96th Deadeye Dispatch
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#### OMAHA REUNION AT A GLANCE

A total of 351 men from 31 different states attended the 10th Annual Reunion in Omaha — only 13 less than last year's record breaking attendance in Indianapolis. Considering the fact that one out of four registered DEADEYES are from Illinois and Michigan, this was a remarkable showing.

Nearly 200 fellows brought their wives and many brought the whole family. Over 400 persons attended the banquet on Saturday night.

Since the children are not children anymore, special events had been planned for the Teenagers. Evidently they enjoyed the reunion as much as their parents did.

Here were 351 men; each with his own hopes, desires and problems, yet believing that the trip to Omaha was worthwhile to meet again with old buddies. Some traveled only a few miles, while others traveled hundreds and even thousands of miles. Many incorporated the reunion into vacation plans, but more planned their trips specifically for the reunion.

A lot of the DEADEYES could well afford the time and cost; others had to sacrifice time and money to be there to renew friendships in more pleasant surroundings than were available a generation ago.

#### **DIVISION HISTORY - SEE PAGE 13**

#### STATEMENT

DEADEYE DISPATCH is the official publication of the 96th Infantry Division Association. All communications should be directed to the Corresponding Secretary who also serves as editor.

Aims are to promote activities of the Association and serve its members in every way possible. Your comments, questions, pictures, anecdotes and suggestions are solicited.

#### COMMENT

General Yarborough was impressed with the attendance at Omaha. Quote, "How do you men get such a large group from all over the country? You must have a publicity agent. I have seen smaller units with the same enthusiasm and loyalty, but nothing like this."

The answer to his question has been and is being demonstrated by a great number of DEADEYES who want to stick with the 96th, for they have an abiding interest in their old buddies. Besides, there is the possibility that the 96th Infantry Division Association stands alone in a unique position ahead of other division groups.

#### ACCORDING TO THE FUNNY PAPER



#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

First general business session of the 10th Annual Reunion was convened at 9:30 A.M. on Friday, July 28.



Warren R. Swigart, Special Assistant to Mayor Sorensen (center), greeted Association members and Auxiliary. To his left is Douglas Mack, Omaha Convention Chairman. On the right is President Peter B. Pohl.

Winner of a portable TV set given away in the raffle at the reunion in Omaha was Tyson L. Shelton, 504 N. Van Buren, Elk City, Oklahoma.

#### PRESENTING SUSAN BOALS



Daughter of Byron and Gladys Boals, 247 N. 4th St., Seward, Nebr. 68434, Susan sang and accompanied herself at the piano at the Memorial Services. This lovely girl had previously taken part in a program at the reunion in Minneapolis.

Pertinent information: Age - 20 years, now a Junior at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, major study is Fashion Merchandising, younger sister is Penny.

Her father was elected Sergeant at Arms in Omaha.

#### **DISTINGUISHED DEADEYE - 1967**

Edmund Biggs 213 Wayside Drive Plainfield, Indiana 46168



Several years ago when the Association was groping for ways to find men of the 96th, Edmund Biggs volunteered to check out old rosters. The job never looked hopeless to Ed, for in spite of a severe heart attack suffered in the fall of 1965, he has been responsible for addition of at least 3,000 new names to the mailing list.



A certificate suitable for framing, has been presented by the president, annually, to only one DEADEYE. Recipients of the award have been selected by their special work done for the benefit of the Association.

This year the citation read, "Edmund Biggs, 96th QM, in recognition and appreciation for extraordinary efforts and success in locating DEADEYES and building the Association mailing rosters. He served as Host at the Annual Reunion in Indianapolis, Ind., 1966, where an attendance record was set."

NOTE: Biggs is still looking for more old rosters. Send yours to him for processing. The original will be returned to you, if you wish.

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INTERESTING PAST

Col. Cyril Sterner, Historian, has done an admirable job in amassing a wealth of pictures and information of all sorts regarding the wartime activities of the 96th. His one large scrapbook will have been divided into three separate books before next July.

Sterner still needs clippings, maps, pictures, charts and anything else that you have. He will copy, then return your original. His address is listed among officers of the Association.



