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3,000 Members for 1972! Can We Do It...? You Bet Your B-Bag...



ROGER CANNON,
Waco, Texas

Your New President Roger Cannon

The coming year is going to be "big doings" for the 36th Division Association, Things are looking up for our organization and we want all T-Patchers to know and meet our new leader, ROGER CANNON of Waco, Texas.

Here are some excerpts from a story in Waco Tribune-Herald announcing his election to president of the 36th Division Association.

"Before daylight on Sept. 9, 1943, Warrant Officer Roger Cannon, Communications officer of the 143rd Inf. Regiment, disembarked on the Italian Coast at Salerno."

He was later captured in Italy when the jeep he was driving rounded a bend in the road and almost collided with a German tank. He spent 21 months in a POW camp in Poland.

"Roger Cannon, 3520 W. Brookview retired after 31 years service from the Texas National Guard two years ago as major.

Cannon served as Vice President last year, and knows the workings of the association. He has pledged his support for the goals for 1972 on our agenda, (covered elsewhere in this issue). We urge all T-Patchers to get behind our new president, and give him the help that he needs.

The Fighting 36th is on th'Go

The enthusiasm shown at the Houston Reunion, plus the great response from old T-Patchers joining up for the first time; and a flock of drop-outs and strays who have kicked in their \$3,000 and all... is why we feel we can double our membership in the coming year.

Your new president, ROGER CANNON is behind this effort, and not to mention the old standby, AMIL KOHUTEK (Our champion member-getter) and the rest of your new officers and directors, are concentrating their efforts to get the 36th in the "driver's seat".

This can only be done by YOUR help. If we get 3,000 paid up, card-carrying members by Reunion time next year, we'll have the strength we need to do the things that have got to be done.

Also, we have big plans for keeping the ASSOCIATION alive, and well, and the name of the game is DUES. We need all the old T-Patchers we can find. Three bucks for membership in an outfit you fought and lived with for several years is hardly a big money item

WHAT WE NEED IS NAMES AND ADDRESSES. After 26 years, many have fallen out of contact with the Association. All they need is a little prodin' and we can get them back in the fold.

We ask your help. Amil asks your help, Roger Cannon wants your help, and all you have to do is send in the name and address of an old buddy you know, (that has been out of contact with the Association) and your tireless workers will do the rest. That's a pretty good deal, don't you think?



Houston Reunion A Great Success

The turn-out for the Houston Reunion was good. Not as good as we had hoped, but it had "enthusiasm", and that's what counts.

Everyone had a good time, visiting and swappin' stories from old-times and other reunions.

Our guest speaker, Senator John Tower from Texas gave a great speech, (non-political and everything went according to schedule. Many old T-Patchers feel they get 'better' every year. If you've missed a few, make it a point to be in Dallas next year and get in on the fun.

DALLAS IN '72

Origin of the T-Patch; Here Is The True Story

NOW — THE TRUE STORY OF THE T-PATCH FROM A FORMER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT — WHO WAS THERE!

Over the years there's been a lot of discussion (and some arguments) over the origin of the Arrowhead with the "T". This reporter has searched through many WWI stories, plus the official "Summary of Operations, 36th Division in the World War.

This short but fascinating book was prepared by the American Battle Monuments Commission and printed 1944. (The ABM was created by Congress in 1923 for the purpose of commemorating the services of American Forces in Europe during WWI.)

There is nothing in it about the origin of the "T-Patch".

HELP FROM BOWIE, TEXAS

Col. Oran Stovall, our devoted former Association president and all-around booster has forwarded to us, what he feels is the "real" story of its origin.

Since the ranks of the WWI leaders has pretty well thinned out, we are re-printing here for the first time, the complete text of a letter dated Oct. 18, 1965 from R. WRIGHT ARMSTRONG.

Heard from

WERNER A. DeFORD, 4248 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75219 is a new member with a generous \$10.00 contribution. Served with the 141st B Co., and welcome to the club, Werner.

DARYL B. OMSTEAD sends in dues with address change: 340 S. Chase Ave., Lombard, Illinois 60148. Was in Co. L, 142nd Inf.

