso, TX 79924 of Co. L, 143rd.

IF YOU HAVE A T-PATCH pin . . . WEAR IT! **HENRY A. SYTKOWSKI** of Dearborn Hts., MI has a new address: 15014 US 23N, Alpena, MI 49707.

KENITH C. LARSEN, of Hopkins, MN has moved to :608 N. 3rd St., St. James, MN 56081. **HENRY C. KEPPNER**, 1287 Geers Ave., Columbus, OH 43206 of Co. H, 142nd says he been wanting to be a LIFE member for a long time. Now he got his tax return and sends in \$100 to Leonard Wilkerson. That's Loyalty

CARROL K. PARKS, 5117 Paris Ave., El Paso, TX 79924 writes to Leonard that during the Italian campaign when he served with Hqs. Co. 143rd, some of his group posed for a photo for LIFE magazine. Parks would like to know if 'anyone' remembers this, and do they have a copy. He recalls a Lt. Jackson (of Texas) and Dick Morgan of Chester, PA. Can anyone help? Write to Parks (address above).

Gallop in' **HANK GOMEX** 'postcards from San Francisco that's he's a ball at Lake Tahoe with Earl LeCates, ole buddy of Dic. Hqs., shootin' craps and pullin' the slot machines.

DON FOTH, 405 W. 17th St., Vinton, IA 52349 sends in dues, says he served with 149th AAA, which was attached to the 36th. Welcome aboard, Don.

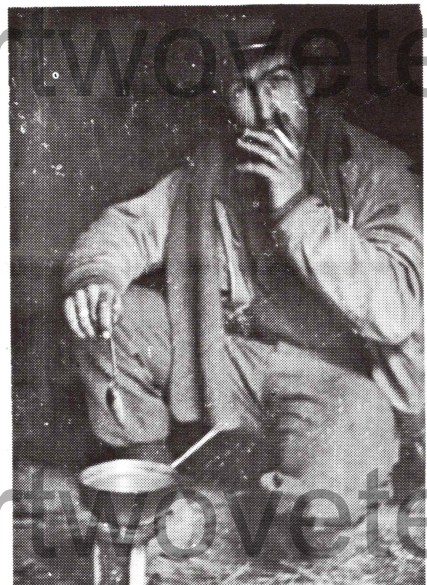
Col. **KEITH V. WICKLIFFE**, of 141st has new address (from Canal Zone) now - 6544 Fairdale Dr., San Antonio, TX 78218.

ZEB SUNDAY, the 'Pride of Pasadena Texas' has his drag-net working all the time . . . he visited **MEXIA** (pronounced May-hay-a) and signed up **GAINOR LINDSEY**, 1104 Tamarisk, Mexia, TX 76667 who did time with Co. B, 143rd.

LES TERRY the 36th Recon champion bird-dogger sends in two more: **LREID R. VOL-FRESY**, 1592 Cloud Lane, New Braunfels, TX 78130 and **FRANK ANDERSON**, Box 471, Saxonburg, PA 16056 both of 36th Recon Troops (Mech).



Charles A. Dawson, 620 Linda Lou Dr., San Antonio, TX 78223 served with 141st, sent in this photo of Col. R. G. Ciccolella, the C. O. of 1st Bn., 141st Infantry Regiment. (time and place not listed).



Jack S. "Stonewall", age 59 died recently in Amarillo, and this photo was sent in by **MILTON C. CROW**, 22414 Smokey Hill Rd., Katy, TX 77450 who says . . . "Stonewall was a highly decorated 1st Sgt. of Co. H, 142nd, received battlefield commission after the battle of Cassino, and served with Co. H until rotated. Later served in Korea, retired in 1961 as a major. A great soldier". He is survived by his widow, Tommie and daughter, Wanda Faye.

Philips Helps Fillup Membership Roster

Julian Philips, hard-working director, besides working on the Houston Reunion, take time to roundup these four: **Eddie G. Gutkowski**, 5414 Saxon, Houston, TX 77092 of Co. F, 143rd; **N. M. Wilson**, 3009 Wardmont, Houston, TX 77093 of Co. G, 143rd; **Andrew H. White, Jr.**, 219 E. Cowan Dr., Houston, TX 77007 of Co. A, Texas Defense Guard and **Richard K. Cunningham**, 6314 Jadecrest Dr., Spring, TX 77379 of current HHC 36th ABN BDE, company commander.

Morgan's Momentum Makes Membership Magic . . .

The fat's in the fire and the Bird Dog Brigade is advancing on all sides. Many are involved, but C. N. RED Morgan is out front as we go around the curve.

Red's secret is simple. He writes to a long list of known troopers, asking for names and addresses. Has been successful in this, and then he fires a barrage of mail to these lost, strayed dropouts, and here's just one report:

George L. Annan, 138 W. 109th St., New York, NY 10025 of Co. G, 142nd, a new one.

Joseph Bellonte, 546 Tenth St., Niagara Falls, NY 14301 of Co. G, and Hqs. 2nd Bn., 142nd, also new.

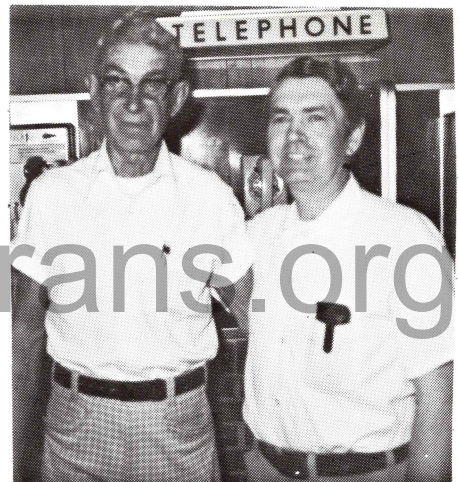
Dawson C. Drake, P.O. Box 442, Marfa, TX 79843, a new one same outfit.

Gordon L. Head, 32 Walnut St., Albion, PA 16401; Manual B. Jalomo, 7716 Narcissus, Houston, TX 77012 and A. B. Ross Murchison, 1007 7th St., Ballinger, TX 76821 all of 142nd.

Gayle W. Huntoon, 433 West St., Gaylord, MI 49735 of Co. G, 142nd sends in \$20 for his dues and \$15 for stamps, another new one.

Charles C. Clanchan, Rt. 2, Box 83A, Golconda, IL 62938 of Co. A, 142nd.

This is the kind of work that keep the old 36th going, and Red Morgan and Les Terry are right in the saddle. You too, can join the Brigade!



Here's a couple of fine artillerymen, from left-Eli Peoples of Chatsworth, GA, and Billy Logue of Harrodsville KY, both of Btry. C, 132nd, and Amil says they will be in Fort Worth for C-132 reunion in June, cause he send in this photo.

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**35th Anniversary of
Cassino and Anzio . . .
October 2-10, 1979**

The Troops Write:

The notices in newspapers and magazines have been a great source of finding lost troopers.

Len Wilkerson sends in this one — **CALEB F. SMITH**, Root Ave., Tilly Foster, Brewster, NT 10509 of Co. M, 141st read about the 36th in the VFW magazine. Lt. Col. F. X. SPOR, sent in a letter, as Smith is handicapped, and told about how delighted Caleb was to find out about the 36th. He gives \$20 to Col. Spor who forwards to Wilkerson for dues for 2 years, and Len picks up 2 new ones: **PETER MITCHELL**, 2769 University Ave., Bronx, NY 10468 and **MIGUEL S. GARCIA**, 451 N. McCullough, San Benito, TX 78586. Caleb Smith operates the Mahopac Auto Wrecking Co., and has been in the trucking business since he left the 36th in 1945.

Adam W. Crum, 1027 E. Whittier St., Columbus, OH 43206 writes to Amil — "Thanks for 36th Roster, so far, I have found two of the men who were in Prison Camp with me. I was captured on Mt. Vairo, March 1944 and served 16½ months at Stalag 2-B, and was a member of Co. L, 142nd Infantry".

IF YOU want names of T-Patchers ... you need Amil's 36th ROSTER (5000 names and addresses). It's a personal project ... send your ck for \$5.00 made out to **AMIL KOHUTEK**, and mail to 1933 College St., Abilene, TX 79602, you'll get it, postpaid. **DO IT NOW!**

Dear Leonard: At the request of Les Terry, I am sending \$10 for 1979-80 dues, and best wishes. Signed: Judge Edward B. Clark, Court of Appeals, State of North Carolina, Raleigh 27602. (score one more for Les Terry, a terry-ific birddogger).

Dear Wilkerson: "Here's a new one of 133rd FA Bn: **Clarence H. Ingraham**, 5137 Emerald Ave., St. James City, FL 33956; also two more — **Manuel F. Moreno**, 7410 Alpha, El Paso, TX 79915 and **T. A. MacMahon**, 1063 N. Reynolds, Alice, TX 78332, both 133rd."

Hershel Huelsenbeck,
605 Van Scoyor St.
Avilla, IN 46710

Leonard sends to Hershel his BIRDDOG card, and thanks.

Leonard Wilkerson rounds up another "NEW" one, he is **James F. McCubbin**, Rt. 2, Amarillo, Texas 79101. Jim mobilized with Company E, 144th Inf, later went to Company C, 144th after he was commissioned 2LT. Jim was recalled in the US Army during the Korean conflict and served in the Weapons Department of the Inf. School at Ft. Benning, GA. He helped form the first "All Army Rifle Team" and was the Team Coach in 1951-1952. His team won National Matches in 1952.

Dear Leonard: Here's a new one: **Lyman W. Howard**, 303 Howard Rd., Greenwood, IN 46142 of Co. D, 141st. He was visiting in Dallas recently and I got his dues. Be sure he gets a T-Patcher. Says he'll try for Houston.

