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Camp Mabry Trophy Room Under Study

Crystal Ball Needed

With the blessing of our president, Roger Cannon, a two-man fact-finding delegation visited Austin early in December to find out about the wheres and whys of the 36th Division's artifacts and memorabilia.

Historical committee chairman, Oran Stovall and your T-Patcher editor called on members of the AG staff at Camp Mabry. We were shown every courtesy, and obtained keys to all cabinets; spent a few hours going over all items at the Trophy Room.

We were informed that Building 10, which houses our treasurers of both wars is to be remodeled for an OCS center. Which means our Trophy Room will have to be relocated.

An important finding is that the Trophy Room Does

belong to the 36th Division Association, all cabinets, lights, floors, furnishing etc. It can be dis-assembled and located, but where is the question. At this writing, no alternate home has been suggested.

One important discovery we found in the Trophy Room, is that flags, uniforms etc. are in a rapid state of deterioration. This can be overcome when funds are available for this purpose. We were also advised that the Adjutant General's department cannot under law appropriate funds for maintenance of a museum, ours, theirs or anyone's.

As of this date: Those are the sobering facts. Your committee is working on Plan A, B and C. If these fail, it's Katy bar the door.

HISTORICAL PAPERS ARE SAFE

Next stop on our tour: Archives Division of the TEXAS STATE LIBRARY building, on the State Capitol grounds. A very handsome building (1962) which now is the permanent

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NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTER NOW BEING COMPILED

Your hard working membership chairman, Amil Kohutek reports he is underway with a new 1972 Roster, which he hopes to have completed by next issue of the T-Patcher.

This is the second one for Amil, who does it on his own, and there's not a better item you can own than a current roster, if you want to keep up with the hereabouts of your old buddies of the 36th. More later.



**DALLAS
REUNION
Sept. 1, 2, 3.**

It's only 7 months til we meet again. This time at a site well-known to those who attended the 1970 reunion in Dallas. The Royal Coach has everything you could desire in great facilities for a convention.

Your board has met with hotel officials, and all systems are "go". The CP's have been assigned, and all other details are being worked out to bring you the best we've had yet. All we need is YOU.

Start now with a REUNION KITTY. Stash aside in an old tomato can, ONE BUCK each day for the next 210 days, and when Labor Day weekend rolls around, open it up, and the \$210.00 ought to cover you in "great style", with a few bucks left over.

Complete information on this REUNION Sept. 1, 2, 3, 1972 will be mailed this summer to all members of the Association. The main thing now, is to promise yourself - to be in Dallas Labor Day 1972 weekend.



ORAN STOVALL Chairman,
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE



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DISCLAIMER FOR "HOSS"

A feature story in TV GUIDE last fall carried a story about DAN BLOCKER of "Bonanza" fame. But, according to a letter from E. PAUL MANSELL, 133rd FA., "Hoss" Cartright is NOT the No. 1 Citizen of O'Donnell, Texas ... because according to Paul who has been in business in O'Donnell since 1936, "Dan Blocker is Not No. 1 Citizen, it's Paul Mansell, and then Blocker No. 2," says Paul. "He's a great guy, now lives in Switzerland, and hasn't been back to O'Donnell in 2 years," concluded Mansell. (I'm glad we now have that straight). Ed. Note: Paul says he's kiddin'.



141st GREET'S THE QUEEN OF THE SCREEN
 Marlene Dietrich poses in front of the huge banner made by some enterprising members of the 141st to welcome her second appearance for the 36th. This photo from the old T-Patch files was made in Germany, April 1945, only a month before war's end. A year earlier, May 1944, Miss Dietrich appeared for the T-Patchers outside Naples. She had an unknown comic with her at that time, who now is better known as **DANNY THOMAS**.

Heard from

MATTHEW SPIEGEL, 81 Spring St., New York, N.Y. 10012 came alive and asked for membership blank, he got it, and we hope to see him in Dallas.

THOMAS E. TURNER, 2401 N. 51st St., Waco, Texas 76710, assistant to the president of Baylor University, is in the fold, He was made an "ex-officio" member of the 36th by Generals Ainsworth and Phinney for more than 20 years of extensive coverage of summer training camps . . . welcome to the club, Tom!
W. P. BILL HOGUE, 214 Edna, Lewisville, Texas 75067 is hard at work recruiting new members for the Assn., and is doing a good job. Served with the 111th Medics.

PETE WALTERS, formerly of Wales, Mass., is now living in Dallas at Love Field . . . welcome to Texas, Pete. (an ole 141st man).
OTTO GOLDSTEIN, Suite 2801, 26 Court St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 paid his dues twice. He did time in the 111th Medics.

COL. JAMES L. MINOR, 711 West 7th, Post, Texas 79356 sends in dues and excuse for missing the Houston bash. All is forgiven, Jim, so long as you show in Dallas. Minor was president of Assn. in 1965, and was C.O. of 1st Bn. 142nd Inf.

DR. JOE ROBERTS, 111th Medics still handles the surgeons knife at 2101 MacArthur, Irving, Texas 75061.

Will somebody in Birmingham, Ala., please look up EVERETT P. HODGES, once lived at 1618 16th Avenue South, and send current address to **AMIL KOHUTEK**.

ROBT. RITCHIE, Rt. 6, Box 57A, Lubbock, Texas 79401, an ole 131st artilleryman sends in dues for **LEPOLT R. MALYSZKO**, **GREELY ASTON** and **HORACE HANKS**.

ZEB SUNDAY, 2205 Raspberry Lane, Pasadena, Texas 77502 found a new one in **WILLIS V. PADON**, same city.

OWEN WELLS PARKER, 1240 Lazy Street, Irving, Texas 75060 comes in with his dues, served with the 143rd. (Like the name of that street).

EMMETT J. STACK, sends in \$15 and change of address, now reads: Box 147, Lindstrom, Minn. 55045, was radio operator with Charlie Battery 132nd.

IVAN E. THOMS, Box 44, Hillrose, Colo., 80733 sends in dues, hasn't made reunion since 1963 . . . so better be in Dallas Sept. '72.

HAROLD SKOBLOW, 1870 Cole Drive, East Meadow, N.Y. 11554 is in with '72 dues, was in L Company 142nd.

GEORGE M. BRESSLER, 229 E. Louthier St., Carlisle, Pa., 17013 reports a reunion for Company L 142nd in Breckenridge, Texas, coming up.

STEVE J. RUZICKA gets his mail at 1561 West Summit Road, Muskogon, Michigan 49441 (was incorrectly listed in the 1971 roster, sorry about that, Steve).

C. O. WILSON, who did time with the 141st has a new address: 1724 Marshall, Waco, Texas.

DALLAS IN '72

IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR MEDAL — HERE'S WHAT TO DO

With all the confusion at War's end, many of our T-Patchers were issued their Citation etc., for various Bronze, Silver Star Awards. Many did not receive the actual medal that goes with the Citation.

We have been informed that you have a pretty good chance of possibly getting it now, 26 years later (since all the confusion has died down) so, write to:

Adjutant General Department, Washington, D.C.