FRONT ROW (L to R) Dakan, Fitzpatrick, White, Boals BACK ROW (L to R) Klassen, Bauer, Dunning, Sterner

#### **INVITED GUESTS IN OMAHA**

Brig. Gen. Ray D. Free, Salt Lake City, Utah, last Commander of the 96th Command Headquarters in its inactive status, attended the reunion Thursday through Saturday.

Maj. Gen. William P. Yarborough, GS, Assistant Chief of Staff of Intelligence, DA, Washington, D.C., was Banquet Speaker. His topic was concerned with understanding the enemy in Vietnam and the implications of the kind of war that is being fought there.



Picture of Brig. Gen Ray D. Free and Maj. Gen. William P. Yarborough was taken at a news conference conducted in the suite of President Pohl on Saturday afternoon.

Both generals were awarded Honorary Deadeye certificates at the banquet.

#### **AUXILIARY SERVICE CERTIFICATES**



Someone has said that it takes a special kind of woman to get along with a DEADEYE. An effort was made to recognize some of them by presentation of special and colorful awards during the banquet program:

Norma Bauer Dorothy Fitzpatrick Francis Huff Eleanor Markus Juanita South Dorothy Coykendall Theresa Hoffman Helen Klassen Ann Pohl Rose Fritz

These women and a lot more have done much and continue to do important work in promoting 96th Infantry Division Association activities and their own Auxiliary projects.

Additional such awards will be made at future reunions.

#### **AUXILIARY DUES**

Auxiliary dues are \$1.00 per year which begins on August I and extends to July 31 of the following year.

Notice that the Membership Application coupon includes a footnote regarding Auxiliary dues. The Auxiliary member's first name is important for record keeping purposes.

Maybe you want to send Auxiliary dues directly to the treasurer:

Mrs. Rose Fritz 1429 N. 14th Street Beatrice, Nebr. 68310

96th Infantry Division Association is recognized as an official veterans organization by the Department of Defense. Our Charter is in the State of Illinois. Being a non-profit organization, whatever income there is must be used to benefit the entire membership. Dues money may not be used to finance any part of the reunions.

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#### ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES



Old Timer awards were presented to eight men who had attended all 10 of the reunions:

Howard Carrico 382 – G 4324 Geddes, Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Jacob Fisher 381 – I 5643 Purdue Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21212

Joe J. Fritz 381 – E 1429 N. 14th St., Beatrice, Nebr. 88310

Hubert Hoffman 96 Signal 500 E. 56th St., Wichita, Kan. 67216

Howard Ragsdale 383 - A T 44 Mayhew Dr., Lamar, Colo. 81052

Clarence Snyder, Jr. 383 – 1 Box 428, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

Richard Van Etten 361 – F A 5628 Armada Dr., Toledo, Ohio 43623

Henry J. White 383 - I Mackinaw, Illinois 61755

This award will be continued as additional members attain the attendance mark.

#### CAN YOU TOP THIS?

Jacob Fisher, 5643 Purdue Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21212 has attended every one of the reunions. Round trip mileage adds up to the phenomenal figure of 24,852.

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St. Louis	1,948
Chicago	1,610
Kansas City	2,096
Detroit	1,342
Dallas	3,368
Little Rock	2,646
Portland	5,354
Minneapolis	2,486
Indianapolis	1,416
Omaha	2,586

Jake has written that he expects to hit the trail again for Chicago in 1968.

#### A LETTER FROM PRES. PAUL BAUER

Looking back at Omaha, I want to express my gratitude and say thank you especially to Peter Pohl, now our Past-President and his wife, Ann, to our reunion Host and Hostess, Doug and Alta Mack, to Co-Host and Hostess, Lyle and Anita Brabander. Then there were many others who did their best to make our reunion in the Cornhusker State such an outstanding occasion for all of us.

While writing this letter to you, I am recalling scenes around the hotel in the early hours of the morning, July 30, in Omaha as groups of tired, but happy DEADEYES were bidding lingering farewells - vowing to see each other in Chicago, in July 1968. It seems to me that each reunion has brought members of the Association more closely together as friendship bonds are renewed and tightened. Handshakes take longer and good-byes become harder to say.

Even as our activities were winding up in Omaha, plans were well under way for the next goal - hopefully to be our largest reunion ever to be held in Chicago. Time had come to look ahead and such is the tradition of the 96th to always push forward. Committees had been chosen and were already planning a gala affair for all DEADEYES, their wives and children.