W. B. Atwood, 11021 Milhof,
Dallas, TX 75228 (Co. D, 141st).

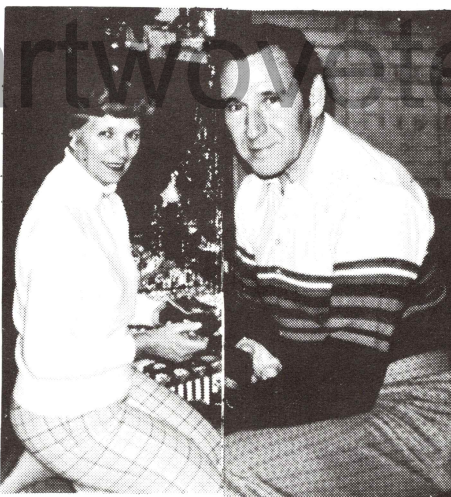


Somewhere in Italy — **B. W. Bradshaw, Jr.**, 6414 Meadow Road, Dallas, TX 75230 did time with 111th Medics with 141st from March 1941 'til June 1945. Bradshaw is 67 and retired.

Yankee T-Patcher says he's trading the Big Apple-for TEXAS

Ernest A. Kiewe, Box 975, 1990 Broadway, New York, NY 10023 write to Wilkerson that he plans to move to Houston later this year, says "things are just getting unbearable in this city, and we want to live in a civilized society. Since I've never been to Texas, I am sure it will be a great experience".

You are correct, Ernest, Texas is getting more and more folks from the Big Apple, and since you served with Co. B, 141st, there's a flock of these guys down this way, so be at the Houston reunion, and bring all your belongings. If there's not too many 141st men in Houston, you'll find a hotbed of them in Santeone, just a few six-packs west on IH 10.



JAMES MUELLER, better known as 'ACE' is shown here with wife **Laura**, lives at 106 Popular Point Rd., Yorktown, VA 23490 served with 111th Engrs., a Lt. with Co. A, at Camp Blanding; and later commander of Co. C, 111th Engrs. Photo sent in by the great Col. Oran Stovall, Bowie, TX.

Wear Your T-Patch

Heard from

RAMON 'Tessie' McCRAY, 3148 Haltom Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76117 is former champion bird dogger. He and a few 36th Signal buddies went from almost zero to over 100 members back in 1977. Now, Ray has been 'scoutin' the 111th Medics. He bags - Col. **TOMMY T. ROSE**, 5024 St. Lawrence Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76103, former CO of 111th Medic Detch., and later as Division medical supply officer.

Chief Head-hunter, LES TERRY, the **Toledo-Tornado sends in two more: 'LERI WYNN GARNER**, 5710 Ave. F, Austin, TX 78752 and **HORACE O. SKINNER**, Rt. 2, Box 181-H, Ardmore, OK 73401, both of his outfit, the **36th Cav. Recon Troop (Mech)**.

WILLIAM M. BAILEY, 3309 Moylan Dr., Bowie, MD 20715 of A/T Co. 143rd drops \$15 and Wilkerson signs up these three: **GAYLE S. ALBRATTON**, 434 Crockett Dr., Lewisville, TX 75067; **JOHN L. ALFORD**, Rt. 1, Box 242, Bus-ton, TX 77935 and **ORAN ALLEN**, 501 7th St. N. Texas City, TX 77590 - all of 143rd.

Col. PAUL WELLS covers the east coast via **Ham Radio** rounding up troopers, sends in dues for: **JOHN C. MONNOT, Jr.**, 620 22nd St. NW, Canton, OH 44709 of 36th Signal Co.

W.M. Billy BUNDY, Rt. 4 Box 619, Silbee, TX 77650 (that's Big Thicket Country) couldn't wait, so he paid his 1980 dues, which is a nice investment. Billy did time with Co. M, 142nd Inf.

EDWIN N. WILL, 4705 Colonial, Waco, TX 76710 of Co. K, 143rd reports he made a quick trip to the VA Hospital at Temple for a hernia repair, but not until he roundup a couple, they are: **EUNIE RAY NOLAND**, 1930 Hilltop, Waco, TX 76710 of his outfit; and **W.L. KELLEY**, Rt. 2, Burleson, TX 76028 of 143rd Medics. Don't forget the 143rd Assn. Reunion in Waco June 16th-17th.

HENRY G. RODRIGUEZ, 1632 W. Summit, San Antonio, TX 78201 served with Co. F, 142nd sends in dues, and that's good.

Mac Acosta's LE T-BONE, official rag of the Santone Chapter reports that his group has 10 Life Members of the Association as of March 1, 1979. He adds: "A T-Patcher one said - you have a drinking problem when you can no longer sit up to take another drink." Over and out.

DANIEL A. JONES, P.O. Box 162, Lehanon, OR 97355 read a notice in his newspaper and writes in for information on the reunion. He got it. (unit not given).

EGBERT V. BUNGER, Lt. Col. Ret., 12310 Worthampton, San Antonio, TX 78216 says he was at Salerno (didn't give unit) but wanted info on the reunion. Amil say "He got it."

Simple Instructions For Sending in Photos

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.



'Best Liked' In H-141

L. B. Easley of Co. H, 141st is a most devoted T-Patcher, and sends this additional information about the photos shown above...

Reubin R. Peterson, St. Rt. 2, Box 60, Kenedy, TX 78119 was the best-liked man in Co. H, 141st during the war. He was drafted in Jan. 1941 and assigned to Co. H. With army pay at \$21 per month, Reubin would send home each month \$20 and asked his brothers to buy cattle with it.

Peterson was one of five brothers, whom have all passed away, and he now lives along on his massive cattle ranch, says he'd like to hear from his old friends. Bush Easley concludes with "Peterson also deserves the Congressional Medal of Honor for HUMANISM".

Bob Wallace Is Your Host At The 144th CP

Dear 144th Troopers:

I have just returned from the board meeting in Houston at the Astro Village, where we will gather on Labor Day weekend, and I wish to see alot of 144th faces.

We've been at this hotel before, it's great, and has been remodeled. The CP's are all centrally located, and the 144th will be open and ready — when you are. I'll do some bartending, and Helen will be head-greeter. We want a big turn out. The 144th has (at this time — 98 card-carrying Association members) . . . and we need more. If you have any problems, transportation etc., contact me now . . . Bob wallace, 404 West 4th St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

The HOUSTON REUNION is too big to cover in one issue... so COMING in the July T-Patcher. . . MORE & MORE information about the great 54th Annual Reunion in the Bayou City (America's fastest growing city) . . . START PACKIN'.



THEN and NOW ... at left is REUBIN R. PETERSON of Co. H, 141st wearing his Silver Star for gallantry in action at Rapido River crossing, by Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker. Photo above made at the San Antonio Reunion shows Peterson with three comrades — Wm. L. Mutt Gallman, 131st and 636th; James H. 'Herb' Gallman, and Edward R. Smith both Co. H. 141st Infantry. Photos sent in by Lawrence Bush Easley of Dallas.

Puttin' The Drop On Drop-Outs

Finding 'new' members from old lists is important in our drive for the 3500 membership goal. However, the lifeblood is getting the DROP OUTS back in the fold.

C. N. Red Morgan, 422 Erik St., Amarillo, TX 79106 gathered these 8 dropouts all from his outfit, the 142nd Infantry:

PEARL H. BECK, Rt. 1 Herrick, IL 62431 of Co. A; WILLIAM R. CRAIG, 3541 Parker Rd., East, Fort Worth, TX 76117; ROLAND H. FLOWERS, 103 Linden Dr., Galion, OH 44833 of Co. M; WILLIAM E. GILLISPIE, Jr., 316 E. 20th St., Chester, PA 19103 of Co. B; FRANCIS J. HENRY, 648 S. Olden Ave., Trenton, NJ 08629 of Co. H; ERCLE P. MOORE, 1173 Albany, Abilene, TX 79605 of Co. K; FRANCIS L. WAECHTER, RFD 3, Sigourney, IA 52591 of Hqs. 3rd Bn., and JOHN T. LACHENMAYER, 17 Circle Dr., Norristown, PA 19403 of Co. I.



Camp Edwards 1942 — Here's Jack Connell, 127 Oakland, Audubon, NJ 08106, of the 136th Cav. Recon Troop (Mecz). Jack is paid up til 1980, says Les Terry who sent in this photo.

NEW MEMBERS

FELIX E. KUTACH, 110 Doris St., El Campo, TX 77437; LOUIS A. SHEW, Jr., 397 Faith Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236 of Btry B 131st FA; GLEN W. MOORE, 610 Windwood Cir., Tucson, AZ 85704 of 443rd AAB, and ALVIS B. SIMS, 204 Bluebonnet, Groesbeck, TX 76642 of Co. G, 142nd.

Garland Jones, 5201 Loch Lomond, Waco, TX 76710 of Co. M, 143rd and DON PRATT, 10810 Bauman Rd., Houston, TX 77076 of Svc. Co., 143rd both sent in by DICK PRATT, V/P Spec. Troops (Houston).

CHARLES A. DUNCAN, 4305 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX 79762 of Can. Co., 142nd sends in dues to Wilkerson.

BOB STENGER, 46 Stephenville Blvd., RED Bank, NJ 07701 served with Co. I, 142nd sends his dues to Red Morgan.

DEAN CULPEPPER, Box 247, Goliad, TX 77963 of 141st Inf., sends in \$10 and Leonard signs him up for 2 years.