Then pray and wait.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR THE FIGHTIN' 36th

Couple of months ago we told about one of our troopers who was the first to wed a French girl in WWII. Now we have another: dateline NAPLES, Mar. 31, 1944: First WAC to Marry In Italy Picks Texas. Mary Jo Marlin, Wheeling, W. Va., and Lt. ROBERT B. SPANGLER of Baytown, Texas.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If by chance you read more about a certain unit of the 36th, than that of your own, please bear in mind, that we use all and any info sent in. Equal time for all, as they say on television. Send us info about YOUR unit. We'll use it.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MULESKINNERS



Walter M. Howard of New Florence, Pa., sends in this Mule Skinner's Prayer. He claims the skinners were formed at THE RACE-TRACK, near Naples. He was one of the original platoon leaders of that Pack Troop. 1st Lt. Jackson, (Ohio) was our platoon commander. They were attached to Cannon Co., for pay, rations and mail, until above Rome, where the troop was disbanded. They were then placed throughout the 141st as replacements.

Howard received a battlefield commission and was sent to K Co., as platoon leader. Later at Bruyers he had frozen feet and was "Zled".

THANKS to Walter for this interesting bit of info. (ed.).

A Mule Skinner's Prayer

O Lord, please guide our train tonight
 On the trail, through semi-light;
 Our trail is rough, but our aim is true;
 So all our trust we put in you.

The men up there depend on us
 We shall go through, yes we must;
 So guide us safely by thy might
 through this cold rainy night.

Even though we are shelled,
 And our end seems to be spelled,
 We lift our eyes to thee our love
 To see us through to the trail above.

We got the water right up there;
 And the rations which they share,
 Also the ammo that they need,
 Then to return with godspeed.

Jerry shells us once again,
 Up in front, then at the end,
 But thou, O Lord, hath seen us through.
 Because we've put our trust in you.

We thank you O Lord of love,
 We know you heard us up above;
 All of us once more were spared
 Because O God, we know you cared.

Written by Staff Sgt. Walter M. Howard, with Pack Troop 36th Division while in Italy, 1943.

KBQ7395

WALTER M. HOWARD
 R. D. No. 2 New Florence, Pa. 15944

Heard from

JACK BELLAMY, 118 Sherry Drive, Universal City, Texas 78148, an ex-111th Engineer came in after some coaxing by Stovall.

COL. ALBERT E. BINOTTI, GS, TSG, Dept. Adj., collars six former 36thers in the AG Dept at Camp Mabry and sends in their bucks. Good work Al, we need more like you. Incidentally, Col. Binotti, who served with 132nd, is in charge of the 36th Division Trophy Room at Camp Mabry, and looks after our interests. Thanks.

CHARLES KOVAR, 2227 McCutcheon Lane, Dallas, Texas 75217 sends in dues, claims he's never made a reunion, but will be at the Royal Coach next Sept.

BEVERLY R. YOUNGER, 6925 Lynalan Ave., Whittier, Calif. 90606, ole 141st T-Patcher formerly lived in Bowie, Texas sends in dues for **MARVIN D. STEEN, 4155 Willow Green, San Antonio, Tx 78217, also of the 141st. WILLIAM E. COOPER, 8410 Helmers St., Houston, Tx 77022 served in WWI with 132nd Bat. C, sends in his dues plus one more for another C Battery buddy. Found one in Dallas: ROY TRIMBLE of 5106 Homer.**

JOE KINCAID, 132nd C Batteryman - new address: P. O. Box 28, Aledo, Texas 76008. Likewise ERNEST SPECK ELLIOTT of the 142, new address: 505 West Horton, Brenham, Tx 78833; DUDLEY HUNT, 143rd now gets his mail at: 2721 Summer, Waco, Tx 76707 and WILLIAM H. ELDREDGE, Bat. C, 132nd now lives at 308 Lamar, Temple, Tx 76501. COL. WILLIAM JONES, currently with the Battle Monuments Commission, and former CO of the 235th Engineer Bn., in Italy sends word that red carpet treatment will be given members of the 36th - when they visit the military cemeteries in Italy and France: See story of "RETURN VISIT TO SALERNO" set for May 1st 1972. Lance Mullins, please note!

COL. CHARLES OWENS, former C of S and CO of the 141st, sends his best wishes to men of the 36th Division.

NICK MUSI, 78 Alfred Rd., East Merrick, N.Y. 11566 who was wounded by mines in Italy is now back home from major surgery. Nick did time with Stovall's Engin-Ears.

RUSTY MURPHY, 1509 Justin Lane, Austin, Tx 78757, said to be the "best" Mess-Sgt. in the division; also to be the best Assn. Secty-Tres. continues his steadfast support of the Association with an array of NEW members. Good work, Rusty.

This man led us to victory in 1945. Get a handful of these 8¢ little jewels and paste'em on some envelopes addressed to some of your old T-Patch buddies. WRITE NOW!



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The two above pictures could have been made any time in the past 100 years, but they were made in Oct. 1971.

CEWIN JOHNSON, 1473 Woodlyn, St. Paul, Minn. 55113 sent in these pictures that carry a lot of memories. The top photo is Koenigsburg Castle, where Cewin visited a few months ago. Goes like this: "I was with L Co. 142nd and we took the Koenigsburg Castle and spent one night there. Went down to Kintzheim which was the village below the castle, found the same house on the edge of town that we took, and also went out back of the house through a field that we had gone through where 8 or 9 of our unit were killed. Everything in Kintzheim was the same as it was when we were there 26 years ago."

"Lower photo is street scene in OBERHOFFEN, taken from about the same position as the one you'll see in the PICTORIAL HISTORY, where a GI is shown marching a prisoner, and buildings all shot-up. It was on this street I got hit, and lost my left arm."

Our thanks to JOHNSON for this contribution, we know a lot of 36thers will also relive some memories from these 2 photos.

STUDENT WORKING ON STORY OF "SALERNO TO RAPIDO"

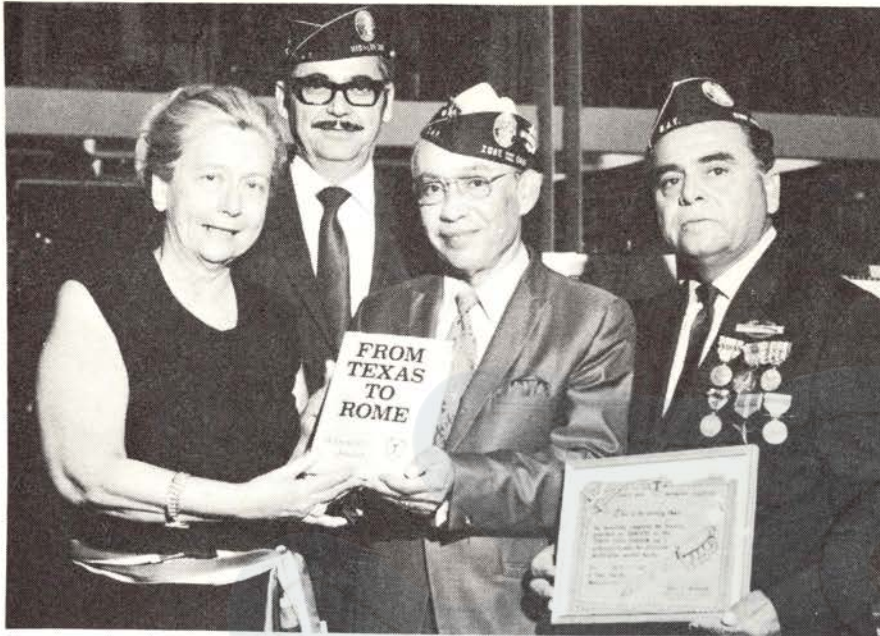
An 18 year old student of Seattle, Wash., is fascinated with the 36th's history in Italy, sends in \$5.00 for associate membership, bought all the books, including "Texas To Rome" and is seeking any info on Rapido Crossing.