Next year's reunion Host and Hostess will be Alex and Eleanor Markus. Knowing them as I do, I can say that they are sincere and conscientious; we can depend on them to produce more than promised.

Let me urge you to make this "Buddy Year". Every one of us who have ever attended our reunion can resolve to bring along a buddy. We can more than double any previous attendance figure. If you have been attending the reunions and having a good time, write some enthusiastic letters to those who have failed to show up.

Serving as your President is the highest honor that I have ever received. My promise to you is fill the office in the same dedicated way as my predecessors, so that the Association will add more stature to its honored past. Thank you.

#### SEND SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have any pictures that were taken at any of the camps or on maneuvers? The editor would especially like to have additional pictures that were taken during the stop-over in Hawaii, also some taken more recently.

If you can furnish interesting pictures, please try to identify the people and time or place of the event.

You can become an author by writing to Klassen, Dakan or any of the other officers of the Association.



**PROFILE** 

Paul E. Bauer Box 23 Altamont, Illinois 62411

Paul is pictured here with wife, Norma, whom he married in 1948 at Greenville, Illinois.

A native of Fayette County, III., he was inducted into the Army October 19, 1942. Coming to the 96th Infantry Division at Camp Adair, Oregon, Paul stayed with the DEADEYES until the war ended.

Welding had been a hobby before the war, but it became a full time occupation when he entered the service. His rating was T/4 (382 — Service). Paul modestly states that his honors, medals, ribbons, battle stars and citations are those received by all of his unit's personnel.

He was discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in January, 1946.

From 1947 until 1955, Paul was manager of an automobile dealership. In 1955, he joined the New York Life Insurance Company as a Field Underwriter. He has become a member of the Company's Star Club.

Education: Graduated from Brownston High School.

Post-war, completed a two year course in

Business Administration.

Hobbies: Mechanics, gardening, clock collecting and

traveling.

He is a long-time member of our Assn., V.F.W. and American Leagion.

#### ROSTER OF THOSE PRESENT IN OMAHA

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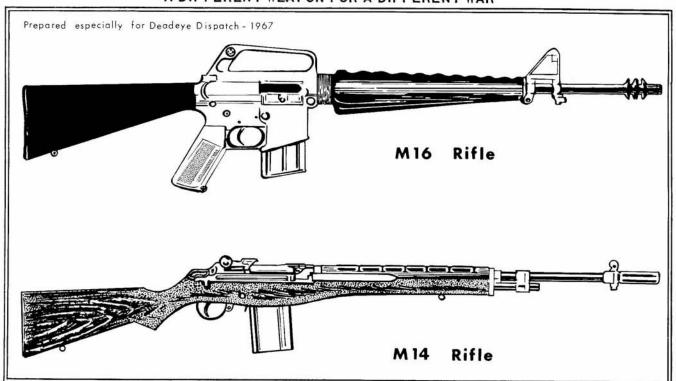
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#### A DIFFERENT WEAPON FOR A DIFFERENT WAR



The M I6 rifle has become the standard weapon for Army troops in Vietnam. M I6 makes a man a crowd, allowing him to lay down a fantastic I00 – I20 rounds per min. Accurate beyond description - a soldier 300 yards away can get endless groupings in a foot square target. Individual infantrymen equipped with the M I6 can provide firepower equal in force and deadliness to every M I equipped soldier in a WW II squad.

The muzzle velocity of the little black rifle is so great that within 100 yards - the range of most Vietnam fire fights - those .223-cal. bullets cause massive wounds, pulverizing flesh, bones and internal organs. When a steel jacketed slug hits its weight center is not in line with the point of the bullet and it slams into the target at an angle.

Some authorities claim that the Army, bent on salvaging the reputation of its own, Army-developed M I4 rifle, dragged its feet for years before it reluctantly began buying the Colt developed M I6. From I960 until about two years ago, the Pentagon had been going along with the M I4 rifle as the successor to the 30-year old M I that was familiar to DEAD-EYES. BARs were put in mothballs at the same time.

The M I4 rifle uses a 7.62 mm cartridge (similar to the old .30—'06, but a half inch shorter) adopted by NATO nations.