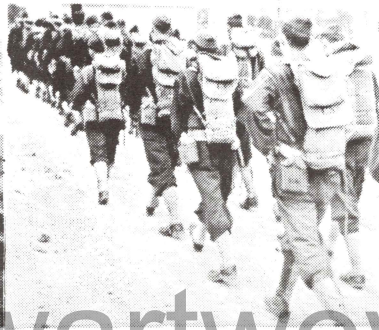
DUDLEY GRIMES, Rt. 1, Dublin, VA 24084 of Co., G, 143rd was bagged by Amil . . . sent in by Albert Harris, New Cumberland, PA.

GILBERT F. OREUTT, 7348 Lakehurst Ave., Dallas, TX 75230 of 36th Div. Hqs., is one for Ben Curtis.

GEORGE P. GOISOVICH, 203 Lulay St., Johnstown, PA 15904 of Co. K, 143rd is a new one from Amil's dragnet. George says he was POW with Ed Beheler (Jimmy Carter look-alike) in Kratzig, Germany for 20 months. Ask for a decal, and he got it.

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 T-Patcher!



Raymond Keller, Jr., 305 Primrose Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78404 served with 133rd FA Regiment from the re-activation in 1936, sent in many great photos, of which we select 4 shown above. Top left — Capt. Frank Reese, of Hqs. Btry. 133rd during LA Maneuvers, top right is Lt. Keller in the pineywoods of LA. Above left, Dale Waldrop, Frank Davis, A. C. Moser, Charlie Van Dusen (who was Sgt/Maj) of 133rd photo taken at Sidi Bel Abbes, North Africa. Top right: 133rd training march at Camp Edwards. Our thanks to Keller for these interesting pixs.

Rhode Island T-Patchers Meet



VETERANS REUNITE — They fought in World War II with the 36th Texas Infantry Division and, although they never met in Europe, four area men held a division reunion recently and talked about their wartime experiences. From left, John P.

Donati, Joseph Reilly, Robert Carey and Stewart Anderson, say they plan more reunions. Carey lives in Smithfield, the others in Pawtucket. The division won fame for 132 days of consecutive combat. (Times photo by Ear Dumin)

JOHN GANNON, 9 Ashton St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 of Co. B, 142nd sends in this clipping from his local paper, says, "though I never knew these T-Patchers in the photo, I have been in touch with them and we are planning to meet soon. More coming at later date".



Men of one 143rd platoon at the Santone reunion — front row from left: Gordon Rose, Carl Vierregge, W. O. Martin. Back row: Edwin Wills, Gus Hogan and George Bailey. Pix sent in by Vierregge of 2304 Richter, Waco, TX 76711, who says they'll all be in HOUSTON!



'SIGNS' of the Times Germany 1945

In GERMANY 1945 — Here's Carl A. Kandlbinder, 32041 N. 78th St., Elmwood Park, IL 60653 of Service Co., 141st, and he's only 115 Km from Mannheim. Please note all the unit signs. Carl and his wife attended the San Antonio reunion, and E. W. Merton, 207 Nash Blvd., San Antonio says they will be in Houston. Merton sent in this photo, is Secy./Treas. of the S/A Chapter 36th Div.

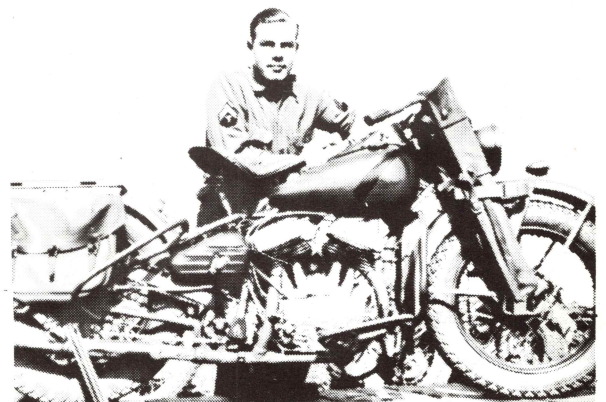
Life Membership Your Best Investment

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

The Life Membership campaign has been good. But, it can't stop now. We need these contribution to assure our survival. It is all economics. You gotta have money to keep it going.

Bird Dog Brigade

LES TERRY is shown here at Camp Edwards, 1942 says — "I was a motorcycle rider for 36th Cav. Recon Troop (Mecz) — and proud of my outfit." Terry is a contender for the Bird Dog Brigade Award (has over 30 members as of May 1st).



WELCOME

New Members.....

JOHN E. KRAKER, Box 958, Gilbert, MN 55741 of Co. I, 141st, is new cause he saw a notice in his local newspaper (that Amil sent out).

HARRY BOND, Box 594, Hanover, NH 03755, former Capt. with Co. M, 141st and later was aid to Brig. Gen. Stack, ass't division commander under Dahlquist. Ben Curtis 'found' him.

ROBERT BODY, 2202 Ocacia Park Dr., Cleveland, OH 44124 of 36th Cav. Recon Unit is one more for LES TERRY of same outfit.

JOHN E. CLARK, 316 Burmont Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026 joins up as associate member. John served with 82nd Airborne, is now councilman for the township for upper Darby. "Welcome. John." Leonard Wilkerson gor 'im.

TED TRINIDAD RODRIGUEZ, 151 Winkle Ct., San Antonio, TX 78227 served with Co. E, 141st was rounded up in Amil's dragnet for losts and strays. Welcome, Ted!

DEL KENDALL the great anti-tanker of 143rd sends Leonard \$15 which covers these 3 new ones: **BEN E. BRANCH**, Rt 2, Box 68, Royce City, TX; **SAM E. HILLIN**, Box 549, Royce City, TX and **JESSE C. ROSSON**, Old Denton Road, Gainsville, TX. Del Kendall is a rabid booster for the 36th, gets mail at : 1665 Jefferson, Muskegon, MI 49441.

MANUEL P. ZAMORA, 1703 Garfield, Brownsville, TX 78521 od Co. F, 141st and later 36th Div. Hqs. Manuel is IN cause Amil got out his drag-net.

MICHAEL A. O'LEAR, 209 Crestwood Drive, Camillus, N.Y. 13031 of Can. Co. 141st is now a member, cause **JAMES EVANS** of 120 E. Cheltenham Rd., Syracuse NY 13205 'birddogged' him, and sent in \$5 for his dues.

RUDOLPH HATCH, 318 Sixth St., Brooklyn, NY 11215 of 36th Cav. Recon is in. Sent his \$5 to Leonard Wilkerson, and he is one more to the growing list of Recon men who are now members.

HURLEY YOUNG, 5724 W. Plywenn, Arlington, TX 76017 served with 155th FA Bn., was birddogged by Amil.

ALVIN H. RECLA, 1193 Dorchester Dr., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 sent dues, but failed to give unit.

ELMORE KASTNER, 7243 W. Palantine, Chicago, IL 60631 walked with Co. L, 142nd, signed up 'by Amil.

EDWARD J. PACENKA, 244 St. Augustine Ave., Apt. 303W, Venice, FL 33595 of Co. K, 143rd. Hey, Ed do you know Sam Kibbey, Norris Morgan or Ed Will?

JAMES W. WILLIAMS, 1203 Richcreek Rd., Austin, TX 78757 of Hqs. 13rd FA Bn.

ALVINO D. ACLAME, 1719 Alaska St., Dallas, TX 75216 is a new one, but no unit is given.

IRVING F. FRIEDMAN, Viking Manor 1, 510 S. 4th St., Apt. 8 C, Cloquet, MN 55720 of 443rd AA Attached was 'found' by ole amazin' Amil.

OTIS P. TURNEY, 3 Wheeler Ct., Deer Park, NY 11729 did time with 36th Signal, and Amil got him.

Bird Dog BRIGADE



C. N. Red Morgan has the fat in the fire ... here's some more troopers he has corraled:

ROBERT H. FOWLER, Box 593, Ballinger, TX 76821; **JAMES C. PARRISH**, Box 106, Ballinger, TX 76821; **THURMAN H. WHITWORTH**, 337 Sutton Ave., E. Providence, RI 02914; **MERLE W. GEORGE**, Box 243, Selma, IN, 47383 — and **ALBERT G. KUDZIA**, 2255 Quail Run Apts, Columbia, S.C. — all are from 142nd Infantry.

Dr. SAM P. JONES, 1036 Forest Grove, Dallas, TX 75218 of Co. I, 142nd.

Robert McCammon, Rt 2, Comanche, OK of Co. A, 142nd.

George Pearman, 1708 Euclid Ave., Apt 5, Berkley, CA 94709 of Co. K, 142nd.

Thomas Wristen, Box 11, Santa Anna, TX 76878 of 142nd.

Leonard W. Spence, 2526 Karla, Mesquite, TX 75150 of Co. A, 142nd.

Daniel W. Douget, Box 198, Magnolia, TX 77855 has joined the Sons of the 36th. His father served with Co. I, 142nd was KIA Nov. 11, 1944 in France, says he'd like to hear from anyone who served with him. Red Morgan also sent him a roster of Co. I.

Diff'rent St(R)okes For Diff'rent Folks

On page 13 of the Feb. '79 issue we ran a photo of old Man Mose (or Santa Claus) which ever comes first. The bearded-one was none other than **JIM STOKES**, former VP of 142nd, and a regular at all reunions.

Stokes writes: "The wife and I were having a fish dinner at Cassanto's here in N. Fort Myers (Fla) when he got a tap on the shoulder from a Co. H, 142nd trooper ... none other than **RAY HEMPLE**, 1978 Oakmont Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121."

So maybe we all outta grow a beard. Stokes added, "Ray recognized me from my Santa Claus pix in the T-Patcher".