ROBT. J. FAUGHT, 1731 Cheshire Lane, Houston, Texas 77018 was kind enough to send in a flock of pictures made during the Houston Reunion. Bob served with G Co., 141st... has already plans to attend the Dallas Reunion come Sept. 1972. Thanks Robert.

RICHARD R. MURRAY, Artilleryman of the 133rd is looking for Ham Radio amateur operators. If you are one, his call is W5FBJ, or drop him a line: Box 2495, Beaumont, Texas 77704. DR. ALEX MINTZER, 1201 S. Hillcrest Court, Hollywood, Fla. 33021 sends regrets he could not make Houston, but sends his dues and an extra \$3.00 to cover someone else. Also expressed desire to go on the Salerno trip next spring. Alex is an ole 132nd FA man, and good pal of Kohutek, Blood brothers.

CLARENCE RENFRO, 3412 Bellaire Dr. W., Fort Worth, Texas 76109 wants info on the Salerno trip. Couldn't make reunion but keeps dues paid. Clarence served with the 736 Ordnance.

PAUL K. WILSON, 418 W. Louisiana, McKinney, Texas 75069 served with the old 144th Inf. in WWI, sends in his '72 dues and is trying to locate some of his old pals, and will send in their names. Good work, Paul, we need all we can get.

Wright Armstrong (deceased) served with the 36th Division in France, 1918. As a staff officer, he was in a position to witness its birth. Here is his letter:

Col. Oran Stovall
36th Division Association
Bowie, Texas 76230

Dear Colonel:

While I am sure that we could find the recorded history of this matter in Washington, I doubt very much if what we found there could be used to indict the 2nd Division for taking the 36th Division insignia. So, in repeating this tale, bear in mind that I could not go on the witness stand, place my hand on a Bible, and state: "these are the facts." But, I can swear to what I saw and believe to be true.

Here's the story of the T-Patch.

The 36th Division arrived in France in July, 1918.

Whether or not there had been any orders from higher authority for organizations to create a patch for identification purposes I do not know — that is, before we sailed. However, shortly after the Division was billeted in the Champagne territory we heard through our regiments that committees were being formed among the various units of the Division in order to select a suitable insignia. Not only Divisions were included, but also the individual regiments of the Division.

It is my understanding (and this would seem natural) that the first decision was made in the Division insignia.

The 36th Division was basically composed of the National Guards of Texas and Oklahoma. You will recall that in 1917 Oklahoma did not have too large a contingent, as it became a state in 1907. Of course, Texas had been a state since 1845, so our Texas National Guard, naturally, was a great deal bigger. I believe I am safe in saying that the largest unit in the Oklahoma Guard was the 1st Oklahoma Inf., which consolidated with the 7th Texas Inf. to create the 142nd Inf.

They had some supply trains, and probably a battery or so of artillery, and, of course

GLENN E. MILLER, 1408 N. Lincoln St., Lexington, Neb. 68850 is another WWI ex, and reminds us that the 36th got its reputation in the fracas with the Kaiser, says: "please give some of the "Old Farts" credit for the 36th". Miller continues: "Another thing, the boys from Oklahoma did all the fighting in WWI (141st and 142nd) and that they were mostly from Oklahoma." Bravo, Glenn, your message is now history. Tell it like it is.

MAURICE RAYMOND, 10390 W. Mt. Morris Rd., Flushing, Mich. served with Co. B, 111th Engineers sends in the \$3.00 and extends regards to all his buddies in Stovall's outfit.



The great "Lone Star" of Texas was first selected by the 36th in France, to be superimposed with an indianhead

But, the 2nd Division seemed to be in first, so the 36th Division, having to take second choice from the 2nd, chose the Indian "arrowhead" for the Oklahoma boys, and superimposed the big "T" for Texas, and that's the way it was.

some medical detachments. Their units were commanded by Col. Hoffman, who was promoted to Gen. and transferred out of the Division when it was formed. The Committee is said to have picked, for the 36th Division insignia, the Lone Star of Texas with an indianhead superimposed on it.

Never thinking there would be any competition in such an insignia, our train commanders were given copies of it which they painted upon their equipment — trucks, etc., as it was convenient for them to do so.