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However, with the peculiar nature of the fighting in Vietnam, where dense jungle or 12-foot high elephant grass all to often require instantaneous response, firing from the hip, it did not take long for the brass to realize that the MI4 was too eratic and hard to handle on automatic fire.

The MI4 is obsolete when compared to the MI6. Positioned for semi-automatic firing, the MI4's effective rate of 40-60 rounds per minute is much slower than the MI6, but still better than the old MI which could do only 16-24. Switched on automatic fire, the MI4 manages to put out exactly what the BAR did: 120 to 150 rpm.

## FROM THE FACT SHEET M | 6 RIFLE

Weight Empty
Weight Loaded
Maximum Effective Range
Magazine Capacity
Overall Length
Muzzle Velocity
Cartridge
Cyclic Rate of Fire

6.3 lbs.
7.0 lbs.
460 meters
20 - 30 rounds
39 inches
3,250 ft./sec.
5.36 mm (.223-cal.)
750 rds/min.

Reservation form will be printed in spring issue

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July 25, 26, 27, 1968
• PICK-CONGRESS HOTEL

#### TAPS

God, in His infinite wisdom, has summoned more DEADEYES who have served their country faithfully and well in war and peace. The 96th Infantry Division Association mourns their passing and extends sympathy to their surviving families.

#### 381st

Antitank

William Barnes Earl Strahin

Medical Det.

Robert Farley

Ist Bn. Hq.

Stanley Zajkowski

"C" Co.

Clyde E. Baughman

Ivan Brooks

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Earl Rippentrop

"E" Co.

Bernard Surber

"H" Co.

Fred Erb Robert Forbes

Ferdinand Haverstick

George McKee Louis Nagel Gerhard Wieser

Arthur Wiggins

"I" Co.

Bernard Coleman

(8/17/66 - Confirmed)

Jesus Garcia

"K" Co.

Jack Atmore Bennie Seibold Archie Stapp

382nd

Hq. & Hq. Co.

Joseph King (5/17/67 - Confirmed)

Antitank

Col. J. F. Vering

Service

William Noble

"A" Co.

Joe King

Earl Berg (Jan. 1966 - Confirmed)

"E" Co.

William McGregor

"M" Co.

lim Lee

383rd

"C" Co.

Ray Lorenzen

#### ARTILLERY

Division Artillery

Lee Conlee

Louis Smith

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#### ARTILLERY (Continued)

921st

Wayne Howell August Ulsas

Harold Zorn (11/1/66 - Confirmed)

361st

Stanley Cicrich (1/7/67 - Drowned in Sandy R.,

Oregon while fishing)

Edgar Davis

Anthony Markey (May 1967 - Confirmed) Edwin Quandt (6/23/67 - Confirmed)

362nd

William Almond (1960 - Confirmed)

Steve Andelt, Jr.

Harold Flannigan

Edward Johnson

Alvin Klawitter (5/20/59 - Confirmed)

Joseph Korbel David Reagan

Elmer Streeter

#### SPECIAL

Div. Hq.

James Stephenson (5/18/51 - Confirmed)

321st Engineers

Norman Jeschke Anton Jobieck

Quartermaster

Orville Buggs (3/16/67 - Auto accident)

William Whitehouse (1/19/67 - Confirmed)

Recon.

William Borchers Jack Hamlett

728th Amph. Trac.

George Hill Fred Tweed

Old outfit not known

Peter Arnbro Clem Childress

#### WATCHING THE DOLLARS

The fidelity bond for the Treasurer, Ed Dakan, has been \$10,000. With the prospect of the Association taking on the reprinting of the DEADEYES book, his bond has been increased to \$20,000 and the endorsement is being held in a safe place in Kankakee, III.

#### **AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES**

The entire slate of 1966-67 Officers were re-elected to their same positions for 1967-68. A complete report of Auxiliary plans and program for the reunion in Chicago will appear in next issue of the newsletter.

INVITE AN OLD BUDDY TO MEET YOU IN CHICAGO!

#### MAIL CALL

From: Gordon Donovan Box 674

381st - Hq. Co. Ist Bn.

