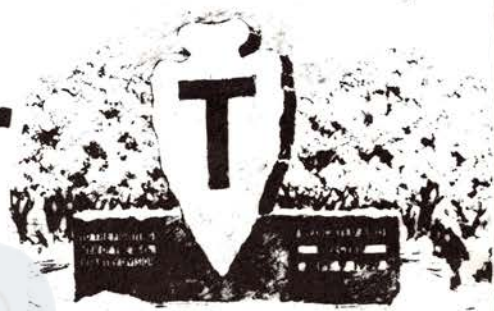


# All Roads Lead to Dallas!

## The T-Patcher

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## Dallas OR BUST

### GI Joe Was Start-

MITCHUM WRITES  
OWN DISCHARGE PAPERS

Movie star ROBERT MITCHUM, recently in Fort Worth for a press conference plugging his new film "The Wrath of God" . . . told local columnists, after a couple of double martinis, "I did minor westerns before vaulting to fame as Capt. HENRY WASKOW of Belton, Texas in "The STORY OF G.I. JOE". By the time it came out (Aug. 1945) I was a private in the army".

Mitchum continued: I found some discharge papers and wrote my own discharge. The studio thought it would look bad for a big star to come out a private, so they painted PFC stripes on my sleeve: I couldn't sew."

## Start Packin'- 47th Annual Reunion Festivities Start Fri. Sept. 1st

### Dolph Briscoe to be Guest Speaker

Only weeks away 'til Reunion time, and it's truly the big event of the year from all T-Patchers.

If you miss it, you have to wait 363 more days for the next one. All arrangements have been made to assure all delegates a great reunion.

Our guest speaker scheduled for 2 P.M. on Saturday Sept. 2nd will be Democratic candidate for Governor of Texas, DOLPH BRISCOE. A good friend of the 36th.

Judge Clarence Ferguson of Groesbeck, Texas is scheduled to speak at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning.

Registration starts early Friday, so arrive early and stay late . . . it's gonna be a "good one".



Dear T-Patchers:

I wish to extend to you and your families a personal welcome to the 47th Reunion of the 36th Div. Association to be held at the Royal Coach Inn, Dallas, Texas, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 1972.

Your Board of Directors, General Arrangements Comm. and The Hotel staff, have been working to make this the biggest and best attended Reunion yet.

So would you help by being present and bringing a Buddie. I do not think you will regret a minute of it. Make us happy by seeing you in "Big D" Sept. 1, 1972.

Sincerely,

ROGER CANNON, National President  
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# DALLAS

## Labor Day Weekend



# OR BUST

## ROYAL COACH MOTOR HOTEL



## HERE'S YOUR REUNION AGENDA

### REUNION PROGRAM OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:

8 A.M. - 7 P.M. . . . . . Registration  
 6 P.M. . . . . . Board Meeting  
 8 P.M. - 10 P.M. . . . . Welcome Party

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:

8 A.M. - 7 P.M. . . . . . Registration  
 10 A.M. . . . . . Resolution Comm.  
 10 A.M. . . . . . Nominating Comm.  
 11 A.M. . . . . . Ladies Brunch  
 1 P.M. . . . . . General Reunion  
 2 P.M. Guest Speaker . . . Meeting Con't.  
 7 P.M. . . . . . Dinner  
 9 P.M. . . . . . Dance

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:

9 A.M. . . . . . Coffee Hour  
 10 A.M. . . . . . Memorial Service

Exact location of each event, plus CP's will be on your printed Reunion Program

### 1972 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Send your check for \$2.25 which includes postage, to Amil for a copy. It's couble-spaced, contains over 50 pages of current addresses of your buddies in alphabetical order, and gives unit. Do it now: Check or MO for \$2.25: AMIL KOHUTEK, 2404 Lincoln Ct., Irving, Texas 75061.

## EDITORIAL

This little message is directed to the hundreds of good T-Patchers who have not yet attended a 36th Division Reunion

In fact, it's kinda hard to put it in words, so maybe it'd be better to just tell it like it is. In the first place, it will fill your heart with pride to see a bunch of guys get together after 27 years and share some cheer together, re-hash some of the experiences that we all encountered (and endured). Many great friendships were made during our war years together.

Yes, we were young then, but the comradship that took place is something money can't buy. The 36th has one of the greatest records of anybody who ever picked up a rifle to defend their country. And, the fact that we are still "in business" is also a great thing to be proud of. Many post-war veteran associations have bit-the-dust for lack of either leadership or personal enthusiasm. So be glad you wore that T-Patch" on your shoulder . . . be in Dallas and help us keep a "good thing - going".

I've never met a T-Patcher that wasn't proud of the fact that he was once a T-Patcher.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT FROM KOHUTEK

Our membership drive, headed up by Amil, proudly announces that we are closing out the year with 1,400 paid-up T-Patchers . . . and in the past 12 months, 1,100 member's dues have passed thru Amil's sticky fingers (his quote) . . . so let's all stand and salute a great guy, who has kept the ole 36th blowing-and-going. Amil, take a bow.

Appreciate note to MARY WALTERS (better half of Pete) who happens to live in same hometown as Amil, for her work in helping the Kohutek's stamp, address and mail the tons of letters and T-Patchers that go in the mails postmarked Irving, Texas.

Kohutek also says: throw away any old address you may have on the 36th: Send all mail to: P.O. Box 1429, IRVING, TEXAS 75060. The old Austin and Waco address are kaput.



## T-Patcher

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76101

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES . . . DO IT NOW . . . you will be paid up until Sept. 1973, so send 'em in now. \$3.00 is all there is to it. A bargain of the first water. Send check to: AMIL KOHUTEK, 2024 Lincoln Ct., Irving, Texas 75061 and rejoice.

# Nobody's a Stranger-with all These CP's a going...

## Heard from

LEONARD RUBIN, a new addition, 519 N. Main St., PUNXSUTAUNEY, Pa., 15767 served in Cannon Co. 142nd. Leonard will you run the name of your home town back over again?

CHARLIE WILSON has a new home, and new address: 3045 Mecca, Fort Worth, Texas 76119 and says he'll be in DALLAS.

SIDNEY S. MINTZ of 785 Finney Trail, Cincinnati, Ohio 46224 paid his dues, bought a Walker book, and sends greetings to all "I" company 141sters. Said this group used to meet in Cincy, but now how about Dallas. Sid?

C. W. RUSSUM, 605 Dickens St., Fuquay Varina, North Carolina 27526 Co. D 142nd comes in a little late but makes up for it - drops a ten spot for dues (now paid up thru 1973) . . . wants to hear from Dog Company buddies.

ALBERT ATKINSON, 10 Del Monte Drive, Roswell, N.M. did time with 142nd Co. F, asks about reunion rates etc . . . he got 'em.

L. B. RUSH EASLEY, 8642 Shagrock, Dallas 75238 sent in 45 names of guys of his Company H, 141st. The patrols are still out and maybe ole Amil can round up a bunch of strays. Pete Walters who does autographs for JOE DIMAGGIO (because he looks like him) adds that EASLEY was captured before Rapido, same company, and at one time shared the same scenery behind barbed wire north of Rome.

