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Houston Reunion Agenda Biggest and Best Ever Offered!



BIVOUAC AREA for T-Patchers, Aug. 31 through September 2, the fabulous Astroworld Hotel. Banquet rooms and large public facilities shown in foreground. 24-hour food service is available at Howard Johnson's shown at far right. Start packin' and be in HOUSTON!

Three BIG days on Labor Day weekend in Houston, Texas. And now, after 48 of these, this one should be the greatest. We urge all you loyal 36thers to be on the scene for this one! There's a lot of new things, and just remember...the ole 36th has never had a bad reunion.

Reunion Schedule

Thursday, 30 August, 1973

12:00 Noon	C.P. 36th Division Association to open. Lower Level, Astro III Room
3:00 P.M.	Begin registration of EARLY BIRDS L. L. Astro III
8:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M.	Reception for EARLY BIRDS
Open Time	Tour Astrodome, Astroworld Park.

Friday, 31st August, 1973

9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.	Coffee Hour, Lower Level Foyer.
10:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M.	Registration, Lower Level Foyer.
6:00 P.M.- 7:30 P.M.	Tour of Celestial Suite-Use outside elevator
8:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.	General Reception-Astro Ballroom A
Open Time	Tour Astrodome, Astroworld Park, Unit C.P.'s

Saturday, 1 September, 1973

9:00 A.M.- 7:30 P.M.	Registration, Lower Level Foyer
9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.	Coffee Hour, Foyer Astro Ballroom A.
10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.	General Business Session, Astro Ballroom A.
12:00 Noon-1:30 P.M.	Ladies Luncheon and Business Meeting. Astro Club Dining Room
2:00 P.M.- 3:00 P.M.	Resume of Business Meeting and Election of Officers for 1973-1974. Astro Ballroom A.
3:00 P.M.- 3:30 P.M.	Group Pictures, Board, States, Units. Astro Ballroom A area.
6:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.	Tour of Celestial Suite-Use outside elevator.
7:30 P.M.	Doors open for Dinner-Dance. Astro Ballroom's A & B
8:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M.	Association Dinner-Dance. Astro Ballroom's A&B
9:00 P.M.- 1:00 A.M.	Dancing, Astro Ballroom's A&B

Sunday, 2 September, 1973

9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.	Coffee Hour, Astro Ballroom A Foyer.
10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.	Memorial Service, Astro Ballroom A.
12:00 Noon	Official Closing of 48th Annual Reunion.
2:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.	36th Division Association C.P. will be open for convenience of Lay-overs.

Note: Additional activities are planned for Lay-overs if they wish to participate. This will depend on their advising us in advance.

30th Anniversary of 36th's Salerno Invasion

September 9, 1943 was a long time ago. Makes you feel probably a little older, or maybe the memory of that history-making day [when the 36th was the quarterback] seems like only yesterday.

Regardless, this year 1973, when we convene in Houston - will be an auspicious occasion ...a super-reunion we all feel will be one you won't want to miss! Great plans have been made for your enjoyment. We look for a large turn-out...and we want YOU to be there.



Houston



T-PATCHERS 48th ANNUAL REUNION

Unit C.P.'s Are Most Popular Part of The Reunion Fellowship... Welcomes You...



Back in the late 1940's when T-Patchers got together, most all the CP's were suites. These were fine, but never large enough to sometimes accommodate the troops.

Then we switched to "Sample" rooms, as they are sometimes called. They gave more room and mobility.

Last year at the Royal Coach, they were lined up like a row of ducks (all except 111th Engrs, who still use the old fashioned suite-system).

Now, at the ASTROWORLD, we have "parlors." These are larger than ones we've had before. Plus, they have "wet bars." And that's right handy, when you come to think about it. So here's the line up, Gentlemen "Start Your Engines!"

President's Personal Invitation

Please consider this as my personal invitation to each of you "T" Patchers, Associate Members, Auxiliary Members, and Friends of the 36th Division to attend the 48th Annual Reunion.

This year's reunion will be dedicated to our landing at Salerno. Those of us attending the reunion who were a part of that operation are fortunate in that 30 years later we may again be together. Then, too, to be with the many friends we have made in service and at past reunions is something we will always remember.

Let us not forget those who will have seen 55 years pass since the Meuse - Argonne operation of World War I. I especially hope to see many of you there with us. A special C. P. has been set up for you.

To all, and especially those of you attending for the first time, I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to seeing you at the reunion.

In fellowship, I am, **Earl A. Higginbotham**
President

- 141st Infantry Regiment.....Parlor D, 2nd floor.
Your host: L. M. Buddy Sinclair.
- 142nd Infantry Regiment..... Parlor B, 2nd floor.
Your host: Robert Richie
- 143rd Infantry Regiment.....Parlor E, 2nd floor.
Your host: Payne V. Rucker
- 144th Infantry Regiment.....Astro IV, 2nd floor
Your host: Bert Carlson.
- Artillery..... Parlor C, 2nd floor.
Your host: Armand G. Jones
- Special Troops..... Parlor A, 2nd floor.
Your host: William E. Jary
- 111th Engineers..... Suite (to be assigned)
Your host: Ed Northhouse
- World War I T-Patchers..... Astro I, Lower level.
- Ladies Auxiliary.....Astro VI and VII
Your hostess: La Verne Simonton

Let Your Unit VP Know You Are Coming

It certainly isn't mandatory, but it is a great help if you will contact your unit V/P and let him know you are going to be there.

Remember, your unit CP is designed to help you see all your old buddies...and so these little niceties will help. Thanks.

- L. M. Buddy SINCLAIR, V/P 141st Inf.
415 Locust St.
Sulphur Springs, Tx 75482
- ROBERT C. RICHIE, V/P 142nd Inf.
903 N. 70th Avenue
Pensacola, Florida 32506
- PAYNE V. RUCKER, V/P 143rd Inf.
6337 Tulip Lane
Dallas, Texas 75230
- BERT CARLSON, V/P 144th Inf.
313 N. Oak Cliff Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75208
- ARMAND G. JONES, V/P Artillery
8916 Pagosa Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76116
- WM. E. JARY, JR., V/P Spec. Trps.
P. O. Box 1816
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

**30th Anniversary of Salerno
Landing Sept. 1973 - Houston**

Music of the 1940's Feature of Reunion Dance



AL MARKS AND HIS ORCHESTRA will furnish the music and entertainment for the big Saturday Night Dinner-Dance. This group of professional musicians are the ones who play for all the big events that take place at the Astroworld, Astrodome etc. Rest assured, they will play "our kind of music." The kind we like to remember from the "war-days of the '40's."