Before the job was anywhere near completed and before the selection of this insignia had been sent to GHQ for approval, the 36th Division was ordered to relieve the 2nd Division in the front line. I believe we so relieved them on October 6th or 7th, 1918.

The 36th Division stayed in the line until practically the end of the month and then marched back to our training area. We received word that GHQ had a conflict on Division insignias and that the 2nd Division had applied for the Lone Star with the indianhead superimposed on it. Further, GHQ had granted this to the 2nd Division; so, the 36th Division would have to select another insignia. After much conversation, our committee selected the arrowhead, representing Oklahoma, and a light blue background with a "T" in red, representing Texas.

R. WRIGHT ARMSTRONG

SOMEWHERE ON VIA ROMA



Remember ?



SUSTAINING FUND answer to old problem

Annual membership dues of \$3.00 barely keep your Association ahead of the bill collector most of the time – and occasionally he does overtake us. Example: At reunion time 1970 the Association was broke and in debt.

To increase the annual dues would no doubt seriously limit membership as some would find it financially impossible to pay more, and we do not want to restrict any T-Patcher from becoming a member.

We do have a large number of members who are financially able and have expressed a desire and willingness to make a contribution to our Association, in excess of dues. These contributions or gifts will enable your Association to grow, improve the quality of its T-Patch publication and perhaps in the future take on projects worthy of our Association.

With the above in mind, a Sustaining Fund is established and your gifts and contributions, in any amount are welcome and encouraged. As a proud T-Patcher we know you will want to participate in this endeavor.

Most all first class organizations sooner or later have to have such a fund as this. Our leading colleges have their alumni association who are constantly raising money to keep things going.

Your contribution (in any amount) is a tax deductible item (since we are a non-profit organization). Your \$5, \$10 and \$20 donations will assure the 36th Division Association continued operation, PLUS a general up-grading of the quality of benefits to all dues-paying members.

Many can afford it. Those who can will contribute. We already know that from the great support we've received to date.

Do it NOW

Please fill in the coupon and return it with your gift. Make checks payable to: Sustaining Fund, 36th Division Association.

Return Trip To Salerno

And now, the T-Patcher has a color 'Sunday Supplement' attached with this issue. Read it, and make plans now.

ELECTED AT HOUSTON: YOUR NEW LEADERS FOR 1972

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IRVING, TEXAS 75060

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36th Division Association
P. O. Box 1429
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(made out to Sustaining fund, 36th Div. Assn.) in the amount of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____
Zip _____

I served with _____ (unit).

Calling All World War 1 T-Patchers

We don't know how many 36th Division World War I T-Patchers there are. Many have dropped out. We want to find them.

Your new president, ROGER CANNON has suggested that we dedicate the Dallas 1972 Reunion to them. Show them we want their participation, and support.

Time has taken its toll on the ranks of those hardy fighters who went to Camp Bowie, Fort Worth in 1917, and fought in France during the Meuse-Argonne campaign 53 years ago. These men who are now in their seventies deserve the recognition from WWII fighters.

Your board of directors are making plans to see that a great number of these ex-36thers of WWII will be in Dallas.

Our membership chairman, Amil Kohutek has printed 500 copies of the photo (shown here) of General Black Jack Pershing decorating a member of the 36th Division (name unknown). A Copy of this picture is being sent to all WWI T-Patchers, for the membership drive.

Anyone who has names of these WWI T-Patchers, please send them in. We want them in Dallas, and we want them as members.

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

EYE-WITNESS NEEDED

Notice to all T-Patchers who attended the Dinner Dance at the Reunion:

"If any T-Patcher and their wives who saw the piece of wet ceiling tile fall on Katy Sinclair's head, in the King Arthur I Ballroom just after 7 PM on the night of Sept. 4th, please send your name, address & phone to: L. M. Sinclair, 2025 Culpepper Ave., Dallas, Texas 75233 (and thanks).



AL RICCI, 91 Humbert St., Providence, R.I. sends in this combat pix of a couple of ole buddies: Homer S. (Pappy) DeLong of Pa., and Pasquale Ferranti of Brooklyn both of 143rd This is symbolic of the many such comrade poses that will bring memories to many T-Patchers. Ricci attended his first reunion in Dallas last year. (Sam Kibbey, Ashland, Ky. forwarded this to us, so thanks to both).