FOOTNOTE from JOE WRIGHT, claims he has 1000 pictures to offer the T-Patcher. Send 'em in Joe, and we'll run a special 56 page supplement (also include check for \$2G to cover printing costs).

LUCIAN LEE, 1617 E. Shady Grove, Irving, TX 75060 drops by to visit Kohutek to see how the stamps are holding out, and drops a check for \$25 for the postmaster. Great gesture. Lucian, this is calculated into messages for 312 MORE T-Patchers. Served with Bob Richie in Co. H, 142nd.

HILL-BILLY and PAULINE LOGUE, Harrodsburg, Ky. was in the hottest firing battery of 132nd ("C" that is) stopped an 88 shell on August 15, 1944, has since recovered and made all Battery C Reunions. Bill spent most of his time trying to keep the characters he was thrown in with - straight. He has what it takes to deliver a Memorial Sermon.

GLENN E. MILLER one of our biggest WWI boosters has taken us to task for not mentioning the "first" WW boys in our reference to "INSTANT REPLAY of WWII" in the last issue. Dear Judge, we get carried away occasionally, and the oversight was purely an accident between the typewriter keys, a 6 pack and overall stupidity. We have just written: "Instant Replay of WWI and WWII" one hundred times on the blackboard.

## Your Hosts:

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## FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE ROYAL COACH HOTEL

This reporter has spent alot of nights (and days) in hotels from Tallequah to Timbucktu, flea-bags to Caesar's Palace, and we can give the Royal Coach Motor Hotel of Dallas, our highest praise, and rating.

It's a big motor Inn, with over 400 rooms, 2 fine clubs, bars, dining rooms, gift shop, barber shop, real nice guest rooms and good room service. It's very close to Love Field and you just saved a bundle on cab fare; has a bunch of swimming pools and hot and cold running chambermaids . . . so to get the show on the road, you have to remember one important rule: "If you've gotta have a reunion, you gotta have a good hotel". We got it.

How much; Well even the flea-bags get 10 a nite, so we get our good rates of: \$16.00 Single occupancy, \$21.00 double.

If you haven't received your registration card, here's where to write (and do it now) and tell 'em you're with the 36th, and "Amil Sent you" . . .

Royal Coach Motor Hotel, 3800 Northwest Hwy., Dallas, Texas 7522. Come early and stay late, and see me for alka-seltzers.

GEORGE WEINCHELL, down Corsicana way says he can't be in Dallas but sends dues for EIGHT members who would like to make Reunion. Was in 133rd FA. Was first to answer call to "Pay Dues for a Buddie" . . . our thanks, need more like YOU.



TO THE RESCUE . . .

## COMMAND POST LINE-UP FOR 36th REUNION

One of the best parts of a T-Patch reunion is the CP's awarded to the units for hospitality Rooms. These are compliments of the ROYAL COACH and they're there for your pleasure: so write these numbers on your cuff, here goes:

Room 225 . . . . .	141st Infantry
Room 226 . . . . .	142nd Infantry
Queen Guinevere Room . . . . .	143rd Infantry
Room 228 . . . . .	Div. Artillery
Room 224 . . . . .	Special Troops
Room 229 . . . . .	Ladies Aux.
Room 227 . . . . .	Teenagers
Room 718 . . . . .	Engineers

All of these are located on first floor except the 143rd Queen Guinevere, which is on the 2nd floor, and that's where Zeb Sunday wanted it (cause that's where it was in 1970).

Even if this is your first reunion, after you visit any of these rooms, you'll be a believer.



WAR'S END, St. Johann, Austria, May 1945: Left to right: Lewis Stauffer of Missouri; Charles Burns of Oklahoma; George Blackburn, Tennessee; Carlo Ferrantello of New York and Giles Donlevy of Wisconsin all of Co. B, 141st. Pix is a little faded, but who cares, it was sent in by Carlo Ferrantello, and thanks.



Dateline: Fort DIX October 1945: This photo was sent in by H. ROSS GLOVER, is a large group of 142nd men waiting for discharge at Fort Dix. All were shipped back to the states as part of the 63rd Division. Glover is fourth from left in back row. He didn't send names, so take a magnifying glass and pick 'em out for yourself. Our thanks to Ross for this great picture . . . only days away from the ruptured duck.



CHAS. E. SPANGLER, Mobile Village, Kingswood, West Va., 26537 includes this one with dues, but didn't give date when photo was made. Thanks anyhow.

## 142nd HISTORY Rc'd from Parker

MARK W. PARKER of 8 Mobley Drive, Atlanta, Ga. 30315 now with Callaway Motors (Olds) sends in a rare original copy of the "ROTATE REVIEW" dated Oct. 15, 1945 printed in Germany, a great 16 page publication all about the glories of the 142nd. Since he has asked that it be returned, we are having it copied for donation to be included in our historical files at the Texas State Archives in Austin. A very fine history on the 142nd complete with maps, photos and story by Col. G. E. LYNCH, commanding officer. T/5 STANLEY E. COUSINS was the editor. We are grateful to Mark Parker for the loan of this valuable piece of history.

## Heard from

FRANK W. HEIMANN, 529 Woodland, Houston, Texas 77009 responds to our request for old pix . . . so see same in the issue: 143rd Supply Company taken at Camp Bowie 1918 in Fort Worth, home of the 36th in WWI.

JOSEPH H. DUMONT, 23345 Hughes St., Hazel Park, Mich. 48039 writes in for bumper stickers and decals. He's paid up and Amil says he got 'em. Joe did time with Co. E 142nd.

Col. KARL WALLACE, old time T-Patcher who now lives in suburb Fort Worth is new state vice-president of Sons of the American Revolution; was former head of Gen. Svcs, Adm., for North Texas, is active in American Legion, Air Power Council, U.S. Army Assn., and the Dadaelian Society of WWI Flyers. Col. Wallace headed up the War Assets Adm. back in 1946 and it was this reporters pleasure to cover 150 counties handling PR for this billion dollar liquidation of surplus war material.

R. A. ENGELLE. 5607 Tucker, Houston, Texas 77017 writes in but fails to give old unit designation.

JIMMIE D. GRIFFITH, Trapark 29, Pecos, Texas pulled the lanard for Bat. B, 132nd came to Dallas after the war to see some of the troops, ended up with East Texas Motor Freight (same as ole Amil).

Col. JAMES M. DeGARMO, a one time buck sgt. who kicked all new replacements around (from Cleburne, Texas) later became a 90 day wonder, returned to Bat. C 132nd, later transferred to 133rd. Jim promised to see us sometime soon.

CHAS. E. SPANGLER, Mobile Village, Kingswood, West Va. 26537 sends in a flock of names and addresses of T-Patchers we never heard of so patrols are now out on a membership drive. Chas. also sent dues and photo (shown in this issue) and you have our thanks.

GEORGE E. ECHOLS of 609 Gulf St., San Antonio, Texas 78202 sends in a bunch of early photos of his buddies in S&A Btry. 155th F.A. Bn., shown in this issue. Thanks George.