Registrations Pouring In

Registrations are coming in from all over. Like: Paul Borelle, Painesville, Ohio; Shaffe Courey, Pittsburg, Calif.; John Davenport, Evansville, Ind.; Stuart Kessler, Richmond, Va.; Herbert McClenaghan, Haverton, Pa.; Harry Murowski, Lorain, Ohio; Buddy Sinclair, Sulphur Springs, Texas; Horace Yarborough, Wichita Falls, Texas; James Best, Dallas; Vernon Bright, Columbus, Ohio; Jones C. Romains, Me xia, Texas and Jose Sanchez, El Paso, Texas. And more coming all the time. So get yours in now. Send it to the Astroworld Hotel, and be there Labor Day weekend.

Don't Get Left Out! Register Now,

This issue of the T-Patcher has two objectives. Number one: to keep you informed on our Association, its activities and ole buddies. Number two: Please accept this issue as "hard-sell" to get you to BE IN HOUSTON on Labor Day weekend.

We will personally give you our 'Oklahoma Guarantee' that you will have nothing but fun. So you really can't beat a deal like that.

Work on it, and start packing
Use this form if you like....

Saturday Night Dinner Dance Is The Greatest!

This is the biggie of the reunion. The Dinner-Dance on Saturday, September 1, starts at 7:30 PM for dinner, with dancing from 9 PM until 1 AM, Astroworld Ball-rooms A & B.

Look at this great Dinner Menu:

gazpacho Castellana
Cold, Spicy Vegetable Soup
8 oz. Steak Delmonico, Rib Eye
½ Stuffed Baked Potato, Antoin
Tossed Salad, 1000 and Roq.
String Beans Amandine
Baked Alaska, Flambe
Rolls, Butter, Beverage

All this plus set-ups on each table, includes Cokes, Sprite, ice and ice water, extra glasses and even stir stick. (BYOL). Wow!

And there are prizes, few speeches, and nothing but fun for all T-Patchers from 7:30 PM until 1 AM. How 'bout that



Hotel Reservation Form

ASTROWORLD. HOTEL/MOTELS

36th. DIVISION ASSOCIATION
48th. ANNUAL REUNION
August 31 - September 2, 1973

If a room is not available at rate requested, reservation will be made at next available rate. Reservation will not be held after 6 p.m. unless hotel is notified of your exact arrival hour.

Reservations must be received 15 days in advance. Requests received after that time are subject to availability.

Please reserve _____ room(s) of the type checked below:

Arrival date _____ at _____ M

Departure date _____ at _____ M

Name _____

Address _____

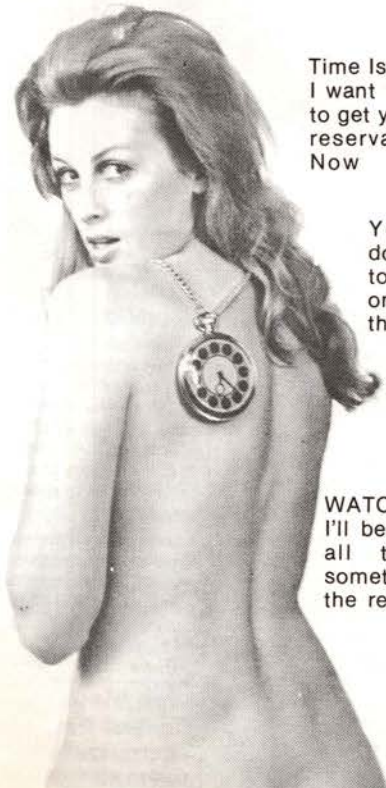
City _____ State _____

Remarks _____

SINGLES	\$16.00	(DAILY PLUS TAX)
DOUBLES/ TWINS	\$22.00	(DAILY PLUS TAX)
SUITES	\$45.00 UP.	(DAILY PLUS TAX)

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I want you guys
to get your hotel
reservation in
Now . . .

You sure
don't want
to miss this
one. This is
the BIGGIE.

WATCH for me,
I'll be in one and
all the C.P.'s
sometime during
the reunion.

GLADYS.

Heard from

GLENN RAITHEL, 6220 W. Giddings, Chicago, Ill, 60630 says he'll be at the Special Troops CP in Houston. Glenn served in the IG Dept. of Division Hqs. PAUL J. BORELLE, 553 Williams St., Painesville, Ohio 44077 sends in dues. He served with Bob Richie's Co. H, 142nd. ABRAHAM SPIEGEL, 639 E. 59th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234 asked for decals, and Amil sent 'em. Enclosed 50 Eisenhower stamps and that ain't bad.

SIDNEY MINTZ, 785 Finney Trl., Cincinnati, Ohio 45224 signed up for a "Club 36" last fall when it was announced, and has paid it out. We need more guys like Sid. Thanks, ole buddie.

RALPH FINFGELD, 71 Sobo Drive, Mansfield, Ohio 44905 says he'll be in Houston [his 5th straight]. Served with Co. A, 141st from Cassino to 240 inland of Southern France, where he received his purple heart cluster. Ralph and wife June, send best wishes to all those "wonderful Texas friends."

OTTO "Chico" GABINO MUNGUIA, 6912 Ave. P. Houston, Texas 77011, all time great cook, writes in that he will be at the Houston bash (sent along a picture of a jackass, which says: Get there any way you can). Bravo, Chico, we'll all be looking for you.

OLIN G. THOMPSON, 111 Palo Grande, San Antonio, Tx. 78216 ole 141st T-Patcher loves bumper stickers, wrote for more and Earl sent 'em to him. Says Olin "Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise, I'll try to be in Houston and get drunk, drunk, drunk." [We'll drink to that, Olin].

COL. ORAN STOVALL, known as "Mr. Bowie" and probably best-known Patcher, really knows how to economize. Much of his mail is typed on the blank side of "left over" Official Ballots of the past election from his files of Montegue County, where he presides as official "kingmaker."

ROY G. JOHNSON, 2223 N. Leamington Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60639 walked with Co. K, 142nd, likes bumper stickers, and wanted more. Ole Higginbotham saw that he got 'em. Drops a donation to the cause. FRANK C. NACHTRAK, 1106 Cypress Ave., Ridgewood, N.Y. 11227 sends in dues, stamps and dues for a buddie: HARRY NOLLEN, RFD # 1, DU BOIS, Pa., 15801. Both were in the 142nd. Thanks, Frank.

ROBERT HENKEL, Houston, Texas writes to Amil, quote "I appreciate your tenacity in keeping after the old dogs, like me, for dues. Here's \$10 for stamps." So be reminded all you drop-outs. Ole Amil will get you, in-the-end. Henckel walked with 142nd.

FRANK STANEK, 7802 N. E. 51st St., Vancouver, Wash. 98662 of Co. L, 142nd wrote to Ross Ayres about the "Honorary Citizenship" Texas Certificate, but he was a little late. Ayres retired in January as Adj. Gen., and a whole new bunch are running things now at the Austin Capital, so we have no new news as to whether these certificates are still available. Letter was written by his wife Caroline (as many do now days.). Thanks for the postage money.