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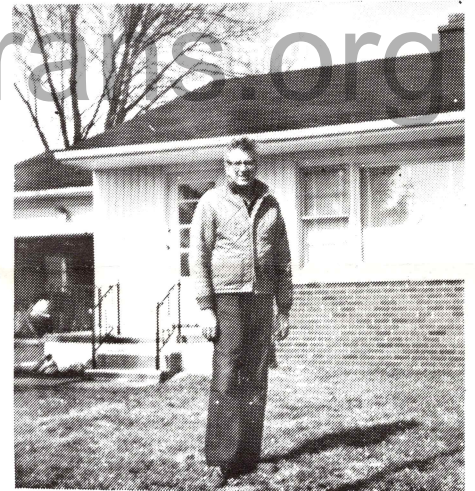
June 22 Oak Brook, Ill.



As previously announced, one of the great unit reunions is the MID WEST CHAPTER. It was an original group of 111th Engineers, who decided it would be good to 'let-in' some of the other guys of the 36th who live in the Mid West. And, what an excellent idea it was.

Their annual encampment is June 22-24 at the Sheraton-Oakbrook Motor Hotel in Oak Brook, IL (that's right out of Chicago) ... and all T-Patchers in the mid west are invited to attend, so says **WILLIAM C. NAGEL**, the head honcho.

The elder-statesmen of this illustrious group **Col. Oran Stovall**, was in Cowtown recently, and he suggested we get up a special flight out of D/FW (World's largest airport) and all go to O'Hare together. Not a bad idea. Contact **ORAN C. STOVALL**, Bowie, TX 76230 for details.



DOUG STEVENSON, 17198 Coral Gable, Southfield, MI 48076 is a new member, served with 36th Cav. Recon Troop (Mec) says he has been driving a bus around Southfield for 23 years. Welcome to the clan, Doug.

Amil Bombards Alabama With Barrage of Letters To Find Lost Patchers

Our work horse for the past decade, ole **AMAZIN' AMIL**, the Abilene Ambassador, still spends time in behalf of the Association. He plays 'backfield' for quarterback Wilkerson, and intercepts some good ones.

Amil sent 200 letters to lost-and-strayed in State of Alabama. He gets names from old rosters etc. His efforts got two: **GEORGE PARKER**, Box 27, Florale, AL 36442 of Hqs. Btry, 132nd and **JACK J. JENNINGS**, Box 12484, Tallahassee, FL 32308 of Co. B, 143rd. More on the way.

NOTE: If you have some addresses of BAMA T-Patchers, send 'em to Amil.

● THERE ARE 8 MILLION
STORIES IN THE 36th ●

36th Signal Company Chapter in Denison, Virgil White takes helm.



PHOTO AT LEFT: Officers of 36th Signal Company, elected at Denison (from left); Myron Cook, Ed Brown, Pete Thayer, Virgil White, Joe Jackson, Ralph Henderson and Otney Parr. TOP PHOTO: Leonard Wilkerson, membership chairman and board member, presents a plaque to Ray 'Tessie' McCray for his outstanding work in behalf of the 36th Division Association.

The 2nd annual meeting of 36th Signal Co., Association (since receiving their charter) was held in Denison, TX on April 28-29 at the Denison Holiday Inn with 32 members in attendance.

Newly elected are: Virgil White, president; Ralph Henderson, V/P; Myron Cook, Secty.; Paul Thayer, Treas. Directors: Otney Parr (northern region); Ed Brown (central); and Joe Jackson (southern region).

Beautiful Lake Texoma was site for a Fish-Fry, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil White, with a super-spread and all the extras. A dance was held at the VFW Club, with a Sunday buffet at the Holiday Inn, under the eagle-eye of manager, Signalman James Bell. A business meetin and goodbye's ended a successful reunion.

Gerry Groneman of Covington, KY was on hand, was hosted by Tess McCray to a pre-reunion dinner Friday in Fort Worth, and stopped by for a quick visit with your pore ole editor.

COMMAND POST LINE-UP FOR 36th REUNION

One of the highlights of any T-Patch Reunion is the hospitality and comradship 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.

These are larger-than-average, and each has its own restroom and wet bar. Your hosts are; JOHN POWERS, 141st; C.N. Red MORGAN, 142nd; payne rucker, 143rd; R.D. Bob WALLACE, 144th; DICK PRATT, Spec. Troops and EDWARD KEETON, Div. Artillery.

Co. G, 143rd Infantry Meet in Houston

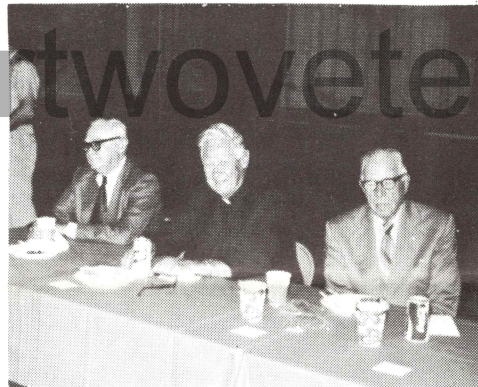


PHOTO above: from left is Brig. Gen. David M. Frazier, Mon. Senior, Bernard F. Roemer and Maj. Gen. Robert M. Ives at the head table of Co. G, 143rd. Photo above right: Maj. Earl Higgenbotham of Burnet, TX and the new Adutant General of Texas, Maj. Gen. Willie L. Scott at the annual Co. G, 143rd Reunion in Houston, April 21, 1979.



ABOVE: Lt. Col. Julian Philips sells a membership in the 36th Assn., to Capt. Richard K. Cunningham, current CO of HHC, 36th Airborne Brigade. Philips gives some info on Cunningham: graduated T/Jefferson High School, Santone 1962; a graduate of U of Ark., was all-American football 1966, All-SWC 1964-68. Played 8 years pro with Buffalo Bills, Philadelphia Eagles and Detroit Lions. A former member of Co. F, 425th Inf (Ranger) at Pontiac,

Mich., Dick has been in the Guard for 12 years. Welcome to 36th!

ABOVE RIGHT photo: Philips sells 36th Assn., membership to Eddie B. Gutkowski, former member of Co. F, 143rd during the Co. G, 143rd reunion. Eddie, just out of the hospital after a double by-pass (heart) is shown here with his wife.

BE REMINDED . . . that our fiscal year for dues ends on Aug. 31 each year. Your 1980 dues can be paid now-good from Sept. 1, 1979 to Aug. 31, 1980.

Be in HOUSTON

Heard from

ROY D. GOAD of Co. D, 143rd sends in new address: 122 W. Kilen Lane, Temple, TX 76501. Roy is county commissioner for Bell County.

JOHN E. BRENDLE, 4808 Wheelock, Fort Worth, TX 76133 sends in dues, says he served with H&S 111th Medics as an EM from 1940-'42, went to OCS and made the service a career, now retired as LTC. Look for you in Houston, Col.

KENNETH M. AXELROD, Box 5050, Borger, TX 79007 orders a ½ page ad in the Houston Souvenir Program, and sends an extra \$15 for 3 strays. Leonard picks up: **GEORGE M. HAAS**, 803 Irene Dr., Westchester, PA 19380; **FERRELL M. HOLLIS**, 3216 Lockhead, Midland, TX 79701; and **ARCHIE W. HOLMAN**, Star Route, Box 71, Andrews, TX 79714, all of 142nd. Thanks, Ken, that's good bird dogging!

ARNOLD HJERMSTAD, 138 N. 4th St., Cannon Falls, MN 55009 is a ham radio operator and says he has contacted many from Texas. Arn served with 36th Quartermaster Co.

ALVIN TOWSLEY, 1433 Sterns Rd., Toledo, OH 43613 of Co. M, 143rd sends dues and an extra five for a buddy, and Leonard pickup a new one: **WILLIAM A. SPRADLEY**, 4724 McKinney, Houston, TX.

LES TERRY, the best bird dog in Ohio sends in another one . . . **HARDOL W. BEARER**, 57128 C.R. 9, West Lafayette, OH 43545. Les says the official name of his unit is: "36th Cav. Recon Troop (Mech)."

BILL BURGA of Hager Hill, KY did time with Co. B, 142nd sends in dues and \$5 for a friend - **VIRGIL TACKETT** of Virgil, KY 41572.

Dr. **FELIX STORY**, 123 East Pebble Beach Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282 served with 736th Ordnance was rounded up by Amil, and Doc is now paid up thru Aug, 1980.

EDWARD S. BEARD, 602 N. Flamingo, Seabrook, TX 77586 is a new one. Ed walked with Co. H, 141st.

ROGER B EBERHART, 1519 S. Main St., Duncanville, TX (that's a short beer from Dallas) sends in dues and a prospect for Leonard - **SAM LILES** of DeSoto, TX.

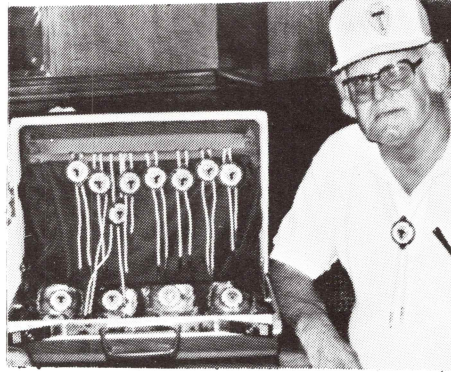
JOHN 'ARAB' POWERS made history when he latched-on to the Texas license plate "T-PATCH" for his new pickup, rounds up two more troopers . . . **FRED MOYA**, 738 Glenn, San Antonio, TX of Co. C, 141st; and **REX B. HOON**, 1226 25th St. NE, Canton, OH of Co. H, 141st.