Heard from

ALFONSO MOJICA, 3232 Monroe, El Paso, Sun City, Texas 79930 sent in his dues — plus one more (also did it last year). We need more like you, Al. Amil sends his thanks and so do all the rest of us. The ole 141st scores again.

W. J. McGRATH, 253 21st Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215 did time with the 141st, Co. G., made his first reunion. Do it again, W. J. ROBERT E. CUNNINGHAM, 109 East Main St., Pierceton, Ind. 46562 is a champ. He paid his dues and cash for 9 others. How 'bout that.

DR. LUCIEN CAMPBELL, 166 Rockhill Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78209 who was a pill-roller with the 111th Medics sent in his dues plus paid up tab for an ole buddy in Boston, Mass. Thanks, Doc.

WALTER A. SHEETZ, 159 Walnut St., Columbia, Pa., 17512 is another great T-Patcher who served with 141st, sent in his dues and 3 more. We need more members like this.

WALTER M. OLTMANN, 713 First Ave., Dallas, Texas 75226, a WWI T-Patcher reports that he was 'robbed' at Minyards Food Store and lost his wallet and everything in it. Wasn't too interested in the \$\$\$, but he lost his 36th Div. Membership card. And, that's enough to make anyone mad. Ole Amil sent a replacement, posthaste.

W. J. RAGSDALE, 232 Embery Drive, Dallas, 75232, is presently in the VA hospital, but sends in his dues. Served with Stovall's Engineers.

TOM BULOVA, 505 Onandaga Road, Syracuse N.Y. 13219 pays his dues plus two of his 143rd buddies. Great! The 143rd Reunion next year will be in Mexia, Texas, June 30—July 1st, 1972.

J. B. (Dick) WALKER, 3507 Dawes, Dallas, Texas 75211, an ole 142nd T-Patcher was in the hospital, but sends in dues for a buddy: N. C. Backes.

THOMAS A. LEWIS, Spinning Wheel Apts, Penthouse, 21 Spinning Wheel Road, Hinsdale, Ill. 60521, an ole 141st, Co. L member sends in the name of "buddy stray or dropout" Col. Gilbert C. Russi. This is what we need, and the colonel replied: "Enclosed is my check for \$2.25 for 36th membership roster. I am currently associated with ROTC program at Loyola University of Chicago, as director of development. Col. Russi gets his mail at: 534 Stratford Place, Apt. 3E, Chicago, Ill. 60657, also served with the 141st.

FRANK R. VONDRA, 5209 S. 22nd St., Omaha, Neb. 68107 is one not to forget his old buddies. Sent in his, plus dues for Theodore Peacock, 4458 La Plata Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21211. Ted served with 736th Ordnance and is now paralyzed and in wheel chair. Frank sends best wishes to all 36thers, and signs his letter with: "the big bad bohunk from Omaha".

CHARLES E. MORRIS, RR 4, Circleville, Ohio 43113 is a first-time member, sent in his dues through the help of OSCAR A. TROEHLER.

EARL R. PEBLEY, 1006 Ash St., Johnstown, Pa., 15902 sends in his dues for the first time. Has not made a reunion but plans to do so, Earl was in Co. K 142nd, was wounded by sniper fire at SELESTAT, France. He's a steel mill worker, in spite of the fact he lost use of his right wrist. Would like to hear from anyone of Co. M, 142nd who slept for a few hours in Koensburg Castle, also the St. Marie Pass, for which the 142nd received the Presidential Unit Citation.

BRALEY VILLANUEVA, 608 Withers, Denton, Texas 76201 sent in his dues, but didn't give unit. Glad to have you in the fold, Braley. Incidentally, said he liked the T-Patcher.

OSCAR A. TROEHLER, R.R.1, Circleville, Ohio 43113, another 111th Engineer, Co. C, sent in 10 bucks for his dues, a buddies' dues, and the extra \$4.00 to help keep up the good work ole Amil is doing in roundin' up drop-outs and strays.

Unit Reunions



Don't say it can't be done, because it can. DEMPSEY ALBRITTON proved it. On his own initiative, he mailed hundreds of invitation letters to former members of Co. B 142nd, and 8 of these men re-united (after 26 years) in Charleston, West Virginia in Aug. 1970.