Kentucky Kolonel Kibbey Crowned King of Midwest Chapter

Bumper Crop of 36thers Show Up In Louisville

Here's great news! The Mid-west chapter of the 36th is the 'only' working chapter-of-its-kind (not to be confused with company or battery unit reunions).

The Mid-west boys, is basically a conglomerate of "any" 36ther who reside in the Mid-west. It's that simple. It started years ago with a base-group of Stovall's Engineers. They opened the doors to others, so now it embraces "all" units of the ole 36th.

Don't sell 'em short. They have grown. They cover a bunch of states, and this year, July 13-15 in LOUISVILLE, Ky., they had a hundred....from 9 states.

Breaks down like this: From Michigan-14; Ohio 5; Illinois-3; Kansas-1; Wisconsin-1; Kentucky-4; Tenn.-1; Pa.-1; and of course from Texas-6. Add to this wives, and guests.

This shows what can be done when group of loyal T-Patchers get together and "keep things rollin'."

The newly elected president is: SAM F. KIBBEY, 912 Highland Ave., Ashland, Ky. 41101. (Sam is in the legal debt of Ashland Oil Corp., one of America's largest). He served with 143rd.

Vernon Bright is the new V.P. He served with 111th Engineers, and gets his mail at: 4921 Atwater Dr., Columbus, Ohio. Carl McCluggage, 3240 Ellis Way, Louisville, Ky., 40220 is the Secty-Treas.

Now, if you live in the Mid-west—you oughta contact any of the above, and get with 'em.

Hank Gomez Fights Battle of the Bulge- At 'Trim and Swim'...

One of the greatest T-Patchers in the City is one Lt. Col. HENRY W. GOMEZ. He has a long list of buddies...makes most all reunions, and is one of the T-Patchers greatest boosters.

Hank sends in dues for Maurice Wiggins, and his brother Frederick Wiggins (Cherryhill, N. J.), pays his own dues and a bunch left over for stamps.

Hank, one of our most colorful characters, spends a lot of time talking "RONDO" with buddies, sends a dispatch that he will visit mile-high Denver, Colo., to visit his son and daughter-in-law, then head that dune-buggy solid-gold Cadillac of his to HOUSTON, with an early arrival on Thursday.

So, get ready 141st, here comes GOMEZ, a going-jessie!

WW1 BOOK

HELP WANTED for WORLD WAR I book, now underway by Bernice B. Maxfield, 1007 Marion, Fort Worth, Texas 76104. She already has compiled a giant collection of 36thers in the 'first' great war. If you've got something, send it in - now. It will be returned



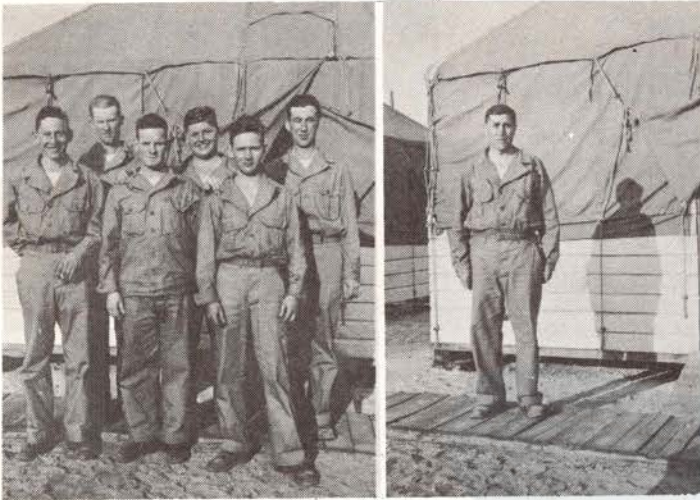
SAM F. KIBBEY, Ashland, Ky., is the new president of Mid-West Chapter. A going outfit made up of any T-Patcher who lives in the great midwest America. (Characture by staff artist Charles Anderson).



MORE BEFORE & AFTER photos. This one sent in by Hank Gomez (at top) shows the young 1st Lt. Gomez (at left) with his buddie Sgt. Danny Retzer taken at ANZIO, 1944.

Above is the 1973 version of bonviant Gomez with golf hat and Col. JOHN J. DEANE, who was Division AG. Photo was made a few months ago when Hank visited Col. Deane in Florida. Hank says he also had a good visit with Col. CHARLES H. OWENS, the last CO of the great 141st Infantry Regiment. Bravo, Hank!!

Gomez is one of the most well-known men in 141st.



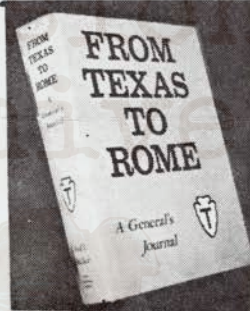
GEORGE EPPERSON, Hard working Co. B, 142nd Patcher needs some help. Can anyone identify the above photos? Take a magnifying glass and see if you know 'em. Then send the info to George: 108 Hollywood Drive, Coleman, Texas 76834. Epperson was recently re-elected Secty-Tres. of Co. B., 142nd at their reunion July 14th in his hometown.



SCRAPBOOK: Co. I, 141st Inf. Standing from left: Roy Maples, Mixa, Mo.; Chester Graham, Galesville, Texas; Marcus Dillard, Buena Vista, Ga.; and Blanton Taylor, San Antonio, Texas. Kneeling: Walter Harman, Boyne Falls, Mich.; Glen Smith, Bridgeport, W.Va.; Arland Heistand, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Robert Harrington, Mattoon, Ill.; and William Szelingowski, Trenton, N. J.



CAMP BOWIE, Brownwood, Texas 1941, from Amil's enormous scrapbook of yesterday: From left - Sgt. Hubert Adams, Virgil 'Hammerhead' Ames and (with back to camera) Lt. Vic Sherer. Hammerhead Ames was a snake charmer. Brought his own snakes to camp. Was later transferred out, no wonder. (Bat C, 132nd F.A.)



"FROM TEXAS TO ROME"

by Fred L. Walker

END OF THE LINE...OUT OF PRINT and all that. This famous book is now down to only a few copies left, and when they are gone - brother, that's it.

Write: Col. Oran Stovall, Bowie, Texas 76230 and enclose your check for \$10.00. It's that simple.

New Zodiac Game Feature of S/T CP

ZODIAC

Special notice to all SPECIAL TROOPS. At the Houston Reunion, in your "C.P." will be a new game to play. That's "Parlor A", and the welcome sign is out.

Now to play the game, all you do is to "SIGN IN", give your birth date, and we'll do the rest.