ROGER A. MILLER, 31 N. 4th St., Martin's Ferry, OH 43935 of 36th Signal sends in dues and one more, which Leonard signs up **VERNON M. LASHLEY**, P.O. Box 183, Denison, TX 75020 also of 36th Signal.

Card of Thanks

Frances and I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the many friends who sent flowers, cards, letters and telephone calls to us in our hour of need. Our son, Larry E. Wilkerson was 32 years of age, when he departed to be with our Lord in heaven. We love all of you for your encouragement. Leonard and Frances Wilkerson

T-Patch Bolo Ties Still For Sale By Dixie Hall



In the Nov. T-Patcher we ran the above photo of the late Bernie Hall, the man who designed and produced a great BOLO TIE with the T-Patch insignia.

His widow, Dixie Hall is carrying on the project. The price is \$8.50 postpaid, and it's a real dandy. Order direct from: Dixie Hall, 303 Duke, San Antonio, TX 78228.

Jim Minor's Book To Be Re-Printed By Barbara Davidson

Last issue, we reported that the James Minor Book was out of print. Now, we hear from **BARBARA DAVIDSON** who edited this great history, says . . . "because of the demand, we have re-ordered 200 copies, and will offer at the same price — \$3.50 postpaid." If you failed to get one on the initial offering, please order now . . . send check for \$3.50 made out to Barbara Davidson, 22 Queen Ann Street, Friendship, N.Y. 14739.

Barbara is secty of the EASTERN Co. B, 142nd unit, and is probably one of the most devoted T-Patchers we know. She belongs to Victor Davidson, same outfit.

Like Ole Man River, McCray Keeps On Rollin' Along . . .

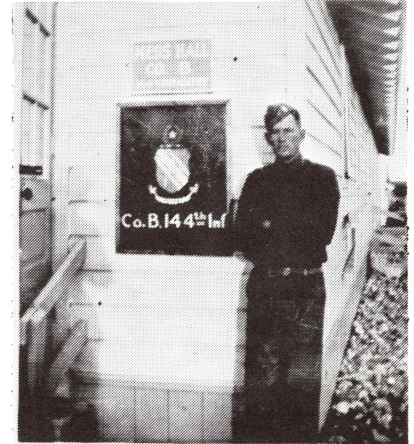
A few years ago, Ray 'Tess' McCray went to work on his buddies of 36th Signal Co. He spent time and money digging out lists and sending letters.

It payed off. The Signalmen went from nil to over 100 members. In fact the 36th Signal showed the greatest percent of growth — than ANY unit in the Association.

Recently, McCray started working on 111th Medical Battalion (whom have been quite for years) . . . and with the help of guys like W. G. Red Covington, Box 64AA, Rt. 1, Marietta, OK 73448 — and Jack Livingston, John Lipscomb and others, they have compiled a roster of 145 firm, current addresses of 111th Medical men.

On June 2nd, this group will meet at the VFW Post in Gainesville for a reunion, which means that — the 111th Medics are on their way. Alot of thanks will have to go to Ray McCray.

Slack Joins T-Patchers In Stalag 3-B



Cpl. **LESLIE I. SLACK**, 1010 Periers, Lufkin, TX 75901 sends in this oldie — taken 1941 at the Co. B, 144th Inf. Mess Hall. Slacks write to Leonard, "when 144th broke up, I was sent to fight in Normandy as a replacement with 359th Inf., 90th Division. I was captured at the Moselle River crossing, and it was ironic that his cold, hungry dog-face was befriended and enclirage encouraged by T-Patchers who had been captured at Salerno and were at Stalag 3-B POW camp".

T-PATCHER HERD FRÜMS

DON MAGEE, 765 Azalia Lane, Vidor, TX 77662 served with Co. L, 143rd in 1916-17-18 sends in \$15 on his dues, says he hopes to be in Houston. Don is 80, and a devoted T-Patcher.

JAMES L. BOYD, Rt. 2, Box 413, Tusculumbia, AL 35674 is another one from the Alabama mailing. Jim served with Co. K, 142nd Inf., so score one more for Amil.

LOWE MILTON, 6207 Hurst, Houston, TX 77008 is a new member, and so is **EDWARD B. MORALES**, 1106 Hillcrest W, San Antonio, TX 78228 both of 36th Cav. Recon Troop, and corraled by Les Terry, same outfit.

Frank J. Dorko, 1519 Lakeland Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107 writes . . . "What happened to my long-awaited copy of the Feb. Issue? I've been busy getting out-patient treatment at Cleveland, VA hospital I had forgotten, but a fone call from Don Still (Co. B, 142nd) alerted me."

OK, Frank, copies are on the way. Our computer is broken, and some of our slaves are about to strike, but we can carry-on in the tradition of the ole fightin' 36th.

Frank served with Co. F, 143rd and made the S/A reunion sand says he had a ball. We'll be lookin' for you and wife Sohie in Houston!

SIGN UP NOW. . .

Registration card is enclosed with this May issue. If not, write Astro Village, Convention Reservation Dept., 2350 South Loop West, Houston, TX 77054. Phone (713) 748-3221.

Heard from

GEORGE WOODLEY, 10691 NW 29th Court, Sunrise, FL 33322 of 36th Signal is a 'new-found' Patcher, roped in after a meeting at the North Miami Elks Club by CHARLIE REITER, 2305 NE 137th St., N. Miami Beach, FL 33161. . . signed his letter with "STILL Hunting." Chas served with Co. C. 143rd.

HERMAN W. SMITH of Can. Co., 143rd has retired and now has a new address: P.O. Box 518, Lake City, CO 81235, formerly lived in Lubbock, says the fishin' is great in the Rockies - so come up.

LEONARD WILKERSON rounds up 3 more strays of the 144th Infantry: CLARENCE GRUBBS, Rt. 2, Jefferson, TX 75657; LEVOYCE ANDERS, 924 Venice St, Hurst, TX 76053 and ROBERT P. NELSON, 3509 Gillon Ave., Dallas, TX 75205 who is a new one.

PAUL SHERRILL, 612 Jobes Lane, Evansville, Ind. 47712 served with Co. M, 141st is another new one for Amil.

JOE PRESNELL, Box 202, Baytown, TX 77520 sends in dues plus one for JAMES G. MULLENS, 2104 Bowie School Dr., Baytown 77520 of 133rd; and a memorial to GRADY SANDHIN (KIA) of 143rd, Presnell's outfit.

Col. THOMAS G. WILLIAMS, 8321 Windway Dr., San Antonio, TX 78239 write to Wilkerson - says he served with Co. M, 144th from 1934 to Dec. 10, 1941, left the 144th for OCS in July 1942.

PRICE D. NELSON, 500 Combs Creek Dr., Dallas, TX 75211 served with Co. H, 144th, sends in dues and regrets that he cannot be in Houston (other commitments) . . . so plan now for Dallas in 1980.

DONALD A. ESTEP, 4772 Overwood Circle, Birmingham, AL 35222 of 133rd FA is another new one from Amil's mass mailing in State of Alabama . . . also gets VIRGIL D. LEWIS, RFD 2, Box 295, Webster, FL 33597 of Co. A, 143rd.

BOYD K. LAMB, 2418 Morningside Dr., Garland, TX 75041 of 36th Signal sends in dues to Wilkerson.

GEORGE J. KUBELA, 3611 E. Lansing Rd., Bancroft, MI 48414 is another new'un. Served with Co. G, 141st Inf.

HARRY T. DREYFUS, 8315 Lettie, Houston, TX 77075 of Co. G 143rd was tagged by Amazin' Amil.

J. E. RILEY, Rt. 2, Box 81, Mercedes, TX 78570 asks for reunion info, said he served with Duck Division and landed at Salerno. He got it.

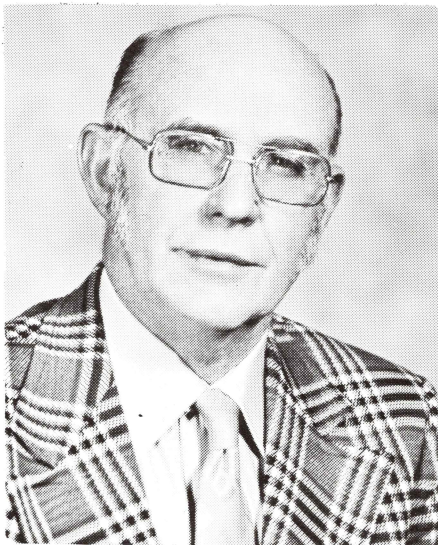
BILL EVANS, Rt. 3, Abbeville, SC 29620 is a new one courtesy Red Morgan's dragnet.

J. W. HEADSTREAM, 3001 Ave. T, Snyder, TX 79549 sends \$15 to Red Morgan, and is paid up for three years . . . thru '81. How 'bout that, sports fans?

RALPH E. LUTGRING, 111 24th St., Nederland, TX 77627 an admitted dropout of Co. B, 111th Engineers sends in ten, is paid up until 1980. (please note his house number matches his outfit).

ELBERT E. PONDER, 915 Larkwood Dr., Cullen, AL 35055 of Co. G, 142nd has been lost — but now has been 'found' by Amil in his dragnet of Patcher in Alabama.

Rucker Reveals Reunion Record



Payne Rucker

If the Association gives out some brownie points for loyalty and participation, ole PAYNE RUCKER oughta win a prize or two. He is your V/P for 143rd and will hold down the CP at the Houston Reunion with his usual great style.

Rucker joined the TNG after graduation (age 18) as he says "to collect that fantastic fee of \$1 of each time we drilled." (after all, that dollar would buy a pack of cigs, 3 gallons of gasoline and a couple of beers).