There's probably been a zillion words written on the subject, but anyone interested in helping, write to: TOM GUDMESTAD, 241 S.W. 189th Place, Seattle, Wash. 98166, and muchobligé.

Paste it in your hat: The next 36th Reunion is in Dallas, Royal Coach Inn, Sept. 1-2-3, 1972



LTG Mark Clark presents Distinguished Service Cross to SGT Robert L. Chudej of Temple, TX, for heroic action with 36th Division, 1944.



T-PATCHERS PRESENT WALKER BOOK TO McALLEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Left to right: The librarian receives the book from J. A. GLORIA; in background is RAUL F. LOPEZ, and RAMON G. CORTEZ holding the "Ranger" certificate signed by General Fred Walker, GLORIA, who sent in the photo is commander of the Hidalgo County chapter of Disabled American Veterans, McAllen. LOPEZ served with Co. L, 142nd, and CORTEZ served with Co. E, 141st.

Our thanks to J. A. Gloria for this photo. He served with the 37th Combat Engineers, part of the 36th during the Louisiana Maneuvers.

Membership is Up, But We need Help and a Thousand More!
Send your \$3 AMIL KOHUTEK, Membership Chairman
 36th Division Association
 P. O. Box 1429, Irving, Texas 75060.



36th SUSTAINING FUND

Our Sustaining Fund, announced last issue (Oct. 1971) is off to a slow start. To date we have 18 loyal subjects who have each contributed from \$10 to \$25, so you can't say it isn't working. But, we're along way from our goal.

Your treasurer, and financial authority, Col. Qran Stovall has recommended that "donations" be made to the Sustaining Fund in the "name of" a departed friend, husband, or son. This is done in most all non-profit organizations. Bear in mind, the \$3.00 dues is break-even cost-factor, so the Sustaining Fund can be our salvation.

DO YOUR PART, and use the coupon below. List of tax-deductible donars will be published in the August issue.

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City _____ State _____
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 I served with _____ (unit).

Heard from

ARMAND G. JONES, ole 155th artilleryman, and now restaurantier in Fort Worth, hosted a Christmas party for his old outfit, Hqs. Battery, (which originated in Fort Worth). About 50 attended, the vino flowed and EARL WAYNE PACE, former 1st Sgt. of the outfit read the roster with appropriate comments about each. Armand is the gracious host-with-the-most. Viva Italian Inn.

WENDALL A. MARTIN, a WWI 111th Engineer, 2101 St. Malo Place, Dallas, Texas is Secty-Treas. of THE VETERAN'S VOICE." Attended the 1969 Fort Worth reunion.

JACK SIDNEY, 20640 Gresham St., Canoga Park, Calif. 91306 of Co. E, 143rd Medics sent a tenspot with a note to pay dues for Father MORGAN MURPHY, who was regmtl. chaplain 143rd, now O.F.M. St. Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch St., Boston, Mass. 02107. However, seems dues were already paid for by Dr. LUCIAN CAMPBELL, so will apply next years dues.

THOMAS FARRELL sends \$5 and a change of address: 7703 Third Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209. Was with Co. L, 143rd.

COL. JOHN N. "Pete" GREEN missed the Houston reunion, but mailed in a ten spot. Promised to be in Dallas next Sept. "Col. Green took over the 132nd FA at a time it needed taking over, and from that day on made tracks", so says Amil Kohutek. "Always in the right direction, he was still there when the lanyard was pulled for the last time," he continued, Amil also stated that many of the ole 132nd artillerymen told him he was like a Daddy. They loved him then, and still do now. (Great tribute).

TOM BULOVA, 505 Onodaga Dr., Syracuse, N.Y. 13219 was delighted with the T-Patch decal he received from Amil. Was in the 143rd. COL. RICHARD M. BURRAGE, 1120 Colonial, Bellaire, Texas 77401 sends in TEN and best wishes to all.

\$ THE NEW ARMY \$

THOSE OF US OF World War II vintage got quite a shock the other day when it was announced that a buck private in the new Army will get \$268 a month in base pay.

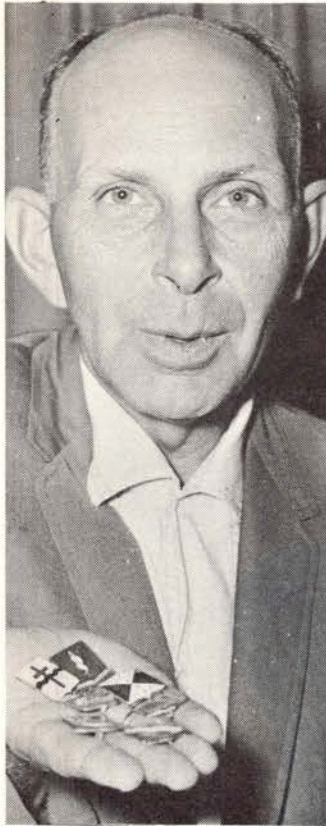
This is hard for those of us who got \$50 a month to realize.

Not only that the Army is spending money to recruit new men. It has \$277 million to spend and has 804 new recruiting offices, 3,875 more recruiters and 2,691 more sedans to scour the countryside for Army volunteers.

The new Army has dropped KP, has eased off on close order drill, abolished reveille, hires civilians to clean the toilets and pick up cigarette butts.

The new Army will have it softer and will be better paid than any Army before it. We had all better hope that it will be trained well enough to protect us.

Reprint courtesy Perryton (Tex) Herald.



FRANK ROACH, (143rd) of Fort Worth is all time champion collector of INSIGNIAS of WWII. Maybe Frank can be persuaded to display his collection at the Dallas Reunion.

WORLD WAR ONE Co. K of Yesterday

Here's a real fine book written by ARCHIBALD HART, who served time with 142nd Infantry, Company K in World War I. This book was released in 1969 (Vantage Press, N.Y., 152 pages, pocket size 5½ x 8", hard back cover) but was "rediscovered" recently by AMIL KOHUTEK who latched on to a dozen copies, and the demand for these books has sky-rocketed.

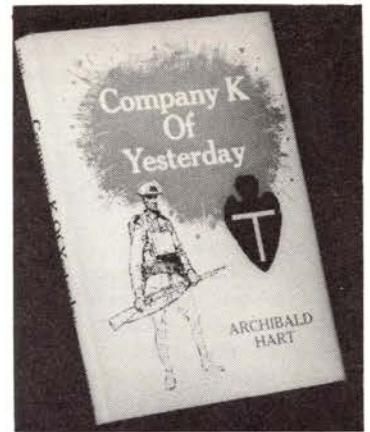
A limited printing, this book will be of interest to any T-Patcher. Mr. Hart, who is 77 Years old, now resides in Albany, N.Y., but is a native Texan, born in Crowell, 1895.

We found "Company K" a fascinating book, but author Hart made only one slight error: he claimed that CAMP BOWIE was located in and about 'North' Fort Worth, (That's where the stock yard is). His description of the "first Camp Bowie in Fort Worth, on the West Side, will bring back memories to those who served at the "second" Camp Bowie in Brownwood, Texas. Life in a pyramidal tent is about the same in any war.

The punch line at the conclusion of the book is worth the price of admission. "COMPANY K" is available now at 3 places: Send your check for \$3.95 to:

Mr. Miles Hart, Route 1, Glen Rose, Texas 76043 . . . or to AMIL Kohutek, 2404 Lincoln Ct., Irving, Texas 75061, or T-Patcher, P. O. Box 1816, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

Note: Miles Hart, younger brother of the author, is in charge of the book sales.