This idea was inspired by a party your reporter recently attended. One of the guests was a 'Zodiac' nut. She asked me what I was and I said "Scorpio". (Oct. 23-Nov. 22).

This little lady then told me that Scorpios were 'sexy'. Of course that got my attention. I then held up my hands and hollered, "Stop the music, I have an important announcement."

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have been informed that Scorpios are sexy. Therefore I would like to run this want-ad."

Quote: "Adult Male Scorpio seeks young female Scorpio. Object - A noble experiment."

Now, you get the idea.

If this little party plan works, we can franchise it, and we'll see to it that the 36th Association treasury gets the money (after expenses). And don't call the law!

If you were born between	Your Birth Sign and Symbol are:	Your Ruling Planet is:
March 21-April 19	ARIES The Ram ♈	MARS ♂
April 20-May 20	TAURUS The Bull ♉	VENUS ♀
May 21-June 21	GEMINI The Twins ♊	MERCURY ☿
June 22-July 22	CANCER The Crab ♋	MOON ☾
July 23-Aug. 22	LEO The Lion ♌	SUN ☉
Aug. 23-Sept. 22	VIRGO The Virgin ♍	MERCURY ☿
Sept. 23-Oct. 22	LIBRA The Scales ♎	VENUS ♀
Oct. 23-Nov. 22	SCORPIO The Scorpion ♏	MARS ♂
Nov. 23-Dec. 21	SAGITTARIUS The Archer ♐	JUPITER ♃
Dec. 22-Jan. 19	CAPRICORN The Goat ♑	SATURN ♄
Jan. 20-Feb. 18	AQUARIUS The Water Bearer ♒	URANUS ♅
Feb. 19-March 20	PISCES The Fishes ♓	NEPTUNE ♆

Wick Fowler's 1945

Radio Broadcast

"A TRIBUTE TO THE

Fighting 36th"

These 12" discs, two sides, 33 1/3 high fidelity recording contains the complete 30 minute radio broadcast of Wick Fowler, guest speaker Gen. Fred L. Walker, and Madeleine Carroll's Christmas Story.

This is a real slice of history all T-Patcher will want. Send check for \$3.00 (postage included) made out to: 36th Division Association.

Mail to: EARL A. HIGGINBOTHAM
P.O. BOX 91
BURNET, TEXAS 78611

Heard from

JOHN A. MEDEIROS sends in new address. As of July 5th, he departed Dighton, Mass., and not gets his mail at: 7 Remington Drive, Somerset, Mass. 02726 [Ole 143rd man].

SAM PETTY, 3304 Bennington, Pasadena, Texas 77503 and his lovely child bride recently celebrated their 25th Silver Wedding Anniversary. In attendance was the ZEB SUNDAYS, HOMER COBURN, and HARVEY MATHEWS. Zeb reports it was quite a party, and Sammie and Ruth are "floating" on a cloud, they're about to become grandparents.

MARION A. GOSTKOSKI, 192 Plainfield Ave., Edison, N. J. 0p8817 of Co. L, 143rd sends in his 1974 dues, and that's good.

GEORGE R. COOK, a good supporter of the Patcher sends in new address: 185 Wertz Ave., Canton, Ohio 44708 (Geo. did reside in Cambridge, O). Don't forget, sports fans, Canton is the home of National Pro Football Hall of Fame.

GEORGE ZIRO, Pert Amboy, N. J. did time with 142nd Medics sends in dues and stamps to ole Amil. Ziro says he will DRIVE to Houston for the big-one [last reunion was Dallas '48]. Say, George, that's too long. He's got an ASTRO-WORLD bumper sticker on his motor. Say, George: Amil says to check on STEVE FEDYNYSHYN [3 y's] of Hqs. 132nd who once or still lived in Pert Amboy. Also check on STANLEY J. CHILINSKI.

BILL LYERLA, recently of Clinton, Ariz., decided it was too hot and moved to Texas. His new address: Rt. 1, Eastland, Texas 76448. Bill walked with Co. L, 142nd. Incidentally, his new home is where they found the Horned Frog still alive after 20 years in a cornerstone of a building in Eastland. Made 'Believe It Or Not' many years ago.

ANTOINE PELLERIN, 3731 Avalon, Port Arthur, Texas 77640 sends check for dues for: HARRY KAHN, 24 Paerdegat, 7th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11236 who served with Co. H, 142nd.

DAVE H. VERNSTEIN, 7959 White River Dr., Indianapolis, Ind., 46240 of 736 Ordnance sends in dues, attaches a note: "Heard that Jim Gossett and Albin Munson are still single. If so, come north, and will introduce them both to a NICE Jewish girl."

CHARLES HICKOK, 10 Pepper Ridge Road, Cleveland, O., 44124 of Stovall's 111st Engineers pays dues. [Chas, do you make all those belts, yourself?]

JAMES H. STOKES, Jr., sends in new address (just like we asked for) which is now: 1971 Longfellow Dr., North Ft. Myers, Fla. 33903. Jim served with Bob Richie's old outfit, the famous Co. H, 142nd Inf.

BILLY C. McFADDEN, 1215 W. 35th Terrace, Independence, Mo., 64055 asks for more Patcher decals, and Amil says he got 'em. Mac served with Co. F, 141st. **CHAS. R. STONE**, Box 506, Little River, Texas 76554 did time with Co. I, 143rd and sent in for decals, paid dues.

FRED A. AYERS, 2535 N.W. 19th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73107 drops ten, and says he'll be in Houston if he doesn't run out of gas. [10 gallons are on the way]. Fred did a hitch in Sammie Petty's old outfit, Co. F. 141st.

New Column For New Members

Of all the mail that comes in to your reporter, ole Amil and Prexy Higginbotham... nothing sounds as great as a letter from a "NEW" one. He's the guy that just "heard" that the old 36th Division was still in business.

MICHAEL C. COMIS, 354 Circular Ave., Hamden, Conn. 06514 received a copy of the "Patcher" from Joe Dine of N. Y., and said "reading that T-Patcher really makes me feel wonderful (and sad at times) to think of what we went through during the war."

Mike also suggests that we start a new column for "New" members. Since we agree, here it is. Nothing seems to do the job like "finding" a long-lost 36ther, and to let him know that the old 36th is alive and well, and still 'living' in all 50 states.

FOR EXAMPLE: As far as we know, the 36th "T-Patcher" is one of the 'few' ex-WWII and WWI outfits that publishes a rag like ours. So rejoice, dear troops, and be glad that your old fightin' outfit still has enough muscle to keep on kickin'.

MIKE COMIS was Sgt. in Co. F, 143rd and also with Hq. Btry., 133rd FA for a while. He would like to locate Sgt. ALEX E. AVILA, of Co. G. and Co. F. 143rd last known address: 1319 Rothwell St., Houston. Can anyone help?

Registrations are coming in from all over.