LARUI E. LEINO, RFD No. 2, Harrison, Maine 04040 of Co. A, 143rd would like to hear from any of his old gang. Lauri was wounded at Cassino, spent 6 months in the hospital there. His wife Mabel has written in for him to report that he became disabled in 1969 and has spent alot of time in VA hospitals . . . so drop him a line soon, he'll appreciate it.

H. ROSS GLOVER reports that the old pix in the T-Patcher are great. He was able to make contact with some long-lost buddies, so we say it again, send in those old photos, and we'll run 'em, and we'll also see you get 'em back after publication date. Ross was in Houston last year, said he had a great time but can't make it to Dallas. OK, plan now for 1973 wherever it will be. (Austin or San Antonio according to our crystal ball)

GERRY GRENEMAN, 516 Kyles Lane, Covington, Ky. 41011 sends in dues and some sweetin' for the postage kitty. Don't have his unit listing. Gerry hopes to be in Dallas, (bring Kentucky Fried Col. Sanders with you).

BEVERLY R. YOUNGER who gets his T-Patcher at 6825 Lynalan Ave., Whittier, Calif. 90606 has had a long list of service - from Mexican border service, occupation of Vera Cruz. WWI with 141st, plus 727th Railroad Opr. Bn., also WWI. Will be in Dallas he says. BERNICE B. MAXFIELD and CHAS. WILSON, both of Fort Worth recently visited the 141st gang in San Antonio, then a session in Burnet, Texas with our Ex-V/P EARL HIGGINBOTHAM. Bernice has birdogged 28 WWI T-Patchers for dues. Good shootin' . . . the WWI get special recognition at the Dallas Blast.

ROY BURKS, Box 124, Irasca, Texas 76055, an ole 143rd trooper drops a five, has never failed to pay dues. Operates the Burke Insurance Agency, Itasca is halfway between Waco and Fort Worth . . . stop by sometime.

# Heard from

DUB CHILTON was a pill-roller with 132nd, now with YELLOW VAN & STORAGE of San Antonio, Texas comes thru with a "Half-hundred" for the Sustaining Fund. This brought tears to ole Amil who in a moment of nostalgia recalled that he once had 'lifted' a bottle of Schnapps from Dub. Both met for first time 2 years ago, and now toast every old buddy they could think of (until they ran out of toast). Chilton gets his mail at 7934 Webbles Drive, San Antonio 78218. Since his firm are agents for LYON VAN LINES, he will be glad to move ALEX MINTZER from Florida to Texas - KNOX PAINE from Texas to Cuba.

WALTER EVANS, 102 Midway Drive, Clinton, Miss. 39056 of 143rd F Company again paid dues for OSCAL OLLER of Wood River, Ill. plus a generous contrib. We took time to check this out and find that Earl Higginbotham, Tom Birkhead, Joe Dine, Dewey Mann, Francis Kovar, Ervin Teggerman and a few more all claim Company F, 143rd. How 'bout that.

GEORGE GUTHRIE of San Antonio sends in dues, served with 141st. Col. ELIHU L. VENABLE, P. O. Box 884. Boerne, Texas 78006 paid his dues and some over, reports he can't be in Dallas ... a devoted supporter of the 36th - you will be missed.

Col. GASTON HOWARD, P. O. Box 2306, Longview, Texas 75601 sends dues and bunch for the Sustaining Fund has been a loyal supporter and booster for the Association (was C. O. of the 144th) See U in Dallas, Colonel.

WILLIE B. SELLERS, Box 182, Sylva, N. C. 28779 was with Co. B, 143rd comes thru with dues. How 'bout you and TOM BULOVA double-time to Dallas so you can be with that ball of fire, ZEB SUNDAY, plus Clayton Butterfield, Riley Tidwell and a flock more.

JOHN E. CURTIS, 517 S. Farley St., Whitewright, Texas 75491 says he wishes more of the WWI boys could attend the reunion. Likewise, John we hope to see a big turn out in Dallas. Sorry to hear you can't make it, but your kind words and your support to the 36th does not go by unrecognized.

STEPHEN J. SINCHAK, 727 East Market Street, Warren, Ohio 44481 shoots in a \$30 check to cover dues, roster and balance to Sustaining Fund. Steve served with Stovall's Engineers in Co. C from Blanding until wounded in Southern France. Went back to Italy last year and toured all the old places familiar to all T-Patchers. Admitted he has not made a reunion, but hopes to be in Dallas ... so we'll be looking for you, Steve. See photo elsewhere in this issue.

CHARLES E. MORRIS, another Ohioian picks up mail on route 4, Circleville. Ohio 43113 is running his 4th term as County Commissioner. You've got our vote, Chas. That \$10 helps alot to keep the ole kettle boilin'. We need more like you.

CHARLES SCHUMANN of 243 Grandview, New Braunfels, Texas 78130 has a very smart wife who sends in dues, cause a buddy had said that the T-Patcher was a good rag (flattery will get you everywhere). Now all we need is your unit, send it in, and also be in Dallas



MORRIS M. GITMAN, 1230 National Bldg. Dayton, Ohio 45402 shown above at the graveside of General Fred L. Walker, Kirkersville, Ohio. Morris served with Co. G, 142nd, is a loyal T-Patcher and our thanks for this photo.



## MARIE WALDROP

Award-winning Hairstylist and international platform Artist Marie Waldrop has appeared in professional hair-styling shows all over the United States and Canada. She has been on television shows, lectured in colleges and conducted professional color clinics. Miss Waldrop's enchanting personality and stage presence has captivated audiences wherever she has appeared. Her many years of experience plus her excellent taste in style and design has put her in the forefront of today's platform artists.

## KERRIGAN VISITS TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER

George Kerrigan of Chicago writes in that he reads every line of the T-Patcher, will be in Dallas and is one of our biggest boosters. He joined the 36th as a replacement at Altavilla. Put in 8 years with New York Guard (Co. A, 14th Inf) then was put in Co. A, 142nd and has been wearing the T-Patch ever since. He formed a drill team in his VFW in Chicago, makes parades, installations and firing squads and picks up a flock of trophies along the way.

Last April, Kerrigan visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, proudly viewed a plaque from the 36th commemorating the Salerno Landing. Wants to know when and by whom this was installed. (Can anyone help?)

## LADIES AUXILIARY TO FEATURE NOTED TV/RADIO PERSONALITY

Mary Simons, 3508 Charlton, Waco, Texas president of the 36th Division Association Ladies Auxiliary has secured MARIE WALDROP for the program at the Dallas Reunion.

Mrs. Simons was fortunate indeed to have this delightful speaker, and urges all to attend. Time and place will be announced in the Reunion program.

If you have not joined, do so now ... Send your \$2.00 dues to: Mrs. Billie Reid, Treasurer, 2016 Jenson Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76112. You will receive bylaws and roster on receipt of your membership dues. Do it now, and be in Dallas.



Here's an oldie: GEO. J. KERRIGAN (on the right) with a couple of buddies taken '1934 at Camp Smith, when he was with the New York National Guard, Co. A, 14th Inf.

# EXCLUSIVE: 36th's Great Mark on History Revisited



**T-PATCHERS REVISIT:** Nettuno, Italy . . . photo taken May 6, 1972 in front of Memorial at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery. Front row: Paul Miller, Alvin Amelunke, Bill Jackel, Doug Place and Jim Kincaid. Back row: Andy Simonton, Dr. Tolbert Yater, Rex Pinkley and Joel Peters.