RUCK served with Co. D and Cannon Co. of 143rd and has alot of good and bad memories of those war years, but his great claim to fame now, is this statement, "if you have attended any of the reunions from 1946 until the last one in Santone (total of 34) you have seen me there".

No records have been kept as to HOW MANY can make that statement, we think it is some kind of record . . . bravo!

Payne says, "even though we all struggled after the war to start a new life, I feel that mine has been fulfilled and I cherish all of my 36th Division buddies. Liz and I look forward to seeing you-all in Houston."

Write to Rucker at: 6337 Tulip Lane, Dallas, TX 75230.

Hughes Generosity Adds Five More To Membership Roster

Life Member, Robert P. Hughes, 1746 Crestdale, Houston, TX 77055 of Co. A, 142nd sends in \$25 to Wilkerson for five buddies and Leonard picks up:

ANDREW ACOSTA, Rt. 4, Box 270, Sherman, TX of Co. M, 142nd Inf.; J. B. ADAMS, 205 Crescent Dr., Brownwood, TX 76801 also Co. A, 142nd; R. L. COX, 174 Dutch Road, Charleston, WV 25302, same outfit; RICHARD ESTABROOK, 955 Swickley Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010 also Co. A, 141st . . . and B. Q. EVANS, 939 Elton St., Houston, TX 77034 of 3rd Bn. Hqs. 142nd (a drop out). First 4 are NEW. Our thanks to Hughes for some good 'bird doggin'.



May 8, 1945.
34 Years Ago

Wars end on VE-DAY? Where was I? Funny you should ask, cause when the ---- hit the fan in the town of Neuphotz, just this side of the Rhine, that was wars end for me, March 23rd. Oh, I was one of the lucky ones, a walking wounded. After 4 days of jeep, ambulance field hospital, and Red Cross train arrived at the 236th, Gen. Hospital in Epinal France.

There the next 50 days was spent in pajamas, combat boots and an arm cast. For opensers this was a great life, nobody shooting at you, 3 squares a day, a bed to sleep in, pretty nurses to kid with and Kraut POW's to handle all the ---- details. Soon rested, you wanted out, back to the old outfit, crazy as it seemed, you'd take your chances agai. You wondered where they were, and with fronts collapsing all around it was hard to tell, the radio blaring out Benny Goodman swing and the latest news flashes. VE-DAY and the GI's horsing around as the nurses made their rounds. The Kraut POW's going about their work "Vas iss los?" Alles kept? It was hard to believe. Out on the parade grounds the usual out-patient, ballgame going on, umpired by a beautiful nurse, a Capt. who had een in the Pacific. GI's in wheelchairs watching the game, others soaking up the warm May sunshine, while others hobbled about, unsteady on their new crutches. Under a tree, a card game in progress. From the Red Cross hut, the sounds of a piano, played day after day by a "Thank God I'm still alive" Frenchman, a recent escapee from Dachau.

Wars' end found the hospital with a strange collection of men, from several countries the backwash of battles lost and won. That night as the wardboy started his rounds and it was lights out, a few of us wandered up to the orderly room at the end of the ward. A light burned over the desk, nobody there, the nurse called away no doubt. Thru the window one could see the bursting flares over the treetops.

The French were celebrating in Epinal, 'LA GUERRE FINNI.' From somewhere nearby came the sound of music, a dance perhaps, wine, women and song? We looked at each other questioninglly. On the top shelf of a cabinet, a belljar was spotted, surgical instruments resting in a violet colored solution. Hot damn, we could drink to VE-DAY after all. Mud in your eye and down the hatch, we belched, similing to ourselves, each man with his own thoughts. Sometimes later the wardboy popped his head in the door, saying "Hey you guys, look —", his voice trailing off as he stared into the faces of 6 very quiet drunken soldiers, slouched around a now empty belljar, he turned and was gone. Jeez the wars over, you kept saying to yourself . . . Somewhere down the dark corridor of "M" ward a man coughed.

Del Kendall, A/T Co. 143rd

THERE ARE 8 MILLION STORIES IN THE 36th

OUT OF THE MAILBAG



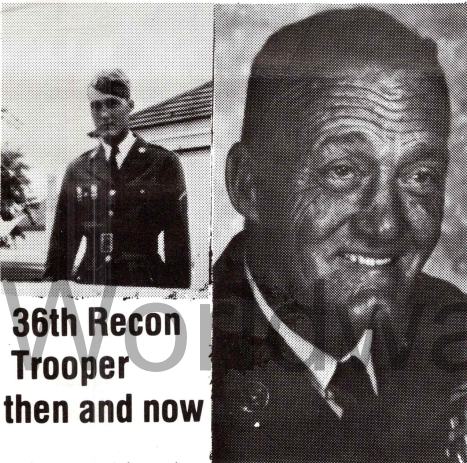
Our hard-working membership chairman, Leonard Wilkerson gets most all in-coming mail, processes them and forwards on to your editor for this Quarterly. It's a tremendous job, and Wilkerson is on the beam.

One of the old FBI certificates came in from JACK E. HAYES, Rt. 9, Box 6, Bucyrus, MO 65444 of Co. E, 142nd with check for \$15 for some 'lost' T-Patchers. Jack had 3 names, but no known addresses were available, so Leonard signs up:

CULLEN C. STROTHER, Box 222, Sweetwater, TX 79556, HUGH M. SMYTH, Box 203, Lakewood, WI 54138 and NICK D, ZANINI, 2725 N. Merrimac, Chicago, IL 60639. Jack gets a Bird Dog card and our thanks.

George M. Beard, 206 Park Lane, Winters, TX 79567 of Co. C, 142nd is principal of Winters Elementary & jr. High School writes, "I saw the Nov. T-Patcher at Charles Shepard's home in Ballinger, and enjoyed it immensely". Beard sends in dues and says he opes to make the Houston Reunion.

He added, "I was happy to see photo of Carthel N. (Red) Morgan in that issue. He was the officer who signed my discharge on June 6, 1945, a 'red' letter day for me".



36th Recon Trooper then and now

Charles T. Walden, MSG, USA Ret., Gen. Del., Adamsville, TX 76510 says — I was Number 1 in the draft, arrived at Brownwood as was assigned to 36th Cav. Recon Troop. Have been in Recon Troop or Armored Cav. Sqd. at least 98% of my army career of 29 years. Walden is happy to see the 36th Recon now having their own reunion, which he hopes to attend. Les Terry scores another one.

BLOOD & FIRE REUNION

Many of the T-Patcher were transferred to the 63rd Division after V-E Day, and now we have an invitation to attend their Reunion — July 26-28 in Dayton, Ohio, Imperial House South. More info in July issue.

Write to:

Edward Fowle, president, 332 Dayton Ave., Springfield, OH 45506 ... for more info.



Summertime Is Reunion-Time for Many 36th Unit Groups

143rd Meet In Waco June 16 - 17th

The 143rd Infantry Association will have their 18th annual reunion in Waco on June 16-17th at Syrian Club House, where they met last year.

Roger (Cannon Ball) Cannon is president, and urges all 143rd men to attend. This has been an active group and their gathering are great (so reports Amil, who is a regular).

The purpose of their group is to HONOR comrades who have died during the past year. Dues for the 'Flower Fund' is \$2.00.

For info and reservations — contact: RUFUS J. CLEGHORN, (secty-treas), P.O. Box 1304, Waco, TX 76703.

144th Infantry Meet In Dallas June 15-16

The 1979 Reunion of the 144th Infantry will be held at the Dallas Marriott Hotel (Market Center) 2001 Stemmons Freeway, on June 15-16th. Registrations will be held on both Friday and Saturday. There's a Dutch dinner Friday night, memorial service on Saturday and reunion luncheons, followed by a business meeting. Special arrangements will be provided for the ladies.

For more information, contact: C. A. AUSTIN, Secty-Treas., 108 SE Tarrant, Burleson, TX 76028.

Ed note: For 1980, we would like to see the 144th meet with the 36th Assn. reunion on Labor Day in Dallas.

B, 132nd To Meet In Fort Worth June 15-17

That very active group — Btry C, 132nd FA will hold their annual reunion June 15-17 in Fort Worth at the Holiday Regent Motor Hotel at 3501 Hwy 183 at the Weatherford traffic circle on far west side of Cowtown. This announcement came from a joint mailing by president FRANK MOSLEY, 5412 O'Dell Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76134 (817 293-6776) and Ole Amazing AMIL of Abilene. For you fly-ins, JOE JUSTICE live a short distance from D/FW Airport and offers a pickup. Call him at 817 498-1360.

Another Beacham Bellylaugh From T-Bone

One of the most colorful colonels of the 36th is a prominent legal-eagle of San Antonio, Charlie Beacham. Mac Acosta, editor of 'Le T-Bone', the monthly rag of the S/A chapter always uses one of Beacham's many quotes.

Mac says, "talking to Beacham the other day, we got into a discussion of how everyone goes through life with their trials and tribulations. He said — during the European campaign, one of his commanding officers made this remark — Everyone has his cross to bear, and I've got Charlie Beacham."

Co. B, 142nd Western, Meet in Coleman, TX

Man of Co. B, 142nd (Western) will hold their 9th annual Reunion in Coleman, Texas, June 9-10th at the Armory, according to dispatch from W. J. Baxter, Box 961, Coleman, TX 76834.

Company B of 142nd is THE ONLY unit in the 36th that is so big, so active that it has an Eastern and Western unit reunion. (The east coast group meets in August):

If you need some help, call these men: ED GREAVES, (915) 625-5393; H. F. FENTON, (915) 625-2030 or CARL STEWART, at (915) 625-2671.