Ferndale, Washington 98248

Just received the lates. Dispatch, and was pleased to see that rosters of the old companies are available. Your Dispatch is always looked forward to, and its getting better and better. Would you please send me one roster of Headquarters Co., 1st Battalion, 381st. I had the honor of commanding the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon of that Company from Camp White, Oregon in November of 1943 until I left the Platoon and came home from Mindoro in November, 1945. Was pleased to see your writeup of Major Virgil Thompson, and plan to get in touch with him, now that I know his address. (hope you did)

I stayed in the service after World War II. Had four years in Texas with the 2nd Armd. Div., then a tour in Korea from Sept. 1950 to Oct. 1951, with the 24th Inf. Regt., 25th Div. After that war, I finally got the smarts, and transferred out of the Infantry to the Transportation Corps. Had a tour in Europe and various stateside posts and retired as a Major in 1961. Presently I am Postmaster of this small town in Washington. The Postoffice will go first class this

July, so we're growing.

Best wishes to you and all the dedicated people who are doing so much to keep alive the memories of the 96th Division, a patch I always wore with pride, on my left shoulder from 1943 to 1945, and on my right shoulder from 1945 to 1961.

From:

381st - 1st Bn. Virgil Simmons Box 354 Hq. Co.

Bay City, Oregon 97107

After so much card burning and recruiting "sit-ins" going on over the country, I decided to enlist in the Oregon Army National Guard Reserve. With the experience I gained with the 96th and further education, I received a commission.

As I was walking down the street in Tillamook, after Guard meeting, a fellow approached me. He had noticed the 96th patch I wore on the right sleeve, which I am very proud of. He told me that he was in the 381st Inf. Co. B and he had not heard of the 96th Division Association. I told Charles I would send his name in. He would like very much to receive the "Deadeye Dispatch". His address:

> Charles Mitten Box 1367 17280 S.W. Boones Ferry Rd. Lake Oswego, Oregon 97107

HEAR THIS! Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois It has 1,000 rooms.

#### MAIL CALL

From: Mary Jean Quandt

FOR EVERYONE TO READ

223 S. Center

Orange, California 92666

Enclosed please find a check for dues for Edwin V. Quandt, 361st FA.

I wish to inform you that he passed away very suddenly of a heart attack, June 23, 1967. He was very proud to have been a member of the 96th Infantry Division. Although it was only possible, because of his work and responsibilities for him to attend only one of the reunions, his thoughts were with all of you. Keep up the good work. Ed looked forward to each edition of the "Deadeye Dispatch".

From:

921st FA J. H. Freeman

Niels Esperson Bldg. Houston, Texas 77002

I have every intention of attending the reunion next year in Chicago (my first) and would be interested in having a card from any old friends in the 921st Field Artillery Battalion who also plan to attend.

From:

Harvey Kingery

383rd - M

Route 2

Wheeler, Illinois 62479

Several years ago when I first learned of the 96th Division Reunions, I hoped to attend just one gathering. I made it to Indianapolis last year and was thrilled to meet some of the men from my Company. Then this year, at Omaha, there were three others from my company who I had not met for 22 years.

I was on board the hospital ship "Comfort" the night a Jap plane plunged into it. I heard, at the reunion, this year that M Co. had two men killed in that incident.

I'm glad the 96th Division has men with vision, determination and know how to organize our association and make it go.

Hope we can get better attendance each year. It's good to see these old buddies. Come on M Co.

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From:

Ernest Ganaway, Jr.

382 - 2 Bn. Hq.

Box 53

Patters on, La. 70392

I won't be able to make this reunion (Omaha). I have to work and my vacation won't be then. I work for Mobil Oil Co. in Morgan City, La.

I have been trying to keep up with the 96th: do you have many members from this section?

Hope you have a nice reunion; will make one later. If you see anyone I know, give them my regards.

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Reservation form will be printed in spring issue

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July 25, 26, 27, 1968 PICK-CONGRESS HOTEL

#### MAIL CALL

Charles Nelson From:

383 - Cannon

Route 2

Deer River, Minn. 56636

Enclosed is my dues to the 96th Div. Assn. I'm proud to be a part of this group and sorry I haven't joined sooner. I am a disabled veteran, so I can't get around too fast anymore. Hope to get in touch with some of you fellows someday. Would be so nice if some of the old buddies would write sometime. I I was with Cannon Co., 383rd on both Leyte and Okinawa and the Aleutians before that.