But this was only the beginning. Their 2nd and big one was held this year in NASHVILLE, TENN., Aug. 13-15th.

Our thanks to BARBARA DAVIDSON, wife of VICTOR, who resides at 22 Queen Ann St., Friendship, N.Y. 14739, who was kind enough to send in this material. She is Secty-Tres.

Company B, 142nd has a good thing going. It will be better next year, thanks to the efforts of DAVID SISCO, Ocilla, Georgia; DEWEY MANN, Nitro, West Virginia; PERSHING E. FREEMAN, Rt. 1, Waynesboro, Pa.; JULIAN BERNARD, 4489 Harvard Road, Detroit, Mich., 48224; HENRY L. GRACE, Jr., 1341 Rock Rose Rd, Bristol, Tenn., 37520; K. O. PITNER, 2802 Ave. M, Snyder, Texas 79549 . . . and a bunch of ole Co. B, 142nd T-Patchers.

Dempsey Albritton deserves a round of applause for his efforts in behalf of keeping the ole 36th alive and well. Bravo, Dempsey.

They will meet again in August 1972 in Nitro, West Va., but don't forget to plan to be in DALLAS too, in Sept., 1972.

Reunions are like KENTUCKY BOURBON - they just get "better" with age. Amil Kohutek said it in his letter to drop-outs and strays.

But it's true. The 1971 Houston Reunion was a good one . . . a lot of enthusiasm from those who attended. The first-timers were high in their praise. So whether you attended that one, the Association needs your help, and we need your dues.

THREE DOLLARS is not enough to carry all the load, but it keeps us in business. If you haven't sent in yours for 1972, do so now. Send your check for \$3.00 to:

AML KOHUTEK, 2404 Lincoln Ct., Irving, Texas 76061.

Our gracious custodian and chief ramrod of the Gen. Walker Book has spent many days in behalf of this great WWII book. At the Houston reunion, seems the Col. had a problem.

Here is a quote from his letter: "Ken Nixon sold two Walker Books, collected the money and gave it to me. Somewhere between the fog and the grog, I misplaced the names and addresses of these two T-Patchers. I know they want their books, but now I need for them to write to me . . . so PLEASE HELP."

Stovall handled 2,750 copies of the Walker book without a hitch. "Now this", he concluded. Write to Col. Oran Stovall, Bowie, Texas 76230.

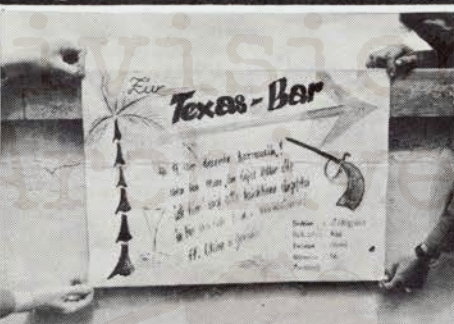
142nd, Co B.- Get together



Co. B, 142nd Reunion in Nashville: Front row (l to r) Henry Grace, Jr., Bristol, Tenn.; Dempsey Albritton, Bowling Green, Fla.; Pershing Freeman, Waynesboro, Pa; and Julian Bernard, Detroit. Back Row (l to r): Victor Davidson, Friendship, N.Y.; Anthony Altier, Dover, Ohio, Dave Sisco, Ocilla, Ga.; and Dewey Mann, Nitro, West Va.



SHOT INDOORS (c. fair-shot): Front row (l to r): Dewey Mann, and Dave Sisco. 2nd row: Vic Davidson, Pershing Freeman, and K. O. Pitner, Snyder, Texas. 3rd row: Dempsey Albritton, Tony Altier, Henry Grace, and John Eddleman, Winchester, Tenn, who was with the 111th Engrs. Back row: Julian Bernard and old faithful: Amil Kohutek, your membership chairman who makes them all.



THE KRAUTS KNEW WE WERE COMING . . . the above sign was found when the 36th moved in Southern France, Fall of 1944. Arrow points to dugout where Bar was set up. Don't recall who captured it, but photo is by Max Shaffer, Fort Worth, division cameraman.