CAMP MABRY

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Home for all of the 36th documents, letters, diaries, photos and the official records (150,000 pages) on microfilm. (For this, we can thank ROBERT L. WAGNER, who pulled strings to get this out of Washington for a new home in Austin).

We were fortunate to obtain a few hours with Mr. John Kinney, Director of the Archives Division, who made many suggestions and recommendations as to how we can best handle our artifacts, documents etc. He pledged his support to us in the Camp Mabry Trophy Room Project.

Conclusion: No definite or logical answers are available. Your Historical committee will continue to dig for solutions — and we hope for GOOD NEWS by the MAY issue of the T-Patcher. Your comments are welcome.

T A P S

"LIZ" GOLDEN, 50, wife of Lud Golden, 3222 Travis Ave., Fort Worth, passed away Jan. 17, 1972. Liz and Lud Golden, who was 1st Sgt. with Hqs. 143rd Inf. were regulars at all 36th Division reunions, and T-Patch boosters.

TOM V. HAMILTON, died Dec. 11, 1971, Weatherford, Texas. Was a member of the Guard, served with Bat. C, 132nd FA. Was 65. RAYMOND C. "Cowboy" BLACKWELL died June 1971, Sweetwater, Texas. Served with the 142nd.

FRANK GAERTNER, died Sept. 1971 in Floresville, Texas. A WWI 36th and served in E Co. 143rd.

REYNOLDS CAYLOR, of the 36th M.P.s died Dec. 14, 1969. Lived in Houston.

JOHN M. GARRETT, Jr. died in San Antonio, Texas Sept. 22, 1971. Was with 141st Inf. SAM W. KING of Fort Worth, served with E Co, 143rd in WWI died sometime this past year.

MELVIN A. SCHELL who served with the 36th MPs passed away 1968, according to notice from his son-in-law, Chas. Schumann. GUY THERON WHITE, formerly of Merkel, Texas died in Dallas 1971. Was with the 111th Medics.

E. C. CANTU, 51 of Port Arthur, Texas died Nov. 1971. Served with 111th Engineers, was with Gulf Oil Co. twenty years.



U. S. Coast Guard, Official

Invading Yanks Make Friends in Paestum, Scene of Greek Ruins

The Coast Guardsman (left) and three soldiers are part of the force which landed at this coastal village after establishment of the United Nations' beachhead at Salerno, 22 miles to the north, in September, 1943. Many U. S. soldiers have visited the town since to see its three ruined temples, built here by Greeks from Sybaris about 600 B. C. The Greek name of Paestum was Poseidonia, or City of Neptune.

The above photo appeared in the National Geographic a few months after the Salerno invasion. J. R. RUNICE, 405 Ritsher St., Beloit, Wis., who served in K Co., 143rd sent this in. Can anyone identify the 3 T-Patchers? Let us hear if you recognize any of them.

Heard from

CARL COLLAR made the Fort Worth reunion, always paid his dues and sent a five spot. Picks up his mail at: Box 82, Walnut Ridge, Ark. 72476 (3rd Bn. 142nd) . . . see you in Dallas, Carl.

JEAN LANGE (MRS. OTTO LANGE) 556 La Loma Rd., Pasadena, Calif, 91105, reports that she has just observed the commissioning of a third generation. First, husband Otto at West Point in 1916; son, Lee Lange at Ft. Riley, Kansas 1948; and now grandson, Lee Lange II has received his commission in the Marine Corps. She also reports that she received no injury but that her home was severely damaged by the earthquake last spring. Mrs. Lange has continued to keep "close contact" with many members of the division and sends her love and every best wish to all.

WILLIAM F. GILLILAND, 150 Wyoming Ave., Spotswood, N.J. was signed up for membership by HENRY RITTMAN, 94 Riva Ave., Milltown, N.J.

MARVIN W. PARKER sends along a note that the 36th was the best damn outfit in the service, and a ten spot to prove it. Gets his mail at 8 Mobley Drive S.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30315. Was in L Co., 142nd.

COLONEL JOHN J. GARNER, JR. 5896-1 Fisher Rd., Ft. Hood, Texas, son of the great Artillery commander, wishes to thank the many members of the division who wrote and assisted in his father's last illness. He is now considering a location for papers and mementos gathered by the commander of the 133rd, F.A. and operations officer of 36th. "Divarty".

COLONEL LEE E. BEAHLER JR. (Retd.) 3217 Gladiola Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907, reports through Oran Stovall: "That he and wife Anne have bought a home (above address) and expect to stay here long enough to get the barrack-bag crease out of their clothes."

Footnote from Stovall: Lt. Beahler of WWII fame and fortune has had an outstanding military career, and quotes Beahler that "nowhere do they build units like the old 36th". Amen.

COL. ROBERT L. COX who was signal officer, sends best wishes to all T-Patchers.

HOMER "Bird Seed" HARRIS, C Battery 132nd, suffered a heart attack recently, but is now up and about, but must take it easy. Served in AMIL's old outfit, gets his mail at: 1321 Water St., Weatherford, Texas 76086.

EARL "Tex" HIGGINBOTHAM, the squire of Burnett, Texas and our current Executive-VP of the Association, corrals a new one: HARRY BIRNBAUM. Get us some more, Tex.

ALBERT "The Scrapper" RICCI, 91 Humbert St., Providence, R.I. 02911, was AWOL this time, but paid up 'til 72, sent \$3 anyhow, and said keep it for stamps. Remember him in '69 Fort Worth, so let's hope he makes it to BIG D.

B. G. "Bunt" PULLEN, Box 310, Shelbyville, Tx 75973 once was one of Stovall's bulldozer operators has written a series of stories dealing with the life of an Engineer soldier. How 'bout sending in a few, Bunt?



RETIREMENT AFTER 46 YEARS . . . Col. Andrew F. Price is shown here receiving a silver tray from Don L. Sarno, Vice-President and director of Agencies, State Life of Indiana, for 46 years service with that Insurance Company. Col. Price, 2912 Owenwood, Fort Worth, Texas, Hqs. 141st Inf. Reggiment is one of the 36th biggest boosters and workers. He spearheaded the fund raising committee in 1945-46 for the SALERNO Monument; has devoted time and effort to many projects in behalf of the 36th Division, the Association and civic work in Fort Worth. Col. Price recently underwent major surgery, and is now convelesing . . . send your cards to address above.

Ex-Stars & Stripes Editor Is 36th Division Booster

A few weeks ago, our roving hardworking membership chairman, AMIL KOHUTEK stopped in Itasca (between Waco and Fort Worth) and visited with DONALD McDONALD, editor of the Itasca Item.

Turns out McDonald was on the staff of S&S in Algiers, Naples and Germany and ran this story (shown at right) about the 36th Division members in Itasca.

Here is closing paragraph of his letter to us:

"The 36th Division, to me, will always represent the finest infantry division of all times.

Nothing in the U. S. Army can approach the Infantry for rugged service - and the 36th had all the valor, heroism, and greatness that any American Division in history has ever had".

Donald McDonald, Ed.

Itasca Item

Itasca, Texas 76055

ATTENTION 141st

Let's make the 141st Reunion at the 36th Division Reunion the BIGGEST one we've ever had in 47 years. Bring the wife and children, and be at our CP at the Royal Coach Motor Hotel, Dallas, Sept. 1, 2 and 3 1972.