## THE SIMONTONS OF HOUSTON WILL HAVE ON VIEW AT THE DALLAS REUNION – 255 SNAPSHOTS OF THE 36th "RETURN TO SALERNO" TRIP.

LaVerne Simonton was last year's president of the 36th Ladies Auxiliary, a great booster of the 36th, and was one of the visitors on the "Return to Salerno", with husband Andy (Co. D, 143rd).

She tells of a good pal, an Italian named "Napoleon" who stayed with Andy's outfit during the Italian Campaign. He now lives in Rome, with his wife and 2 little girls. Suggests that anyone who gets over that way should stop and visit with Napoleon. His full name is PASQUALE NAPOLITANO, Via Santa Maria Mediatrice, N-5, Roma, Italy 00165 . . . or drop him a line, he's a real T-Patcher. Our special thanks to LaVerne for this information . . . see you in Dallas.



**CENTRAL ITALY April 1944:** Members of the 141st, 3rd Battalion Hqs. Co. and M Company (except Jones and Megison) all from Lower Rio Grande Valley. **FRONT ROW:** Milton Palmer, Boyce Lomax, Marvin Houghtling, Phillip Brooks, Douglas Place and Gerald Bollier. **MIDDLE ROW:** William Albertson, John Lohr, Perry Gillit, Sammy Young, Leon Thompson, Speck Megison, Glenn Miller, Alfred Markowsky and Bill Hokit. **BACK ROW, standing:** Pete Jones, Albert Danley, Hubert Whitmore, Harry Borchelt, Bill Austin, Roy Newman, Aldridge Lawrence and Ross Julianey. (Lomax was the only one killed combat, in Alsace during the bulge).

## RETURN TO SALERNO

By Doug Place \*

The group was small, but there were advantages to having so few. In the group were six couples and four single men – a total of 16. Making the trip were Alvin Amelunke and wife, Waco; William Jackel and wife, Merrick, N.Y.; Rex Pinkley and wife, Lake Charles, La; Andy Simonton and wife, Houston; David Sowell and wife, Cleburne, Doctor Tolbert Yater and wife, Cleburne; James Kincaid, Snyder; Paul Miller, Corsicana; Joel Peters, La Porte; and the undersigned, Douglas Place of Harlingen. My son, Bill, who is stationed at the U. S. Army base in Vicenza, Italy, joined us in Rome and travelled with the group for 8 days, leaving us in La Spezia on May 10th.

All of the group met the morning of May 1st at Love Field, Dallas, except the Jackels that joined us in New York. We left Dallas about an hour late and were delayed another hour in landing at Kennedy, but made connection okay with an Alitalia (747) flight out that night for a non-stop trip to Rome – landing the next morning about 10:30.

Out guide and driver met us with a bus at the Rome airport and took us to the hotel at noon. That afternoon we took it easy in order to adjust to the 6 or 7 hour time change; as most of us did not get much sleep during the night flight.

Left the next morning driving south down the Liri Valley to the town of Cassino to some familiar looking country – even after 28 years. Drove up Montecassino and spent an hour or so in the Abbey. It is much larger than we had thought; as we had seen it in 1944 from the valley below. We could see why it took so many bombers to destroy it in Feb. of that year. Went back down to Cassino and ate lunch. Cassino is completely rebuilt and appears to be a larger town than it was in 1944.

We then drove to the town of San Angelo on the Rapido River; crossed the river (on a bridge this time); went back to Highway 6; past the towns of San Vittori, San Pietro, Mignano and Presansano. This was the area where we spent the time between Nov., 1943 and Mar., 1944 and saw so much destruction and lost so many of our buddies. The area now has many more houses, trees and land in cultivation. The Rapido looks very much the same, with its rapid flow of water; however, the banks now have much more vegetation. From here we drove on south past Naples to the City of Salerno, after a stop at a cameo factory south of Naples.

Spent the night in Salerno and the next morning drove on into the Salerno Valley to the ruins of Paestum. We spent some time in the Paestum ruins and in the museum across the street. We were unable to locate the 36th Division monument that we understood was there and we did not get on the beach at the exact spots where some of us landed in Sept., 1943. We did drive over the intersection of the

# By T-Patchers

highway and the railroad, which was an objective of some of the 141st units on the day of the landing. Drove on to southern end of the valley and ate lunch in the town of Agropoli. The Salerno Valley, like all other areas, has built up a lot. the beaches there are now a summer resort area and there are many homes and beach cottages compared to the several dozen farm houses 28 years ago. Upon leaving the Salerno Valley, we drove back north to Pompei, where we spent a couple of hours in the ruins before driving on to Naples.

After the first night in Naples, we went by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri and spent most of the day there. From the town of Capri we took a bus on up to Anacapri. The view from there was very beautiful in spite of the fact that the weatehr was not too good. Some of us took cable chairs up to the high point on the island. It was cold and foggy up there; so we were not able to get any pictures. We ate lunch in Capri and had time to spend in the many shops on the Isle before returning to Naples on the 40 minute hy drofoil ride.

Left Naples on May 6th, drove through Pozzuoli (birthplace of Sofia Loren), where most of us had stayed for several weeks before loading on LSTs in 1944 to go to Anzio. We went by Formia, Nettuno And Anzio. At Nettuno we visited the American Military Cemetery and Memorial where there are graves of 7,862 soldiers and sailors of which 490 are Unknowns. In the chapel in the Memorial building engraved on the walls are the names of 3,094 of the missing. A large percent of the dead were returned to the States after the war - at the request of the next-of-kin. We found the graves of some of our buddies that had been killed the winter of '43-'44. Some that we looked for were not shown on the listing in the office, which meant that they had been returned to the States. The cemetery is very beautiful and well kept. The man in charge is an American by the name of Boone, who lives on the grounds, and says he has a work crew of 17 persons. We left the cemetery and returned to Rome for a 3 night and 2 day stay.

During the 2 day stay in Rome we saw and/or visited Imperial Forum, the Colosseum, King Victor Emmanuel Monument, the Catacombs, Piazza Venezia, St. Paul's Basilica "Outside the Walls", Palatine Hill, Pincio Gardens, Quirinale Palace, Triton Fountain, Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and other cathedrals and fountains. At Vatican City we visited St. Peter's Basilica, Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museum with its many works of art. We saw the "La Pieta" and "Moses" by Michelangelo. We were in St. Peter's Square at noon on Sunday and saw Pope Paul VI during the blessing.

On May 9th we left Rome going north along the Roman Campagne and the Ligurian coast. We stopped in the city of Piza and visited the Leaning Tower and the Cathedral. We continued along the coast to the port city of La Spezia, where we stayed the night.

From La Spezia we drove by Genoa and San Remo along the Italian Riviera to the French border. We drove through Monaco to our hotel in Nice, France, where we spent 2 nights. The next day we went back into Monaco City where we saw Prince Rainier's and Princess Grace's palace. In Monte Carlo we saw the gambling Casino and watched cars practicing for the Monaco Grand Prix race that was to be run a few weeks later.