KIBBEY OF KENTUCKY PROMOTES SGT. EDITION TO RANK OF COLONEL (KENTUCKY STYLE)

Our special Thanks to SAM F. KIBBEY, 912 Highland Ave., Ashland, Ky. 41101. We've just received a genuine certificate that has promoted this Sgt. to the rank of COLONEL.

This is quite an honor for a 3 striper, and even though it's a "KENTUCKY COLONEL", it's real, and official, and signed by his honor LOUIS B. NUNN, Governor of THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

Sam Kibbey served with the 143rd, and was present at the Houston bash. A real red-blooded booster for the 36th, Sam mailed out 300 letters to old pals prior to the reunion to solicit their support (dues or attendance), and it paid off.

If more members would take the time to do this, we might just make our goal of "3000 T-Patchers by Sept. 1972".

111th Medics Pow Wow In Gainesville...

A slightly delayed bulletin from W. P. Hogue, 214 S. Edna, Lewisville, Texas 75076 gives a report of the 111th Medics Reunion in June, '71 in Gainesville, Texas.

The CO of the Medics: Lt. Col. JOHN M. HARDY, of Sherman, Texas (who currently has hospital in Sherman) was to attend, but had a heart attack day before the gathering and was unable to attend. Latest report is that Dr. Hardy is doing fine.

Those who did attend were:

- J. B. Giles, Gainesville, Texas
- Robert Pearson, Lubbock, Texas
- Frank W. Stevens, Fort Worth, Texas
- Tom Randolph, Houston, Texas
- Lee Roy Jones, Greenville, Texas
- George Walston, Pilot Point, Texas
- Bill Westbrook, Addis, La.
- Joe Brzner, Lindsey, Texas
- Bill Ritchie, Gainesville, Texas
- Alfred Turnham, Nacadoches, Texas
- Glen Covington, Sivells Bend, Texas
- Bomar Woods, Gainesville, Texas
- John M. Smith, Gainesville, Texas
- James C. Chambers, Lake Dallas, Texas
- Robert E. Dyer, Irving, Texas
- Gregory Bell, Dallas, Texas
- W. P. Hogue, Lewisville, Texas

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

Heard from

COL. CLIFFORD M. SNOW, 55 Alta Vista Ave. Mill Valley, Calif. 94941, who served with the 132nd and 155th FA, sends warm greetings to members of the Div. Artillery units during the NG and WWII days, and all others of the 36th Division.

LEE E. BEAHLER, 3217 Galdiola Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907, couldn't make the reunion, but pays up, and sends regards to all T-Patchers and the "fightin' 111th Engineers and our "Fearless Leader" Oran Stovall. Bravo, Lee!

COL. CHARLES H. OWENS (ret) 337 N. 22nd St., Ct. E. Bradenton, Fla. 33505 sends best wishes to Charlie Beacham and ole Hank Gomez. Mrs. John Dalquist sent in the Colonel's name, and a reply and check arrived in less than a week. Good Shootin'.

WERNER K. LOEB, 5539 Kenwood, Indianapolis, Ind. 46028 served with his old buddies, 'Yum-Yum Tree' George Kerrigan and Skipper Brandt of Co. A, 142nd and joins up. Good to hear from the Hoosiers.

N. K. SNODGRASS, 5113 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79410, who with his wife Toma run "N K's Gifts" (Hobbies and Crafts) is another one who adds a bonus with his dues check. Thanks Werner.

ELTON O. LEHMANN, 972 Cole, New Braunsfels, Texas 78130 sends in his new address (formerly of El Paso) was with the 36th Div. Band.

J. R. RUNICE, 405 Ritscher St., Beloit, Wis. 53511 sends in a picture from an old National Geographic (Sept. 1944) of some GI's in Paestum. They've gotta be from the 36th, so maybe someone can help us identify. See pix in this issue, and let us hear from you. Runice served with K Co., 143rd.

EMMETT J. (Red) STACK, sends in a whoppin' \$15.00 and a new address: Box 147, Lindstrom, Minn. 55045. Served with the 132nd F.A. Thanks Red.