L. M. "Buddy" SINCLAIR and Katy, 2025 Culpepper, Dallas, Texas 75233.

List of 36th Division Vets (WW I-II) Still In Itasca Is Wanted

Over a period of 43 years that the famed 36th Division was in existence from World War I days to 1968, an estimated 250 men from Itasca served under the now hallowed Arrowhead T-Patch.

The old 36th Division was absorbed by Army re-organization several years ago into brigades with other designations—priority troops in most instances.

Bill Jary, Editor of "The T-Patcher," official publication of the 36th Division Association, has written The Item asking that we publish the following. We are happy to comply, as follows:
Editor, Itasca Item:

Could you get me a list of all the men still living in Itasca who ever served at any time in the 36th Division?

Wanted — Any items on the 36th for our division history and museum. Please send to Bill Jary, Editor The T-Patcher, P. O. Box 1816, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

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HOLLYWOOD STARTS **THURSDAY**

THE OLE 36th had a lot of movies made in the early years after the War. Here's one that came out in 1952 starring William Holden, Nancy Olsen and the late Frank Lovejoy. See it soon on your local late TV movies.

A GREAT TRIBUTE

Your membership chairman receives a lot of mail. Here's an especially great one that was sent along to us:

Dear Mr. Kohutek:

My name is Danny Lee. I am the son of GEORGE B. LEE, formerly 1/Sgt., 133rd Field Artillery Bn. My father passed away on July 8, 1971. I am writing to you to find out if my father had paid his dues to the Association. If he had not, please let me know, for I wish to continue paying them in his absence. My father always took a great deal of pride in being a "T-patcher". I am proud of him for doing so, and in his memory, I would like to keep his membership in the Association.

I would like to share a small memory of my father with you. A few months before he died, I took his medals from the Second World War and made a display of them, a Texas flag, and a "T-patch". When I gave it to him, he wiped a tear from his eye and said, "Thank you, Son," and then added, "Don't get the idea I was a hero, Danny, I was just a small part of our Division. The real heroes were the friend and buddies we left behind in Italy and Southern France. The medals given to the guys who lived through the campaigns were monuments to those who died. Those were the men who won the victory and the freedom you have today."

Danny Lee
Box 35842
Houston, Texas 77035

Heard from

FRANK (Doc) SAVAGE, Victoria, Texas had a lung removed while we were in Houston for the reunion, reports Stovall. He's back on the job, now, and as Oran says it: "They can't keep a good engineer down".

ALBERT W. HOFFMAN, 3728 Westcliff Rd., Fort Worth, Texas 76109 drops \$5.00. His card reads: Co. A, 142nd 1926 to '40; Hqs. 142nd 1941; 1st Bn. 142nd 1942-43, Hqs. 1st Bn. 142nd from 1947 'til 1957. Long record. CLIFF TORRENCE, formerly lived in San Angelo has new address which reads: 3018 68th St., Lubbock, Texas 79413, served with M Co., 143rd Inf.

ROY BURKS, Box 124, Itasca, Texas 76055 sends in a five spot. Was in the 143rd. E. LYNDON CREWS, 7506 Teasdale, St. Louis, Mo. 63130 pays dues and sweetens the pot with \$3.00 extra, served in Riley Tidwell and Zeb Sundays old outfit, B Co., 143rd, also Hqs. and Hqs. Co., 143rd. St. Louis is just 700 miles from Dallas, be there in September, it's worth the trip just to see Zeb "do his thing".

PHILLIP J. KELLY, 56 Mortens Blvd., San Rafael, Calif. 94901 of 36th Division MP's sent in \$5.00.

RALPH BRIGGS, 986 Fulwell Drive, Mansfield, Ohio 44906 drops ten bucks for the cause, served time with 141st Inf.

STANLEY BUCK CHAPMAN, now a banker in Sutton, N.H. picks up his mail at Box 23, zip 03273. Stan was a 1st Lt. in Col. Pete Green's artillery (C Bat. 132nd) was wounded in France, spent six years in various hospitals, with 55 major operations on legs and feet. Hope you can make it to DALLAS, Stan. L. A. GONZALES down El Paso way inquiring about membership (Amil took care of it). Was with Co. E, 141st all the way.

GEORGE R. HARPER, ole Hqs. 36th Division man, sends in dues and his new address: 4627 Pine, Bellaire, Texas 77401 (believe that is part of greater Houston).

ZEB SUNDAY of Pasadena, Texas sends for DEAN CULPEPPER, Box 114, Goliad, Texas 77963. Dean was in the 141st.

DAVE W. CRENSHAW is back after long absence. Gets his mail at 906 West 22nd Street, Austin, Texas 78705, served with B Co., 141st.

KEITH WICKLIFFE, of 141st, sends in change of address: 11127 Whisper Valley, San Antonio, Texas 78230.

ROBERT L. SONFIELD has long career with the 36th. Served with 143rd in WWI, and during WWII was staff Judge Advocate same time Gen. Fred L. Walker was commandant of the Infantry School, Fort Benning. A partner in the law firm of Sonfield & Hasse, his home is located on the 9th green of Valley International Country Club, BROWNSVILLE, Texas, gets his mail at Box 2051, zip 78520. Welcome to the club, Bob.

COL. ORAN STOVALL, the Mikado of Montague County, Texas and champion bridge-builder of WWII located HUGH FARGASON, Dunn, Texas 79516, got the dues. Hugh was in G Co., 142nd Inf.



EVERY GI WAS IN LOVE WITH HER

Top: ANN CROMER GOPLERUD, of Osage, Iowa was the "Sweetheart of the AES", shown here sewing on a "T-Patch" as John Gannon, Pawtucket, R.I. (left) and Howard Thiboduex, Port Arthur, 111th Engineers, look on. Ann was best known as the Red Cross girl at the Rest Camp in Bains Les Bains, southern France, winter of 1945. Each night, Ann would sing for the T-Patchers. Hundreds of 36thers visited this beautiful Spa in the Vostes Moutains during the hard winter campaign.

T PATCH OVERSEAS HUMOR

**KILROY
WAS
HERE**



Here's one from your reporter's personal files of G.I. overseas humor. While serving eight days at the 17th General Hospital, Naples, a couple of GIs in my ward became bored. Utilizing a stack of diagnosis cards, they managed for a deck of cards, and started playing "draw poker".

At the end of the first hand, one of them said: "I have a full house, three appendectomies and two tonsil cases, I guess I win". Not so fast replied his buddie "I've got four enemas".

This is a fact: A truck driver in the 132nd had this sign on the back of his 2½ ton: "THIS TRUCK STOPS AT ALL RAILROAD CROSSINGS, BRUNETTES AND REDHEADS. WILL BACK UP HALF A MILE FOR A BLONDE".

SPECIAL NOTE to all T-Patchers who live out of Texas. If you haven't tried Wick Fowler's "2 ALARM CHILI" . . . you've got an experience comin'. His formula of con carne has been compared with the thrill of a "scream-in' Mimi" barrage.

— order his "TWO ALARM CHILI", write to Wick Fowler, CALIENTE CHILI CO., P. O. Box 1444, Austin, Texas 76767.



Another Yankee hits the Trail, making tracks to Texas and a home. PETE and MARY WALTERS, made their first Reunion 1970 Dallas, called home then — Union Rd., Wales, Mass. (never heard of it) now picks up his mail (of all places) 514 Dover St., Irving Texas 75060.

Pete Joined the 36th at Camp Bowie, made it all the way with the 141 to the north bank of the Rapido, then spent the rest of the War behind a barbed wire fence in Poland, Pete is looking for a part time job, something to keep him busy, if so, they will remain Loyal Texans.