In France we had to alter our appetites and eating habits somewhat, as the French food differed from the Italian to which we had become accustomed. We still had to drink wine with our meals; as they seemed to be short on water. We sometimes ate foods that we did not know what they were, but most of it was enjoyable.

Upon leaving Nice we drove along the coast road through Cannes and on to the beach where most of us landed on August 15, 1944, east of St. Raphael. Along this road we saw many concrete pill boxes that were built by the Germans in 1944. We saw some very familiar land-marks and found a monument to the 36th Division near our landing site with the inscription "OVER THIS DEFENDED BEACH THE MEN OF THE 36TH U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION STORMED ASHORE 15 AUGUST 1944. TOGETHER WITH THEIR FRENCH ALLIES, THEY BEGAN HERE THE DRIVE THAT TOOK THEM ACROSS FRANCE THROUGH GERMANY AND INTO AUSTRIA TO THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF THE GERMAN ARMIES AND THE NAZI REGIME." At the heading of the inscription there is a T-patch insignia. The monument is in a very pretty, well kept, square named General Dwight D. Eisenhower Square. From St. Raphael we drove on west toward Toulon and Marseille.

After two nights and one day in Marseille, we flew via 707 jet to Paris on the morning of Sunday, May 14th. A guide and bus met us at Orly airport and took us to our hotel. We had two nights, two half days and 1 full day in Paris and we managed to see a lot of the city during that short time. The temperature had been in the 60s and 70s while in Italy and Southern France, but in Paris it was down to 45 degrees with some rain. In Paris we saw the Louvre Gallery, Place Concorde, Sainte Chapelle, Tuilleries Gardens, the Pantheon, Luxembourg Garders and Palace, Ile de la Cite, Notre Dame Cathedral, Madeleine Church, Arch of Triumph, Eiffel Tower, the Champs Elysees, Montmartre, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Cathedral of St. Louis, Napoleon's Tomb and the River Seine. We went to the 2 hour Fantastic show at Moulin Rouge. Paris was getting ready for the visit of Queen Elizabeth and she arrived the day we were there, but we missed seeing her by about an hour.

We left the hotel at 11 AM, Tuesday, May 16th, on a bus to the airport to catch our 1 PM Air France 747 flight to New York. Had a good 8 hour flight and a 3 hour layover at Kennedy Airport for out American flight to Dallas.

This trip was a very enjoyable experience. Too bad more of you T-Patchers didn't make it. If such a tour is planned again in future, try to go.

# Heard from

**SAM WATKINGS**, Co. L 143rd inquires about room and board at the Reunion, says he'll sleep in pup tent by the pool and eat C Rations furnished by ZEB SUNDAY. Also sends in name of **GEORGE B. WORLEY**, Route 1, Calhoun, Ga. 30701.

**ARNULFO J. GUTIERREZ**, P. O. Box 473, Canutillo, Texas 79835 (where's that;) was in Co. H, 141st with Bush Easley and Pete Walters to name a few.

**JOHN D. ATKINS**, 2106 Liberty, LaCrosse, Wis. asks about the Walker book (didn't send in his unit), but patrols have been forwarded to get his membership

**R. A. ENGELLE**, 5607 Tucker, Houston, Texas 77017 drops \$6.00 in an envelope, tha's all. Amil wants to know what outfit did you draw rations from, or did you live off the Italians. See you in Dallas.

**WALT M. HOWARD**, (Co. K, 141st) orders a Roster from ole Kohutek so he can do some scouting for the membership, also sends in more Mule Skinners Prayers which appeared in Feb. '72 T-Patcher. Thanx Walt, and show up in Dallas.

**Maj. Gen. W. J. SUTTON** comes thru with dues, shows 1445h as his unit . . . now lives at 1111 Army-Navy Drive, Apt. B611, Arlington, Virginia 22202. How 'bout Dallas this time, General?

**CHARLES MARCHLUK** of New York and an old 141ster sends in roster of all V.A. Hospitals. Thanx Chas., when stamps are in hand will mail T-Patchers to all.

Father **HENRY J. DROZD** sneds in a flock of stickers about POW Missing In Action which Amil has used on all out going mail.

Correction: Last issue showed **PAUL MANSELL**, the ambassador without folio of O'Donnell, Texas as a member of the 133rd F.A. Amil says the 133rd will not accept him. So put him back in the 132nd where he belongs.

Another correction: **JOE WRIGHT** of Flushing, N.Y. was moved to the 142nd because the typewriter key is so close to each other, so let's put JOE back in the 141st where he belongs.

**NOTE OF WISDOM** from Amil: He says that the location of the Royal Coach Motor Hotel (site of the Reunion) was once a stable for the 112th Cavalry. We recall it as a riding stable, but regardless it is a damn good place to stall around come Labor Day weekend.



"I don't care if your mother is coming to visit us, damnit Gladys, I'm going to the 36th Division Reunion in Dallas".

# Heard from

WHILMA E. PATE paid dues for some guy named Gerald, 403 Patton, Hinesville, Ga., 31313 of Div. Hqs. in the amount of ten skins. Our book shows a Gerald Pate as WOJG. You have been missed, how 'bout Dallas?

BOB MEHAFFEY, the walking mail carrier of Breckenridge comes thru with dues and contrib to the Sustaining Fund. Bob was a major, wounded many times, served with 143rd and 142nd.

MICHALE CRENSHAW, 10037 Cork, El Paso, Texas of Co. H, 141st sends in dues. Thanks Mike and Margaret. It's 638 miles from El Paso to Dallas so says Amil . . . who knows every bump in the road, narrow bridge, radar trap (and says he got lost in Jaurez once, made wrong turn and wife Pauline takes dim view of that).

RUTH WILKINS signs check for dues for William Wilkins, who picks up mail at 8 Mackey Drive, Hauppague, N. Y. 11787. No wonder Ruth has to do this for Wm. who was in Co. H, 141st, we know a gang once hard-hitting up front company . . . some are coming to Dallas . . . there's room for 2 more.

WNDALL MARTIN, commander of Region 10, VFW, and a WWI Engineer, puts 36th in the news. Martin once reminded ole Amil that there are 12000 WWI T-Patchers in Texas. (wish we could get a couple thousand of (em). Martin has given wide spread word about the Dallas Reunion through "VOICE" . . . lives at 2102 St. Malo Place, Dallas, Tx 75224. Thanks Wendall, see you at the Royal Coach.

R. A. HELFENSTINE, another WWI of 144th Inf is Q.M. Adj., Region 10 VFW, resides at 2531 Marvin, Dallas, Tx 75211. Got himself married, moved to Houston recently. Looking forward to seeing you and Charlotte.

ROBERT E. CUNNINGHAM, 109 Main St., Pierceton, Indiana 46562 of Co. B, 141st dropped \$30 in the kitty . . . will try not to bill him for dues next time. We need more like Bob. How 'bout Dallas and a look in on your investment.

MERRIL E. JACKSON, 402 Miami St., N. Manchester, Ind. and FRED J. ROSS, 573 Chula Vista, El Paso, Texas 79915 both of Co. H, 141st Inf. write in.