F. ED TANNER, 3318 Shady Springs, San Antonio, Texas 78230 was 1st Sgt. C Battery, 132nd says he told ole Kohutek when they crossed the Danube, to wash his feet, so he would no longer smell like a Texan.

Company D, 142nd will have a unit reunion in Breckenridge, Texas in June 1972. Company L of 142nd will do the same, in Breckenridge, August 1972. More on this later.

GEORGE JOHNSTON, 1869 Bronson Ave., Peninsula, Ohio 44264 of 155th FA, "A" Battery, regrets missing the Houston reunion, but says he'll make Dallas in '72.

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Artifacts and Memorabilia- Stovall Appointed Head Knocker

Col. Oran Stovall, affectionately called "Mr. Bowie" has been appointed to spearhead our HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

Stovall is a champion reunion-goer, 36th Booster, Bridge-builder, banker, custodian, civic leader, book-seller, and former CO of the 111th Engineers.

The Colonel will dig into this artifacts and memorabilia situation, and come up with some answers.

This publication will keep you posted on a blow-by-blow account.

"FROM TEXAS TO ROME"

A General's Journal

by Fred L. Walker

WALKER BOOK FUND, \$10

P.O. Box 27, Bowie, Texas 76230

TAPS

Raymond A. Lynch, 58, prominent Midland Attorney died last month in Houston after a lengthy illness. Lt. Col. Lynch served as Div. QM O; ACofS and G-4, was a 1939 graduate of U of T Law School. He was senior partner of Lynch, Chappell, Allday & Culp law firm in Midland. He is survived by the widow, 3 sons, a daughter and 4 grandchildren.

Travis Bohannon died Jan 24th 1971, at Hendricks Hospital, Abilene Texas, after 4 weeks illness. Was in Co. B. 142. Lived in Coleman, Texas, Was wounded in Salerno, lost a leg, spent 4 years in V. A. Hospitals.

James W. Lenihan, 160 Avon Ave Lexington Kentucky, was a Lt in Pete Green's 132nd F A Bn. May have served in all firing Batteries as a forward Observer was well Known. Died 8-29-71.

Michael D. Hannifan, Putnam, Conn., died June 29, 1971. Was 1st Sgt. with Co. D, 143rd. Received the DSC for action in Italy.

James V. Brennan of Perth Amboy passed away Aug. 6, 1971. Served with Battery A, 133rd RA as S/Sgt. He was senior operator at the Perth Amboy Water Department at the time of his death.

Wade Pryor, Dallas, Texas died May 6, 1971 was WWI T-Patcher with the 142nd. Always paid his Assn. Dues.

George C. Fugate, died in Sept. 1971, age 57 in Colorado City, Texas. Served with the 143rd Inf.

Charles C. Ford, died Agu. 14, 1971 in Longview. He was secretary of the Texas Veterans Affairs Commission, and was former Post Commander, Longview American Legion. Ford served with the 36th and 33rd Divisions, was wounded in Pacific.

Cleveland "Tiny" of Houston, Texas (no unit given) passed away May 5, 1971.

A case in point is: A well known writer from New York wanted to know where (in Texas) could he find the mother lode of research, documents and data on the 36th Division.

Would you send him to TEXAS ARCHIVES & LIBRARY BLDG. in Austin? TROPHY ROOM, located in Bldg. 11, Camp Mabry. Or how about TEXAS TECH in Lubbock.

These are the things that need to be resolved.

ROGER CANNON, our 1971-72 President of the Association has appointed a board to study this situation.

As Chairman, Oran Stovall will spearhead this fact-finding committee. Others are:

Hon. Wesley M. Garrison, 405 Yellowstone Dr., Birmingham, Ala. 35206; Mr. Lee F. Allison, Box 245, Rock Springs, Texas 78880; Col. Alfred E. Binotti, P. O. Box 5218, Austin, Texas 78703; Jimmy Stell, West Austin Station, Box 5218, Austin, Texas 78703 and William Jary, P. O. Box 1816, Fort Worth 76101, with one member yet to be appointed.