Co. B, 142nd To Meet In KY. Aug. 3 - 5th

The Eastern Division of Co. B, 142nd will meet for their 10th annual reunion Aug. 3-5 in Ft. Mitchell, KY., according to a report from Barbara Davidson.

A beautiful plaque in honor of the late Dempsey Albritton will be presented to his sister, Mrs. Clyde Welch at the reunion. Dempsey was the organizer of this unit.

GILBERT KLAENA, 2358 Brice, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017 will host the famous Eastern Co. B, 142nd Reunion at his home on Aug. 3-4 with a lavish array of all the goodies

For information, please contact — Barbara Davidson, 22 Queen Ann St., Friendship, NY 14739.

111th Medics To Meet June 2 — Gainesville

The 111th Medical Battalion will meet on Sat. June 2 in Gainesville, TX for a good old-fashioned reunion. Mailings have been sent out, but if you wish to attend — write to:

W. G. 'Red' Covington, Box 64AA, Route 1, Marietta, OK 73448.

84 Year-Old Sydney Gaines Honored By Wichita Falls Rotary

SYDNEY A. GAINES, P.O. Box 5148, Wichita Falls, TX 76307 has a long career in military and business. He was honored by Rotary Club in March at their District 579 Rotary Convention on his 84th birthday.

Sydney Gaines is chairman of the board of United Electric Co., of Wichita Falls. He is a long time devoted T-Patcher, served with Co. B, 144th Infantry in WWI, writes to Wilkerson to say that he will not be able to attend the Houston Reunion.

We wish we had space to give the whole story, but it would take pages. Sydney Gaines is an inspiration to all T-Patchers, we SALUTE you!



Jack S. 'Stonewall' Childers, age 59 died Feb. 22, 1979 in Amarillo, sent in by Milton E. Crow of Katy, Texas (see photo and story in this issue).

James Jack Boatright, 66 of Houston, died March 8, 1979, made most all reunions, served with 36th MP's.

Alton B. Beverly, 60 of North Zulch, TX passed away Oct. 4, 1978 in Houston's VA hospital. No unit given.

Charles Modzrejewski, 63 died in Houston, March 17, 1979, served with Co. G, 143rd (3 above reported by Julian Philips).

G.W.T. Kearsley died April 29, 1977 as reported by his widow in a letter to Battery Book Store of Nashville, who forwarded this letter. No unit given.

Larry E. Wilkerson, son of Leonard and Frances, (age 30) died March 31 in Dallas. Several members of the association attended the services.

Winfield S. Wilson, formerly of Waco, TX, and S/Sgt. with the 36th (unit not given) dies Dec. 10, 1978 in Shreveport according to report from his widow.

W. E. Butler of Rusk, TX died May 17, 1978, served with Co. A, 143rd Inf.

Charles J. Majors of 36th Signal Co., died recently in Denison, TX.

Victor R. Krenek of A/T Co., 143rd passed away on Feb. 11, 1979 at the V/A Hospital in Houston, reported by his widow Pauline, 506 N. Harlton, LaMarque, TX.

Eugene Wakefield of 36th Signal died in Denison, TX (no date given).

S. A. 'Bill' Smith Jr., age 62 died Jan. 25, 1979 at Columbus, Miss. He served with Hqs. 132nd FA, was president of Lowndes County Board of Supervisors, as reported by his widow Frances W. Smith.

Dr. Walter Ford died Dec. 29, 1978 in Waco, was with the VA Hospital, reported by Amil (no unit given).

James S. Scarborough, Kingsville, TX served with Hqs. 131st in WWII (age 86) was charter member of VFW Post 2375. Sent in by Amil.

Ruby Bloom of Pampa, TX died Dec. 30, 1978, served with Co. H, 141st and reported by his widow, Ann Bloom.

William M. Forbes, 3113 S. Villa, Okla. City died in Jan. 1977, served with Co. B, 141st in WWII.

Fred Burkett of Fort Worth, served in 36th during WWI died Sept. 1977 as reported by his son, Frank (no unit given).

Dr. J. P. Simmonds of Danville, Ind., of 36th Signal died Jan. 25, 1979 reported by his widow Toni Simmonds, and sent to Amil.

Ben K. Collins, Jr., of Amarillo of 36th Cav. Recon Troop (Mech), date not given.

Wilson G. Bell (Ltc ret) of Luling, TX passed away on Apr. 10, 1977 as reported by his widow.

Durward Brown of Marlin served with Co. C, 142nd died recently, as reported by Raymond Brown.

John Francis Sinor, known as 'Big John' died in 1963. His sister, Mrs. Elinore Sinor Stewart of Three Rivers, TX saw a story in the Santone papers about the 36th reunion, and wrote to Amil. She failed to give his unit.

Fred Tom Killough, age 85, an old timer of Abilene, died recently, has a long and illustrious career. If you have Bernice Maxfield's CAMP BOWIE 1917-18 book, you'll find his history on page 79. Obit sent in by Amazin' Amil. Tom served with Co. I, 142nd Inf. WWI.

Ben G. Zipperlen of Waco passed away April 2, 1979, served with Hqs. Co. 142nd, reported by Ed Wills of Waco.

Harry Lippold, (70) of Washington, D.C. died April 9, 1979, served with Hqs. 2nd Bn., and A/T of 141st Inf., reported by Louis J. Silva, 707 Franklin Ave., Normal, IL 61761.

Edward J. Suliga, Sr., 54 of 195 Jeffery Rd., Colonia, NJ died April 6, 1979 after brief illness. Served with Co. B, 142nd, got the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, was POW in 1945. Ed was longtime engineer with Johnson & Johnson, developed many new processes for surgical and baby products.

Coy C. Holmen of Canadian, TX and Philip Powell of Gainesville passed away last year, as reported by W. G. Red Covington; both served with 111th Medics. Ray McCray sent in this notice.

Albert Westmorland, Hamilton TX of 36th Signal passed away Sept. 1975 according to his widow.

Marvin McGee of Sequin, TX died March 1978 as reported to Dick Pratt by Mrs. Kermit McGee of Sequin.

Rev. Herbert A. Phinney, 71 pastor of St. Monica's Church, South Boston died May 5th 1979 according to an obit we received from Milton, MA (but no name of sender). Rev. Phinney served with 142nd Infantry as chaplain. Burial took place at St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA.

Roster of T-Patchers

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

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!

Morgan Declares Open Season On T-Patch Drop-Outs



Red Morgan, V/P 142nd is a contender for the BIRD DOG Award for 1979 ... he's just like ole Man Rivers, jus' keeps rollin' along. Here are some more:

JOHN F. BRICK, 2225 Walters Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101 of Co. M, 142nd ... a new one.

J. B. 'Jeep' DAWSON, 402 E. Buckley, Brownfield, TX 79316 of Co. G, 142nd.

DeWITT N. McCLURE, Rt 3, Box 225, Byhalia, MS 38611 of Co. H, 142nd is new!

RICHARD E. JOHNSON, 401 S. Fernwood, W. Covina, CA 91791 of Co. G, 142nd Inf.

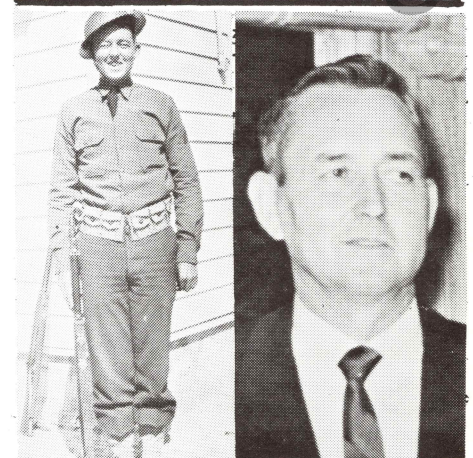
Dear 'Red': Glad to hear from you. Will see you in Houston, Good Lord willing and the creek doesn't rise. Here's dues for myself and E. H. Ford, 1155 S. Riverside Ave., Sp. 14, Rialto, CA (M-142), who says he will be in Houston, if at all possible. Best regards to the wife and take care of yourself now.

Virgil Duffy (Co. M, 142nd)

1804 10th St., Wichita Falls, TX 76301

More from Red Morgan: Steward B. Reagan, 2607 W. Ave. P, Temple, TX 76501 of Co. A, 142nd and Henry C. Hamblen, 2415 N. Spring St., Amarillo, TX 79107 of Co. F, 142nd, plus John E. Laduzinski, 2421 Marshfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60614 of Co. M, 142nd.

**Reunion Only
90 Days Away
So Start Packin'**



Winfield S. 'Dick' Wilson was a S/Sgt. in 143rd, died Dec. 1978 at Shreveport, father of four, and these then and now photos were sent in by his widow, Florence who sends in her dues to Wilkerson. She added the Dick was proud to have served with the 36th.

WELCOME**New Members.....**

TED R. KARBAR, 412 Carey Way, El Paso, TX 79915 of Co. F, 143rd was signed up by **MARVIN W. LEBO**, same outfit, of 2540 Grant St., Mt. Penn Rushing, PA 19606.

RAY TRAMEL, Rt. 3, Box 307A, Athens, TX 75751 which is deep in the 'Black-eyed Pea county', served with Btry B, 132nd FA Bn., was roped in by **Joel Peters**, a former V/P of Div. Artillery, and a great birddog.

HENRY BABURA, 28 Homestead Ave., Scottsdale, PA 15683 sends in his dues to Wilkerson, says he is proud of the T-Patch outfit. Babura is Chief of Police of the Everson Borough Police Dept., Everson PA. Henry did time with Co. K, 142nd Inf. Welcome!