321st Med. Bn. From: Richard Handschin, MD

> ARAMCO, Box 2598 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Since 1945 I've seen three Deadeyes: Tom Pallen and Tony Galasinski, Co. A 321st Med. Bn., in 1946 and Lou Groza, Co. D. 321st Med. Bn. in 1949.

Perhaps the reason is I've been too much on the move. Between 1946 and 1958 I was located in Urbana, III., Sacramento, Cal., Rochester, N.Y., Seattle, Wash., and Berkeley, Cal. before arriving in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia in 1958.

I've been here since 1958, currently as Medical Director for Arabian American Oil Co. Some of the experience I had with the 321st on Leyte and Okinawa still comes in handy in planning and providing complete modern medical care for 70,000 employees and dependents in this developing country.

I would enjoy hearing from any of my friends from

the 321st Medical Battalion.

\* \* \* \* From: Clifford L. Myers 383 - 1

P. O. Box 3222

South El Monte, California 97133

Please use enclosed check to further the Assn. after payment of dues.

From: Harold B. Phears 921 - FA Service 427 W. Summer Battery

Monroe City, Mo. 63456

This was my first year to receive the DEADEYE DISPATCH and I want you to know that I sure enjoyed it.

Thank you for putting me on the mailing list. I am enclosing my check so that I will continue to receive the newsletter.

#### WRITE A LETTER TODAY!!!!!

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#### MAIL CALL

George Crothers From: 382nd - Ha. Co.

> 212 E. Gibson Street #11 Stockton, California 95204

Please find enclosed my contribution in support of the 96th Div. Assn. I have enjoyed very much the Dispatch and I regret not having fulfilled this obligation long ago.

Having been with the 96th from its first day at Camp Adair, Oregon to its last at Camp Anza, Calif. the experiences I had and the friendships I made cannot be forgotten nor lightly put aside. Nostalgia grips quite hard when I meet an old buddy, read about the 96th and its men, or re-visit the many stations and maneuver area up and down the Coast.

Recently, while attending a conference in San Francisco, I managed a very delightful lunch hour with Frank Browne formerly with the 382nd Hq. Co. and a recently retired Major. Frank's life has always been full of action. In addition to his Army duty, he has had a long, adventuresome and colorful career with the San Francisco Police Force. Frank wishes to be placed on the mailing list and is interested in a reprint of the Div. History. His address:

2340 Filbert Street, #11 San Francisco, California 94123

I was also pleased to hear about Chaplain Todd. I would like to have his complete address. For many years here in Stockton I closely followed the activities of Amos Alonzo Stagg, the famous football coach, whom Chaplain Todd knew while attending the University of Chicago.

Thanks to you and all the rest who have worked so hard to keep the 96th "alive". \* \* \* \* \* \*

Raymond F. James 381 - Cannon From: 11640 York Road

N. Royalton, Ohio 44133

Enclosed check, is for Ray's Association dues and my auxiliary dues.

I am sorry to burden you with them, but I inadertently threw away the "Deadeye" that gave the names and addresses of the officers.

It is a great disappointment to us both, that we will be unable to join the gang this year at Omaha for all the fun and fellowship. We had our plane reservations and all to make it, but Ray had an operation on June 8th, and had a ruptured disc removed and, as yet, is not even permitted in a car.

Last year was our first time to make a reunion and we vowed not to miss another one if we could help it, so hope that this one will be a big success too, and we sure will be wishing we were there too.

So, God willing, we will see the gang next year at Chicago. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

#### INVITE AN OLD BUDDY TO MEET YOU IN CHICAGO



AIMING AT CHICAGO JULY 25, 26, 27, 1968 PICK-CONGRESS HOTEL

Chicago and the State of Illinois have the distinction of being the home of the largest number of DEAD-EYES, over 1,000. The Second Annual Reunion was held at the Palmer House in 1959, so this will be the first time for a city to repeat as a reunion site.

All transportation routes lead to Chicago - whether plane, train, auto or CTA. Probably a lot of infantrymen could even walk to the hotel.

Any expressway in the city will lead you to the front door of the Pick—Congress. Although parking will not be free, it will not be a problem, for special arrangements and rates have been worked out with a parking garage only one block away. A street map will be printed in the next newsletter.