NEW BOOKS

THE BRASS RING: A Sort of a Memoir (Bill Mauldin; Norton, \$7.95). Bill Mauldin is well known to a lot of T-Patchers, as he visited our gang many times, and his Willie and Joe are some sort of composite of the 36th, 45th and 3rd Divisions.

Mauldin has emerged the king of the cartoonist for WWII, that fact has been established a long time. He has written 12 books, 3 of which have been "Book of the Month Club" selections which includes BRASS RING. His cartoons have won 2 Pulitzer Prizes. Pretty good shootin for a teenage private that started out with the 45th Division, Camp Barkley 1941.

Probably the best part of his new book, is Mauldin's confrontation with ole Blood and Guts PATTON. Seems the colorful general had no use for Mauldin and his degrading picturization of a fightin' foot soldier. Quote: "Now, Sergeant, about those pictures you draw of those god-awful things you call soldiers. You make them look like bums. No respect for the army, their officers or themselves . . . how long do you think you'd draw those pictures in the Russian Army? . . . The Krauts ought to pin a medal on you for helping them mess up discipline for us . . ."

(Probably what the general of the great Armored Divisions didn't realize, that in combat, his tank jockeys could get a shave a lot easier than a doughfoot in a foxhole).

Now, 26 years later, I think we can safely say that Mauldin is the winner, even though Patton would have thrown him in jail if he ever showed up again in the Third Army.

It's a great book, and we highly recommend it to any T-Patcher, cause he's our kind of folks. BJ.

© BILL MAULDIN



"I need a couple guys what don't owe me no money fer a little routine patrol."



TENT RELIEF STATION IN ITALY

Army medical unit tents set up among the ancient ruins of Paestum, Italy, to take care of Yank wounded. The painted Red Cross on the tent is presumed to protect it from enemy action. (Associated Press Wirephoto from the Navy.)

MORE NOSTALGIA FROM THE OLD FILES: This photo of the 111th Medics tent at Paestum appeared in newspapers all over America last week of Sept. 1943. The cutline did not identify the actual unit in those days, as it was verboten.

Return Trip To Salerno

May 1st is the departure date from New York. The Return to Salerno Trip sponsored by the 36th Division Association will include a 16 day visit to many of the spots well known to T-Patchers.

Great Southwest Travel, Inc., P. O. Box 1145, Arlington, Texas 76010 is handling arrangements via ALITALIA airlines. Those who need more info, can write LANCE MUL-LINS, 2727 San Medina, Dallas, Texas 75228. Do it now!

First Reunion Memorable Occasion for Kerrigan

If there's anything better than a good testimonial letter we don't know what else. Here are excerpts from a letter by GEORGE KERRIGAN, 8008 South Talman, Chicago, Ill. 60652 (famous for his Yum-Yum Tree): "I had the time of my life when I finally made my first reunion, and it won't be my last. SKIPPER BRANDT and his wife came to Chicago along with our lovely friend Agga-tha Barry, plus my wife Marg, we flew to HOUSTON and when we saw some of our old buddies after 26 years - we were thrilled to death. We even stayed on an extra 36 hours to see the sights of Houston. A great experience and we'll be in Dallas come Sept. 2nd".

KERRIGAN has been one of great boosters and has helped in rounding up strays. Good work George and thanks for your letter.

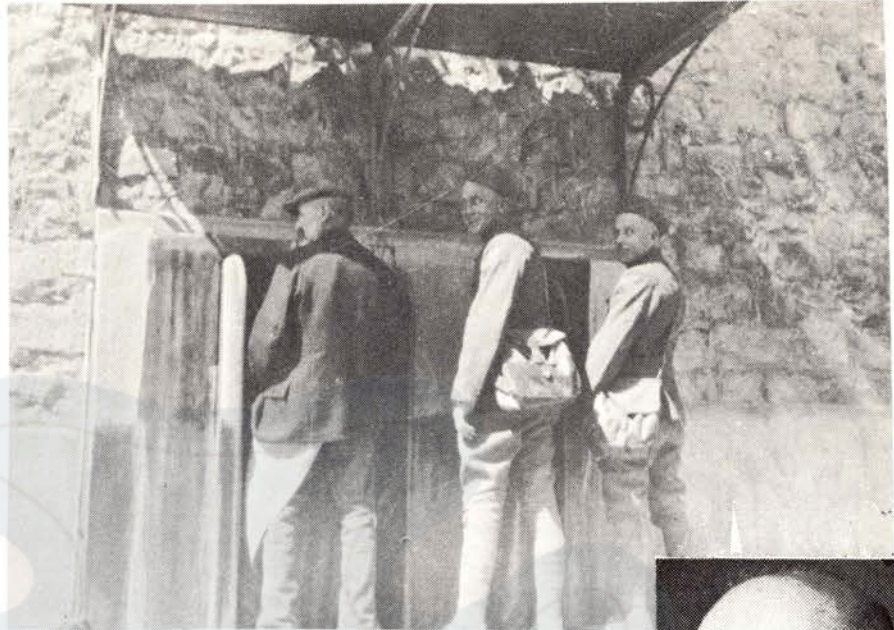
FROM THE SCRAPBOOK OF YESTERYEAR

By Amil Kohutek

During the nite of May 30, 1944, Gen. Walker infiltrated two regiments up on to Monte Artemisio. As the silent column made their way up thru the Vineyards, the Luftswaffe made one of its sporadic nite raids on the beachhead, its flares lite up the mountain side but on one spotted the crouching Americans, who waited until the raid was over before continuing their climb.

Dawn had come before they reached the top, but they were unchallenged and managed to seize the summit in broad daylight, capturing the German artillery observation party. One of who was having his morning bath. Not a shot was fired. Behind the Infantry column, the Engineers were soon opening up a rudimentary one way road. The German engineer platoon on the other hand, mistook the size of the Americans, which it could only see in the distance and so did not report the seriousness of the situation, until the Americans were firmly established.

The news of this success electrified Fifth Army. All its Divisions were tired, but the similarity between the seizing of little round top at the battle of Gettysburg and the fall of Monte Artemisio was clear to every American Commander. One more concentrated American power-drive should topple the Caesar Line.



The above photo was sent in by Glenn E. Miller, Lincoln, Neb., a WWI 142nd Infantryman, and a real red-blooded indian from Okla. This familiar scene of a couple of old T-Patchers in 1918, was still about the same when the 36th used the same convenient facility twenty-odd years later.

Judge Miller, a retired school administrator, state highway appraiser and county judge, has long championed the World War I boys, and claims we haven't given these old-timers enough recognition. But, Judge, that's all changed now. We've just read 8 books on WWI, and we can't see much difference in the two fracas's, except we in WWII had a little longer tour than those of WWI. Only thing that really matters is that we WON both times. Send us some more photos, Judge, and thanks.



GLENN E. MILLER

"THE GREEN PROJECT" - Highpoint Men's Airborn Trip (The Long Way) For A Quick "Ruptured Duck"



At war's end, VE Day, May 8, 1945, there were 3 million GI's in Europe, including a bunch of T-Patchers, all anxious to get back home. Since there was still a hot-war going on in the Pacific, practically all ships were being reloaded and Tokyo bound.