HERMAN P. HEIL, 13506 118th St., St. Ozone, N. Y. 11420 comes in with dues and some extra, plus a contrib to the Sustaining Fund. Herm asks about the whereabouts of one JULIAN QUARLES, which we happen to have: now lives with his lovely wife Rhoda at 7235 S. W. Place, Miami, Fla. 33143 and Julian was in HOUSTON last Sept. for the reunion,

JEAN LeMULLEC, 425 E. Main St., Bayshore, N.Y. 11706 wants to hear from any old buddies of Regmt'l Hqs. 143rd . . . so do it now and spend 8¢ to give Jean the poop.

CARLO FERRANTELO of 115 Pine Tree Lane, Tappan, N.Y. 10938 sends in photo of his Co. B 141st bunch (shown in this issue) plus dues and best wishes. Carlo is finance officer of the American Legion of Bergen County, N.J.

Make reservations now, DALLAS, TEXAS, Royal Coach Motor Hotel, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 1972



Midwest chapter of the 36th Division Association gather for their annual blowout. Their delegation covers T-Patchers from many states, including Col. Stovall and a bunch wild-Texans. Reunion was huge succes, and most will be in Dallas.

## THE LONE STAR FLIES FLIES OVER MICHIGAN

The Mid-west chapter of the 36th Division Assn. met on July 7-9 in the Mr. President Motor-Hotel, Grand Rapids. They came from all over: 4 from Texas; 1 from Ky.; 2 from Ohio; 2 from Wisconsin, 1 from Illinois and the rest from Michigan.

The 1973 reunion will be in LOUISVILLE, July 14-15 with Mr. and Mrs. CARL McCLUGGAGE, 3240 Ellis Way, Louisville. Be there. New officers are: EDWARD NORTHOUSE, 1456 Emerson NW, Grand Rapids 49504, President; NORMAN WILDE, 5165 N. 105th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53225, V/P, and DICK SCHIDE 820 Park, Belding, Mich. as Secty-Treas.

Col. Stovall sends in this sidelite: An example of the closeness of war-time friendship, JOHN REASONER, 1st Sgt., Co. B 111th Enrgs (with battlefield promo) married a widow after the war, adopted her young daughter, Zonna. Later, H. L. KING, a non-com of the same company, and his lovely wife Dorothy named their only daughter - Zonna. GEO. & PAT SHAWN named their son Robert, because of their respect for ROBERT REINHART of Mich.



KIRCHHEIM, GERMAN at war's end . . . Henry Kaepfner (center) is shown here with ROY BARTON with the bottle, and MIKE SHAKER showing his back side. Henry says these other two guys were on KP for some infringement. Kaepfner lives in Columbus, Ohio, served with Co. H, 142nd Inf.



VINTAGE HUMOR: After his fourth evening meal with a French family during World War II, the Texas GI told his host: "I'm afraid I'm imposing upon your hospitality, coming here so often." Replied the Frenchman: "But, no! We entertain American soldiers only once every twenty years."



AMIL'S SCRAPBOOK: Dateline Maddaloni, Italy 1943, is CLIFTON McDONALD and KOHUTEK the tall one, both of C Bat. 132nd. Clif can still wear his old uniform, but Amil says Pauline's cooking and Wick Fowler Chili has changed his vital statistics.

# Reunion To Honor All World War 1 T-Patchers

At the Board of Directors meeting held in October 1971 at Royal Coach Motor Inn, your President ROGER CANNON asked that this 47th Annual Reunion be dedicated to the men who wore the T-Patch in World War I. We hope they will turnout in large numbers. A special recognition will be given to these men set the pattern to the 36th as we know it today. We salute you, men of the first "great war".



FRANK A. HEIMANN, 529 Woodland Ave., Houston, Texas 7709 (shown here 1st on second row, right to left) of his World War I group, 143rd Supply Company, taken at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth Texas probably 1918. Frank can't identify all but here are some of the names: Leo Patrick, Gibbs, Howard Lux, Fred Sauer, Long, Lewis, Green, Crook and Berry . . . would like to hear from any that may still be in circulation.



MICHIGAN DELEGATION ARRIVES AT LOVE FIELD: Members of the Mid-west Chapter (Mostly Engineers) drop in for the festivities. That's Ed Northouse third from left.

## RICHIE RACKS-UP RECORD OF RAW RECRUITS

ROBERT C. RICHIE, 903 N. 70th Ave., Pensacola, Fla., your V/P 142nd Inf. is credited with rounding up 14 T-Patchers (along with the help of his wife, Ruth - as follows:

Felix J. Marchelouski; William D. Lilly; Mitchell Lanier; W. E. Lahair; Henry C. Keappner; Francis J. Henry; Monte C. Heard; Alvin J. Myers; Raymond Hurn; Roy J. Barton; Bob Childers; Cecil H. Rhodes; Angelo R. Tedesco and Carl Ventola.

A great job by hard-hittin' Richie who served with Co. H, 142nd. You can see Richie at the 142nd CP in the Royal Coach

# The Texas Army

By Robert L. Wagner

Author and publisher of the Texas Army, new book about 36th in Italy.

Mobilized and inducted into Federal service in November 1940 as the Texas National Guard, the 36th Infantry Division perfected its military skills in Texas, Florida, Massachusetts and North Africa. On seizing the beaches at Salerno it was very possibly the best trained division in the American army.

Throughout World War II the 36th Retained its identity as the Texas Division. Men drawn into its ranks from every part of the Union, beginning in early 1941, embraced the mystique of the Lone Star State; draftees from places as varied as Michigan, California and New York looked upon themselves as adopted Texans and wore the T-Patch with an enduring pride.

The Italian Campaign represented the first major front of World War II, and the Texas Army was destined to play a conspicuous part in its successful prosecution.

This volume traces the movements of the 36th Division from the initial assault at Salerno to the final skirmishes in the hills far north of Rome. In recounting the struggle to recover strength and spirit after the brutal losses at San Pietro, followed by the misguided efforts to force a crossing of the Rapido River and other trials of battle endured by the Division, *The Texas Army* takes one back to a day when men

fought with purpose, prayed in innocence, believed in a cause, and were gut-certain final victory would be theirs.

Robert L. Wagner holds two degrees from the University of Texas and is a former instructor in history at Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas. Write to him at: 706 Rio Grande, Austin, Texas.

The long awaited book of the T-Patchers is now on the presses and will be available at the Dallas Reunion, Sept. 1st, 1972.

Orders for the book are now available at a SAVINGS with a pre-publication price of \$8.50 (incl. sales tax). Regular price of THE TEXAS ARMY will be \$10.50.

## LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

A good and loyal Dallas T-Patcher, PAYNE V. RUCKER informs us that his P.V. Rucker, Jr. is now wearing the ole T-Patch as a member of the 36th Division AIRBORNE National Guard. Young Payne received his 2nd Lt. Bars at Camp Mabry on June 17, 1972.

A real true T-Patcher, young Rucker "lived and breathed" the 36th, attended all the Reunions with his parents. He was official mascot of his 36th since age 10. Hope he will be in Dallas for the Reunion. Our thanks to Payne and Liz Rucker.