RUSSELL W. MANEGOLD, 1005 Redbird Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45231 of Co. F, 141st Infantry was sent in by **CHARLES W. RUSH**, 74 Bear creek Estates, New Fort Richie, FL 33553.

STANLEY KADLUBOWSKI, 1733 Prospect Ave., Scranton, PA 18505 of Svc. Btry, 132nd FA Bn., joins the T-Patchers.

ROSS DARNELL, 3710 Meadowlark Dr., Columbus, GA 31906 did time with Btry C, 132nd, has been in touch with **ROBERT RITCHIE** of same outfit. Welcome, Ross, see you in Houston.

REX B. HOON, 1226 25th St. NE, Canton, OH 44714 (that's the Football Hall of Fame town) served with Co. F, 141st says he's glad to re-establish the link with ole buddies of the 36th. Tex got wounded at Campignatico, Italy, says he hopes to be in Houston Labor Day!

JOHN H. LINDSEY, 402 W. Jefferson St., Albany, MO 64402 sends in \$5 for dues, cause he had visited **MONROE KOVAR** in Victoria, Texas and got the message. John served with **Stovall's 111th Engineers, Co. A**. Welcome aboard!

JOHNNIE CARR, 8416 SW First St., Gainesville, FL 32601 signs up with dues after seeing an item about the 36th in his newspaper. Carr served with Co. A, 141st and would like to hear from any of his old teammates. Welcome, aboard John! Try for Houston, come Labor Day.

PETER ANDRONE, 710 Balroyal Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46234 is another new one, served with Co. D, 141st.

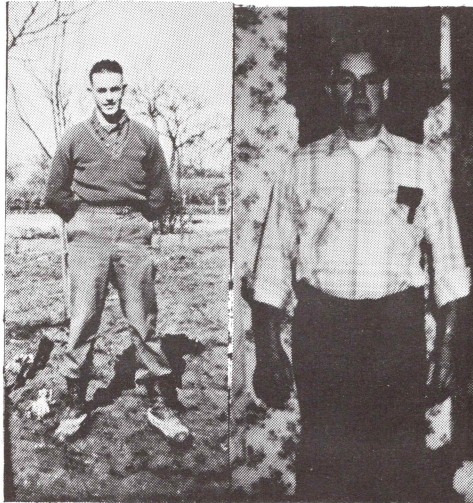
VERNON H. SHIFFLETT, 336 E. Rockingham St., Elkton, VA 22827 signs up, and says he hopes to be in Houston, has asked for his vacation to start the last week of August.

GOZA EDWARD JOHNSON, RFD 4, Box 8, Eupora, MS 39744 of Co. H, 142nd is in cause **Robert Richie** got him.

"**Ramblin RED**" **MORGAN**, V/P of 142nd must work nights and weekends. His dragnet is working, as we now have three more NEW'uns . . . **HENRY J. HARBEBEK**, Box 172, Iowa Park, TX 76367 of Svc. Co, 142nd; and **Alvin richardson**, 1501 Allegheny, Odessa, TX 79760 of Co. C, 142nd. Red also sends dues for Mrs. Rober N. Sneden paid up through 1980.

THOMAS G. ZPATA, 366 Addax Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213 walked with Co. E, 141st, corraled by Amil.

Buxton Joins 36th Recon Troop After Basic Training at Fort Riley



Dear Leonard: I joined the 36th Cav. Recon Troop in March 1943 at Camp Edwards along with 20 others from Basic at Fort Riley, Kan., and served with them until wars end . . . says **PHILIP L. BUXTON**, RFD 2, Henniker, NH 03242.

Phil sends in dues and \$5 for a buddy, and Wilkerson signs up **EDDIE MORALES**, 116 Atwater, San Antonio, TX 78228 also of 36th Recon. Buxton says he's been self-employed all his life, now operates a LP Gas distributorship, a school bus and does a little farming for a hobby.



A HELPING HAND, this one sent in by Amil, from **Anthony Meo**, 333 Oak St., Patchogue, NY 11772 who did time with Co. M, 141st is holding a 'pizzan' while mama balances the washing on her head.

Information

Dear Leonard: I served with Co. M, 141st Infantry and seek info about your reunion, so I can pick our vacation time. Thanks.

George Lemke
4182 Ponca Dr., Grandville, MI 49418.
(he got it).



MEM OF 141st, 1st Bn. Hqs. was sent in by **Ed Walch** . . . they are: at top — **Bruno, Loebeger, Bracy, Gonzales** — and **Ed Walch**, in France Oct. 26, 1944.

ED WALSH operates his own Realty Company at 145 W. Wheatland, Remus, MI 49340 sends in his dues to Wilkerson, plus \$15 for 3 memberships. Ed served with Lst Bn., Hqs. Co., Pioneer Platoon, 141st Infantry.

Leonard picked up the following:

MALCOMB D. MANN, 233 Summon Dr., Hurst, TX 76053 of Co. H. 141st; **LEO MARCOTTE**, 12007 Mossbrook Cove, Austin, TX 78759 also 141st and — **WILSON MARION, Sr.**, 4820 Allegheny, Columbus; GA 31907 of Co. I, 141st.

Ed received his official Bird Dog Brigade card, and our thanks. We can use more like Walsh.

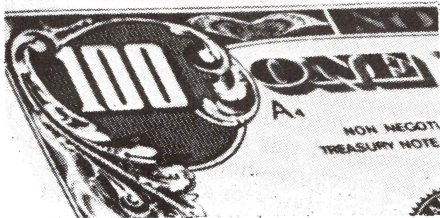
34 Years Is A Long Time



THEN & NOW . . . here's **Joseph Voelker**, 110 W. 7th St., Irving, TX 75060 of Co. C, 142nd Inf., 3rd platoon.

A native of Pennsylvania, Joe moved to Texas in 1954, worked as electrician until 1977, now retired on disability, was wounded in action, March, 1945.

The HOUSTON REUNION is too big to cover in one issue . . . so **COMING** in the July T-Patcher . . . **MORE & MORE** information about the great 54th Annual Reunion in the Bayou City (America's fastest growing city) . . . **START PACKIN'**.



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This is as of Jan. 1, 1979 and was prepared and sent in by our great treasurer, Ken L. Nixon.



Young and trim ... here's Leonard Wilkerson, your membership chairman (who has added 10 lbs.) at Kaster, Germany in March, 1945 on a captured Kraut motorcycle. Len started with 144th and had a long career in the service.

Amazin' Amil's Dragnet Still Yielding Good Catch

BOYD K. LAMB, 2418 Morningside, Garland, TX 75041 of 36th Signal; GEORGE J. KUBALA, 3611 E. Lansing Rd., Bancroft, MI 48414 of Co. G, 141st; WILLIAM O. BRITT, 324 Valley Road, Norcross, GA 30091 of Co. E, 141st; HARRY W. LUND, 841 Tolman Dr., Stanford, CA 94305 of Co. G, 141st; FELIX VIOLA, 524 E. Diamond, Hazelton, PA 18201 of 443rd AAA Bn., and ROBERT HAMMON TALLEY, Box 351, Sweetwater, TX 79556 of Co. E, 142nd.

ALBERT HARRIS, 422 4th St., New Cumberland, PA 17070 of Co. G, 143rd sends in dues plus one for Dudley B. Grimes. Al says, "I plan to be in Houston Labor Day Weekend, send me any past issues of the T-Patcher."

MORE pix from Bob Wallace's Brownwood scrapbook. Here's some men of 144th's Svc. Co. in a pay-day poker game Dec. 1940. Man, those were the days, blow all your \$21 in one afternoon, with too many 'snake-eyes'.



The old Camp Bowie firing range, photo made Match 1941 by Bob Wallace (V/P 144th) gets his mail at 404 West 4th St., Fort Worth, TX 76102, where he operates a huge stamp and coin store, Cowtown's biggest and best!

Heard from

HARRY W. LUND, 841 Tolman Circle, Stanford, CA 94305 of Co. G, 141st and WILLIAM O. BRITT, 324 Valley Road, Norcross, GA 30091 of Co. E, 141st are 'in' and Amil got'em.

MONTE R. LEE, Box 374, Pauls Valley, OK 73075 of 131st and 132nd FA Bn's sends in dues through 1980. Thanks, Monte!

JOHN McSHEFFNEY, 881 E. 12st St., Brooklyn, NY 11230 of Co. A, 141st is lookin' for MITCHELL M. ABBOTT, last known address was Waldron, Ark., who served with Co. H, 141st. Can anyone help?

BILL MacGIBBON, 7390 SW Eastmoor Ter., Portland, OR 97225 of 143rd wants anyone who has info about the late Father Finton Murphy while he was attached to the regiment. Can anyone help?

PAUL DITTRICH, Box 301, Edna, TX 77957 wants to locate Lawrence W. Bengel, who he says entered the service in 1940 at Denison with 36th Signal. If anyone can help, please write to Paul.

CHARLES E. NICHOLS, 8131 Barbaree Blvd., Dallas, TX 75228 of A/T 142nd (originally from Santa Anna) comes in with dues, so says Amil.

Lost Battalion (131st) Museum Now Open In Wichita Falls, Texas

Philip Vann of San Antonio sends in 3 column newsclip of the announcement of "LOST BATTALION MUSEUM OPENS" as published by Wichita Falls Times. This is the 2nd Bn. of 131st FA unit that was shipped out of the 36th prior to Pearl Harbor attack.

The Museum displays history and artifacts of the 131st's action against the Japanese in Feb. 1942 under Allied command until March, when 541 officers and men were overrun and captured. When a British general surrendered Java, Allied forces presumed there were no survivors, and MORE THAN 3 YEARS passed before anything was heard from the Texans of 131st.