But the old-timers of the 36th had been told by IKE himself that troopers "over-seas 2 years", would NOT go to the Jap war. So, our ingenious Army Air Corps' ATC converted their hundreds of B17's in England, and used them to shuttle GI's out of Mar-sailles to Casablanca, then via new C54's flew the Atlantic to Natal, Brazil. Restaged then into DC3's on to Puerto Rico, and Miami. Then train to Camp Blanding, and on to their final discharge point and the Ruptured Duck. Our thanks to the fly boys. Roger, over and out.

MONTE CASSINO REVISITED

Hank Clark of Nocona, Texas a recent visitor to the Liri Valley, took the 6 lane freeway to look at the Monte Cassino Abbey, the City and Rapiko River, complete with a 5 minute narrative of the events of 1944.

Clark says he told a fellow tourist that he knew some of the men who fought the battles, and a guy named Stovall who built roads and bridges.

Looking at the beautiful new roads now constructed, the fellow tourist replied: "Well, he did a helluva good job of it, especially as it was built under enemy fire". (har har).



COMPANY B, 142nd, Rough and Ready, April 1945 in Bellhien, Germany: Left to right: DEMPSEY ALBRITTON leans on EDWARD GOVAS, the six-foot 5" Top-hatter; Kneeling in front is JOE LOPRESTI, Saco, Maine, and in back: VICTOR DAVIDSON, Friendship, N.Y. Our thanks to Vic for sending this photo. Anyone knowing the current address of "tree-topper" Ed Govas please contact Vic, or T-Patcher. Govas' last known address was 5544 Van Buren, Chicago.

Heard from

EUGENE McDONALD, the first Sgt. to receive a battlefield commission in France, sends regards to the troops. Lives now in Leonard, Texas

The author of "SALERNO TO THE ALPS", Gen. WILLIAM D. CAIN has read the Gen. Walker book and sends in his favorable comments to Stovall. Gen. Cain is currently Pres. of the Miss. Southern University.

ARNOLD HEISTAND, 1202 Franklin St., Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001, an ole 141st I Co., T-patcher (now a member of the Mid-West Chapter) would like to hear from any of the men with whom he served, especially CHESTER GRAHAM, Gatesville, Tx., and BLANTON TAYLOR, San Antonio.

COL. BURKE BREWSTER, C. O. 111th Medics and Div. Surgeon, Xmas card gives address now as Runaway Bay, Bridgeport, Texas, (the fabulous new resort community north of Dallas).

GENERAL ALBERT B. CROWTHER, former 36th Div. G-2, and later Artillery General of the Division, has retired from his bank in San Antonio, and is now taking some of that "rest" he spoke of back in Italy 28 years ago. (Good huntin' Abie).

PAPPY PHELPS and wife Clarice, now give their home address as: Rt. 1, Box 81 Keller, Texas 76248.

ROSWELL PILKINGTON, 3418 Adie Rd., St. Ann, Mo. 63074 of the 142nd, was badly used by the enemy, spends much of his time writing poems and extolling the greatness of the T-Patchers.



CAMERON LIBRARY RECEIVES GENERAL WALKER BOOK FROM FORMER RESIDENT

Librarian Louise Jamison accepts a copy of "From Texas to Rome" from our Membership Chairman, AMIL KOHUTEK, for the Cameron Library. Amil lived in Cameron prior to joining the 36th in January 1941. A great gesture.

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World War I Lieutenant Coined 142nd's "I'll Face You" Motto At Aisne River

By Pfc. Howard Jones

Behind the regimental insignia of the 142nd Infantry lies a story of courageous men of the same regiment during World War I.

In 1917 the 142nd Infantry was organized from units of the Seventh Texas and First Oklahoma Regiments at old Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas.

The "I'll Face You" insignia, consisting of a battered church steeple and a red river designating blood, resulted from the regiment's final action in the St. Mihiel sector in October, 1918. The broad irregular stream running horizontally across the shield represents the bloody Aisne River over which the final action materialized. During this action the 142nd suffered heavily.



The battered steeple in the upper portion of the insignia also has its distinctive significance. The regiment was being held up by a German machine-gun nest and an observation

post placed cleverly in a church steeple at St. Etienne-sur-Arnes, starting point of the last offensive which ultimately broke German resistance in the last war. Under cover of darkness a few volunteers took a mortar to within range and speeded their fire into the steeple, destroying the enemy position and allowing the regiment to carry on.

Probably the best known portion of the insignia is the motto, "I'll Face You." During the last campaign a young lieutenant was given the mission of taking a patrol across the River Aisne to determine enemy strength and disposition. Realizing that their chances of returning were slim, they crossed the river.

The Germans allowed them to cross, but as they made their way over the

dike on the far side of the Aisne, all hell broke loose. Men dropped; several were killed instantly. The lieutenant was wounded, but more seriously wounded was one of his men.

Lifting the limp body, the lieutenant ordered his men to withdraw while he, armed only with a pistol, held off the enemy. When he ran low in ammunition, he reluctantly backed away from the death trap, and mockingly cried out, "I've got to go back, but by God, I'll face you."

The motto of the 142nd Infantry was born when the young officer refused, in the face of overwhelming odds, to turn his back to the Germans.

This is the first in a series of articles on the stories behind your regimental, battalion, and company insignias. T-Patch will run one unit insignia each week until each organization in the Division has been covered.

CLIPPING FROM OVERSEAS T-Patch, dated June 3, 1945 published in Germany . . . for those who may have missed it.

Heard from

JACK J. FORMAN sends in dues and new address: 5524 Shadowcrest, Houston, Texas 77035, was in 36th Signal Co.

ROBERT R. CAHAL, served in Co. C, 143rd, WWI, pays dues and lists new address (from New Orleans): 205 Elenor St., Jasper, Texas 75951.

M. E. WARD, Route 4 Box 250, Austin, Texas paid twice. Thanks.

J. A. GLORIA, P. O. Box 1315, McAllen, Texas 78501 joins up, and brings in two more: **RAUL LOPEZ** and **CARLOS CAZARES**, served with 111th Combat Engineers at Camp Bowie, 1941.

DEMPSEY ALBRITTON, president of the 142nd Co. B Association recently suffered a heart attack, spent two weeks in intensive care. Dempsey, a bachelor could not notify anyone 'till dismissed, will now have to take it easy.

JULIAN C. BERNARD, 4489 Harvard Rd., Detroit, Mich. 48224, another Co. B, 142nd T-Patcher paid dues, but claims he didn't receive T-Patcher. So he got another one. Sorry 'bout that, says Amil.

JOE C. ANSLEY, 801 Majestic Bldg., San Antonio, Texas 78205 paid twice and that's appreciated. An artilleryman in the 133rd. **JAMES C. GOSSETT**, 605 South Elm, New Boston, Texas 75570 has been working overtime rounding up members from his 736th Ordnance group. Good work, Jim.

MRS. JOHN M. SMITH of Gainesville, Texas reports she is signing up members of the 111th Med. Det., for her husband. Amil sends the forms, and she gets the troops in the fold. Good shootin'.

STAFFORD McQUILLIN, Englewood, N. J. is looking for the whereabouts of **HUGO J. MARTIN** and a certain Lt. **WALSH**, both of C Bat. 132nd. Good hunting Stafford.

DR. COLONEL PAUL R. MEYER, Port Arthur, Texas, writes: "Because the reunion conflicts with a meeting of the Pediatric Congress in Vienna, we will be unable to attend this year but I send my warmest personal regards and all best wishes to all. A special 'hand shake' to the 111th Engineers; see you next year."