Try to imagine the possibility of at least 1,000

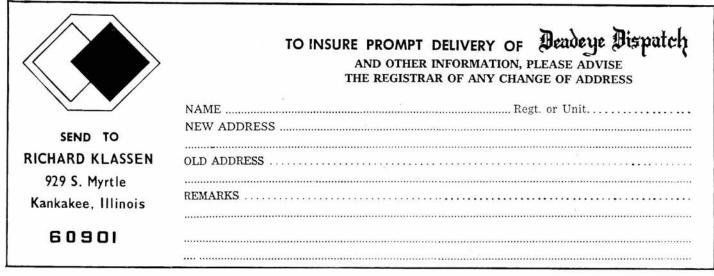
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DEADEYES getting together. That would break all attendance records and set a mark for years to come. Never will there be a better chance for you to meet an old buddy.

There will be a choice of wonderful and unusual tours; a Lake Michigan bathing beach is within walking distance. Famous stores on Michigan Avenue or State Street are close.

You can help to build the attendance with little effort on your part. To begin with, order your unit roster from Klassen, then ask Dakan for a supply of post cards. Also, a phone call to an old buddy can do wonders. Tell him that you will be there and urge him to come.

TRY THIS! Write to Klassen and tell him whether you will be attending the reunion and your plans for lodging. Due to the fact that a considerable number of DEAD-EYES will attend the reunion from the local area, the Pick—Congress Hotel management need to make an estimate regarding the number of rooms to set aside for out-of-town persons.



## DIVISION HISTORY WILL BE REPRINTED, BUT --It is up to you to get the job done: Send in \$10.00 NOW

Results of a survey made last spring indicated that many DEADEYES want their book to be reprinted. The proposed selling price was to have been \$7.50 per copy based on anticipated sales of at least 1,000 books. Then the membership present at the reunion in Omaha voted to ask for \$10.00, instead, in case there might be less than 1,000 orders.

It is not possible for the Association to provide any extra funds from the general treasury; that was the sense of a resolution passed in the meeting at Omaha. The project must proceed on its own merit, or not at all.

You may send in your order now. Please remit by check or money order. DO NOT SEND CASH.

A separate bank account will be set up and none of the book funds will be deposited in the general treasury. Any funds remaining in the account after the project has been completed will be handled in same manner as intended to liquidate the original project. Write to any of the officers of the Association if you have questions.

Both the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary will maintain lists of subscribers. Names of persons ordering the book will be published in the newsletter.

In event that the project does not become a reality (receipt of less than 500 orders) a 100% refund will be made to all subscribers. A progress report will be made in Chicago. There is hope that everything will be ready to go at that time.

To order, use coupon printed below. Although it bears Dakan's address, mail to the Treasurer or to Corresponding Secretary, Klassen.

#### DEADEYE POST CARDS

As a way of encouraging DEADEYES to write to each other, the Association has printed a supply of post cards.

The cards have the same design and colors (red, blue, gold on white) that have been used on our decals for several years, except dates do not appear on the right hand margin. A black and white reproduction of the post card appears at the top of page 12 (opposite).

Legend on the reverse side of the card reads:

July 25, 26, 27, 1968
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for 11th Annual Reunion of
96th Infantry Division Association

There is plenty of room for your personal message, mailing address and 4¢ stamp.

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#### USE DECALS

Decals are ready for the reunion in Chicago. One decal will be sent with every membership card, unless more are requested. Here is an opportunity to let other people know about the Association by display of these decals on your automobile, in your place of business or vets club.

Write to Dakan for decals.

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

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#### Reprinting of 96th Infantry Division History, THE DEADEYES , Iowa 50841 NOT A CHEAP IMITATION 96th Inf. Div. Assn. NAME \$10.00 per copy Address 00K State\_ City\_ Вох Corning CLIP OUT AND MAIL Make Remittance Payable To 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION P.O. TODAY TO Please enter number of copies being ordered Money will be refunded if project is not completed.

#### THE REST OF THE STORY

General Bradley's daughter, Mildred, has been interested in the activities of the Association for several years. Here is a letter that was received from her recently, along with several clippings telling about her father.

It has taken me all this time to find some articles that you might want to use. We have lived in five houses since Dad's death; his letters were lost in one of the moves.