## TAPS

Daniel E. "Muley" Junell, died July 23 in a Waco hospital, was one of Stovalls Engineers, served as M/Sgt. Co. C and Hqs. of 111th Engrs. Joined TNG in 1940, from Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Col. Joe Barnett died recently, reports Roger Cannon. He was a Battalion Commander in the 143rd during combat.

Letter to F. B. ANDREWS was returned marked Deceased, last known address was P. O. Box 105, Central City, Iowa. Anyone have any info?

GREELY ASTON, Abilene, Texas was in 133rd FA, belonged to VFW and was County Veterans Service Officer.

Letter from Mrs. Estelle Utsey, Teague, Texas responds from a letter sent to her husband, ELMER E. UTSEY that he passed away March 1, 1966. He served with Co. B, 143rd from 1929 until his death, was really a true T-Patcher.

Mrs. Marge Oswald of Chicago sends message to the Payne Ruckers that her husband ARTHUR OSWALD died April 22, 1972. Served in Can. Co. 143rd Inf.

CHARLES BENSON, age 79, of 3625 Hazeline, Fort Worth died last month in a local hospital. Served with the 36th in WWI, operated Benson's Grocery for 30 years.

# Heard from

ROGER CANNON, our Assn. President comes up with long-lost CARL VIERREGGE, of 1409 S. 12th Street, Waco, Texas 76707, gets dues etc., all of which Zeb Sunday was trying, but remember Zeb, ole Roger was on home base.

HERMAN MAILMAN, 408 Hastings Ave., Wallingford, Pa. 19086 gets back in the fold. An old 142nder and welcome back. Herman is director of a Day Camp in them-there parts.

ALEXANDER McDONALD, 6409 Peerless, Houston, Texas 77021 drops ten for dues and Roster and asks about our famous CMH winner, JAMES LOGAN who was last heard of in Kilgore, Texas. Try him at P. O. Box 1357 and if he doesn't answer, go by and get him on your way to DALLAS . . . (and bring some of that East Texas White Lightning).

SOMINICK SYLVESTER of 10 Franklin St., So. Bound Brook, N.J. 08880 comes thru with dues as he has in the years past. Did time with Co. B., 111th Engineers. Better be in Dallas, Dom, ole Stovall's looking for you.

MARION A. GOSTKOSKI, 192 Plainfield Ave., Edison, N.J. 08817 served with Co. L 143rd, sends in dues and orders 1972 Roster. Thanks Marion and Angeline . . . how 'bout Dallas?

GEORGE H. EPPERSON, 108 Hollywood Dr., Coleman, Texas sends in dues plus some extra, reports that his outfit, Co. B, 142nd held a reunion last spring in Coleman.

WILLIAM J. SMYTH of 81 maple, Blairsville, Pa., pays his and also dues for WALTHER HUNN, 310 Fairview, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 of 143rd. also DONALD WOLLFORD, 107 Brown, Blairsville, Pa. 15717 of Co. I, 143rd. That's the way to do, and thanks Bill, need more like you.

HARRY BIRNBAUM, 117 W. 197th St., Bronx, N.Y. 10468 sends in compliments for the T-Patcher and wants to be remembered to all his buddies in Co. A, 143rd. He is master of his Masonic Lodge and president of local Chamber of Commerce. At war's end was Sgt. Major of 2nd Bn. 143rd. Just be in Dallas.

Col. C. A. WILLIAMSON, AUS Ret., Pacific Architects & Engineers Inc., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96215 writes in these comments about the WALKER BOOK: "Gen. Walker tells it like it happened. I relived the triumphs and tragedies of the great Division". The Colonel was a first John in the 143rd, 2nd Bn., was captured at Salerno. Sends regards and best wishes to all.

Our thanks to ROSWELL PILKINGTON, of 3418 Adie Road, St. Ann, Missouri 63074 sends in a folio of poems etc., and about the greatest letter I have ever read addressed to Amil, stating his appreciation for Kohutek's work in keeping the ole 36th together. Ros is 100% disabled, writes real great poems, served with Co. L, 142nd. We salute you, Roswell.



## C 132nd Observes 50th Anniversary

Battery C Association, 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, met in Weatherford at the West Gate Restaurant on Saturday, June 22, 1972. Twenty-five former members of Battery C, along with a number of their wives and children, were present.

After-dinner speeches by charter members of Battery C made up the program of the evening. JOSEPH JUSTICE, present Battery C Association President, presided as M.C.

HALL BUCHANAN, who was an officer in 1922, assisted in forming the Battery 50 years ago. JOHN J. WRIGHT, A veteran of the 36th, in WWI served many years as an officer in the Battery.

Reminiscences of WWII were recalled by Col. W. C. CURTIS, who served as Battery Commander from Salerno through the remainder of the War. Col. FRANK FULGHAM, another charter member of Battery C, having enlisted as a private in the first muster rose through the ranks to serve as Battery C Commander in the National Guard and at Camp Bowie. Col. FULGHAM, on behalf of the members of Battery C, dedicated a bronze plaque commemorating the 50th Anniversary.

Mr. FRED R. COTTEN representing the people of Parker County, accepted the plaque which will be hung in the Parker county Courthouse. Mr. COTTEN, pioneer resident and former mayor of Weatherford, has for many years been a staunch friend of C Battery, and in his acceptance speech related the stories of how an armory was first secured for the Battery in the early Thirties, thus assuring the permanent residence of Battery C At Weatherford, Texas.



George E. Echols, 609 Gulf St., San Antonio, Texas 78202 sends in bunch of shots from his outfit, S&A Battery, 155th F.A. Couldn't run 'em all, so we picked this one of FRANK M. DAVIS, 6005 La Vista Drive, Dallas, Texas 75206. Footnote from Echols "Capt. Davis, a damn good Battery commander, always helped the soldiers. We were privates in TNG 1940, Davis came up through the ranks". (Our thanks to Echols).



SISTERONE, FRANCE Aug. 20, 1944, five days after the invasion of Southern France . . . two members of Co. G, 143rd a part of "Task Force Butler": drinking champagne, on the left is 1st Sgt. RAYMOND JONES, Shotwell, Texas and 2nd Lt. GEORGE B. SHIPPEY. This rare photo was sent in by his son, George Shippey, Jr. of Darby, Pa., who informed us of his fathers death in 1965. Same photo was sent to young Shippey a few years ago by Rev. JOHN B. YADRICH of Kansas City, who was company CO. It's great to hear from "Sons of the 36th", and thanks to George Jr.



—Associated Press Photo.

HERE'S a clip from Stars and Stripes back in 1944 . . . might bring back memories to all Jeep drivers who crashed thru those small villages with full throttle, natives and chickens flying in all directions.

NEW 'T-PATCHERS' OF THE '70ies  
POLISH THEIR SKILLS IN N.C.



Last month we did a mention of the "T-Patch, Now Airborne." And early last month this bunch of later-day 36thers rate a page spread in Dallas Morning News complete with action photos taken in the scrubby sandhills of North Carolian during recent summer training.