WICK FOWLER sends a 5 col. news story by **SIDNEY R. WEISGER**, of Victoria, Texas. Sid's story is all about the "Victoria Volunteers" of WWI, and their experiences at the first **CAMP BOWIE**, 1917 in Fort Worth. Tells about the winter 1917-18 Flu epidemic and the great toll it took of many of the T-Patchers, several from his home town. Seems Wick and Sid grew up together in Victoria. A great story, and maybe copies can be obtained from Sid. His address is Rt. 4, box 115E, Victoria, Texas. **DONALD E. COOPER**, 507 3rd St., Terrell, Texas who served with Cannon Co., 143rd dropped a \$20 on Kohutek for dues and postage. Thanks Don.

GEN. GEORGE E. LYNCH, 2005 Stark Ave., Columbus, S. C. former Co. O. of the "I'll Face You" 142nd Inf. Regn't sends best wishes to all for the new year, and hopes to be in Dallas, Sept. 2-3.



SOMEWHERE IN ITALY, Jan. 1944, Battalion staff of 111th Engineers: Left to right, sitting: **MELVIN T. EDMONDS**, Ex. Off., **ORAN STOVALL**, C.O., **CLIFTON N. BELLAMY**, S-3; **IRA JOE KAIL**, S-4. Standing: The late **JUD SESSIONS**, S-1; **BERNIE SADLER**, Ass't. Div. Engr.; **TOMMY GUETIER**, S-2 (later killed in France) and **TOM CORWIN**, Ass't S-3.

Our thanks to **Ira Joe Kail**, 2012 Burks St., Petersburg, Virginia for sending in this photo.

DALLAS IN '72

Shown below is an actual clip from the overseas edition of the T-PATCH, dated 15 April 1945. Still reads real good.

We Quote ...

W. VAUGHAN THOMAS, BBC: "If the 101st Airborne had its Bastogne, the 36th had its Ribeaupville. And you don't ask one of those rugged Texans whether he came in on the invasion without being specific about which invasion."

WICK FOWLER, DALLAS NEWS: "They are still fighting men, the best in the world."

CY KORMAN, Chicago Tribune: "The fight in the Vosges has been called one of the war's toughest, and the 36th overcame the best prepared German line there."

CLINTON CONGER, UP: "They limped from wounds or swollen trench feet and they were gaunt and weary, but they could still smile."

ARMY TIMES: "The 36th 'Texas' Division sets endurance record."

THE LATE AL KOHN, Stars and Stripes: "You hear an occasional 'Gertie from Greenpert' accent, but they've got a lot of pride in their adopted state."

HEINRICH HIMMLER, In an Order of the Day: "What the Americans (36th Division) did at Selestat, I expect you to do at Sigolsheim."

ERIC SEVAREID, CBS: "I will always remember the men of the 36th... If Generals Alexander and Clark received the key to the city of Rome, it was General Walker who turned the key and handed it to them."



INFANTRY MUSEUM CAMPAIGN CHAIRMEN - John W. Dixon, left, chairman of the Texas state campaign, and Winthrop Rockefeller, co-chairman of the National Infantry Museum Campaign, look over an architect's model of the new museum to be built at Ft. Benning, Ga.

New Infantry Museum To Open In 1972

INFANTRYMAN TO GET RECOGNITION IN NEW \$6 MILLION MUSEUM

The fightin' foot soldier will get a lasting memorial to his deeds and heroism from Bunker Hill to Saigon . . . thanks to **WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER**, who is chairman of this project.

The 36th Division, of course will get its share of recognition, according to a Texas Campaign committee, headed by **John W. Dixon**, who has launched a drive to raise funds for this great undertaking.

More information on this in the next issue.

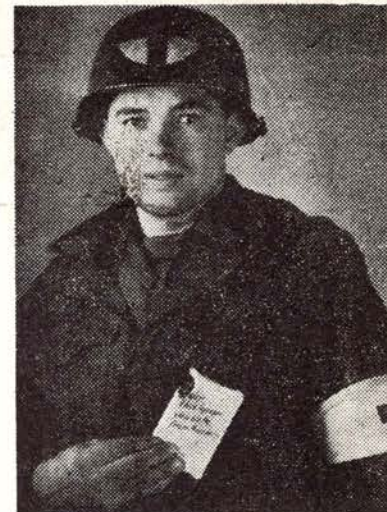
Association History Underway

Book To Cover 27 Post War Years

Millions of words have been written about the exploits of the 36th Division in World War II. It suddenly became apparent that nothing had been done about the "history" of the ASSOCIATION. This project is now underway by your T-Patcher editor, (who in a moment of insanity) has started compiling all the data of the association since it was organized in Dec. 1945. After digging into this mass of material, we find a very fascinating history indeed.

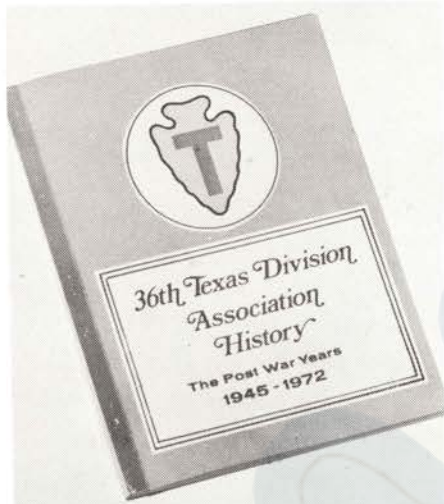
This year marks our 27 year - post war . . . we've accomplished more than you might imagine. The book will cover all these years with 3 or 4 pages per year, plus a recap of the division's activities, the long-road-home and the ruptured duck. A complete tabulation of all our various post-war awards, monuments, parades, all compiled from news clips, letters, private files of past-presidents and official records. It is programmed for 144 pages, with cardboard cover, and illustrated with over 200 photographs.

It is hoped that the cost-factor can be kept at a minimum, possibly as low as \$4.00 a copy (2 for \$7.00). It would be helpful to your association if you'd send in your "desire" to obtain one or more copies now. This would give an indication of the print-order. A postcard will do, but let us hear from you. Write T-Patcher, P.O. Box 1816, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.



POCKET TESTAMENT which he received from home and inscribed, "May This Keep You Safe from Harm," is credited by Pvt. Mitchell Lanier, of Summertown, Tenn., attached to the 142nd Inf. Med. with saving his life. Carried in his left breast pocket, the book was shattered by shell fragments at Leiprenne, France.

THERE'S ONE (or more) IN EVERY WAR. Here's one from old T-Patch files, that later ran in Army Times, Feb. 1945. Pvt. Lanier also had company in his lucky break . . . several were reported in World War I and II.



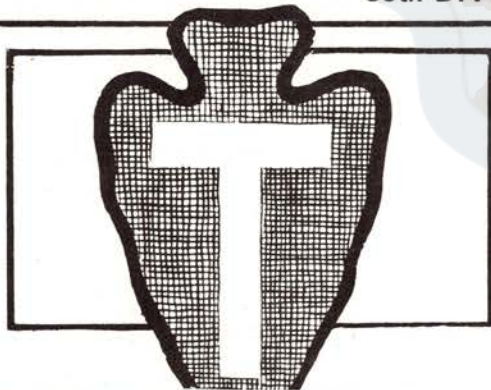
A complete mailing about this book will be sent to all members of the association sometime in March. This will give complete details - in depth - as to the scope of this history. We feel most all T-Patchers will want a copy. The HISTORY will be ready by Reunion time in Dallas, Sept. 1-2-3.

**ONCE A T-PATCHER,
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