Greetings from Zeb Sunday, Executive Vice President

As Executive Vice-President I wish to extend to you my thanks in all that you have done for me while I held this office. We all fought together in the war, and now we are still fighting together as civilians, and it makes my heart heavy when I see all the confusion going on around and about us but we have stood together through the good as well as the bad. I want to command all of you and I hope that next year our strong hold together will not face away.

Signed "The Spiro Agnew" of the 36th Division Association

ZEB SUNDAY, the Pasadena Kid (and Exec. V/P) chats with **AMIL KOHUTEK** at the Travel Lodge Motel in Houston, winter of '73. Empty bottle have not yet joined the Pepsi generation. Both are hard-working T-Patchers.



'Tex' wants all you DROP-OUTS to 'come-clean' & JOIN UP now!

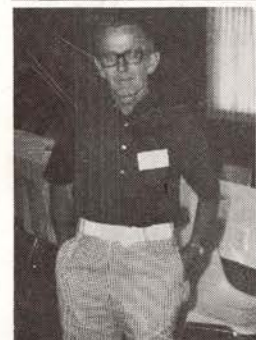
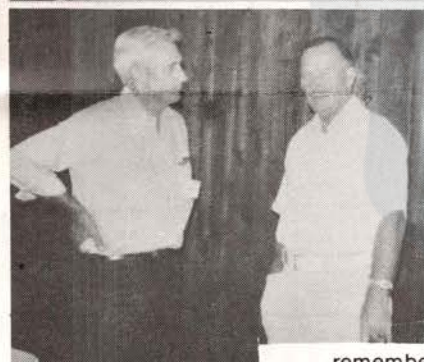


CHARLIE 'Tombstone' KAINER, 1100 Ninth Ave., Port Arthur, Texas, Survey Sgt. of Hqs. 155th F. A. and bride (taken at the Dallas reunion). His profession is 'monumental', but let's not take for 'granite' that he has to 'chisel' for a living.



SUMMER OF '42, Camp Blanding, Fla. Does this look familiar? **LARRY LUZACK**, 10 Preston St., Edison N.J. 08817 is shown on the right. His buddy, named Al, but Larry can't recall his last name. Can anyone help? Larry served with Co. H, 141st Inf.

C Battery, 132nd Reunion Return to Brownwood [Camp Bowie]



Battery C, 132nd Reunion: Top row left: Gen. Pete Green, the old man himself was principle speaker for the Saturday night dinner. "When he tells it, they listen." If he can't remember your name, it's still "Son". Top center: Bill Logue, Kentucky hillbilly delivers Memorial address, Amil Kohutek at the tape recorder. Right: The Daddy of Battery C, Frank Fulgham, retired Col., Weatherford, Tex, never misses a reunion. 2nd row, left: Cheezy Martin tells how he stole those Off Limits signs in Naples, or was it watermelons in N.C. Joe Kincaid, right, and John Eddleman listen. That's JOE Justice and E. L. Kirkland (former Capt.) right center. Third row: Ed Bohannon, Abilene, Texas and Lem West, Vicksburg, Miss., right: Bayles Knodel, Evansville, Inc. (never misses a reunion) and J. D. Edmundson, Weatherford, Texas. (Sad note: J. D. died 2 weeks later of a heart attack), 4th row: Walter J. Bush, Jackson, Mich., otherwise known as Senator Bush was battery mail clerk.

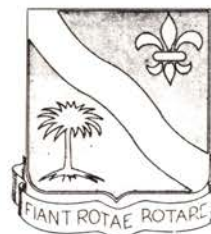
Co. H, 142nd Has Own Newsletter

ANTOINE PELLERIN, 3731 Avalon Ave., Port Arthur, Texas is probably Robert Richie's best helper. Tony publishes the Newsletter for Co. H, 142nd that helps keep that unit alive and well. Their numerical strength is about 75 and growing. If any of you lost souls are not on his list...please write to Pellerin. Arise, all you 'ROTATE' Men!

T-Patch Jewelry



Finest quality Tie Bar, Tie Tack, Lapel Pin, Cuff Links, Ladies Charms, small and large. See 'em all at Houston: Charlie Linton, in Special Troops CP.



Probably the most 'active' artillery outfit is Bat. C, 132nd. These guys just held their 4th annual reunion at Brownwood, Texas, June 22-24th.

This bunch was activated at Weatherford, Texas in 1940 and through the efforts of one Kohutek, has become a thriving outfit. They meet every two years.

Bat. C has for years lead the pack in "paid-up" members to the 36th Assn., cause Amil sees to it. They have some find troopers too, like Gen. Pete Green who is their inspiration, and always shows up. Likewise, Frank Fulgam, who was Captain of the outfit, still lives in Weatherford.

Rudy Warchol, who drove an ammo truck rides a bus all the way from Philadelphia (and if that ain't devotion, we don't know what is). Add, Bayles Knodel of Evansville, Ind., and his lovely wife. That's a fair trip from Indy to Brownwood.

Hard-working Joe Justice was hospitalized shortly before the reunion, and had a prescription with him. But upon arrival at the Flagship Motel, the gang took it away and substituted another. Knox Paine called is Schnapps, and Bill Logue was so impressed he took the empty back to Kentucky.

'Red' Stack, all the way from Lindstrom, Minn., traveled the farthest, and like in the past paid up dues for a dozen Bat. C men.

Joe Justice was re-elected President; Frank Moseley, V.P.; Harold 'Baldy' Pickard, Treasurer. And a sad note: J. D. Edmundson died two weeks after the reunion. His widow lives at 408 Water St., Weatherford, Texas 76086.

First Meeting Since WWII

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (AP) — When Frank Dobashi, who works for a cable leasing company here, greeted customer Harry Hadsell recently, there was a mutual recognition, and they gave each other a bear hug.

It was their first meeting since Hadsell's World War II 36th Division, cut off by the Germans in France, was rescued by Dobashi's Nisei "Go for Broke" 442nd Regimental Combat team.

This was clipped right out of the local newspaper. Can anyone help identify these troopers?

Heard from

JOSE G. SANCHEZ, 5236 Marietta St., El Paso, Texas 79932 fires in a hot note that he WILL be in Houston. Jose served with Clearing Station 111th Medics and this will be his "first" reunion. Bravo! He's bringing his wife, Tequila, Bacardi and some funny stories. Look for Jose in the Special Troops C.P. and "don't call the law."

JONES ROMAIN, Texas Hotel, Mexia, Texas 76667 (love that zipcode) (and that's May-hay-a to you yankees) asked ole Amil to send a Patcher to his buddie MIKE WALES, Box 65, Notre Dame, Ind. 76556. Amil did, and we got 'em. Good shootin' Jones. Do it again, Jones! Romain served with Co. B., 143rd and 36th M.P.'s.