The 3,000 man 71st Airborne Brigade, successors to the old 36th Infantry Division completed their two week training, under the command of Col. OTTO E. SCHERZ. Maj. Gen. ROSS AYERS, the Adjutant General of Texas was among the observers.

This generation of young warriors and their fabulous fleet of Huey helicopters are a far cry from the old paddle-feet fighters of WWI and WWII. Here's concluding paragraph from the feature story: "Guardsmen who still wear the 'T-Patch' of the famous 36th will return to the 23 Texas cities from which they assembled, sunburned, tired but with knowledge that if a strike force is ever needed they will be ready to go - 'Airborne All the Way'".

### HISTORY OF ASSOCIATION DELAYED UNTIL 1973

It was announced in February that a complete history of the Post-war years and the Association would be ready in time for this reunion.

It was later discovered that such an undertaking of digging up and compiling 27 years, was equivalent to trying to tunnel through Rock of Gibraltar with a Bowie Knife.

It was hoped that such a book (144 pages, large letterhead size) could be published for under \$5.00. But that was the impossible dream.

Taking a closer look at the project, our crystal ball tells us that another 12 months will be necessary to gather-and-compile the slice of 36th history. Also we've got a new name for it, and it will be introduced at the reunion, complete with visual presentations, and a brochure of facts, plus a chance to place your order, so we can get a better idea of its accept ance.

Historian Robt. Wagner spent 5 years on his THE TEXAS ARMY, 18 months work on the Association history certainly isn't without reasoning.

Be in DALLAS and see and get all the details about this book all T-Patchers will want. It'll look good on your coffee table.

# DREAMS & NIGHTMARES

The agony and ecstasy of the war years . . . arriving at port of embarkation and discovering (after several false starts) that it was "April Fool's Day" . . . that long-playing poker game in the bottom level of the S.S. Brazil lasted 10 days without a letup . . . summerizing that the guy who converted that beautiful luxury liner (from 500 peace-time to 5,000 war-time) was a former packer for a sardine cannery . . . finding out that North Africa is as cold as North Dakota . . . discovering that the best bars in Oran were generally off limits to the EM's . . . cross-country ride in those 40 and 8's from Algeria to Morocco could hardly be called "tourist class" . . . and finding out that cork is made from bark of a cork tree, mostly in Morocco where we slept in "the Cork Forest" . . . and the terrible disappointment to find out that olive trees loaded with olives are not edible (we thought they were just part of a martini) . . . the great proud feeling of seeing James Cagney in "Yankee Doodle Dandy" at a theatre in Rabat, Morocco with French sub-titles . . . asking for a pass to visit Casablanca to look for Bogart and Bergman, and 'play-it-again, Sam', and getting turned down . . . the greedy master sergeant who had hidden a bottle of Coca-Cola in his B Bag, ran through the company street offering it for sale for \$5 (he should have been shot, but some nut gave him the money, and we all had a thimble full) . . . that funny look in the eyes of the Arab girls who covered their face with flimsy veils, and most had a tatoos on their forehead . . . and the belly-laffs received when I saw my first 'A-rab' wearing a "B-Bag" with two holes cut in the bottom for his legs, and white cotton rope served as a belt. If the troops didn't sell 'em to 'em they would steal 'em . . . that funny feeling in your stomach to hear over the ship's speaker - "Axis Sally's welcome the men of the 36th when we were in the middle of the Mediterranean headed for Salerno.

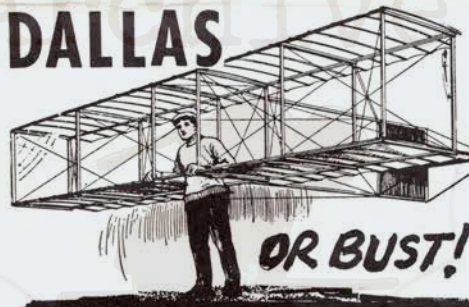
## NEW WW1 BOOK

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 if you request it.

## FORMER P/R WRITER SENDS RARE MIMEO PAPERS FOR 36th HISTORY FILES

Our thanks to JAMES E. FARMER, Indianapolis, Ind., who was for many years with G-2, Div. Hqs., served as PR writer on North Carolina maneuvers, Camp Blanding, overseas etc., send a dozen or more mimeo sheets called the "T-Patch Weekly", most of them illustrated by JACK BURNETT, the great artist. Though they are not exactly earth-shaking in content, they do reflect a part of the war picture, and will be turned over to our historical files now catalogued in the Texas State Archives building, Austin, Texas.

Jim followed his chosen profession, and after a hitch with the Indianapolis Star is currently with Howard S. Wilcox, Inc., a large public relations firm. Jim's address is: 310 Bankers Trust Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind. 46204.



VENAFRO, ITALY: 1943, the famous Halftrack crew of 1st platoon, Co. C, 111th Engineers: Left to right: Back row: Frank Pearce, Sulphur Springs, Tx; John Beaver, Grand Haven, Mich; Stephen Sinchak, Warren, Ohio; and Allen Brewer, Niles, Mich. Kneeling: John Benedict, Ocala, Fla.; Albert Forbear of Shelby, Mich., and Crew-chief Dan 'Muley' Junell of Waco, Texas. From the scrapbook of funeral home operator: Steve Sinchak.

# SUSTAINING FUND



We are happy to report that we have over \$800 in the SUSTAINING FUND. This is good. But, it's not as good as it ought to be. Less than 50 good loyal T-Patchers have sent in their (tax-deductable) contributions.

What we need is to broaden the scope of this Fund. To do this, we have to have more T-Patchers who BELIEVE in the survival of the Association and do something about it. Number 1, the SUSTAINING FUND is "insurance money" that we can continue to be an organization, come hell or high water.

At the Reunion, we will present a new concept in this, each T-Patcher, (Who feels he can afford it) will be offered a "PLEDGE" for 36 dollars - payable over a period of 12 months.

So if you feel you want to really support the Association, here's a chance to do it. The SUSTAINING FUND is money that will see that we can "keep the 36th going"! Your \$3 dues cannot assure that fact, it only pays the day-to-day operating expenses.



**AS WE GO TO PRESS:** This photo just came in, showing a very large delegation of 47 men of Co. B, 142nd who met recently in Coleman, Texas. Photo sent in by GEORGE H. EPPERSON 108 Hollywood Dr., Coleman, Texas 76834. **FRONT ROW:** Horton, Mayes, Griffin, Pitner, Anderson, Armstrong and Woodard. **KNEELING:** Epperson, Musick, Briggs, Bryson, McClellan, Ed Greaves, Raymond Greaves, Pete Ferguson, Brink. **BACK ROW:** Baxter, P'milton, Jackson Hubbard, Stewart, Clevenger, Dunn, Calhoun, Smith, Jr. Ford, Middleton, Still, Kimbrell, Morin, Wallace, Watson and Woodard. **NOT SHOWN:** Moneyhun, Moore, Morales, Capt. Mann, Fenton and Carroll.

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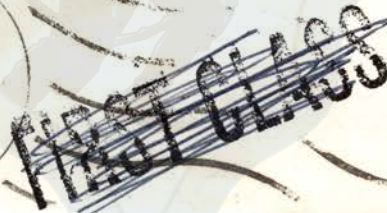
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