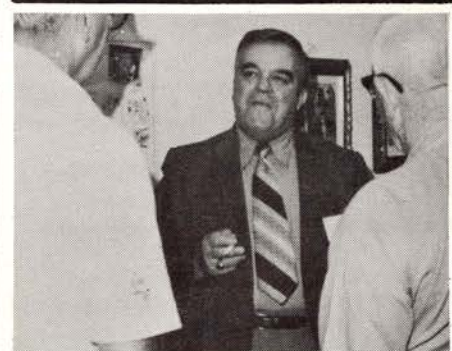
According to Col. Stovall, there has been little effort or interest shown in the COLLECTION and PRESERVATION of our historical data; neither has there been much interest shown by the State of Texas - Or the military to arrange factual source material from which an accurate history may be written to perpetuate the glorious record of this Texas Army.

For Example:

The 36th Division Trophy Room at Camp Mabry was constructed some 10 years ago by the Adjutant General Department, and is said to have been under the supervision of a committee headed by HARRY KELTON, President of the Armory Board.

What this committee will attempt to find out - DOES THE TROPHY ROOM at Camp Mabry belong to the 36th Division; the 36th Division Association, the AG Dept., or the State of Texas.

Some guide lines will be recommended by this new ARCHIVES committee, and its possible by reunion time next September in Dallas, this group can come up with some answers.



Gen. Jack Brown, Luling, Texas won the grey poodle, raffle prize at the 141st CP, donated by Bernice Maxfield. Made \$48 profit.

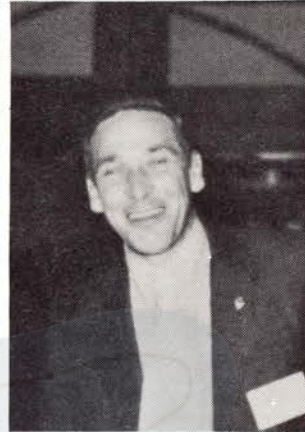
Candid Camera Shoots Houston Bash



Katy and Buddy Sinclair, Dallas, Texas in a happy pose, moments before the ceiling fell on her head.



Ken Nixon, Houston, makes a striking pose in a hat he borrowed from Jeb Sunday.



H. Ross Glover, 105 Van Kampen, Dansville, New York, of the 142nd, making his first 36th Div. Reunion.



Bill Shaw, WWI T-Patcher of Mertens, Texas is an all-time reunion goer. He's made 43 of the 46 reunions held by the 36th, both wars. Some record!!!



Lee F. Allison, Rock Springs, Texas an ole 36th QM tycoon, and his son will enjoy the festivities of the Reunion Dinner Dance.



Bernice Maxfield, Fort Worth presents wedding gift (delayed) to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cox, of Irving Texas. The bride is the former Cookie Kohutek, daughter of Pauline and Amil.



Big friendly Ernest A. Uptmore, of West, Texas and his charming wife, Lucille . . . never misses a 36th Reunion.



Henry Nedapod of Carteret, New Jersey (142nd) and his lovely wife make their first reunion. Do it again, Henry next Sept.



Jeb Sunday, Pasadena, Texas tends bar in the 143rd CP is surrounded by a couple of lovelies and 3 Bloody Marys.



Sid McGee, Birmingham, Ala., of the 131st FA, with his son having fun at the big dinner dance. New VP of Div. Arty.



Shown at left: M/G Robert Ives, of Houston talks with M/G Ross Ayers, AG of the Texas National Guard at Houston Reunion.



More next issue...

Space did not allow us to use all photos of the Houston Reunion. Will use more in the December issue. If you have a few, send'em in to the T-Patcher.

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On Sat. October 16, the officers and directors of the 36th Division Association met at the Royal Coach Inn, Dallas, Texas. At this time, all details for the 1972 Reunion were discussed, and the 5 unit CP's were selected, also arrangements, meetings, menu, and the works. The staff of this fine hotel (scene of the 1970 Reunion) has assured us a great time, and their complete cooperation. Make a note now on your cuff for Sept. 1, 2, 3, for Dallas . . . our 47th Annual Reunion. More later.



Top: Senator John Tower shakes hands with Col. Stovall as Bert Carlson looks on (Houston Reunion).

Lower: Never misses a reunion, Gen. Clayton P. Kerr and wife Clara talk with unidentified couple. Kerr was former Division Chief of Staff.

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