PHILIP D. VONDY, Star Route, Snyder, Colo. 80750 pays his 1974 dues, served with Co. A, 143rd. Our good friend IVAN THOMS of Hillrose, Colo. [111th Medics] found Phil and he has been in ever since. Good shootin'.

VIRGIL DUFFY, 4339 Boren, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308 of Co. M, 142nd sends in his 1974 dues. Virg, do you remember STEVE KUJAWA, 8312 S. Mackinaw Ave., Chicago, Ill 60617? Steve made the Dallas reunion last year. (Steve was POW in France).

ROBERT S. REINHART, 1750 N. Huron River Dr., Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197 was Stovall's Sgt. Major, sends in 1974 dues and a flock of Eisenhowers. How 'bout HOUSTON, Bob? [or maybe Bowie, Texas].

HELP, HELP, says Amil Kohutek. "If you move, please send us immediately your NEW address. If they go astray...we lose and you lose.

San Antonio Hotels Bid For '74 Reunion

It's been 9 years since the 36th has had a reunion in the Alamo City. For the record, it was 1947, 1960 and 1964. Back in those days, there was an 'active' bunch of Patchers who 'wanted' the reunion.

Time has somehow nullified their enthusiasm, BUT since that time, the great city of San Antonio has built some great things to lure the tourists. Like the multi-million dollar HEMISFAIR.

Even since then, they have made the "River" into a fabulous assortment of restaurants, night clubs and what have you. New hotels, and a lot of embellishments to stagger the imagination.

We have always met at the GUNTER HOTEL. A downtown landmark with huge convention facilities. They have now formally 'pitched' for the 1974 Reunion.

Many say that Dallas is the best location, due to the airline facilities. This is true. So let us wait and see.

For the past 7 years it has been Dallas/Houston. And these two giant metro areas, both have over 15,000 hotel rooms and are geared for conventions. Do we need a change?

Let's let the troops decide. Since variety is the spice of life, speak out. If enough want 1974 for San Antonio, then the Board will give a listen. So, let's have the voice of the troop!

E. Paul Mansell Ramrod of Dan Blocker Bronze Bust Dedication at O'Donnell

Everybody knew Dan Blocker, "Hoss Cartwright". so happened that the famous late TV star lived in the hometown of one E. Paul Mansell, a famous T-Patcher of the 132nd Field Artillery.

Dedication of the memorial to "Hoss Cartwright", one of the TV's most famous stars, was held July 4th. Wide coverage was given the event via TV, radio and press. E. Paul was one of the prime movers. O'Donnell, Texas is a 40 mile trip from Lubbock, Texas.

E. Paul and wife will be at the Houston reunion, and our congratulations to him for a job well done. Bravo, E. Paul



E. PAUL MANSELL, artilleryman and wheel in his hometown of O'Donnell poses with bronze bust of "Hoss" Cartwright, Dan Blocker, at dedication.

WWI 36ther Is Great Booster; Carves Wooden T-Patches For Friends

Earl Higginbotham received a hand-carved T-Patch emblem from PAUL K. WILSON, 418 W. Louisiana, McKinney, Texas. Also a real great letter, we quote "I am an original T-Patcher, served with 144th Co. B in WWI. I started with Co. M of the 4th Texas Inf. Natl. Guard which was united with Co. C, 6th Texas Guard that made up Co. B, 144th.

Paul Wilson has attended the past 6 reunions, and hopes to be in Houston. "55 years has let lots of water run under the bridge, and the OLD GRAY MARE ain't what she use to be."

Paul really believes in the 36th! He has made and given out over a hundred hand-carved T-Patches in the past few years. Hope you can make it to the Astroworld. And, don't forget the World War I T-Patchers will have their own C.P. this time.

Unit Reunions



E. H. Boysen, 931 Nashua, Houston, Texas 77008 writes in to advise that ANTI-TANK-111th MEDICS-Co. H, 141st will meet in Bonzales, Texas on Aug. 11 & 12th. All those interested, contact Boysen. (Then be sure and show up in Houston for the big association Reunion).



36th SUSTAINING FUND

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Boys of Co. B, 142nd Mix & Mingle at the Big One in Coleman

Company Unit Is So Big It has Western and Eastern Divisions

Probably one of the most-active company units in the entire association is Company B, 142nd. They are in fact, so great they have a 'western' and 'eastern' group.

As far as we know, nobody can top that! The Texas bunch had their 3rd annual reunion in Coleman in June. Here is a quote from newspaper clip: These men of Co. B were mobilized in Coleman, Nov. 25, 1940 until demobilization in October 1945. They came from all over Texas, and then came from all states. They were the cream of the country.

These were the men that Hitler said 'with men like those of the 36th Division I could take the world.' (quite a quote).

Company B men came to Coleman from California, Ohio, Arizona, W. Virginia, Michigan...some 50 in all and many brought their wives. Meeting wa held at the Fenton Ranch. Special guests were our own Earl Higginbotham, Assn. President, and ever-faithful membership chairman, Amil (and Pauline) Kohutek.

(Footnote: Amil says this group are now leader in number of members who have joined the association. Bravo!).

Newly elected president is: RAYMOND R. GREAVES, Coleman; WOODROW J. BAXTER, V/P, and GEO. EPPERSON, Secty-Treas.

It was voted that this unit meet each year in Coleman (home of Co. B) second weekend of June.

Special visitor from Nicro, W. Va., was DEWEY MANN, prime-mover in the Eastern half of Co. B, 142nd.

Their get-together is August 3-5 in Brecksville, Ohio.



Report on 142nd Johanson Twins

EARL R. PEBLEY, 1006 Ash St., Johnstown, Pa. 15902 (isn't that the same town that had the big flood?) sends news to Amil about the famous JOHANSON TWINS.

John and Erick Johanson were born in Sweden January 24, 1922. Both were together in Co. M, 142nd and were well known. Pebley advises that Erick died in 1970; John Johanson (who was taken prisoner in Germany) lives at 13220 5th Ave., S.W., Seattle, Wash. 98100. Thanks for this info, Earl.



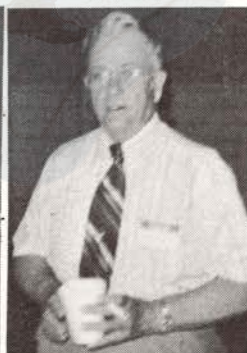
We're looking for news items and photographs. Send it in, and we'll see you get your pictures back. Write: T-Patcher, P.O. Box 1816, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.