My mother kept a scrap book of the 96th which I inherited. Sadly, I finished the book with obituary notices.

The newspaper clipping is from the New York Herald Tribune. I preferred it to the local notices, also, to the flowery ones written in my father's hometown newspaper.

As you probably know, the most important thing in my Dad's life - and most certainly in his military career was the 96th Infantry Division. You could write more about that than I.

I am still hoping to have a chance to attend one of your reunions. It is a pleasure for me to keep up this association.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred B. Norman 1218 Queens Road Berkeley, California 94708

#### PLAIN TALK ABOUT MEMBERSHIP DUES

DEADEYE DISPATCH has been mailed to an ever increasing list of men from the 96th, whether or not dues have been forthcoming. No organization anywhere could be more proud of its mailing list. Building a list of over 8,200 names and current addresses has not been easy, therefore proposals to cut off nonpaying members have been resisted.

To date, only about one out of five men have been supporting the Association by sending dues.

The newsletter is expensive to put out. For example, last spring's issue cost \$308.27 for printing, \$258.75 assembling labor, \$90.00 for mailing @ 1/4¢. To these figures must be added \$30.00 for postal permit, at least \$60.00 for cuts and miscellaneous. An item of overhead that has continued to plague the editor involves remailing when addresses have been found incorrect, sometimes running to as much as \$100.00 per issue.

Supposing that the average cost per issue of the news-

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### Gen. James L. Bradley Dies; Led Division at Okinawa

LAFAYETTE, Calif., July 30 M.—Maj. Gen. James Lester Bradley (Ret.), sixty-five, World War II commander of the Army's 96th Division in the Pacific, died today following an apparent heart attack in a swimming pool. Gen. Bradley's daughter, Mrs. Conrad Walter, reported that she had found her father lying in the water after she had been away from the pool for a few minutes.

#### Killed 30,000 Japanese

Maj. Gen. Bradley commanded the 96th Division from its organization at Camp Adair, Ore., in Aug., 1942. An all-draftee division, except for a core of Regular Army officers and non-commissioned officers, it made a brilliant battle record in Leyte. the Philippines, and on Okinawa. Its casualties numbered 2,000 dead and 5,600 wounded, but the division was credited with killing 30,000 Japanese soldiers.

The prolonged and bloody action on Okinawa, which the 96th, 77th and 7th Army Divisions and the 1st and 6th Marine Divisions fought for three months, began with a de- 24th Army Corps, called the the Japanese poured out of a ring of forts and smashed powerfully into the American forces.

#### "Turning Point"

half the island. Maj. Gen. John of fifteen officers which included R. Hodge, commander of the Col. Dwight D. Eisenhower.



Herald Tribune-United Press Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley during Okinawa campaign in 1945.

ceptively unopposed landing on capture of Conical Hill "the April 1, 1945. Shortly afterward, turning point of the campaign. Gen. Bradley, who was graduated from West Point in 1914, was a classmate, but no relative, of General of the Army Omar Bradley. He served at Schofield Gen. Bradley's division, tough-Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Missoula, ened by a hard campaign on Mont. and at Fort Jay, Gov-Leyte, fought a series of costly ernors Island. He also attended but indecisive assaults against the Infantry School at Fort the Okinawan defenses until it Benning, the Army War College captured Conical Hill, enabling and the Command and General the 7th Infantry Division to Staff School. He became a brigabreak through into southern dier general in September, 1941, Okinawa and overrun nearly attaining that rank in a group

letter is close to \$850 and that two issues per year will continue to be printed, the Association must expect to pay at least \$1,700 annually.

Total membership dues paid to the Association for 1966-1967 was exactly \$3,120.99. Reason for the odd total was the fact that several members were misled by a mis-print concerning annual dues.

This is to advise that a man may withdraw his name, on his own accord, from the mailing list by simply tearing off the back cover of the newsletter (address page) and returning it to Richard Klassen.

Of course the hope is that more dues will be received and everyone will want to remain on the mailing list. To date, nobody's name has ever been removed, except for improper address.

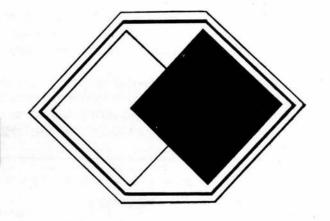


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