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Company B, 142nd group shots will give you an idea of the size of their reunion. Top left is Dewey Mann, Nitro, W. Va. (he wanted to know if anyone would do their history). Center row left: H. F. Fenton, Reymond Graves and E. G. Davlin. Center right: Ken O. Pitner, Snyder, Texas and George Epperson (Sect-tres) of Coleman discuss a point. Above left is Deputy Sheriff, H. F. Fenton (whose ranch was site for meeting). Next is: Major Price Middleton, Ballinger, Texas. Ken O. Pitner, who was 1st Sgt. from Snyder, Texas and right: Delbert R. Jackson, Waco, Texas. We salute you, men of Company B.

Heard from

CHARLIE LINTON, 3501 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019, better known as the 'Jewelry King' and one time 36th Hqs. Pistol Section will be on deck at the reunion as co-host at the Special Troops CP.

"Look for some surprises," says Chaz. **FRANK MATHENY**, RR 2, Box 194, Decatur, Ill 62521 is a collector of WWII insignias. Wants a T-Patch. Frank served with the 381st Inf., of 96th Div. Can anyone help?

KEN OSTERHOUT, 605 W. Elk St., Manistique, Mich., 49854 can't make it to Houston, but sends greetings to 111th Engineers. Ken did time in Stovall's H&S Co.

B. E. FUTGRING, Nederland, Texas says he'll show up in Houston...served with Co. B., 111th Engineers.

WALTER S. POPE, 155 W. Warem San Antonio, Texas 78214 missed Dallas last year, but he'll be in Houston in the Special Troops CP as bartender.

STEVE RUZICKA, former 1st Sgt. Bat. C, 132nd pays dues for Louis H. Pavlic, 1423 Cornell Rd., Muskegon, Mich. 49441. Steve gets his mail same town: 1561 W. Summit. (Amil's old outfit).

HOWARD W. HEARN, DDS, [tooth-puller] 7407 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78209 drops ten for the cause. Thanks, Doc. Naturally, served with 111th Medics.

FLOYD CAMP, 834 Sycamore, Abilene, Texas 79602 is a new one, thanks to Amil who makes many trips to Abilene. Camp served with 3rd Bn., 143rd (Dave Frazier's outfit). Welcome, Floyd.

ROBT. DRUMMOND attended the Dallas reunion, drops a bunch for the stamp fund, but failed to give his unit designation.

FREE Astroworld Bumper Stickers

Tex Higginbotham has a large quantity of colorful bumper stickers for the troops. Write to Earl, and he'll send 'em . . . That's P. O. Box 91, Burnet, Texas 78611.

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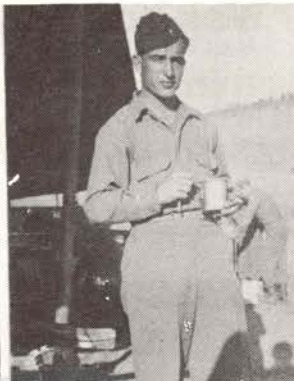
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J. C. 'Tom' BEST, 1024 Cherry Laurel Ln., Dallas, Texas 75211 sends in the five above photos; all Co. H., 141st: Top left is Al Pape, Co. H. cook at Camp Bowie. Top center is 1st. Sgt. Jack S. 'Mick' Stonewall (he was as hard as his name). Top right: Dink Goodwin. Above left: Cecil Rhodes, and right is: Pete Gambill the Co. H. cook, and Tom Best on troop train to Florida. (Thanks, Tom).



Sons of the 36th Is Growing Group

In the past months, we have received a lot of mail from "Sons of the 36th."

Leonard Roy Christensen, is 19 and is in the Navy. His father was a Lt. in Co. K, 142nd.

He is a native of Yankton, S.D., and evidently a lot of the ole T-Patch has rubbed off on him. He now has membership in the 36th Division Assn. We welcome you, Leonard.

A handsome young man, as the photo as right shows, he is one of the many "sons" of the 36th who have written in for membership. A whole new generation of troopers has emerged. Let's have more, and thanks to you, Seaman Christensen. Let's have more of these great young men.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

A new roster is in the works, for distribution at reunion time. SEND IN NOW any changes to Amil Kohutek, 2404 Lincoln Ct., Irving, Texas 75061



OLD BUDDIES: Photo sent in by James F. 'Zac' PERRY was taken at St. Jean de Marche, France 1944 shows James Chessire (left) and Eustace Cox, both were Platoon Sgts. in Co. G, 141st. Look closely, says Perry and you can see the pearl handled '38 revolver that Chessire always carried when in a foxhole. Jim has lost track of these two. Can anyone help? Perry just returned to the states from two years in Ecuador, S. A. Gets his mail at 425 Alabama St., Montgomery, Ala. 36104.

James L. Minor Was Youngest Lt. Col. In Armed Forces Commanding Infantry Battalion in Combat

**Former Assn. President
Was Mayor of Post, Texas
During 50th Anniversary**



James L. Minor has been AWOL at the past few reunions, and he has been missed. He was president of the association back in 1964-65 and presided at the Fort Worth reunion '65.

We recently made contact with this most outstanding T-Patcher, and received these photographs as shown here.

We've read a lot of great tributes to outstanding 36thers who have won decorations of magnitude. Jim Minor's record is unique in as much as he was, at age 25, the youngest Lt. Col. in the Armed Services to command an infantry battalion in combat...that's 1st Bn. 142nd Infantry.

James Minor was wounded 3 times, received DSC, Silver Star with cluster, Legion of Merit, Bronze and a flock more.

Discharged in November 1945, Minor returned to Post, Texas and became an active worker in civic affairs, became Mayor in 1957. We found that Post, Texas has an interesting history. It was founded and developed by the 'Cereal King' C. W. Post of Post Toasties Fame.

This story of this town which Post carved out around 1900 is one of the all-time great exhibits of private enterprise at work on the plains of West Texas. At one time, C. W. Post owned over 300,000 acres of land in Texas in 5 counties.



Top photo: Jim Minor (1958) as Mayor of Post, Texas greets Mrs. Merriweather Post, who attended 50th anniversary celebration of a town in West Texas carved out by her father, C. W. Post, of Post Toasties fame (Battle Creek).

Above left: Col. Geo. E. Lynch, Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist and Minor in Germany, with Col. Minor receiving his second silver star. Center: In Austria at war's end, and right photo: Maj. Gene Hensley and Jim Minor somewhere in France.

HOMER TEEL WAS MEMBER OF 131st 'LOST BATTALION'

By MARYLN SCHWARTZ

There was much less fanfare devoted to the rehabilitation of POWs from World War II.

But a group of Dallas area men recall—the problems were the same.

"It's funny," said Horace Teel, who was a captive of the Japanese for almost four years, "but when you see those old movies and read books about prison camps, you'd think all the men could do was sit around and think of pretty girls. That's ridiculous. A man's basic drive is not sex—it's hunger and thirst. We didn't talk about sex—we traded recipes. We were so hungry, we were obsessed with food. We'd dream

about it at night and wake up in the morning with our pillows soaking wet from drooling."

Teel, who is now a sixth grade teacher in Mesquite, was a member of the 131st Field Artillery "lost battalion" of Texas. Seventy percent of the men in his unit died during their imprisonment.

He weighed 67 pounds when he was released and considered himself lucky.

"We didn't have any of this emotional adjustment they are stressing now," said Teel. "We just kind of made it on our own after our physical needs were taken care of. The day we heard the war was over, we went on and did the hard labor in the camp we were used

to doing. It was the only way to keep warm. When they finally picked us up, no one cheered or said anything. We just went."

The first night in an American hospital was a nightmare.

"We couldn't take the beds. We'd been sleeping on the rocky ground for too long. Finally, someone went outside and picked up a lot of rocks. We put them on the floor and then slept on the rocky floor. A doctor came in in the morning and saw us like that and called the psychiatrist.

Heard from

EUGENE JOHNSON, Rt. 1, Sherrod, Ill. 61281 sends in dues and stamps and thanks for all the good work in keeping the Association alive. Gene walked with Co. L. 142nd.

HORACE L. YARBROUGH, 4309 Highland Dr., Wichita Falls, Texas 76308 of 736th Ord., writes in "Thanks for the B.S." It took a little while to figure it out. Then we assumed it must mean Bumper Sticker. JOHN MARQUARTI, 5901 Monroe, Groves, Texas 77619 sends in dues for two good Engineers: RALPH LUTGRING (Co B, 111th Eng) of Nederland, Texas 77627 and IRA KAIL. John says he'll be in Houston. JAMES G. LITTLETON, Frye Apts. #525, 3rd & Yesler, Seattle, Wash. 98104 did his thing with A/T 142nd sends dues and Eisenhowers. Thank. Said he recently got a copy of the 1945 edition of 36th Pictorial History. Man, you are lucky. They are as fare as a dollar steak. Jim wanted a Texas Honorary certificate, but waited too long. They are also hard-to-get. PHIL APOSTOLU, 56 G. Street, Hull, Mass. 02045 write for info on the reunion. Ole Amil did it. Phil is another "new" member. Said there was a Boston Chapter of the 36th back in 1947 but petered-out. Phil served in Italy with Co. G, 141st.

ARMAND G. JONES, the Spaghetti King of Fort Worth and V/P of 36th Artillery has branched out with his operations, and now has a new one in Dallas called "Caruso's Spaghetti & Wine." And, happily, I know you can hear him crying all the way to the bank.

45th Division Is Alive And Well In Oklahoma

After all these years, contact was finally made with our old friends—the 45th Division Association. Now any good T-Patcher knows that the Thunderbird bunch was at one time or other pretty close to us.

ROBERT A. WILSON, 2205 N. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73105 is Natl. Secty.

Seems the 45th is still very active, but do NOT have a publication (like the T-Patcher) but they do have yearly get-toethers, with their next one set for September 21-25 at Fountain Head Lodge, Lake Eufalfa, Okla.

Yes, I know some of the T-Patchers and Thunderbirds at some time mixed-it-up in certain barrooms in the states, but once we were in combat, that was another story. Remember, they came in at Salerno right after we did (plus they did a little work-out in Sicily).

And, don't forget Southern France Invasion, August 15, 1944, when these guys and the 3rd Division flanked us. So, we've got to share some of the same scars of battle.

Those of you who have buddies in the 45th, contact WILSON at the address above. Would be great if someone from the 36th would show up at their reunion. (How about that, Amil?)



Company K, 141st Reunion: from left - Elroy Boysen, Barney Griffin, Wilford Baron and Emil Chumchal, and in the faded background is Thomas Hovenkamp. This photo was taken only weeks before Wilford Baron died after open heart surgery. September 9, 1972 (Salerno Day). This group have met for years each August in Gonzales, Texas. (Photo sent in by Elroy Boysen, Houston, Texas). Thanks, pal.

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM-SUNDAY

FIRST OF TWO ARTICLES

The Salerno Plan in Operation

Allied Invasion of Italy in Which Texas' 36th Division Came Out With Honors

German Scheme to Blast Troops Into Exhaustion and Then Attack Was Completely Wrecked.

BY L. S. B. SHAPIRO, War Correspondent of the Montreal Gazette.

North American Newspaper Alliance August 17 was a red-letter day on the front pages of the Allied world. At first light on that day, patrols of the 7th Army entered Messina. Word flashed triumphantly to the outside world. The Sicilian campaign was over. On the afternoon of that day, President Roosevelt arrived in Quebec to begin his formal conferences with Prime Minister Churchill and Canada's Premier Mackenzie King. On that evening, in a drab and dusty encampment somewhere in North Africa, a signals runner handed into the headquarters of a two-word code message. Lieutenant General Clark, commander of the 5th Army, looked at it, summoned his chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther.

The message instructed General Clark to get into immediate operation the Salerno Bay plan.

Within thirty minutes the encampment spun with activity. The men had been waiting many months for this moment.

The 5th Army was ready for action—but ordering the Salerno Bay show to be ready for assault landing anytime after Sept. 3, was a bit thick.

Junior officers, looking at plan for the first time, wistfully, "This" one of the payoff show.



GERMAN 88-MM SHELLS were whistling overhead as these fighting men (now identified as the 36th Division) charged ashore.

ular maneuver, and raced in a direct line for Salerno Bay. Zero was nine hours beyond the night sea.

Less than an hour the first shots were fired in the Salerno campaign. The convoy was moving through the Tyrrhenian Sea, about 60 miles from Salerno Bay, when an alarm sounded throughout the ship and a bugle sounded "general quarters."


The ship's anti-aircraft guns burst into action. An estimated 200 bombs were

L. S. B. Shapiro, accredited to headquarters of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army, traveled to Salerno Bay aboard Gen. Clark's headquarters ship. He witnessed the action and was at the front line during the perilous days when all-out German attacks almost made a Gallipoli out of our first successful amphibious operation against a German-held coastline. In these articles he tells the first detailed story of


visions will keep constant pressure on the British-American force by frequent sharp counter-attacks. The Sele River line of demarcation will be held by German troops as long as possible. Battipaglia must be re-occupied at all costs. A strong sustained counter-attack will be mounted as quickly as possible with the object of driving the Allies into the sea. Immediate and heavy air bombardment of ships in Salerno Bay will be undertaken immediately. The beach areas must be made untenable for the unloading of supplies by one or two companies of infantry.

North of Salerno City, Rangers and Commandos cling to their mountain pass positions. German troops had cut in behind them, destroyed their beach supplies, isolated them with 48 hours of rations and ammunition. But reports from the transmitting set faint note. By the time the head-

SALERNO coverage: This is how it was reported in October 1943, when the news was released, giving unit designation of 'who' made the invasion. Look good, and read it all.



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